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New Smyrna Beach Community and Alumni Providing Scholarships is a dedicated group of people from the New Smyrna Beach community and graduates of New Smyrna high school. We are a non for profit, volunteer organization chartered to provide scholarships to graduating seniors of New Smyrna Beach High School.

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FALL 2024 Newsletter

“STRENGTHENING OUR YOUTH THROUGH EDUCATION.”

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2024 NSB CAPS Scholarship Recipients

The 2024 Seniors were awarded a total of \$1,125,548 in scholarship money at Honors Night on May 16th. NSB CAPS presented 27 scholarships of \$3100 each and provided the Valedictorian with \$1000 and the Salutatorian with \$500 that evening. This year’s NSB CAPS’ total awards were \$85,200. In 30 years NSB CAPS has awarded 559 scholarships with a value of \$1,205,000.

This year’s recipients are : *(named scholarship awarded)*

Rachel Brinson *Elizabeth A. Rash Memorial*
Rachel will be attending Florida State University, majoring in biological science and then onto dental school to become an orthodontist.

I am pleased to be given this opportunity.

Avery Clark *Fannie Cleland Memorial*
Avery will be attending Florida State University and is pursuing a pre-civil/environmental engineering degree. She wants to be at the front of sustainability innovations where she can make an impact.

Thank you.

Tatum Diaz *American Legion*
Tatum is attending Daytona State College majoring in business and will receive a degree in business management. She wants to be her own boss and own her own business - a nutrition club serving the community energy teas and protein shakes.

I will always think of this scholarship when I am able to open my own business one day.

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From the Chairman....

Hello once again to all of our gracious supporters,
I am popping in to say a brief “hello” and to inform our readers of our recent successes and plans as we start this new school year.

Even though we did not have our long-standing and cherished Spaghetti Dinner due to the changing of the times this year, we continued to forge ahead with fundraising as well as planning a new annual event for NSBCAPS. Our community, as always, stepped up in a big way and we were able to award over \$85,000.00 in scholarships this year to deserving graduating seniors. We also had an amazing turnout for our recipient dinner where we got to meet each of the winners in a more intimate setting and learn about their upcoming education plans. We extend our deepest thanks once again, to the American Legion for allowing us to host our dinner there as well as preparing a delicious meal that everyone enjoyed!

Since the end of the school year, the board has been hard at work developing a new fundraising event. We have decided to trial a golf tournament this year at Hidden Lakes on October 19th. More information will be forthcoming, but we are excited to get more people of all ages involved with the event. We plan to have fun games, an auction, swag bags, and food catered for our registrants. In addition, we will always welcome sponsors for the event.

We ask to please stay up-to-date on our social media sites and website for information. We are excited for a great turnout and hopefully, will make this an annual event if it is successful.

Again, we thank you for your continued support year in and year out. Let’s make this school year a great one, and award graduating seniors with the help they deserve to start or continue their college or tech journeys.

Regards,

CJ Peterson

...Please consider volunteering for CAPS or donating your time. We are always looking for help. The sky is the limit and our yearly goal is to provide as many scholarships as possible to seniors in need.

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1st Annual
Scholarship Golf Tournament Fundraiser
Saturday, October 19th, 2024
Hidden Lakes Golf Course, New Smyrna Beach

NSB CAPS is a not-for profit group of Cudas alumni and community members. We have awarded over \$1.2 million dollars in scholarships to 559 graduating seniors at New Smyrna Beach High School for the last 30 years.

We are seeking your support to make this as successful as our Spaghetti Dinner fundraisers have been in the past. You can help by one of the following ways:

- Gather a Team of 4 Golfers and sign up to play – go to www.nsbcaps.com to register
- Volunteer at the event
- Make a cash donation towards tournament expenses
- Donate an item of any type for our Silent and Live Auction
- Be an Event Sponsor - \$1000 – includes 4 golfers, 4 drink tickets, social media recognition, logo on signage
- Sponsor the Beverage Cart - \$250 – logo/sign on the cart during the tournament
- Sponsor the Closest to the Pin or Longest Drive contest - \$200 –logo/sign at the contest area
- Sponsor a Hole - \$100 - logo/sign at the hole

All sponsors and businesses/names that make a donation will be recognized on social media, our website, and signage the day of the event. We look forward to your support. If you have any questions, please email nsbcaps386@gmail.com



