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SEVEN BEAUFORT COUNTY SENIORS NAMED HERITAGE CLASSIC FOUNDATION SCHOLARS

HILTON HEAD ISLAND, SC (March 23, 2015) – Seven outstanding Beaufort County seniors were named Heritage Classic Foundation Scholars at a luncheon Monday at the Sonesta Resort.

In addition to these seven scholarships the Foundation is funding four \$2,500 annual scholarships to the University of South Carolina Beaufort and two \$1,500 annual scholarships to the Technical College of the Low Country.

During Monday's awards presentation, Scott Richardson was introduced as the newly appointed Scholar Committee Chairman. He replaced Ward Kirby, who retired from the Heritage Classic Foundation.

"This is always an exciting day for the Heritage Classic Foundation," said Richardson. "We want to thank Ward Kirby for all he has contributed to the Scholar Program and congratulate these seven students. We believe the records of these young adults are among the best we have seen since the program began in 1993."

Five of the newly named Scholars will receive an \$18,000 scholarship over the next four years. Two additional awards carry a \$22,000 opportunity. These latter scholarships honor the past Scholar Committee chairmen, John Zimmerman and the late Mike Malanick.

Next fall, 44 Beaufort County collegians will be receiving Foundation grants at an expenditure of \$206,000. A grand total of \$3,606,100 will have been awarded to 267 students after the 2015 distribution.

Richardson pointed out at Monday's luncheon, sponsored by Palmetto Electric Cooperative, "These scholars are not just straight A students. They are leaders in their schools, communities and churches. They have interests that vary from technology to music to JROTC."

The following graduating seniors were selected:

Battery Creek High – Shivin Shetty

Beaufort High – Andrew Jezewski, Jackson Williams

Hilton Head High – Rachel Friend, Carolanne O'Fee (MALANICK AWARD WINNER),

Rachel Wilbourne (ZIMMERMAN AWARD WINNER)

Hilton Head Preparatory – Abigail Cohen

About Heritage Classic Foundation: The Heritage Classic Foundation is a nonprofit organization dedicated to improving lives throughout the state of South Carolina. As the general sponsor of the PGA TOUR's RBC Heritage Presented by Boeing, millions of dollars generated from ticket sales and sponsorships are distributed to charitable organizations that enhance the quality of life for our citizens. Since it was founded as a 501 (c)(3) in 1987, the Foundation has donated more than \$28 million to people in need. For more information, call (843) 671-2448, visit www.heritageclassicfoundation.com or Facebook (Heritage Classic Foundation) and Twitter (@HCFGolf).