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## 2019-20 Scholarships

*\$200,000 provided to new and returning students*

On August 22, we celebrated the start of a new school year with our 2019-20 scholars. Scholars and parents were invited to Bevill State's Francis Israel Cafeteria for a scholarship orientation and to meet Walker College Foundation (WCF) trustees and Bevill State employees. Scholars and parents were welcomed by **WCF Trustees Chairman William "Bud" Long** and **Bevill State President Dr. Kim Ennis**. **Special thanks to Alabama National Guard's Sgt. Bradley Willingham** for sponsoring the reception and being a partner in our scholarship program.

42 new and returning scholars are members of the **WCF Scholars Society**. They include **Taylor Barton, Ryan Childers, Will Dutton, Emma Fincher, Cody Gilbert, Jackson Hogue, Ciera Miller, Cody Nix, Allie Parr, Kayleigh Patterson, Karlie Ratliff, Courtney Richardson, Dillon Roberts, Alexis Schultz, Allie Sickles, Lucia Siquina, Caitlin Vines, Hannah Walker, Isaac Whitlock, Maranda Wilson, Kyla Beasley, Elijah Blankenship, Ariana Brannon, Madison Bryant, Jacob Cater, Matthew Gallagher, Brody Gunter, Jordan Hadder, Owen Hall, Maria Hernandez, Ingrid Hogue, Malea Isbell, Brannon Langston, Justin Levan, Anna Grace Martin, Kaitlyn McNair, Macy Medeiros, Tori Robertson, Daniel Strickland, Destin Talley, Jacob Tanner Uptain, and Connor Woods.**

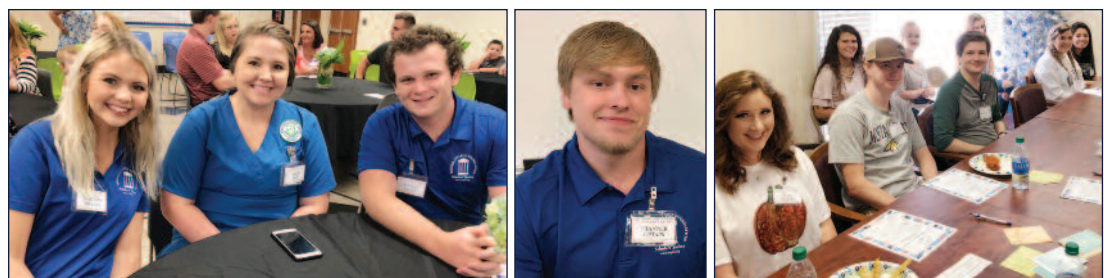
Meet a few of our new scholars on pages 2-5.



**2019-20 WCF Scholars Society**

The majority of WCF's scholarship recipients attend Bevill State and are members of our **Scholars Society**. They receive full tuition scholarships for up to two years (\$10,500 value) if they maintain a 2.75 GPA and participate in at least one community service activity each semester. They are provided monthly lunch meetings, a sophomore mentor, work skills training sessions, and opportunities to visit four-year colleges.

The scholarships provided to all of these students originate from families who have established endowed scholarship funds and from individuals and businesses who have made contributions for student scholarships. **More than half of our scholars are first generation college students.** These funds open doors to brighter opportunities for them and change the stories of their futures. They will be wonderful assets in our community and workforce. **THANK YOU!**



**Sophomores Kyla, Malea, Destin, and Tanner • First scholars lunch in September**



Meet a few of our 2019-20 scholarship recipients.



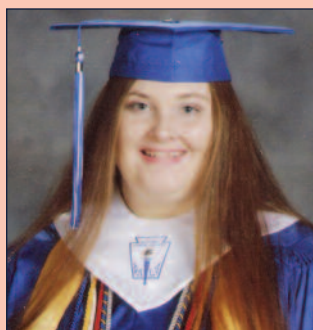
**Ryan Childers**



**Will Dutton**



**Cody Gilbert**



**Ciera Miller**



**Cody Nix**

## 2019 transfer scholarships awarded

*\$30,000 provided to students transferring to four-year colleges*

WCF awarded **\$30,000 in transfer scholarships** to eight scholars who completed their associate's degrees from Beville State Community College.

**Stori Brown, Buddy Guthrie, Morgan Suchey, Saisha Terrell, Walter Hogue, John-Rivers Nix, Nicholas "Nick" Files, and Audrey McLemore** will continue their higher education goals at their next college or university with a little extra financial help.

**Stori** is continuing her education at the **University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB)** to complete a degree in elementary education.