From Our Readers

One of the finest thrills I had while serving on the Volusia County School Board, District III Representative was meeting/greeting/sharing experiences with NSBHS students and alumni.
~ *Linda Cuthbert*

Our three daughters are NSB graduates Shirey (2020), Shaley (2022), and Jalynn (2023).
~ *Jim and Bonnie Brown*

Thank you NSB Caps for all the Education you make possible.
~ *Sue Contardi*

Upcoming Reunions

Class of 1969 55th	Oct. 4 Clancy’s, Oct. 5 Lost Lagoon, Oct. 6 Toni & Joe’s Patio
Class of 1999 30th	Sept. 13, Cuda Football Game – pre game celebration and After Party – Flagler Crawl Sept. 14 Chases’s for dinner, drinks and dancing
Cuda Alumni	Nov. 26 6:00 pm Clancy’s Many former Cuda football players and coaches.

2024 NSB CAPS Scholarship Recipients *cont...*

Bricelyn Harrelson
Bricelyn will be pursuing a bachelor’s degree in event management at Iowa State University, with aspirations to establish a wedding venue in the Midwest. She will also be taking on the role of manager for ISU’s Varsity Volleyball team.

This scholarship has truly made a huge impact in my life. I have worked hard these past few years to be able to afford college, and your scholarship has truly helped me. Thank you so much for this opportunity.

Cymone Hesselton Vance and Joliene Smith
Cymone will be attending the University of Central Florida majoring in psychology with a concentration in neuroscience on her way to a PhD. She will be pursuing a career as a neuropsychologist – a healthcare provider who diagnoses, researches, and treats various brain disorders.

Thank you.

Samantha Jolley William E. Hall Family
Samantha is excited to be attending the University of Florida as an education science major. She hopes to become an educator in Volusia County.

I am so honored to receive this scholarship. Thank you so much for the generous stipend.

Quinn Kraljic Randy and Bobbie Elliott
Quinn is attending Florida State College in Jacksonville majoring in pre-pharmacy while continuing to play indoor and beach volleyball, afterwards with hopes to transfer to the University of Florida and be enrolled in the College of Pharmacy.

Thank you so much for the opportunity to be selected as a recipient of your very generous scholarship. I am so honored to be sponsored by the CAPS association, and I am looking forward to sharing my collegiate milestones!

Ethan LeMand Vernon and Mary Lee Altman
Ethan is attending the University of Florida and majoring in chemistry-biochemistry to pursue a career in pharmacology.

It means the world to me to have others support my ambitions and help me pursue my academic goals.

Thomas Meadows Sappington Family
Thomas is attending the University of Central Florida to pursue a degree in aerospace engineering, with hopes to start a career at NASA, SpaceX, or Lockheed Martin, and afterwards to innovate designs for all things that fly!

Thank you for the scholarship. I appreciate that you care enough to support kids like me going to college. I have a lot to look forward to and just as much to be grateful for.

Max Mielke David Maman Memorial
Max will be pursuing a degree in mechanical engineering at Florida State University. Growing up and spending all his time on the water surfing, sailing, and lifeguarding, Max has always been inspired by the intricate designs and engineering behind surfboards and everything on the water.

Thank you for investing in my future. I am extremely thankful to be the recipient of this scholarship. This scholarship helps to fuel my passion for engineering and innovation. I am deeply grateful for this opportunity and committed to making the most of it.

Lane Robinson Valedictorian
Lane graduated from NSBHS with his associate’s degree and an AICE diploma with merit. His future plans are to attend the University of Florida and study finance.

I very much appreciate this scholarship and will put it to good use.

IN PASSING *CONT...*

Melissa Marie Moncrief, (’00)
passed away on February 23, 2024. After graduation, Melissa became a CNA. She enjoyed spending her time cruising around the world and visiting theme parks. She was a loving wife, sister, daughter, and dog mom.

Dexter Stetson Odin (’52)
passed away March 5, 2024. Dexter earned a degree in Industrial Relations at the University of Florida and served active duty in the Air Force from 1956 to 1957. He then moved to Washington, DC to study law at George Washington University. Dexter practiced law for over 50 years and was a founding member of Odin Feldman Pittleman. He had a lifelong love of seafaring and owned and co-owned three sailboats which carried him on sailing adventures around the world. His wanderlust continued on land with many hiking trips, notably an expedition up Mount Kilimanjaro in Tanzania shortly before his 80th birthday.

