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## Because you care...

### *StoriLee Brown begins career with Jasper City Schools*



StoriLee Brown

She starts her new job in the Fall and is thrilled to begin her teaching career.

*"I will be teaching kindergarten in the Fall. I will still work at Gibson Girl Boutique when I have time because Mr. Bill and Mrs. Candy have become like family to me.*

StoriLee Brown joined the WCF Scholars Society in Fall 2017 and graduated from Beville State in May 2019. Following Beville State, Stori transferred to the University of Alabama at Birmingham to earn a B.S. in **Early Childhood Education** in May 2022. She was recently hired by Jasper City Schools to work at T. R. Simmons Elementary School.

*My mother taught kindergarten for 30 years, so I'm hopeful to touch as many little lives as I know she did. It's a tough career, with many challenges, but there will be so many rewarding moments. I know God placed me at this school for a purpose.*

*Choosing to go to Beville State was one of the best decisions I made. I made that choice because of WCF's generous scholarship. The relationships and experiences I had at BSCC through WCF have helped me follow my path and will always be memorable to me."*

### *Diego Pascual accepted into UAB's School of Dentistry*

Diego Pascual joined the WCF Scholars Society in Spring 2016. In May 2017, he graduated from Beville State and transferred to the University of Alabama at Birmingham to earn a B.S. in **Biomedical Sciences**. He was also awarded a prestigious Smith Scholarship Foundation Scholarship to support his undergraduate studies.

In January 2021, Diego received his invitation to enter UAB's School of Dentistry. He has again been awarded a scholarship from the Smith Scholarship Foundation to support him through dental school.

Diego begins his second year in UAB's School of Dentistry in July. He is looking forward to his future.

*"The WCF was a blessing when I needed it the most. After graduating from high school, I only had funds to attend one semester of college. WCF made it possible for me to keep on dreaming. It also helped me take on leadership roles that helped me at UAB.*

*My college journey was not traditional or easy, but it was perfect for me. I was able to work in the healthcare field, volunteer with different organizations, and keep working towards my dream of dental school. I can't thank WCF and the Smith Scholarship Foundation for the opportunity of a lifetime."*

Diego wants to return to Walker County one day and provide dental services to those who don't have easy access to dental care.



Diego Pascual

# Congratulations to your Scholars Society graduates!

In May 2022, 13 of your scholars completed their time with the WCF Scholars Society. In addition, 12 scholars will finish in August 2022 and began making plans for the future.

## MAY 2022 GRADUATES:

**Joe Aaron** (Oakman HS) attended BSCC on the WCF Pinnacle Bank and WCF Holle Family Foundation Scholarships. He earned an A.A.S. in **Drafting Design Engineering Technology** and is planning to attend Auburn University for a degree in **History**.

**Alex Atkins** (Carbon Hill HS) attended BSCC on the WCF William S. Thornton Scholarship. He plans to attend **UAB** to earn a bachelor's degree in **Kinesiology**.

**Carson Calvert** (Curry HS) attended BSCC on the WCF EBSCO Industries Scholarship. He plans to attend **UNA** for a degree in **Business**.

**Ryan Childers** (Jasper HS) attended BSCC on the WCF E. A. Larry Drummond Scholarship and plans to attend **Athens State** for a degree in **Secondary Education**.

**Ian Hocutt** (Jasper HS) attended BSCC on the WCF Walker/Winston County Schools Scholarship. He earned an A.A.S. in **Machine Tool Technology** and is working for a company in Birmingham.

**Lindsay Kelly** attended BSCC on the WCF Bob Reed Mining Scholarship. She plans to attend **Athens State** to earn a degree in **Elementary Education**.

**Drew Martin** (Jasper HS) attended BSCC on the Carl & Juanita Hare Scholarship. He plans to attend **Athens State** for a degree in **Secondary Education**.

**Lydia Morrison** (Jasper HS) attended BSCC on the WCF Bob Reed Mining Scholarship. She plans to attend **Athens State** for a degree in **Forensic Accounting**.

**Madeline Phillips** (Curry HS) attended BSCC on the WCF Synovus Bank and WCF General Studies Scholarships. She plans to attend **UAB** to earn a degree in **Psychology**.



**Karlie Ratliff** (Carbon Hill HS) attended BSCC on the WCF William S. Thornton Scholarship. She plans to attend **Athens State** to earn a degree in **Elementary Education**.

**Gabby Sandlin** (Carbon Hill HS) attended BSCC on the WCF William S. Thornton Scholarship. She plans to attend **USA** for a degree in **Radiation Therapy**.

**Cannon Taylor** (Oakman HS) attended BSCC on the WCF EBSCO Industries Scholarship. He plans to attend **UofA** or **UAB** for a degree in **Engineering**.

**Victoria Taylor** (Curry HS) attended BSCC on the WCF Harbison/Woods & Classes 1964-67 Memorial Scholarship. She completed a **General Studies** degree and plans to attend **Jasper Beauty Academy**.

## AUGUST 2022 GRADUATES:

**Madison Aycok** (Dora HS) attended BSCC on the WCF Education Scholarship. She will transfer to **Auburn University** to earn a degree in **Elementary Education**.

