



**59th  
Annual  
Awards  
Ceremony**



**THANK YOU!**

**YOUR DONATIONS** once again brought joy to local high school students and their families who faced doubt about how they would be able to manage the staggering cost of college. You **unlocked opportunities** once only dreamed of. **Our community is better because of you. In the students own words...**

*"For the rest of my life, I will remember how your generosity allowed me to follow my dreams."*

*"SFIRC has truly opened my eyes to the idea that the scholarships are investments in our futures, and I cannot be more grateful you chose to invest in mine."*

**With heartfelt gratitude, the students of Indian River County**

**THANK YOU!**

**Our goal is to help recipients graduate with little or no debt.** Be it through annual giving or an endowed award, **you can make a difference.** Our Executive Director Camilla Wainright would love to tell you more about what we do and how you can help. Please call her at 772-569-9869.



Local support for local students since 1965

Summer 2024

**Community Generosity Enriches Lives!**



Thanks to the continued generosity and support of the Indian River County community, Scholarship Foundation awarded \$727,750 in new need-based scholarships on May 14, 2024 at its 59th Annual Awards Ceremony which was held this year at St. Edward's High School Waxlax Center. Thirty-eight local students, including four recipients already in college and eight high school seniors who will receive their AA degrees from IRSC this year, received 91 scholarships to study at 19 colleges and universities in five states and Washington, DC. Individual awards, which are tailored to each student's financial need, range from \$4,000 to \$30,000. Awards are payable over the 2, 3, or 4 years each recipient is expected to take to achieve their undergraduate degree.



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**Scholarship  
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It is the mission of Scholarship Foundation of Indian River County to offer **hope, encouragement and scholarship opportunities** to Indian River County students with financial need who demonstrate the desire and academic ability to succeed in pursuing a post-secondary education.

Since 1965, Scholarship Foundation has awarded more than **\$15.5M** in need-based college scholarships to **3,140 Indian River County students**. All of our support results from the generosity of local individuals, businesses and foundations.

**2024 Alumna Address**



**Alexis Woods**

A 2018 graduate of SRHS and recipient of Scholarship Foundation's Nugent Memorial Scholarship, Alexis Woods is now a dedicated advocate for youth empowerment and community development. She graduated Magna Cum Laude from Stetson University in 2022 with a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology and a minor in Entrepreneurship, and she was recognized as the Outstanding Senior in the Department of Sociology. Over the past two years, she has dedicated herself to making a tangible impact in the nonprofit sector, using her passion for social justice to bring about positive social change and inspire others to do the same. In her address, she said, "As I stand before you, I am reminded of the profound impact that education and community support can have on shaping the trajectory of one's life. My journey through college was not just about earning a degree; it was a transformative experience enriched by my community engagement work and involvement in Stetson's Bonner Program. I acknowledge that I would not have been able to have this experience without the financial support scholarships provided. They not only allowed me to graduate debt-free but allowed me to immerse myself in learning, and explore my passions without the constant worry of how to pay for tuition, books, or living expenses. For that, I will be forever thankful."



## 2024 Scholarship Awards

The Legacy, Memorial, Honorary, and Community-Sponsored scholarships awarded this year are made possible by the remarkable, enduring generosity of Indian River County individuals, organizations and businesses over the past 59 years.

### Memorial Scholarships

**Ellen C. Andrews Memorial Scholarship:** Hyacinth Ho  
**John Avril Memorial Scholarship:** Luke Franco  
**Sofia Blanchard Memorial Scholarship:** Bryce Forrest  
**Indian River Blood Bank Scholarship in Memory of Marian L. Block:** Ryan Hall, Sage Morrow  
**Thomas W. Chornoby Memorial Scholarship:** Jace Domster  
**Lisa Eckerd Colbourn Memorial:** Allie Hogan  
**Darrell Fennell Memorial Scholarship:** Matthew Cavanaugh  
**Morris A. "Darby" Gibbons Memorial Scholarship:** Owen Miller  
**Will and Doris Jorgensen Memorial Scholarship:** Keenan Matthews  
**Will and Doris Jorgensen Memorial Scholarship for Students of the Arts:** Tate Jones  
**Legacy Endowment Fund Award:** Gail Bariteau, Matthew Cavanaugh, Dayna Dayem, Sarah Duffany, Emily Fleck, Bryce Forrest, Tate Jones, Keenan Matthews, Owen Miller, Sage Morrow, Melina Ramirez, Charles Smith  
**Tyrone McGriff Memorial Scholarship:** Keenan Matthews  
**Margaret McReynolds Memorial Scholarship:** Dayna Dayem  
**Richard C. Moore Memorial Scholarship:** Allie Hogan  
**Robert and Shirley Nugent Memorial:** Rygel Estillore  
**Danforth Kidd and Marjorie Hopwood Richardson Memorial Scholarship:** Kalani Wright  
**Marjory S. Seinoth Memorial:** Rygel Estillore, Bryce Forrest, Kira Kimes  
**Andrzej Humberto Steyer Memorial Scholarship:** Jasmine Taylor  
**Dr. (Hon.) Stanley Steyer and Diana Mary Steyer Award:** Evelyn Castro  
**Philip Peter Strazzulla Memorial Scholarship:** Kira Kimes  
**Karen VanDeVoorde Memorial Scholarship:** Kalani Wright  
**Archie S. Wingfield, Jr. Scholarship:** Alejandro Pasten