Jacqueline France Ouellette (’82)
passed away on Sunday, May 12, 2024. Jacqueline earned her bachelor's degree in Broadcast Communication from Flagler College and a master's degree in Elementary Education from Florida State University. After a brief career in broadcast communication, she went on to have an impressive, nearly thirty-year career as a classroom teacher, media specialist, teacher on assignment and most recently a French language teacher. Jacqueline spent her free time camping, traveling the US and Europe, attending FSU football games, and being involved in area youth sports leagues her sons played in.

William Riley Shackelford (’77)
Riley transcended from this earthly life July 11, 2024. He was a long-time resident of NSB and an avid Georgia Bull Dogs fan. Early in life Riley partnered with his brother Eddie in an aluminum business and later ventured into carpentry. Riley was an exceptionally talented taxidermist who loved hunting and fishing. Riley was an animal lover, especially his beloved dog, Magnum. He had a big heart and was a generous and compassionate soul who never met a stranger, and he delighted in making his Roses and Crosses in his later years.

Bertha (Bea) Swift (’73)
passed away on February 24, 2024. Bea was a certified nurse’s aide and was a caregiver to many people. She also studied radiology. Bea spent more than 20 years at the Volusia County Finance Department in New Smyrna Beach. As a local of New Smyrna Beach, she was a well-known and trusted face at the Tag Office. She loved to travel, but thoroughly enjoyed going to the theme parks in Disney. Bea also loved music, singing, and collecting tiger artifacts and memorabilia.

Ronald Reed Tucker (’68)
died February 25, 2024. A United States Air Force veteran, her served four years at Hahn Air Force base in Germany. He was in the Aerospace industry, working at the Kennedy Space Center for 32 years. He was responsible for managing flights for the space shuttle Atlantis and managing the vehicle assembly building. Ronald was the Past Master of Masonic Lodge #149, and an active member of the New Smyrna Yacht Club. Ronald was the owner of Aubries Photography Service where he skillfully captured portraits and wedding memories, locally. He was an avid surfer and often joked that he was the only surfer that lived in Oak Hill.

Thelma Carter Tyler (’55)
Thelma passed away July 26, 2024. Thelma was a lifelong NSB area resident. She worked in the communications industry for 47 years. Thelma loved fishing, being outdoors, and going to craft fairs. She was active in Sandspur Riding Club and loved going to horse shows. Thelma adored all her animals, horses, dogs, and cats. She loved to watch her donkeys playing and having fun. Thelma was also an avid NASCAR and Dale Jr fan. She was a devoted wife, mother, a beautiful sole on the inside and outside, the sweetest lady ever.

Joe Votta (’62)
passed away on Wednesday, May 29, 2024. Joe was a retired member of the Plumbers & Fitters Local Union 295 in Daytona Beach. His trade was as a welder. He enjoyed hunting and riding the trails in Georgia, visiting with family, friends and all the get-togethers with his class of 1962. Joe cared for all the homeless animals

Update From Recipients

Hello,

This is Angel Methax, the Wendy and Shawn Lane scholarship recipient from the Class of 2023 at New Smyrna Beach High School. I just wanted to update you on my progress at New College of Florida and how your funding has helped me remain dedicated to my studies as a Pre-Health student.

New College of Florida has a very unique grading system as instead of letters and percentages we receive narrative evaluations from our professors similar to a review from an employer at work. For all four classes that I was enrolled in for Spring 2024, I received satisfactory evaluations which means I received credit for these classes. For fall term, I am enrolled in four classes: Organic Chemistry I with lab, Biochemistry I, and Cell biology.

Since classes aren't offered in the summer, I am in Pennsylvania with some family. I have some summer work to get money before going back to school and I am also working on some of my fictional writing to send off to publishing. I was unable to get an internship for this summer due to complications with the career center at my school. Hopefully I will be able to do an internship in January or next summer.