**Buddy** is continuing his college career at the **UAB** to complete his degree in

criminal justice and then attend law school.

**Morgan** is transferring to **Athens State University** to complete a degree in elementary education.

**Saisha** is continuing her college career at **Athens State University** to complete a degree in psychology.

**Walter** is going to **Mississippi State University** to complete a degree in landscape architecture.

**John-Rivers** is continuing his college career at the **University of South Alabama** to complete a degree in business.

**Nick** is transferring to the **University of Alabama** to complete a degree in business.

**Audrey** is transferring to **Wallace State Community College** where she has been accepted into the Occupational Therapy Assistant program.

We are excited to see these scholars accomplish their first college goal and start the next one!



**Audrey has been accepted into Wallace State's Occupational Therapy Assistant program.**

## Dual Enrollment Scholarships

*Scholarships for Jasper & Walker County high school students*

Eleven area high school students have been awarded Walker College Foundation Counselor's Choice Dual Enrollment Scholarships since last spring. Dual enrollment (DE) scholarships provide an opportunity for students to take a college-level course at Beville State while they are still in high school.

**Jontell Tucker** of Dora High School, **Alayna Ivie** of Carbon Hill High School, **Alyssa Rhodes** of Cordova

High School, **Ethan Wideman** of Curry High School, and **Mikaela Burton** of Oakman High School were the recipients of the Spring 2019 Counselor's Choice Scholarships. **John Michael Crump** and **Kristy Long** of Jasper High School, **Mabrea Warren** of Carbon Hill High School, **Nicholas Bankston** of Curry High School, **Julian Bray** of Oakman High School, **Laken Calloway** of Cordova High School, and **Katelyn Collier** of Dora High School were selected for the

Fall 2019 Counselor's Choice Scholarships.

DE scholarships cover one college class and book (value approx \$600). Recipients are chosen by the high school counselor.

DE credits are applied to a certificate or degree at Beville State or transferred to an Alabama public university after high school graduation. Many students get a head start on college credit or start to work more quickly by taking DE classes.

# Honors and Memorials

*Below is a list of individuals who were honored or remembered by their friends and family with a gift to the Walker College Foundation from May 2019 - mid-September 2019.*

**IN MEMORY:**

**Barry Banks**

Brandy & Chad Hill

**Annie Laurie Barton**

Cynthia & David McDonald  
Betty Wright

**Jane Ziff Black**

Robbin & Anthony Allen

**Steve Byars**

Rodney McCoy

**Montae Cain**

Jeannie & Stanley Brandon  
Eva Hester Oates

**Jerry Crump**

Diane & Don Baxter  
Robbie & Brack O’Rear  
Jill Scoles  
Holly Trawick

**Evelyn Guttery Ferrato**

Philip Ferrato, Jr.

**Marion Sis Grant**

Alec & Jane Grant

**Carolyn Davis Holdbrooks**

Jeannie & Stanley Brandon

**Perry Lollar**

Robbin & Anthony Allen  
Brandy & Chad Hill  
Robbie & Brack O’Rear

**Ben McLeod, Sr.**

Brandy & Chad Hill

**Robert “Bob” Moore**

David Rowland  
Sue Ellen  
& Dan Summers

**Mary Ellen Rowland**

Mary Beth & Jody Barber  
Allen & Wanda Rowland

**Margaret Wallace**

Sue Ellen  
& Dan Summers

**IN HONOR:**

**Marthanne & O. H. Brown’s  
50th Anniversary**

Judy & Steve Hager

**William “Bud” Long**

Brandy Long Hill  
Winslett Long Watson

**Bert Moore**

Sue & Robert “Bob” Moore

**Robert “Bob” Moore**

James & Anne Glasser  
Sue Moore

**Sara Catherine Murphy’s  
100th birthday**

Kay Byars  
Glenda K. Sandlin  
Holly Trawick

**David Rowland**

Mary Beth & Jody Barber  
Sue & Robert “Bob” Moore  
Allen & Wanda Rowland

**David Rowland’s birthday**

Robbin Reed Allen  
Kay Byars  
Eva Hester Oates  
Holly Trawick

**Al & Betsy Simmons**

Bob Boylan

**Holly Trawick**

David Rowland

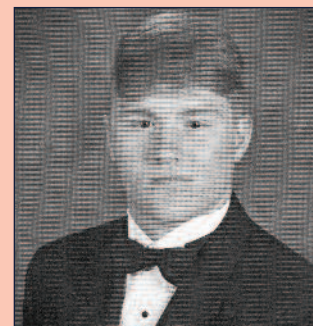
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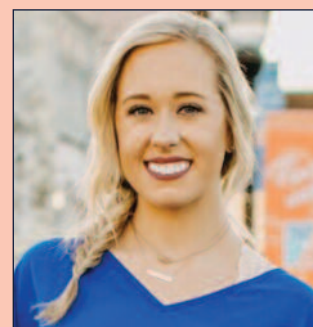
Allie Parr