### Honorary and Community-Sponsored

**Indian River Blood Bank Scholarship in Honor of Samuel A. Block:** Dayna Dayem, Ivan Zacarias  
**Garden Club of Indian River County Award:** Cecelia Lander  
**Gullquist Mullin Family Foundation Golf Sponsor Scholarship Award:** Kara Murray

**The Herget Foundation Scholarship:** Rebecca Hernandez  
**Honeywell Cobb Family Scholarship:** Matthew Cavanaugh  
**Frances and Ronald Jaffe Foundation Scholarship:** Jasmine Delgado, Lafayette Workman  
**Johns Island Community Service League Employee Scholarship:** Sadie Johnson  
**Litty Family Scholarship Award:** Luke Franco  
**Nancy and John Luther Scholarship Award:** Ivan Zacarias  
**John R. and Ann H. MacLean Family Nursing Scholarship:** Dhanika Perez  
**William L. and Lucy D. Marine Scholarship:** Sage Morrow  
**Northern Trust Scholarship:** Sarah Duffany  
**Roger Larson Oak Harbor Employees Scholarship:** Melina Ramirez  
**Orchid Island Opportunity Scholarship:** Jasmine Delgado  
**Orchid Island Outreach Scholarship:** Caleigh Pressley  
**Jake Owen Foundation Scholarship Award:** Hannah Harris, Jasmine Taylor,  
**Quail Valley Charities Scholarship:** Kathryn Beirne, Dhanika Perez  
**Realtors Association of Indian River County Scholarship:** Gail Bariteau, Kathryn Beirne  
**Richardson Scholar Award:** Luke Crumbacker, Adrianna O'Connor, Nicole Zhao  
**Rotary Clubs of Indian River County Scholarship Foundation Founders' Scholarship:** Hannah Harris  
**David M. Schuble Family Scholarship:** Gail Bariteau  
**James and Jane Schwiering Family Scholarship:** Hyacinth Ho  
**Sea Oaks H.E.L.P.:** Diana Perez  
**Sengupta Family Scholarship:** Diana Perez  
**Scholarship Foundation Community-Sponsored Award:** Kathryn Beirne, Evelyn Castro, Jace Domster, Sarah Duffany, Rygel Estillore, Emily Fleck, Luke Franco, Hyacinth Ho, Allie Hogan, Kira Kimes, Cecelia Lander, Kara Murray, Dhanika Perez, Diana Perez, Jasmine Taylor, Kalani Wright, Ivan Zacarias  
**Helen Sarah Steyer Award:** Cecelia Lander  
**Thomas M. Steyer and Helen S. Steyer Award:** Jace Domster  
**Thomas and Simonetta Steyer Award:** Emily Fleck  
**VanDeVoorde Family Scholarship:** Melina Ramirez  
**Wabasso Women's Club Scholarship:** Evelyn Castro  
**Ellery, Jacqueline, and Frank Winters Scholarship:** Charles Smith

## Alumni On the Move

**Christopher Peterson** is a 2022 recipient of the Tyrone McGriff scholarship who recently graduated Summa Cum Laude from FAMU



Christopher Peterson, (l), 2022 McGriff Scholarship recipient presents this year's McGriff award to Keenan Matthews.

where he has been mentoring 2023 VBHS graduate **Lafayette Workman**. Next year, he will continue to guide Workman, this year's recipient of the Jaffe Scholarship, as he enters his sophomore year. He will also mentor two other new 2024 SFIRC recipients— VBHS grad **Kalani Wright** and SRHS grad **Keenan Matthews**, to whom he presented this year's McGriff award—as they embark on their college careers at FAMU. Christopher will be going back to FAMU in the fall to pursue his MBA.