I had two jobs during my first year to support myself outside of scholarship money. I have been accepted for a position as Resident Assistant for next school year and have been asked to resume my work at the Accessible Learning Center. I was involved in several clubs and plan to return to a few. My top ones being the Martial Arts club and the Pre-Health club. I was voted in as the Vice President for Pre-Health club next year. I was a part of leadership this year and started the on-campus skill building clinic including getting funds for equipment.

Sincerely,
Angel Methax
New Smyrna Beach High Class of 2023
Your enthusiastic scholar at New College of Florida



Andrew Louis (Drew) Walker received his PhD from Emory University May 5 in Atlanta, Ga. Drew received a CAPS award as salutatorian for the class of 2011. He earned his BS and MS at the University of Florida before enrolling at Emory. He is currently working as a medical research scientist at Emory and part time as a data scientist for UF. His wife, Isabel, is a physician's assistant at Children's Hospital of Atlanta. Drew's parents, EJ and Peggy Walker, are also NSBHS grads.

Hello everyone, my name is NaZia Toledo and I was a recipient of the CAPS scholarship. Recently I have been really busy and have had a lot going on and I believe now is a perfect time to update you all on what I have been up to. I just completed my first week of college at the University of South Florida and am now headed into the second week. It is a different experience for those of us who graduated high school, and it is exciting. But also, it is quite different if you go to college during the summer, 3 weeks after you graduate. Within my first week I made a cool group of friends I hang with and do everything with. I have only two classes that aren't too hard just extra-long. It is definitely something to get used to before fall when I will have 4-5 classes. I have a lot of downtime to focus on my studies. For now, during the summer I am just taking regular classes. However, when fall term starts, I will be working on courses directed towards my criminology major and bachelor's degree. My course load will be heavier, and all classes will be 2-3 1/2 hours long. I recommend anyone to start in summer so that they can make a schedule and get used to how different college is from high school. It is not all business though; I have a lot of fun with my new friends. We walk around the campus, chill in the lounge, get food, and play sports together. We are also looking for clubs, ways to volunteer, and rub elbows with people to further our future careers. While I have been busy and my life has changed a lot, I have enjoyed the change and look forward to the future.



2024 NSB CAPS Scholarship Recipients cont...

Dylan Dongilli

Dylan will be attending the University of Florida majoring in business administration.

Receiving this scholarship will assist me in focusing primarily on my studies in college.

Simjay Engberg William E. Hall Family

Simjay is attending the University of Florida, pursuing a major in applied physiology and kinesiology while on a pre-med track to ultimately become a physical therapist. I want to express my heartfelt gratitude for selecting me as a recipient of the NSB CAPS scholarship.

It is with great excitement and humility that I received the news, and I cannot thank you enough for this incredible opportunity.

Jeffrey Engel Shawn and Wendy Lane

Jeffrey will be attending the University of Central Florida, majoring in biology and hopes to prevent further loss of local Florida ecosystems in the marine biological field.

I am extremely appreciative of this scholarship, and I promise to put it to good use in my future endeavors as I pursue further education in college.

Taylor Esposito Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie #4242

Taylor will be attending Barton College in Wilson, NC studying sports medicine while playing soccer at the collegiate level, and later attend graduate school in Florida to pursue becoming a chiropractor or physical therapist.

This scholarship will help me to support furthering my education and allow for more educational opportunities. The money from this scholarship will help to offset the financial costs associated with my collegiate studies.

Madalyn Fischer-Carne Benedict Family

Madalyn is attending Florida State University majoring in biological science on a pre-medical track, with the goal of attending medical school.

I am beyond grateful to have received this scholarship to further my education. Through this scholarship I can focus on my goals this upcoming year.

Brooke Frey

Brooke will be going up to Gainesville this Fall to study criminology at Santa Fe College and twirl baton for the University of Florida.

I am very grateful for the generosity of this organization and cannot wait to use this aid to further my education at Santa Fe College in the Fall. Thank you so much.

Franchesca Gonzalez Kathleen Byrnes Harrow

Franchesca will be attending the University of Central Florida, majoring in nursing, with plans to specialize in the operating room, and later become a nurse practitioner, possibly in family medicine.

I would like to personally thank you for an amazing opportunity with a huge scholarship. This will definitely ease the burden of my finances during nursing school. The CAPS scholarship has opened more gateways toward success, and I couldn't be any more grateful for this opportunity. It's a true blessing!

