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2022-23 WCF Scholarships

WCF provides scholarship funds to area students

This Fall 2022, Walker College Foundation (WCF) allocated more than **\$250,000 in scholarship funds to students in and around Walker County.** These funds are possible because of the **support of our generous donors! Thank you!**

The majority of WCF's scholarship funds are presented to students who attend the Walker College Campus of Bevill State Community College in Jasper. The students attending Bevill State are members of our Scholar's Society and include 50 scholarship recipients this academic year. Their scholarship awards include more than financial support. These scholarships, valued at **\$11,000 for a two-year scholarship**, include peer mentors, monthly lunches, access to tutoring, and monthly training in soft skills that will help them in future employment. WCF scholars who enter the Associate Degree Nursing program in their first year at Bevill State earn an additional nursing scholarship to cover five additional semesters in nursing school.

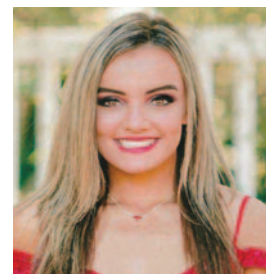
For Scholar's Society members who graduate with an associate degree after two years at Bevill State, WCF provides **transfer scholarships** to support the start of their junior year at the four-year college or university of their choice.

In addition to these scholarships, WCF works with **Drummond Company** to provide scholarships that may be used at any college the recipient chooses to attend.

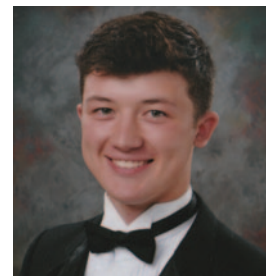
Walker College Foundation's scholarship recipients for the 2022-23 academic year include **Shayna Woods, Johnny Dunagan, Noah Morrison, Leigha Blackwell, Lillian Stone, Callie Harris, Callie Kennedy, Abby Connell, Riley Tolbert, Jessica Miller, Lizabeth Barnett, Matthew Martin, Justin Vo, Mason Jackson, Aubrey Charlton, Emma Light, Raegan Dunagan, Kaytlyn Hopper, Lilly Shaw, Savannah Godfrey, Isabella Burkett, Lauren Brand, Ivie Gibbons, Kristen Norris, Crystal Odom, Bryson Prince, Callie Stockman, Gracie Stewart, Jaylin Jackson, Trinity Epps,**

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Meet your new scholars on every page!



Shayna Woods



Johnny Dunagan



Noah Morrison



Leigha Blackwell



Lillian Stone



Callie Harris



Callie Kennedy



Abby Connell

2022-23 Scholars



Riley Tolbert



Justin Vo



Mason Jackson



Aubrey Charlton



Emma Light



Callie Stockman

2022-23 WCF Scholarships awarded (cont. from page 1)

Gracie Trotter, Chase Turner, Karoline Bishop, Robert Dailey, Emma Hyche, Aubrey Jones, Jacob Woder, Anna Dutton, Elijah Pruitt, Noah Ferguson, Nicholas Fruci, Nick Keeton, Lucia Siquina, Zoe Ray, Savannah Stanton, John-Rex Cain, Kayleigh Paterson, Jacob Danner, Alexis Grooms, Tyler McCluskey, Kendall Files, Jenna Johnson, Quardell Moore, Alex Arroyo and Yarecli Luna.

By providing scholarship funds, our donors

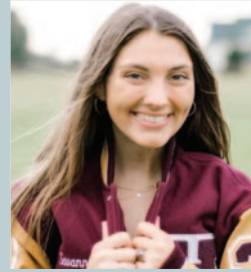
are changing lives and strengthening the economic ties that bind this community together. Education studies have shown that scholarships are the strongest predictor of student persistence and timely graduation. Once a student graduates with a two-year, four-year, or technical degree, doors open to higher paying jobs so individuals can provide better financial support for their families, make better health and welfare decisions, and give back to the community that supported them.



Kaytlyn Hopper



Lilly Shaw



Savannah Godfrey



Isabella Burkett

Drummond Co. provides scholarship funds

Scholarships for children of employees and Tarrant High School seniors make a difference

Since 2019, Drummond Company has provided scholarships for outstanding area students. Their newest scholarship recipients are **Gracie Stewart** and **Jaylin Jackson**.

