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Thank You So Much!



Thirteen 2015-17 WCF scholars graduated from Beville State Community College-Walker College Campus on May 9, 2017. Graduates include **Zac Blanton, Savannah Freeman, Kayla Key, Brandon Lane, Haley McAllister, Darby Parrish, Diego Pascual, Cyle Roberts,**

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Jonathan Sargent, Logann Smith, Lysie Taylor, Josie Walker, and Caleb Woods.

These scholars say **THANK YOU!** for the support that brought them to this moment. Thank you to families and friends, to Beville State faculty and staff, and to community donors who made their scholarships possible.

These students have completed two years of college core coursework and most of them plan to transfer to a four-year university. Their future plans include dentistry school, engineering, primary and secondary education, music, computer science, veterinary school, and accounting. They are reaching for their dreams **because of you!**

WCF Scholars earn Beville State honors

Students are recognized for outstanding academic and service achievements

Beville State's Walker College Campus 2017 Honors Program was held in April. Congratulations to **23 WCF freshman and sophomore scholars** who received awards for their service, leadership, and academic success!

All-Alabama Academic Team Scholar & Coca-Cola Academic Team Silver Scholar: **Jonathan Sargent**

All-USA Community College Academic Team Nominees: **Jonathan Sargent, Diego Pascual**
Most Outstanding Walker College Campus Student: **Diego Pascual**

Most Outstanding General Education Student: **Jonathan Sargent**

Most Outstanding Career Technology Student: **Jacob Robinson**

Outstanding Accounting Student: **Kayla Key**
Outstanding Engineering Student: **Jonathan Sargent**
Outstanding History Student: **Brandon Lane**
Outstanding Music Student: **Rebekah Presswood**
Outstanding Public Speaking Student: **Logann Smith**
Who's Who Among American Junior College Students: **Trenton Burton, Molli Clark, Lynzi Hunter, Brandon Lane, Tyler Nethery, Diego Pascual, Jacob Robinson,**



Lysie Taylor receives award

Jonathan Sargent, Lysie Taylor, Josie Walker, Walker Williams
4.0 Grade Point Average: **Josie Taylor, Jacob Robinson**

Circle K Service Award: **Seth Rhegness, Lysie Taylor**

Scholars Bowl Service Award:

Brandon Lane, Justin Levan

Sigma Kappa Delta Service Award:

Ashton Hanks

SGA Service Award: **Alicia Cherry**

Workstudy Service Award: **Haley McAllister**

Phi Theta Kappa Leadership Award: **Diego Pascual, Jacob Robinson, Jonathan Sargent**

Scholars Bowl Leadership Award: **Brandon Lane**

Student Support Services Leadership Award: **Lysie Taylor**

Beville Scholars Award: **Emi Dutton, Landi Earnest, Brady Pare, Colton Plunkett**

Four-Year University Transfer Scholarships:

Athens State University: **Josie Walker**

Auburn University: **Lysie Taylor**

Birmingham-Southern: **Diego Pascual**

University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB):

Jonathan Sargent

Smith Scholarship Foundation: **Diego Pascual**

Your scholars give back

Students participate in community service

Scholars' Society members are asked to perform a community service each year to give back to the community that made their scholarships possible.

In December 2016, the Scholars' Society collected toys for **Capstone Rural Health Center**. Capstone's Director, David Jones, spoke with the students about the people they were helping through their generosity and time. Also in December, several scholars decorated a tree for the **Hope for Women's Festival of Lights**. Many thanks to Jasper Decorating Center for purchasing and donating the tree.

In Spring 2017, scholars volunteered to help with the **Rotary Club of Jasper's Trivia Night fundraiser** and **78 Magazine's Third Thursday** at Bank of Walker County. On their own, many scholars gave their time to church groups, animal shelters, food banks, health organizations, and a variety of other non-profit organizations.



Scholars decorate tree donated by Jasper Decorating Center for the Festival of Lights in December 2016.



Scholars donate toys to Capstone Rural Health Center in December 2016.

Community Partners

2017 Read Alabama!

We were excited to again partner with Beville State in February, March, and April 2017 for Read Alabama.

The 24th year of **Read Alabama: The Tradition Continues!** began in February with sci-fi author **Nancy Swanner**. The rest of the season included **Judge Helen Shores Lee**, Chickasaw elder **Robert Perry**, fiction author **Carolyn Haines**, and historical author **Joyce Cauthen**.

This unique program welcomes authors who are from or who live in Alabama. Next year's Read Alabama will celebrate the 25th year of this renowned author-led program.



Nancy Swanner (L) speaks with participants

Scholars selected to join honor societies

Many of your scholars have been selected to join **Phi Theta Kappa (PTK)** and the **National Society of Leadership and Success (NSLS)**, two prestigious leadership organizations at Beville State.

Phi Theta Kappa is the world's oldest, largest, and most prestigious honor society for two-year college students. Scholars chosen to join Phi Theta Kappa must have a 3.5 GPA after they complete 12 hours of transferable college work. Scholars Society members of PTK include **Jordan Bell, Molli Clark, Deanna Diveto, Emi Dutton, Landi Earnest, Savannah Freeman, Ashton Hanks, Brady Pare, Diego Pascual, Taylor Rowe, Jonathan Sargent, Lysie Taylor, Josie Walker, and Caleb Woods**.

