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2023-24 WCF Scholarships

WCF provides scholarship funds to area students

This Fall 2023, 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 Beville State Community College in Jasper. The students attending Beville State are members of our Scholar's Society and include 43 scholarship recipients this academic year. Their scholarship awards, valued at **\$11,000-\$13,000 for a two-year (or three-year nursing) scholarship**, include more than financial support. They also include peer mentors, access to tutoring, opportunities for community service, and monthly lunches with community speakers who share life skills information that will help them in future employment.

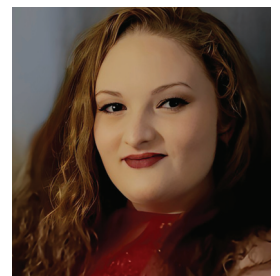
For Scholar's Society members who graduate with an associate degree after two years at Beville State, WCF provides **transfer scholarships** to support the start of their junior year at the four-year college or university of their choice.

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 complete list of scholarship recipients for the 2023-24 academic year includes **Robert "Stone" Beville, Allie Bull, Lauren Goforth, Katie Halbrook, Emma Harrison, Kylie Jackson, Brandon Keeton, Hannah Lyle, Faith McDaniel, Katelyn Mix, Eli Morgan, Payton Outlaw, John Tyler Prather, Ashton Prescott, Kieren Pruett, Lisa Sanchez Siquina, Mari Sullivan, Alanna Wingo, Akiyah Hagler, Jadon Kenebrew, Rebecca Reed, Helen Macher, Madelyn Johnson, Kylie Pavlovec, Shayna Woods, Johnny "JR" Dunagan, Noah Morrison, Lillian Stone, Callie Harris, Callie Kennedy, Abby Connell, Riley Tolbert, Jessica Miller, Elizabeth Barnett, Chance Martin, Justin Vo, Emma Light, Raegan Dunagan, Kaytlyn Hopper, Lilly Shaw, Lauren Brand, Ivie Gibbons, Kristen Norris, Crystal Odom, Bryson Prince, Jenna Johnson, Gracie Trotter, Karoline Bishop, Jaylin Jackson, Quardell Moore, Yarecli Luna, Aubrey Jones, Jacob Woder, Kayleigh Patterson, Madison Aycock, and Nicholas Fruci.**

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Meet your new scholars on every page!

**Robert "Stone" Beville****Allie Bull****Lisa Sanchez Siquina****Alanna Wingo****Ashton Prescott**

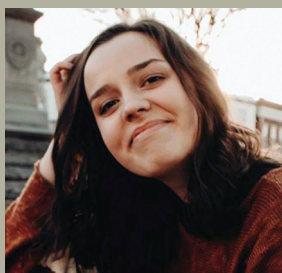
2023-24 Scholars



Emma Harrison



Mari Sullivan



Lauren Goforth



Kieren Pruitt



Faith McDaniel



Katelyn Mix

Buddy Beasley Memorial Scholarship established

A new scholarship, the **Buddy Beasley Memorial Scholarship**, will support 2023-24 scholar **Akiah Hagler**. This new scholarship was established by the Lakeside Chapter of the Punishers Law Enforcement Motorcycle Club (LEMC) in memory of Stewart Leonard "Buddy" Beasley Jr., a club member and a Jasper police officer who died at age 30 on April 10, 1995. The LEMC club holds an annual motorcycle ride, **The Buddy Beasley Motorcycle Poker Run**, to raise funds to support this scholarship.



Akiah Hagler

Akiah is a graduate of Cordova High

School. She was a member of SGA and Beta Club. She was awarded multiple Dual Enrollment Scholarships from Beville State and earned a certificate from the Forest Workforce Training Institute. She helps with the youth group at Main Street Baptist Church and works as a Junior Firefighter for the Town of Sipsey. Akiah interned at Sipsey City Hall and helped plan and organize a 4th of July celebration for the town. Akiah started Beville State's nursing program in August to pursue a career as a **Registered Nurse**.

