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Congratulations to your Scholars Society graduates!

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Because you gave, 13 of your scholars completed their time with the WCF Scholars Society and Bevell State Community College in May. In addition, six scholars will finish in August 2023 and begin their next steps.

Aubrey "Twig" Jones (Jasper HS) attended BSCC on the **WCF Dr. David and Mary Ellen Rowland Scholarship**. He earned an associate degree and will attend **Mississippi State University** for a B.S. in **Agricultural Engineering**.

Noah Ferguson (Oakman HS) attended BSCC on the **WCF Walker/Winston County Schools Scholarship**. He earned an associate degree and plans to attend **Auburn University** for a B.S. in **Aviation Management**.

Nicholas Fruci (Oakman HS) attended BSCC on the **WCF General Studies Scholarship**. He earned an associate degree and plans to attend **UAB** for a B.S. in **Data Analytics**.

Savannah Stanton (Cordova HS) attended



A few WCF grads met for lunch on graduation day

BSCC on the **WCF Congressman Tom Bevell Scholarship**. She earned an associate degree and plans to attend **Southern New Hampshire University** for a B.S. in **Business**.

Jacob Danner (Jasper HS) attended BSCC on the **WCF EBSCO Industries Scholarship**. He earned an associate degree and plans to attend **UAB** for a B.S. in **Marketing**.

Mason Jackson (Jasper HS) attended BSCC on the **WCF George Wilbanks Memorial**

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Nicholas Fruci earns top honors at Bevell State graduation

Congratulations to Nicholas Fruci, a May 2023 graduate from the WCF Scholars Society and Bevell State! We are so proud of Nicholas for all he has accomplished while in our scholarship program.

Nicholas graduated from Oakman High School in May 2021. He was awarded the **WCF Synovus Bank**



Scholarship to attend Bevell State for two years due to his academic success. He received academic honors at Oakman High School and was the Wildwood P.R.E.P. Academy Chess Champion. He was also an active member in Etcetera Club and Chess Club.

At Bevell State, Nicholas focused on his studies toward an associate degree in **Computer Science**. He was invited to join Phi Theta Kappa, a two-year college academic honor society. He

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Scholarship. He completed his plans with BSCC and plans to attend **Liberty University** for a B.S. in **Aviation**.

Aubrey Charlton (Jasper HS) attended BSCC on the **WCF Viking Legends Scholarship**. She completed her plans with BSCC and plans to attend the **University of Alabama** for a degree in **Economics with a focus on Actuarial Science**.

Leigha Blackwell (Jasper HS) attended BSCC on the **WCF Academic Scholarship**. She completed her plans with BSCC and plans to attend **Wallace State Community**



Gracie Trotter earns Practical Nursing degree

College for a degree in **Sonography**.

Gracie Trotter (Cordova HS) attended BSCC on the **WCF Dr. Jack L. Mott**

Scholarship. She completed a **Practical Nursing degree** from BSCC in May and plans to continue with WCF and in BSCC's nursing program to earn a **Registered Nursing degree**.

In addition to these outstanding scholars, six more scholars will graduate at the end of August – **Trinity Epps** (Jasper HS), **Anna Dutton** (Jasper HS), **Zoe Ray** (Jasper HS), **William "Chase" Turner** (Jasper HS), **Lucia Siquina**, **Emma Hyche** (Cordova HS), and **Jacob Woder** (Curry HS). More to come in our Fall newsletter!

Drummond Company provides scholarships for 2023-24

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

Three outstanding students have been provided scholarships for Fall 2023 by **Drummond Company**. **THANK YOU!!!** All three recipients were selected based on academic achievement, community service, and written scholarship essays.

Helen Macher and **Rebecca Reed** are receiving the Fall 2023 **\$5,000 Drummond Company Scholarship for Children of Employees**. This scholarship is a one-time award that may be used at any college.

Helen is a graduate of **John Carroll Catholic High School** where she participated in Robotics Club, Varsity Volleyball Team, Catholic Students Modeling Christ, NASA South Volleyball Club, and Sodality. Her honors and awards include National Honor Society, Mu Alpha Theta, Junior Classical League, All-South Metro Volleyball Second Team, and B'ham All-Region Volleyball Honorable Mention.



Rebecca Reed with her father, Scott Reed, employee of Drummond Company.

Helen volunteered to raise funds for local homeless shelters, relief programs, and women's shelters. She worked with Community Kitchens of Birmingham, Food For Our Journey, Hand in Paw, Camp Empower, Our Lady of the Valley Vacation Bible School, and John Carroll Catholic Youth Volleyball Camp. Helen plans to major in **Computer Science & Engineering** and attend the **University of Notre Dame**.