Gage Guinter Kathleen Byrnes Harrow Vocational

Gage plans to attend Daytona State College to receive his associate's degree in criminal justice, and then onto the University of Central Florida to receive a bachelor's degree in criminal justice, and then the rigorous training program to proceed in being a game warden or FWC officer.

Thank you so much for this scholarship. With this scholarship, I can pay for my tuition, books, and other college related things. With the help of your scholarship, I'll be able to make my dreams come true.

2024 NSB CAPS Scholarship Recipients *cont...*

Ashlynd Westfall *Ruth Dixon Memorial*
Ashlynd will be attending Lynn University to obtain a master’s degree in clinical mental health counseling and a minor in forensic. Upon completion, she will be a state clinical mental health counselor ready to help those in need in our community.

I am sincerely grateful for being selected as a recipient of this scholarship. Your generosity means the world to me, and I am truly honored to have your support as I pursue my academic goals.

Miracle Williams
Miracle is attending Florida Atlantic University majoring in health sciences with a goal to become a pediatric physician assistant.

Thank you so much!!! Your scholarship will help me exponentially!!

A Word About NSB CAPS Scholarships

Many of the 2024 Scholarship scholarships were named for and sponsored by friends, families, and members of NSB CAPS. Several scholarships were named for individuals who were instrumental in the beginning of the CAPS organization- some who have passed and now memorialized. Some scholarships were named to honor generous donors and contributors; and organizations that are special to CAPS. NSB CAPS awards as many scholarships to NSBHS graduating seniors as possible with the money donated each year.

This year the Jeanne Heifner Memorial Scholarship for a medical academy student was made possible through memorial donations made upon her passing. Her family and friends will continue sponsoring the memorial scholarship in remembrance of her.

This was the first year the Sappington Family Scholarship was presented. All siblings were graduates of NSBHS - Michael, Class of 1968, Dan, Class of 1970, Carol, Class of 1974, and Susan, Class of 1977. They live coast to coast - California, Missouri, Virginia and NSB, respectively, and fondly remember their days as Cudas.

This is the third year two William E. Hall Family Scholarships have been presented. William Hall graduated from NSBHS in 1963, as did his daughters, Shannon, Class of 1995 and Megan, Class of 1999. Mr. Hall was a former teacher, coach, and principal of NSBHS and the Superintendent of Volusia County Schools. Shannon is a professor at FSU and Meagan is an OB-GYN in Daytona Beach.

If you would like to have a scholarship named for you or your family or in honor or in memory of someone, NSB CAPS would be happy to make it happen. We ask that you meet the yearly scholarship dollar amount (2024 was \$3100). Our scholarship amount is based on a full load of classes for a year at Daytona State College. Graduates may attend any university or college; vocational, trade, or technical schools; or training programs. The scholarship committee does their best to select motivated seniors looking for a successful future.

Cuda Achiever Alumni Hall of Fame

These six NSBHS alumni were inducted into the ‘Cuda Achiever Alumni Hall of Fame on Saturday, February 3, 2024, in the high school auditorium. A reception followed at SoNapa Grille for the recipients, their families, CAPS board members and invited guests.

Jim Hathaway – Class of 1971
Jim earned a bachelor’s degree in business from Stetson University. A local business owner for many years, Jim managed his family grocery store. Jim proudly served his country as an officer of the Quartermaster Corps for eight years in the United States Army Reserve. He was elected as a City Commissioner 1994-2012 and served five one-year terms as Vice Mayor. Jim championed many local legislative initiatives by representing the City Commission. Jim was then elected as Mayor of NSB 2014-2018. He retired from his Pepperidge Farms franchise.

Captain Garrett Miller – Class of 1987
Garrett enlisted in the United States Navy in 1991. He received a bachelor’s degree in 1997 from San Diego State University and a Master of Business Administration degree from the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, California in 2004. Throughout his naval career, he has traveled extensively across the world and has served in all levels of naval service including three tours as Commanding Officer of three guided missile destroyers. He currently is serving in the Pentagon as the Deputy Director of Surface Warfare on the Chief of Naval Operations staff.

Becky Porter – Class of 1995
After graduation Becky attended UCF where she earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree and later completed her master’s degree from Nova University in Educational Leadership. She taught 6th grade for 21 years at NSBMS and then became the Assistant Principal there for 6 years. Becky was then given the opportunity to become the principal of Edgewater Public School where she was for 4 years. She then returned to NSBMS as Principal and has been there for 3 years. Becky has cherished her 34 years in Volusia County Schools and always wants to put the students first!