**Maddi Cagle** (Curry HS) attended BSCC on the Harbison/Woods & Classes 1964-67 Memorial Scholarship. She will complete an



A.A.S. in **Cosmetology/Esthetics** and is excited about her new career.

**Carson Daughdrill** (JHS) attended BSCC on the WCF Jasper High School Scholarship. He plans to attend the **University of Alabama** for a degree in **Business**.

**Jacob Davis** was awarded the WCF EBSCO Industries Scholarship. He will complete an A.A.S. in **Machine Tool Technology** and is looking forward to his new career.

**Will Dutton** (Carbon Hill HS) attended BSCC on the WCF Visual Arts Scholarship. He will complete an A.A.S. in **Drafting Design Engineering Technology**.

**Emma Fincher** attended BSCC on the WCF EBSCO Industries Scholarship. She will complete an A.A.S. in **Nursing** and will work as a **Registered Nurse**.

**Emily Keeton** (Carbon Hill HS) attended BSCC on the WCF William S. Thornton Scholarship. She plans to attend **Wallace State CC** for a degree in **Sonography**.

**Chloe Padgett** (Jasper HS) attended BSCC on the WCF E. A. Larry Drummond Scholarship. She plans to transfer to a four-year college for a degree in **Elementary Education**.

**Destiny Poff** (Carbon Hill HS) attended BSCC on the WCF William S. Thornton Scholarship. She plans to attend a four-year college to earn a degree in **Elementary Education**.

**Courtney Richardson** (Curry HS) attended BSCC on the WCF EBSCO Industries Scholarship. She will complete a degree in **General Studies**.

**Maranda Wilson** (Carbon Hill HS) attended BSCC on the WCF William S. Thornton Scholarship. She will complete her A.A.S. in **Nursing** and will work as a **Registered Nurse**.

**Anna Woodley** (Curry HS) attended BSCC on the WCF EBSCO Industries Scholarship. She plans to attend **UNA** for a degree in **Elementary Education**.



# Memorials and Honors

*Below is a list of individuals who have been remembered or honored by friends or family with a gift to the Walker College Foundation. Donations were made between February 2022 - June 2022.*

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Kathryn Long Dunlap

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### For Valentine's Day

### Pat Calvert

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### Jean Evans

Holly Evans Trawick

### Dan Summers

Sue Ellen Summers

### Elizabeth Summers

Sue Ellen & Dan Summers

VLS – Viking Legends  
Scholarship

**Your gift makes a difference in the lives of our students and our community!**

## Scholars earn honors and awards from Bevill State

We were very proud of the scholars who earned recognition during Bevill State's 2022 Honors Programs in April.

*Jasper Campus:*

- Academic Honors: **Jacob Davis** - Machine Tool Technology; **Nicholas Fruci** - History; **Nick Keeton** - Nursing.
- Bevill Scholars: **Emily Keeton, Drew Martin, Lydia**

**Morrison, Allie Parr, Gabby Sandlin, Gracie Trotter**

- Service Awards: **Tyler McClusky** - Music
- Transfer Scholarships: **Cannon Taylor** - UAB & UofA
- All Alabama Nominee for the Jasper Campus -

**Halle Sanders**

*Sumiton Campus:*

- **Emma Fincher** - Nursing Academic Honors
- **Maranda Wilson** - Phi Theta Kappa Honors



Halle Sanders



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## Introducing the Viking Legends Scholarship Fund

*From the DME 4/8/22 - by Nicole Smith*

"A scholarship fund has been created to memorialize or honor forever members of the Jasper Viking family. The new **Viking Legends Scholarship** resulted from a partnership between **Jasper High School** and **Walker College Foundation**. The scholarship will be awarded through the foundation and provide a year's tuition to Beville State.

Former Jasper High School Principal **Jonathan Allen** said, 'Having a scholarship is not a unique idea....What makes this one special is that our community can be a part, not just in funding the scholarship, but in honoring or memorializing people that have impacted our community through the school. Over the last many decades, I can think of so many people that we've lost or people that have retired that you may want to now remember and honor.'

Conversations about the possibility of a



*Holly Trawick, RJ Higginbotham, Aubrey Charlton*

scholarship began a year ago when two Jasper students – 18-year-old Lucas Higginbotham and 13-year-old Kyra Swann – passed away only days apart in February 2021.

**R.J. Higginbotham**, the father of Lucas, started talking to Allen about ways the school and community could pay tribute to the unforgettable lives lost.

'We wanted to do something in the community to memorialize, not just those two students, but how the high school and the community has been impacted by such untimely loss,' Higginbotham said. 'We

began speaking about how we could give back to the community and do a good thing.'

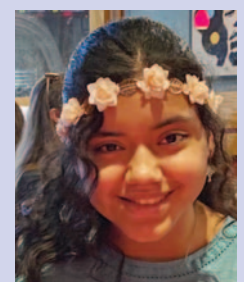
Holly Trawick, president of the Walker College Foundation, came on board, and the Viking Legends Scholarship became a reality."

The 2022-23 Viking Legends Scholarship was awarded to **Aubrey Charlton**. She plans to major in Engineering after earning an A.S. at Beville State.

Donations to the Viking Legends Scholarship Fund are welcomed from anyone in the community who wants to remember or honor someone at the school.



*Lucas Higginbotham*



*Kyra Swann*