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HERITAGE CLASSIC FOUNDATION ADDS AN ADDITIONAL SCHOLAR AWARD IN 2016

HILTON HEAD ISLAND, SC (March 28, 2016) – Eight outstanding Beaufort County seniors were named Heritage Classic Foundation Scholars at a luncheon Monday at the Sonesta Resort. In 2015, the Foundation awarded seven scholarships.

During Monday's awards presentation, Scott Richardson explained why an extra award was added, "When the RBC Heritage's Tartan Club was restructured in 2016, the members wanted to give back to one of the Foundation's charitable programs. They chose the Scholar Program. A portion of their membership will fund the newly created Tartan Award."

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. The latter scholarships honor the past Scholar Committee chairmen, John Zimmerman and the late Mike Malanick. The newly created Tartan Award is worth \$20,000 over the next four years.

Next fall, 37 Beaufort County collegians will be receiving Foundation grants at an expenditure of \$175,000. A grand total of \$3,807,850 will have been awarded to 275 students after the 2016 distribution.

In addition to these eight 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.

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 biology to music to Boy Scouts."

The following graduating seniors were selected:

Battery Creek High – Landon Morgan
Beaufort High – Mattie Hibbs
Bluffton High – Hayley Campbell, Hannah Hundley
Hilton Head High – Jason Busby, Nicholas Simons
Hilton Head Preparatory – Jackson Richard
Home School – Christina Hicks

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 \$32 million to people in need. For more information, call (843) 671-2448, visit www.heritageclassicfoundation.com or Facebook (Heritage Classic Foundation) and Twitter (@HCFGolf).

Here are some highlights of this year's Scholars:

Jason Busby considers himself to be an artist, an athlete, and a leader. He is a member of Hilton Head High's stage company, a cappella group and jazz band. His love of guitar prompted to create After School Guitar at the Boys and Girls Club. He also runs track and wants to major in Biological Sciences in hopes of becoming a medical doctor.

Hayley Campbell plans to study Recreation Management because her time at Young Life camps played a special part in her life. She is also a writer and is currently working on a novel. She is on the swim team and runs track for Bluffton High. She is on an ultimate Frisbee team with her dad and brothers.

Mattie Hibbs spends her summers volunteering as a camp counselor for Migrant Worker's Children. She also coached a pre-school soccer team last fall. She plans to study Mathematics and Statistics. She made Beaufort High's varsity basketball team as an 8th grader.

ZIMMERMAN AWARD WINNER

Christina Hicks is homeschooled and says she craved knowledge and food. She loves math and science and plans to major in astrophysics so she can discover new galaxies and planets. She is a cellist in the Beaufort Symphony Orchestra and is a leader in her church. The oldest of six children, she is the editor in chief of her family's "school" newspaper.

Hannah Hundley is a volunteer. She lends her time to groups such as Neighbors for Clean Water, Special Olympics and the American Heart Association. She plans to major in education and spends time in a classroom at Red Cedar Elementary School. She is also the track team captain at Bluffton High.

MALANICK AWARD WINNER

Landon Morgan is an Eagle Scout and a leader in his church youth group. He plans to study Engineering is a member of Battery Creek High's Robotics Team and Aviation Club. He is also on the varsity tennis team.

Jackson Richard plans to study Biological Science and has spends time volunteering at the Waddell Mariculture Center. Spending his early years living on a sailboat with his family instilled a love of the natural world. His love of natural also inspires him to run on the Hilton Head Prep Cross Country team.

Nicholas Simons grew up in a military family and moved every three years. This lifestyle taught him to be responsible and value his family. He teaches martial arts to children at the Boys and Girls Club and is a tenor in the Hilton Head High Chorus. He plans to study Business.

TARTAN AWARD WINNER