Larry and Debby Sigler – Class of 1969
Larry was Student Council President in High School, played football, basketball, and baseball for the Cudas. Larry received his AA Degree from Daytona Beach Community College, his BA degree from Florida Technology University (now UCF). He began his teaching and coaching careers at New Smyrna Beach Junior High School in 1973, moving to the High School in 1986 where he taught American History, coached football and softball and served as Athletic Director until he retired in 2008. Debby was a member of the Barracuda Steering Committee and in several other clubs while in High School. Debby entered the work force right after school. She worked for the law firm Matthews and Clark for a few years, then the City of Edgewater hired her to work with their city attorney, who was a member of that firm. That turned into a full-time job with the city. She worked for the City of Edgewater for 32 years and retired as their first Personnel Director, Larry and Debby like to travel, they still attend Barracuda school events and stay involved in this community.

Robert Wilkie IV – Class of 1989
After high school, Rob worked at the Florida Sherrif’s Youth Camp for 3 years. He went to DSC to get his AA degree in photography while practicing business management. At an early age Rob had a photography business. He now owns a pest control company, a limo chauffeuring service and a marketing company. He has coached sports for 37 years and has volunteered at the YMCA and many other programs. In 2020 Rob helped create a non-profit foundation called strong4you.org. which is an organization that helps the NSB area communities.

NSB CAPS encourages you to submit nominees for the Cuda Achiever Alumni Hall of Fame. If you know of a New Smyrna Beach High School graduate who has exceptional accomplishments since leaving high school, submit their name, address and a brief biography of their accomplishments to our email nsbcaps386@gmail.com or mail to P.O. Box 1808 NSB 32170 so they may be considered.

IN PASSING

Gary Roger Adams, (’67)

passed away on February 10, 2024. Gary received his associate degree in civil engineering from Broward Community College in 1978. He worked for the Department of Transportation for 35 years in districts five, four and the central office, respectively. Gary also served in the Florida National Guard for 18 years as a cook. Gary loved volunteering at Tallahassee events, for many local churches and cooking food for their fundraisers. He enjoyed hunting and fishing and traveling around the world with family and friends.

Phillip Mark Adams (friend of CAPS)

died June 27, 2024. Phillip came to the area in 1991 from Valdosta, Ga. He worked at Volusia County Schools in the Maintenance Department. Phillip was a member of Mims Church of God, and he worked with Giddeons Ministry. Phillip enjoyed speaking the word of God and ministering to people's needs. He was a big fan of Jesus and always wore the baseball cap with Jesus on it. Phillip was a devoted husband, loving father, and loved his grandchildren dearly.

Darry Evans (’78)

passed on June 29, 2024. Darry was a lifelong resident of Oak Hill. He was a member of St. Martha Baptist Church, past Mayor of Oak Hill, member of Gamma Nu Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., and the Masonic Fraternal Lodge #36, Daytona Beach. Darry was a Lieutenant for the Department of Juvenile Justice (27 years) and worked at the City of Daytona Beach Leisure Services (5 years). He graduated from Bethune-Cookman College (B.S., Political Science - 1984) and Strayer University (MBA - 2014). Darry loved sports, especially baseball.

Jeanne Keiser Heifner (teacher)

Jeanne graduated with a degree in English from Florida State University. Jeanne worked as a nurse midwife and was part of a group of women who opened the birth center in Daytona Beach, taught aerobics, and yoga classes, and was a well-known La Leche League Leader in the community. She began teaching patient care and health science classes in the 1990s and then went on to help create the Medical Academy at New Smyrna Beach High School in 1998. She led many HOSA students to State and National Championships over the years. After retiring in 2014, Jeanne enjoyed traveling.

Jilliane Lucille Jackson (’20)

was welcomed into the arms of Jesus on Sunday March 24, 2024. Jilliane was studying at Daytona State College, pursuing a business degree. She had a strong work ethic when it came to her job. She moved up the ranks at Journey's shoe store; from sales associate to co-manager, store manager, then a bigger volume store to most recently District Training Manager. Jilliane loved dogs, laying out in the sun, concerts, haunted houses at Halloween, going to professional basketball games with her dad and inviting her friends to the games with them.