Carlie Ratliff



Dillon Roberts



Alexis Schultz



Allie Sickles

**Thank you! Your gift makes a difference to a student!**

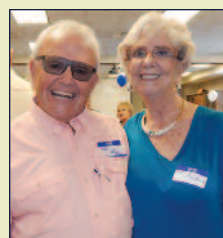
*Donate to the Walker College Foundation in honor or memory of a loved one and support students who want to attend college.*

## Alumni reunion big success!

*More than 80 alumni gather for Walker College classes of 1967, 1968, 1969 reunion*

The **Walker College Classes of 1967-69** held a reunion in July with more than 80 of their former classmates. Many alumni noted they had not seen each other in **50 years!** The group plans to hold their next reunion on **January 18, 2020** in the Bevill

State Community College - Jasper cafeteria for the **1966-70 classes**. Find info on Facebook at the *Walker College Foundation* and *Walker College '66, '67, '68, '69, '70 Reunion* FB pages. Invites will be mailed to the July participants.



Alumni athletes • Organizers Bill Hyde & Pat Schiele • Friends together again

Meet a few of our 2019-20 scholarship recipients.



**Lucia Siquina**



**Caitlin Vines**



**Hannah Walker**



**Isaac Whitlock**



**Maranda Wilson**

## Drummond Co. provides scholarship funds

*Scholarship established for children of Drummond Company employees*

In a new partnership to help students with access to college, **Drummond Company** established a new scholarship for children of employees. For the 2019-20 school year, three \$5,000 scholarships were presented to **Ashlyn Robinson, Janna Williamson, and Macie Ann Eaton.**

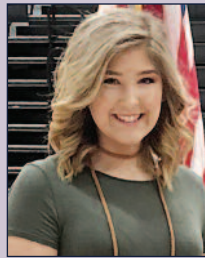
The **\$5,000 Drummond Company Scholarship for Children of Employees** is a one-time award that may be used at any college the recipient chooses. Recipients were chosen by the WCF scholarship committee based on set criteria.

**Ashlyn**, the daughter of Samuel and Brigitte Robinson of Pinson, is a graduate of Pinson Valley High School. She was a member of HOSA, Art Honor Society, BETA Club, and the Pinson Valley Color Guard. She volunteers as a reader at Kermit Johnson Elementary. **Ashlyn started classes at Jefferson State Community College to pursue a degree in Speech & Language Pathology.**

**Janna**, the daughter of James Thomas Williamson of Blountsville, is a graduate of Cleveland High School. She participated in Drama Club, the Cleveland High School Dance



**Ashlyn Robinson**



**Janna Williamson**



**Macie Ann Eaton**

Line/Band, FCCLA, and Drama Club. She volunteers with Big Brothers Big Sisters and helps with fundraisers for the band. **Janna is at the University of West Alabama this fall to pursue a degree in English Education.**

**Macie Ann**, the daughter of David and Pam Eaton of McAdory, is a graduate of McAdory High School. She was involved in Mu Alpha Theta, Chamber Choir, Take 16 Elite Choir, First Priority, and National Honor Society. She is a volunteer for the March of Dimes, Boo at the Zoo, and the Vestavia Hills Christmas Parade. **Macie Ann is at Jefferson State Community College this fall and will transfer to UAB.**

Krystal Drummond, Director of Employee and Community Engagement for Drummond Co., said, "Building stronger communities while preserving a local heritage is part of Drummond Co.'s pledge to our employees and neighbors. We know that building stronger communities is directly tied to education, so it is an important aspect of our Corporate Social Responsibility strategy. We would like to congratulate all graduates and wish them success in their academic endeavours!"

**LOVE TO TRAVEL?** Check out our next Alumni and Friends overseas trips provided by Go Ahead Tours!

### DENALI NATIONAL PARK & WILD ALASKA CRUISE

**June 23 - July 4, 2020**

Enroll and pay by March 25, 2020.

<https://www.grouptoursite.com/tours/alaska>

Tour includes hotels, tour transportation including inside room on cruise ship, tour director, guided sightseeing, select entrance fees, daily breakfast, select lunches & dinners.

