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Where are they now?

Walker College Foundation (WCF) has been providing scholarship funds to students since 1998. **In 2015, we began a full-tuition scholarship program to support students through a two-year associate degree or associate in applied science degree.** We keep in touch with your scholars. Because of your support, this is where some of your graduates are now!

2017 Graduates/Completers:

Jonathan Sargent (Jasper HS) is working as a **Condition-Based Maintenance Engineer** with Alabama Power's Substation Services Group. He serves on multiple committees within Alabama Power that oversee the substation world and safety protocols. He has been married to his wife, Capen, for over a year.

Caleb Woods (Oakman HS) will graduate from UAH in December with a bachelor's degree in **Information Systems - Cyber Security**. His path ultimately led him to a business degree that focuses on the security side of Information Systems Technology.

Cyle Roberts (Carbon HS) is still overseas with the U.S. Army. He plans to return to Alabama this summer and attend UAH to continue his education toward a bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering.



Emily C. visits WCF & wraps toys for kids

Haley McAllister Royster (Curry HS) transferred to Athens State for a bachelor's degree in **Elementary Education**. She is now working at Curry Elementary School as an auxiliary P-3 kindergarten teacher and has been married for a year. They are expecting their first child in April 2022.

Diego Pascual (Jasper HS) graduated from UAB in Biomedical Sciences in Dec 2019. He is now in UAB's highly competitive **Dental School**. He expects to graduate in May 2025.

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Congratulations to your newest graduates!

Three of your scholars graduated from Beville State in Dec 2021 and are heading to their next goal! Thank you for your support as they reach for their dreams!

Allie Parr (Carbon Hill HS) earned an associate degree and is headed to Wallace State Community College to earn a degree in **Sonography**.

Halle Sanders (Curry HS) completed an associate degree and is transferring to Athens State to earn a bachelor's degree in **Elementary Education**. She is excited about starting a teaching career and influencing the next generation of scholars.

Malea Isbell (Dora HS) earned an associate degree in **Nursing** and has already been hired by Children's Hospital in Birmingham. She is very excited about her new career!



Allie, Halle, and Malea graduated in December 2021!



Where are they now? (continued from pg. 1)

2018 Graduates/Completers:

Emily Colburn (Cordova HS) is an **Registered Nurse** at **Children's Hospital**. She stopped by the WCF in December to help the current scholars wrap toys for Capstone Rural Health Center. It was awesome to catch up with Emily and see her beautiful smile!

John Rivers Nix (Cordova HS) graduated from USA with a degree in **Accounting**. He currently works for the accounting firm of Gruenloh & Hardy Associates in Robertsdale and lives in Mobile.

Jonah Trotter (Oakman HS) earned a bachelor's degree in **Secondary Education /Special Education** and a master's degree in **Collaborative Education**. He is working at Jasper Middle/High School in the SUCCESS Program. He and his wife, Sydney, just welcomed twins into the world.

Mica Wade (Jasper HS) completed a degree in **Public Relations** from UAB. She is now living in Augusta, GA and is a reporter for the FOX 54 news station.

Taylor Rowe (Curry HS) was accepted into UAB's **Occupational Therapy Program** after graduation. She is now in her fifth of seven semesters. She is being inducted into the Occupational Therapy Honor Society for maintaining a 4.0 GPA while at UAB!

Colton Plunkett (Carbon Hill HS) completed his bachelor's degree in Exercise Science from the University of Alabama in May 2020. He was accepted into graduate



Mica Wade at FOX 54 in Georgia

school at Samford University in the **Doctor of Physical Therapy Program**. He is currently in his second of three years in the program and should graduate in May 2023.

Ashton Hanks (Jasper HS) transferred to UAB for a degree in Psychology. She is now living in Birmingham working as a **Registered Behavior Technician (RBT)** at an autism clinic for children.

Deanna Diveto Pare (Carbon Hill HS) graduated from Wallace State's Dental Hygiene Assistant program in May 2020. She has worked for more than a year as a **Dental Hygienist**. She works at a dental office in the Birmingham area and is excited to be there.

2019 Graduates/Completers:

Audrey McLemore (Curry HS) completed Wallace State's **Occupational Therapy Assistant Program**. She has recently moved to Oxford, AL and is working as a COTA/L at a skilled nursing facility.

Justin Levan (Dora HS) is working in UAB's Emergency Services Department as a **Registered Nurse**. His update includes an expected graduation date of May 2022 for a bachelor's degree in **Nursing**.

Morgan Suchey Woods (Cordova HS) went to Athens State after graduating from Beville State. She now **teaches** Pre-K at Curry Elementary School. She married Dalton Woods in May 2021.

Zachary Woder (Curry HS)

He went to UAB for a degree in **Accounting**. He started working as an intern for Southern Company last fall and plans to graduate with a bachelor's degree from UAB in Dec 2022.

Stori Lee Brown (Cordova HS) will graduate from UAB in May 2022 with a bachelor's degree in **Early Childhood Education**. She is currently student-teaching at T. R. Simmons Elementary School.

2020 Graduates/Completers:

Victoria Robertson (Oakman HS) is working as a **Registered Nurse** at Princeton Baptist Medical Center and has been there almost a year. She loves taking care of people!

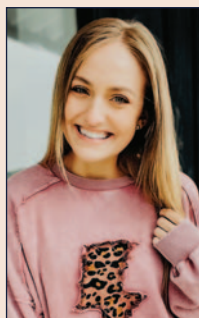
Maria Hernandez (Curry HS) will graduate from MSU in Dec 2022 with a bachelor's degree in **Elementary Education**. She plans to pursue a master's degree in Educational Leadership.



Audrey with Alan & Toby



Jonathan & Capen Sargent



Stori Brown



Morgan & Dalton Woods



John Rivers Nix



Ashton Hanks

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WCF online scholarship applications

WCF General & Drummond Co. Scholarship deadlines

Walker College Foundation (WCF) is pleased to announce several scholarship applications now available on the WCF website.

WCF's General Scholarship Application is open until **February 28**. These full-tuition scholarships are for students to attend Beville State in Jasper or Sumiton depending on their program of study.

WCF's \$5,000 Drummond Company Scholarship for Children of Employees and the Drummond/ABC Coke Scholarship for Tarrant High School applications are open until **March 31**.

The **\$5,000 Drummond Company Scholarship for Children of Employees** is awarded to a high school senior of a Drummond Co. employee who has worked for Drummond Co. for at least three years. This scholarship may be used for any accredited college.

The **Drummond/ABC Coke Scholarship for Tarrant High School** is provided to a senior(s) from Tarrant High School. The scholarship ranges from \$2,500 to \$10,000 depending on the college plans of the recipient(s). It may be used for any accredited college.

Applications require basic student info, ACT scores, FAFSA-EFC scores, and a 250-word essay. Apply at www.wcfdn.org.

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Scholars give back...to you

WCF scholars participated in many **community service projects** in 2021 to give back to the community that supports their college education.

In a partnership with Beville State's Nursing Association, scholars collected and wrapped more than 200 toys for **Capstone Rural Health Center** in December. We also rang the bell for the **Salvation Army's Kettle Campaign** and decorated a tree for **Hope for Women's Festival of Lights**.

Community service hours are a requirement to keep a WCF scholarship. WCF provides service opportunities, but scholars may also participate in service on their own. Scholars have been involved in community food drives, Toys for Tots, Trunk or Treat events, Angel Trees,

volunteering at local schools, working the Summer Street Bash in Jasper, setting up Head Start classrooms, and helping with Operation Christmas Child. One scholar is a volunteer firefighter.