**Hannah Flood**, a 2020 graduate of SRHS and Richardson Scholar will be finishing her five-year nursing studies at Nova Southeastern University this year. "This scholarship has allowed me the opportunity to go to one of the best nursing schools in the State of Florida. I was a Resident Assistant for the past two years and was recognized by my coworkers and supervisors by awarding me the "Overall Outstanding RA Award" for my leadership abilities. I've done a recent clinical rotation at Joe DiMaggio Children's hospital. It has been one of the best rotations of my whole schooling and helped me realize how much I want to work in pediatrics. Without this scholarship, I would not have been able to afford nursing school at NSU and found my true passion in life and feel blessed with so many wonderful opportunities. Thank you SFIRC." Hannah's long term goal is to work as an RN in a pediatric emergency room, pediatric oncology unit, or the neonatal intensive care unit somewhere near or within Indian River County.



2020 Richardson Scholar Hannah Flood

## Richardson Scholar Award

The **Richardson Scholar Award** was established by Dan and Marge Richardson in the 1980's to inspire, recognize and support college-bound students who attain the highest standards of academic, leadership and service excellence. To be considered for the award, applicants must demonstrate significant financial need as well as excellence in academics, community service and leadership. Nancy Richardson Luther and Kristin Luther Lockwood presented the 2024 awards to IRCHS's **Luke Crumbacker**, who will attend the University of Florida and major in Mechanical Engineering, IRCHS's **Adrianna O'Connor**, who will attend Florida Institute of Technology and major in Pre-Law and VBHS's **Nicole Zhao**, who will attend New York University and major in Business Management.

Diverse in their interests, these highly-accomplished and well-rounded students share a humility, kindness and commitment to making a difference. Adrianna, wishes to become a lawyer to "help those in my community just as they have helped me." Nicole, seeks a career "applying entrepreneurial principles to real-life problems, perhaps at a non-profit working to help empower women in developing countries." Luke, who is described by a counselor as "dedicated to creating success for his future, for others and the task at hand," says he "aspires to create inventions that eventually change the world. By finding tangible solutions, I hope to leave an indelible mark on the world, making lives easier and more fulfilling for many."



Kristin Luther Lockwood (left) and Nancy Richardson Luther (right) with 2024 Richardson Scholars (l-r): Arianna O'Connor, Luke Crumbacker and Nicole Zhao

## New Scholarships

### Philip Peter Strazzulla Memorial Scholarship

The **Philip Peter Strazzulla Memorial Scholarship** was funded with memorial donations by friends and family who wished to honor Philip's passion for education and learning.



Philip Strazzulla

The award was presented to IRCHS's **Kira Kimes** by Strazzulla's daughters Allison and Amelia. Kira will be attending Florida Southern College, where she will major in biology.

Philip died in January of this year at age 64. He was a third-generation Treasure Coast resident, Florida citrus grower and a successful and well-respected commercial real estate agent. A graduate of John Carroll High School, he obtained several degrees from the University of Florida, the University of Colorado at Denver and Florida Atlantic University. He was instrumental in land development, planning and sales



Allison Strazzulla Cloughley and Amelia Strazzulla present the Strazzulla Memorial Scholarship to Kira Kimes

of private, agri-business and corporate real estate endeavors, impacting countless lives throughout the country. His passions included fishing, diving, skiing and enjoying the beauty of Florida's natural landscape.

### Ellen C. Andrews Memorial Scholarship

The **Ellen C. Andrews Memorial Scholarship** was established in 2023 with a bequest from her trust after she and her husband passed away. She was a long-time supporter of the Scholarship Foundation who believed passionately in education. Her wish was that this bequest would provide scholarships in perpetuity to deserving Indian River County graduates.



Hyacinth Ho

This award was presented to **Hyacinth Ho**, a graduate at Indian River Charter High School who also earned her AA degree from Indian River State College. She plans to attend the University of Central Florida, majoring in Mechanical Engineering.

### Sea Oaks, H.E.L.P. Scholarship

The **Sea Oaks, H.E.L.P. Scholarship** was established in 2023 by the residents of the Sea Oaks Community to help promote secondary education for an employee or dependent of an employee of Sea Oaks. If, like this year, no Sea Oaks-affiliated applicant qualifies for the award, it will be awarded to a qualified Indian River County student.



Diana Perez

This year's award was presented to **Diana Perez**, a graduate of John Carroll High School. She will attend the University of Tampa and dreams of becoming a doctor. "Growing up in a Hispanic household, I was always told to work hard and not let anything get in the way of my dreams. These words fuel my motivation and determination everyday. I know I can achieve whatever my heart sets to accomplish."