### TANZANIA WILDLIFE SAFARI

with optional 5-day extension to Kenya

**July 12-23, 2021**

Enroll and pay by May 10, 2021.

Group limit of 18.

<https://www.grouptoursite.com/tours/africawithholly>

Tour includes hotels, tour transportation, meals, tour director, 8 game drives (3 additional game drives on extension), and guided sightseeing.

Tours are managed by Go Ahead Tours. Booking arrangements and payments are made directly to Go Ahead Tours and are not handled by Walker College Foundation. Tour information is provided as an opportunity for you to travel with a group of WCF alumni and friends. WCF is not responsible for planning, executing, or implementing these trips, receives no benefits, and assumes no liability for offering this accommodation.

# EBSCO Industries makes college possible

*Birmingham company provides support for local students*

**Kayleigh Patterson, Courtney Richardson, and Emma Fincher** have been awarded scholarships to Bevill State Community College funded by Birmingham-based **EBSCO Industries**. These scholarships represent a new partnership between WCF and EBSCO to help students in earn a college degree and become members of the Alabama workforce.

Recipients were chosen based on academic success, recommendations by school leaders, community service, and a strong work ethic.

**Kayleigh**, the daughter of Brandi Patterson and Donald Patterson of Sumiton, is a graduate of Dora High School. She was chosen as a 2018 Dora High School Girls State Representative and volunteers for Mission of Hope. **Kayleigh plans to pursue a career in Forensic Science.**

**Courtney**, the daughter of Jamie Richardson & Tracy Landers of Jasper, is a graduate of Curry

High School. Courtney completed the Bevill State EMT/EMR certificate program through dual enrollment. She was recently selected for the National Academy of Future Physicians and Medical Scientists Award of Excellence. **Courtney plans to pursue a career in Nursing.**

**Emma**, the daughter of Brian and Sherry Fincher of Arley, is a graduate of Meek High School. She graduated in the top three percent of her class and received several honors including a Leadership Award. **Emma plans to pursue a career in Nursing.**

EBSCO Industries, Inc. was founded in 1944 by the late Elton B. Stephens and his wife, Alys Robinson Stephens. It is one of the largest privately held companies in Alabama. The company and the Stephens family have a long history of uplifting nonprofit organizations and the community through philanthropic initiatives.



**Kayleigh Patterson**



**Courtney Richardson**



**Emma Fincher**

## Justice Evans pursues his dreams

*First WCF transfer scholarship recipient graduates from Auburn University*

**Justice Evans**, a 2015 Cordova High School graduate, chose his career path in design before he began college. He decided his first step would be Bevill State. As a result of Justice's high school career, he was recommended to the Walker College Foundation (WCF) and was awarded a full tuition scholarship.

Justice was a member of our Scholars Society for his first year at Bevill State and was an outstanding student and volunteer. By pursuing an industrial design degree, he realized he would

need to transfer to Auburn University in his second year of college. He applied to the CAD School of Industrial Design Program at Auburn and was invited to participate in their summer qualifier, a program with a tuition cost of \$5,000. **"When I shared my plans and financial concerns with Walker College Foundation, they agreed to provide their very first transfer scholarship to me. The Auburn Summer qualifier accepts only 45 students. Out of 73 applicants that summer, I finished ninth and was admitted to the Auburn University Industrial Design program."**

While at Auburn, Justice worked part time for a sign and design firm. He maintained a high GPA in his strenuous program and graduated from Auburn in May 2019. **"Although I enjoyed my time there, I truly could not wait to return to Walker County. This is my home, and I**

**love our community. I now work as a production designer for Expo Displays. We have designed the Alabama and Auburn locker rooms, and many other specialized interiors. I am currently working with our team of designers on the Medal of Honor Museum in Chattanooga, opening in 2020. Eventually, I want to open my own design firm here in Jasper. Without the assistance from the Walker College Foundation, I would not have been able to graduate and pursue my dreams."**

Justice recently bought a house in Walker County and was married at the end of September.

**"The investment the Walker College Foundation made in my life is enabling me to achieve my goals. Hopefully, soon, I'll be able to give back in a big way."**

**Congratulations, Justice!!!**



**Justice with WCF Trustee Brandy Hill and Bevill State's Tiffany Higgins**



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## Our scholars need you!

*You have many options to help students reach their dreams!*

A college education is an expensive endeavor and becoming more expensive every year. For many of our local students, it may even be a goal they believe is out of their reach. Please consider helping a local student attend college with a gift to Walker College Foundation.

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