Thomas (Tom) F. Johnson, Jr (’78)

passed away February 10, 2024. Tom joined the Navy not long after graduation. He gained some valuable life and technical skills. He worked in sales for WECO Industries. His ability to speak persuasively (his gift of gab) helped him to excel in sales. After many years of hard work, he eventually purchased the business. His many hobbies over the years included dirt biking and camping weekends, fishing, cheering on the SF 49ers as a season ticket holder, gardening, game nights and traveling, especially to the beach.

Lucretia R. Lutz (’79)

passed away January 17, 2024. After graduation, Lou continued her education at Keiser University, where she also became a bursar for many years after achieving her accounting degree. Lou was the oldest child of Donald and Lucretia C. Heaton, who owned the Indian Mound Fish Camp in Oak Hill. Lou enjoyed shrimping at the fish camp, and lobstering in the Keys with her entire family. She was renowned for her knitting, crocheting, and quilting – even crafting lace tablecloths by hand. Lou’s other hobbies included fishing, and riding motorcycles, but her greatest passion in life was her grandchildren whom she adored and spoiled.

James “Jim” McGurik (’56)

died on June 9, 2024. Jim attended the University of Florida where he earned a B.A. in Journalism and continued his studies by attending law school. Jim had a passion for speech writing and became a speech writer for Congressman Sam Gibbons and for Earl Faircloth Florida Attorney General. He became a prosecutor in the office of Richard E. Gerstein and later entered the private practice of law as a criminal defense attorney. Jim’s love for the Everglades was undeniable. In 2017 Jim retired from his law practice and immediately moved back to New Smyrna Beach.

2024 NSB CAPS Scholarship Recipients cont...

Madeline Secomski Colonel Jack and Grayce Kenemer Barck Memorial

Madeline is attending Florida Atlantic University to pursue a degree in health and exercise sciences with hopes of becoming a sports medicine physician.

I want to personally thank NSB CAPS for giving me the opportunity to help further my education and reach my goals.

Jayle Smith Founders

Jayle is attending the University of South Florida to study biology and environmental science to expand her understanding of the field and pursue a career in agriculture.

I am writing to express my gratitude for awarding me this scholarship. Not only does receiving this lighten my financial burden, but it also shows your support and belief in my future. I will use this not only as a source of financial aid, but a source of immense encouragement and motivation.

Lily Stanley Sides Family Community Service

Lily is attending the University of Central Florida as a nursing major to become a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist.

I am so grateful for the opportunity to have received this scholarship and for everyone that helped me get to this point!

Jessen Reef Terry Salutatorian

Jensen will be going to Florida State University as a junior where he will dual major in finance and sports management or marketing. Eventually he would like to work somewhere within the functions of athletes and professional sports teams.

The support from CAPS will certainly aid my college education and allow me to focus more intently on my studies. I am deeply thankful for the investment in my future and will be sure to make the most of this opportunity.

Autumn Thompson Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie #4242

Autumn is going to Stetson University to pursue a bachelor’s degree in biology on the pre-health track, then transfer to a university to obtain a Doctor of Pharmacy with her end goal to become a hospital pharmacist.

I am extremely grateful for this scholarship as it will help me achieve my goals.

NaZia Toledo

NaZia is attending the University of South Florida majoring in criminology, with the goal of working in the criminal justice system as a crime scene investigator.

Thank you. I can not express my gratitude enough. Your generosity in selecting me as a recipient will always be appreciated. Receiving your generous scholarship shows me I have succeeded, and my hard work has not gone unnoticed.

Mitchell Truesdell Jimmy Humphrey Memorial

Mitchell will be attending the University of Florida majoring in business administration in finance. He would like to work at a financial institution such as an investment bank or hedge fund.

My dreams are large, and the CAPS scholarship will aid me.

Kyle Vinh Jeanne Heifner Memorial

Kyle is attending the University of Central Florida with an academic focus in biomedical sciences, He will continue his education in hopes of becoming an oncologist to make a difference in the lives of children battling cancer.

This scholarship will help me achieve my career goals by helping me pay for my studies, which will allow me to focus on my classes. Having this scholarship is a dream come true.