



# COMMUNITY MATTERS

Newsletter of the Community Foundation of Calhoun County

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## 2007 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

During this spring, fifty-one students applied for scholarships from eight scholarship funds at the Community Foundation. Through the generosity of individuals, couples, organizations and businesses thirteen applicants were awarded new scholarships and twelve students received renewal funding:

Wherever you go, go with all your heart.  
—Confucius

### Student

Kera Mullins  
Lauren B. Evans  
Jessica Wilson  
Jana' Tolliver  
Gwinnette Fritz  
Mallerie Badgett  
William Travis Baldwin  
Meaghan Ray  
Tiffany Connell  
Hannah Faulkner  
Mary Stinson  
Latoyah Austin  
Krista Mintz

### High School

Sacred Heart  
White Plains  
Wellborn  
Anniston  
Gadsden/McClellan  
Oxford  
Oxford  
Oxford  
White Plains  
White Plains  
Saks  
Saks  
Saks

### Scholarship Fund

Kiwanis Club of Anniston Scholarship  
Harry M. & Adel Y. Ayers Scholarship  
Nightingale Award  
Leslie & Mary Ella Scales Scholarship  
Gadsden State Nursing Award  
H.T. & Terrell Stanford Scholarship  
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Gadsden State Nursing Award  
Kiwanis Club of Anniston Scholarship  
Nathan Sparks Memorial Scholarship  
Joseph & Amelia Saks Scholarship  
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### College

Trident Technical College  
University of Alabama  
Jacksonville State University  
Jacksonville State University  
Gadsden State  
University of Alabama  
University of Alabama  
Jacksonville State University  
Gadsden State  
University of Alabama  
Jacksonville State University  
Berry College  
Jacksonville State University



Mallerie Badgett



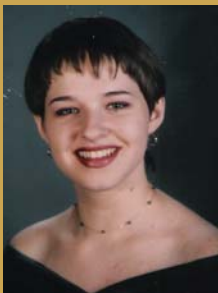
Latoyah Austin



Kera Mullins



Jessica Wilson



Gwinnette Fritz



Travis Baldwin



Lauren B. Evans



Krista Mintz

## SCHOLARSHIP BENEFACTORS

Dozens of area youth are able to attend two- and four-year institutions through the generosity of the individuals, couples and corporations who have established the following funds. Currently, the Community Foundation has endowed assets totaling \$2,217,418 in support of scholarships benefiting area youth.

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### Fund Name

Joseph & Amelia Saks Scholarship  
Cleve Holloway Memorial Scholarship  
Gerald Powell Scholarship  
Nathan Jackson Sparks Memorial Scholarship  
Calhoun County Auburn University Scholarship  
Melanie Edmondson Memorial Scholarship  
Todd Edmondson Memorial Scholarship  
Mark Douglas Sawyer Memorial Scholarship  
Leslie & Mary Ella Scales Memorial Scholarship  
H.T. & Terrell Stanford Scholarship  
Harry M. & Edel Y. Ayers Scholarship  
Joe Bynum/Raymond James Investments Scholarship  
Reverend John S. Nettles Scholarship  
Dr. Clarence W. & Juanita Harris Jairrels Scholarship  
Mary Katherine "Katy" Williamson Scholarship  
  
Sunrise Scholarship benefiting Foster Children  
Nightingale Award  
Gadsden State Nursing Scholarship  
Gertie Lowe Nursing Scholarship  
Eydie Kirby Nursing Scholarship  
Jerry Medforth Nursing Scholarship



*John and Susan Williamson with Tiffany York, 2006 scholarship recipient attending Jacksonville State University*



*Eula Tatman from the Community Foundation presents Gwinnette Fritz with nursing scholarship*

*You cannot help but learn more as you take the world into your hands. Take it up reverently, for it is an old piece of clay, with millions of thumbprints on it.*

*— John Updike*

## FOUNDATION'S SCHOLARSHIP OBJECTIVES

In 2005, a Foundation survey concluded that a majority of students leave school due to a lack of funding in their sophomore and junior years. To serve the intention of our donors who are investing in the education of area youth, the Foundation enacted the following policy for all new scholarship funds:

- i) Each Foundation scholarship shall make distribution when the fund can generate at least \$2,500 annually to sustain one semester of tuition at a state college or university, and
- ii) All awards shall be renewable to the recipient for the duration of their education, either two or four years, based on the student's further compliance with the written fund guidelines.

The goal is to ensure that students have the financial resources to complete, not simply begin, their post secondary education.



*Samantha Smith Gilchrist*

Congratulations to Samantha, who was the recipient of *The 2003 Nightingale Scholarship*. She received her BS in Nursing from JSU this year and is employed at the Surgery Center in Oxford.

## SCHOLARSHIP ESTABLISHED FOR OHATCHEE TEEN

After graduating from Ohatchee High School last year, Whitney Gallahar was awarded three scholarships at the University of Alabama. She carried to UA all of the wonderful attributes that are reflected in her photograph; her beaming excitement and outgoing personality; her athletic ability in volleyball and softball; and, her lifelong goal to be an elementary school teacher.

Whitney also took with her the love and support of her parents, Ricky and Donna, and the inseparable bond she shared with Blake, her younger brother. Even with Whitney's short illness and subsequent death on Memorial Day, the Gallahar's know that nothing can unravel her spirit, even in the quietest of moments or recalling the fondest of memories.



*Whitney Laine Gallahar*  
1988 - 2007

As a tribute to Whitney's giving and caring nature, family, friends, classmates, teachers and co-workers have established the **Whitney Laine Gallahar Memorial Scholarship Fund** at the Community Foundation.



*Blake, Whitney, Donna & Ricky Gallahar*

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