Gracie was chosen for the **WCF \$5,000 Drummond Company Scholarship for Children of Employees**, an award that may be used at any college. Gracie is a graduate of Jasper High School. She participated in Beta Club, Agape Club, FBLA, and JHS Marching Band. She was a member of National Honor Society, was nominated for Student of the Quarter, and graduated with honors. She also volunteers at the Walker Co Salvation Army, Walker Co Coalition for the Homeless, and Capstone Rural Health Center. Gracie began classes at **Auburn University** in August. Her major is **Bio-Chemistry** with plans to pursue a career as a **Pharmacist**.



Gracie Stewart



Jaylin Jackson

Jaylin was awarded the **\$10,000 Drummond/ABC Coke Scholarship for Tarrant High School Seniors**, an award that may be used at any college. Jaylin was a member of NJHS, FBLA, Cheer Squad, SGA, and FBLA. She received FBLA awards for "Excellence in Career Preparedness" and "Excellence in Demonstrating a Growth Mindset in Computer Science" and Academic Excellence awards in Honors Geometry, English, and Advanced Business Technology Applications. She earned Microsoft Office Specialist Certificates in PowerPoint and Word. Jaylin volunteers with Tarrant City Trunk or Treat, Tarrant Chamber Christmas Luncheon, Tarrant Fire and Rescue Toy Drive, and several food drives. Jaylin began classes at the **University of South Alabama** in August. Her major is **Biology** with plans to become a **Physician's Assistant** specializing in **Hematology/Oncology**.

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 June 2022 and August 2022.

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Alice Short

Doris Cain

Joann & Douglas Key

Montae Cain

Terah & Bob Sherer III

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Marion Sis Grant

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Duane Larson

John Whit Long

Kathryn Long Dunlap

Phyllis Long

Alice Short

Stella Long

Kathryn Long Dunlap

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Al & Betsy Simmons

Glen Wade

Alice Short

Nell H. Wilson

Susie Elliott

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William "Bud" Long

Kathryn Long Dunlap

Courtney Richardson

Jamie Richardson

VLS – Viking Legends Scholarship

2022-23 Scholars



Raegan Dunagan



Lauren Brand



Ivie Gibbons



Kristen Norris



Crystal Odom



Bryson Prince

Your gift makes a difference in the lives of your scholars! Thank you!

Synovus Bank provides grant for scholarship

\$5,000 Synovus grant makes college possible for local student

Synovus Bank provided a \$5,000 grant for a 2022-23 college scholarship to a student from Walker County.

The **Synovus Bank Scholarship** recipient,

Matthew Martin, began classes at Beville State this fall.

Matthew is a graduate of Curry High School. He was a

member of FFA, National Honor Society, and BETA Club. He was awarded the Rural Health Scholars Program Scholarship from the University of Alabama to participate in a summer program for students who are interested in pursuing medical careers in rural communities. Matthew was also involved in



Matthew Martin

community service through his membership with FFA.

Matthew's major is **Mechanical Engineering**. His future plans include attending **Medical School**.

Shawn Morgan, Jasper Market Executive for Synovus Bank, commented, **"Synovus in Jasper is honored to partner with WCF to provide scholarships to**

students in our community and make college accessible to them. Supporting our community is a number one priority for our bank and furthering the education of our youth is a part of that goal."

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Pinnacle Bank continues scholarship support for local students

Local bank provides \$10,000 in scholarship funds for two Walker County students

Pinnacle Bank, established in 1935, has provided two \$5,000 scholarships to Walker County students for the 2022-23 academic year. The bank began providing scholarships in 2019 to help students with access to college. Their scholarship recipients, **Lizbeth Barnett** and **Jessica Miller**, began classes at Beville State in August.

Lizbeth is a graduate of Curry High School. She was Senior Class President and President of SGA, National Honor Society, and FCCLA. She was Vice-President of FFA and FBLA and was a member of BETA Club, Math Club, Church Drama Club, and a Peer Helper. She has received the BSCC Summer Honors Award, and participated in the Walker County Youth Leadership Program. Lizbeth is active in her community by volunteering with the Walker County Children's



Lizbeth Barnett



Jessica Miller

Advocacy Center, the Jasper VA Clinic, and Mission of Hope. **Lizbeth** plans to pursue a career in **Elementary Education**.

Jessica is currently an employee of Pinnacle Bank. She participated in Leadership Walker County and is actively involved in her son's athletic and school activities. **Jessica** plans to earn an associate degree in **Business Administration** at Beville State and transfer to UAB to complete a bachelor's degree in **Accounting**.

Bert Hendrix, Pinnacle Bank's Executive Vice President, volunteers with WCF by teaching scholars about managing money and working with credit. He commented, **"We are excited to partner with WCF to help students in our community learn the skills they need for the future. We are focused on improving the quality of life for our community members."**