Pinnacle Bank continues scholarship support

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 2023-24 academic year. The bank began providing scholarships in 2019 to help students with access to college. Their scholarship recipients, **Hannah Lyle** and **Kylie Jackson**, began classes at Beville State in August.

Hannah is a graduate of Jasper High School. While at JHS she was a member of National Honor Society, Beta Club, Student Council, HOSA, Key Club, Interact Club, and the Tennis Team. She was recognized as Student of the Quarter. In her free time, she plays the piano and volunteers. She has given her time to the LifeSouth Blood Drive, Tri County Christmas Party, Field of Fright for the Dream Team, and served as a Salvation Army bell ringer. After graduating from Beville State, Hannah plans to pursue a career in **Dentistry**.



Hannah Lyle



Kylie Jackson

Kylie is a graduate of Jasper High School where she was a member of Colorguard, Key Club, Interact, Upward Bound, Anchor Club, Band, and Spanish Club. Due to her strong academic scores, she was also invited to join National Honor Society, Beta Club, and Mu Alpha Theta. Kylie also volunteers in the community. She served as a Salvation Army bell ringer and worked with Life Unlimited and the Walker County Fairy Godmothers. After earning an associate degree at Beville State, Kylie plans to transfer to UAH to pursue a degree in **Aerospace Engineering**.

Bert Hendrix, Pinnacle Bank's Executive Vice President, volunteers with WCF by teaching scholars about managing money and working with credit. He said, **"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."**

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 2023 and August 2023.

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Jason Selman
Dewayne Wiginton
Grant Rolley
Russ Robertson
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Scott & Elise Stearns
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Holly Trawick

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Al & Betsy Simmons

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Tony & Tammy Smith

Brandy Long Hill

Kathryn L. Dunlap

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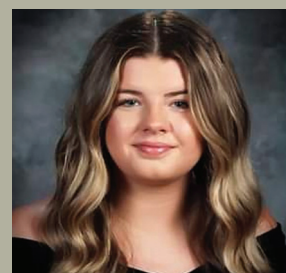
2023-24 Scholars



Payton Outlaw



Eli Morgan



Katie Halbrook



Brandon Keeton



John Tyler Prather



Scholars orientation night

2023-24 WCF Scholarships awarded (cont. from page 1)

By providing scholarship funds, our donors are changing lives and strengthening the economic ties that bind this community together. 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 supports them.



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Memorial endowed scholarships established with WCF

Two new endowed scholarship funds have been established by the families of Marilyn Rachele Mott and Joseph Emmitt Barber.

Marilyn Rachele Mott passed away on August 5, 2023. Rachele was born and raised in Northport and resided in Cordova with her husband of two years, Perry Lamar Mott. She is survived by her husband, Perry; her parents, Greer and Braxie Williams; her brothers, Braxton and Hudson; her parents-in-law, Randy and Penne Mott; her great-grandmother, Marilyn Fugere; her grandparents, Dennis and Holly Frost, Laura Williams, Linda Woods and Nancy Williams; her half siblings, Kayla and Declan Woods and Danae Porter; and many aunts, uncles and cousins.

Rachele was an active member at Long Memorial United Methodist Church in Cordova. She was passionate about helping people and making a difference. Rachele graduated from Beville State's ADN program with the highest GPA in her class. She worked as a nurse and



Rachele & Perry Mott



Jody Barber & family

was on track to graduate with her BSN from UAB in December. Her life goal was to teach nursing to the next generation of nurses.

Joseph Emmitt Barber passed away on June 27, 2023. He is survived by his wife, Mary Beth Rowland Barber; his children, Robert Grayson Barber, Joseph Alexander Barber and Lily-Margaret Rowland "Scout" Barber; his parents, George and Patsy Barber; his brother, Andy Barber; and a host of aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

Jody attended Walker High School and earned a B.S. in commerce and business administration at the University of Alabama. Jody was employed by Carmeuse Lime and Stone as a controller/financial analyst.

Jody's greatest joys in life were his wife, his three children, playing tennis and Alabama football.

Anyone is welcome to support these new scholarships by sending a gift to WCF by mail or online at wcfdn.org.