The **National Society of Leadership and Success** is the nation's largest leadership honor society with 730,000 members at 547 colleges nationwide. The organization aims to help students create the lives they desire by discovering what they truly want to do, and giving them the support, motivation, and tools to achieve their goals. Scholars Society members chosen to join NSLS include **Trenton Burton, Brittany Cagle, Molli Clark, Savannah Freeman, Diego Pascual, Jonathan Sargent, Lysie Taylor, and Josie Walker**. Congratulations to these outstanding students!

Scholars Bowl Team Success

The Beville State-Walker College Campus Scholars Bowl Team took 5th place at the National Tournament in Minneapolis, Minnesota, going 7-4 and even scoring a win over the first place team, Valencia Community College. **Brandon Lane** and **Justin Levan** represented the WCF Scholars Society. Congratulations to Glenn Allen Bobo and the Scholars Bowl Team for another great year!

UAB students spend time in Walker County

A group of University of Alabama at Birmingham students spent time in Walker County this spring when they chose Walker College Foundation as the focus of their senior Public Relations project. The students created a Public Relations firm called **205 Communications** and organized several activities to promote scholarships and find alumni. Activities included 78 Magazine's Third Thursday featuring WCF, contacting media with press releases about programs, managing our social media on Facebook and Instagram, creating a working alumni plan, and talking with scholars about how we can best support them in their first two years of college. The group won the overall class public relations competition with their outstanding project and media plan.



205 Communications Group
(L-R) **Baili Bigham, Tessa Harvill, NaEshia Woodhouse, Richard Edwards, Sarah Goodman, & Kelsey Stracner.**

Thank you to these UAB students for their work and ideas this semester! Good luck!



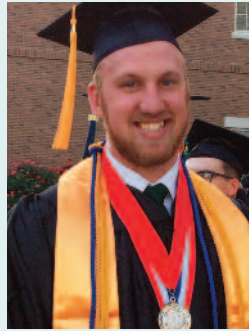
We have a **Free Book Stand** from **Jasper Main Street** and artist Tony Tavis. This great program currently features five "libraries" in downtown Jasper. Bring a book to **1501 Gamble Avenue!**

Congratulations to Jonathan Sargent!

Sargent selected as member of prestigious state and national academic teams

Jonathan Sargent, recipient of the **Larry Drummond Scholarship**, was selected as a member of the **2017 National Coca-Cola Community College Silver Academic Team** and the **2017 All-Alabama Community College Academic Team**. Both awards are a result of **Jonathan's** outstanding academic and leadership activities while at Beville State-Walker College Campus. He represented Beville State at a ceremony in April in Montgomery and will receive scholarships from Coca-Cola and All-Alabama for his success.

Jonathan's activities at Beville State include serving as a Walker College Foundation scholar and mentor, Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) officer, National Student Leadership Society member, Scholars Bowl participant,



Jonathan Sargent

and a member of the Interclub Council. He attended the PTK national convention in Nashville in April. He volunteered as a math tutor for fellow students and has participated in many community service activities including Rotary Club of Jasper's Trivia Night fundraiser, Toys for Tots holiday toy drive and Capstone Rural Health Center's holiday toy drive. He also serves with the AHMEN Honduras mission team.

Jonathan was selected to receive Beville State's **University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB) Transfer Scholarship**. He plans to study electrical engineering with a focus on renewable energy. His future plans include focusing on developing renewable energy sources for third world countries.



ATTENTION ALUMNI!

If you are an alumni of Walker College or the Walker College Campus, **we are looking for you!** Please contact us at htrawick@wcfdn.org or 205-310-3189 to be added to our alumni list and receive updates about our events and plans for the future.

Higher education opens doors to jobs, provides knowledge, and fosters skills that enable individuals to provide better financial support for their families, make better health and welfare decisions, recognize and leave dangerous situations, and give back to the community that supports them.

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 October 2016 - April 2017.

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Marthanne Brown's birthday

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Consensus Club

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Marthanne Brown

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J.O.Y. - First Baptist Church
Alabama Laureate Rho

Mr. Bobbie Uptain

Robbin & Anthony Allen

Your gift makes a difference! Thank you so much!

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Congratulations to Diego Pascual!

Pascual awarded a Smith Scholarship Foundation scholarship



Urist McCauley congratulates Diego Pascual

Diego Pascual has been selected to receive a **Smith Scholarship Foundation Scholarship** for his next steps in college. This scholarship, valued at **\$15,000 per year**, is traditionally only offered to high school seniors. **Smith Foundation Director of IT & Head Mentor Urist McCauley** presented the award to **Diego** at our recent scholars graduation reception and noted that Diego is the first transfer student to receive this prestigious scholarship.

Diego's activities at Beville State include serving as a Walker College Foundation scholar and mentor, Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) officer, and National Student Leadership Society Outreach Chair. He attended the PTK national convention Nashville in April.

Diego's volunteer activities have included serving as a UAB Dental School Community Day translator, helping with UAB's Community Health Screenings, working in the Parrish Community Garden, and serving as a soccer coach for Jasper Park and Recreation. He also participated in the Capstone Rural Health Center's holiday toy drive.

Diego has worked for several years at **Capstone Rural Health Center** as an interpreter. He plans to attend UAB and pursue a degree in dentistry. His experience at Capstone has prompted him to set a goal of focusing on making dental care more accessible and affordable to everyone.

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