Rebecca is a graduate of **Victory Christian School** where she participated in Key Club, National Beta Club, Volleyball, Cheerleading, Track, Collide Young Leader, and National Leadership Forum. Her honors and awards include A-Honor Roll, Scholar Athlete, 2nd Place Class Ranking, and 1st place in her school art show.

Rebecca volunteers as a small group leader at Victory Church. She worked at the Water Festival and with Operation Christmas Child. She sorted clothes for foster children, volunteered at Victory

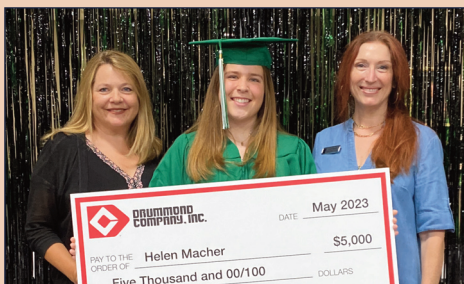
Church's trunk or treat, and helped with monthly food distribution. She plans to pursue a career in **Mechanical Engineering** and will begin her college career at **Jeff State Community College**.

Jadon Kenebrew was selected for the **\$10,000 Drummond Co/ABC Coke Scholarship for Tarrant High School**.

This scholarship is a one-time award that may be used at any college.

Jadon was involved at **Tarrant HS** as SGA President, captain of the football team, and Tarrant High School Class President. His honors include membership in National Junior Honor Society and National Honor Society.

Jadon volunteers with Community Food Bank of Central America, the Firefighter Explorer Program, and the Salvation Army. He plans to pursue a career in **Criminal Justice** and attend **Troy University**.



Helen Macher with Drummond Company's Melissa Stevenson (L) & WCF's Holly Trawick (R).



Jadon Kenebrew with Drummond Company's Krystal Drummond.

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 mid-April 2023 - May 2023.

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attended the lunches we provided and participated in our community service projects. His hard work paid off when he earned an associate degree in May 2023.

During graduation from Bevill State in May, Nicholas was wearing a colorful array of stoles, ribbons, and medals. One of his medals included the **C. I. Jones Award**. This prestigious award was established by C. I. Jones to honor a student who has an outstanding scholastic record during their time at Bevill State. This award recipient is chosen by the faculty on the Walker College Campus of Bevill State Community College and presented during commencement.

Nicholas was also wearing medals from National Honor Society (NHS) and National Society of Leadership and Success (NSLS) Top Honors. Nicholas had stoles from Phi Theta Kappa (PTK), NSLS, and NHS. He wore cords from PTK, NSLS, Walker College Foundation

(WCF), Bevill Honors, NHS Honors, and Computer Science Honors.

For recognition of his outstanding academic record, Nicholas was also selected to receive the **University of Alabama at Birmingham's Presidential Transfer Scholarship**, a top award from UAB selected by Bevill State administration. Nicholas will begin classes at **UAB** in the Fall and intends to earn a bachelor's degree in **Computer Science - Data Analytics**.

Congratulations, Nicholas!



Nicholas receives diploma from Dr. Joel Hagood during graduation.

Local alumni groups plan reunions

Walker College Reunion

Classes of 1966-1970

Saturday, July 29 • 1pm-4pm

Bevill State Community College

Francis Israel Cafeteria

805 14th Street East • Jasper, AL

Admission: \$30 per person • (205) 533-3953



Curry High School

Alumni Reunion

Classes of 1962-1967

Saturday, August 5 • 10am-2pm

Curry High School Cafeteria

155 Yellow Jacket Drive • Curry, AL

Lunch: \$10 per person • (205) 522-8650



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Scholars help with career fair

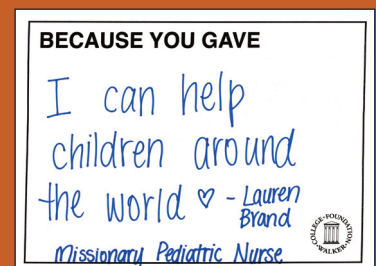
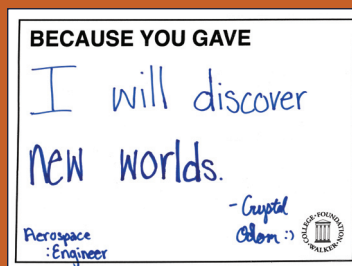
Our scholars love community service! In April, a group of scholars volunteered to help with preparations for the **Walker County 8th Grade Career Fair** at the Jasper Civic Center. They packed bags, arranged tables, and helped with set up for the career fair.

In May, scholars volunteered to help with the children's play area during the **Walker County Arts Alliance's Art in the Park** at Gamble Park.

Scholars also participate in service projects on their own and let us know what they are doing in the community. We want them to give back to the community as thanks for their scholarship funds...funds that come from our community. **Thank you!**



Scholars pack gift bags for career fair



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