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## HERITAGE CLASSIC FOUNDATION ADDS TWO ADDITIONAL SCHOLARS

**HILTON HEAD ISLAND, SC (January 24, 2018)** – Ten outstanding Beaufort County seniors were named Heritage Classic Foundation Scholars at a luncheon on Wednesday at the Sonesta Resort. The students come from eight different high schools including John Paul II, which has never had scholarships awarded previously.

During Wednesday's awards presentation, Scott Richardson announced to the audience that two additional scholars were 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. The club has been so successful that the funds raised are able to fund two scholarships. The annual Tartan Club Award and an additional award at the \$16,000 level."

The tenth scholar award is in honor of Heritage Classic Foundation Scholar Committee member Charlie Brown. Charlie passed away in 2017 after serving for more than thirty years.

Six of the newly named Scholars will receive a \$16,000 scholarship over the next four years. Four additional awards carry a \$20,000 opportunity. Two of the latter scholarships honor the past Scholar Committee chairmen, John Zimmerman and the late Mike Malanick. One honors Scholar Committee member Charlie Brown and the Tartan Club Award recognizes the donations made by the Tartan Club.

Next fall, 34 Beaufort County collegians will be receiving Foundation grants at an expenditure of \$159,000. A grand total of \$4,124,350 will have been awarded to 322 students after the 2018 distribution.

Richardson pointed out at Tuesday'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 engineering to sports to helping animals in need."

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.

The following graduating seniors were selected:

Battery Creek High School – Hannah Barnhardt  
Beaufort Academy – Courtney Kirberger  
Bluffton High School – Decker Paulmeier, Elizabeth Rhoads, Madeline Wallin  
Hilton Head Island Christian Academy – Meredith Inglis  
Hilton Head Island High School – Miyah Shatz  
Hilton Head Preparatory School – Aidan Sanz  
John Paul II – Sidney Angner  
May River High School – Matthew Porter

**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 \$36.5 million to people in need. For more information, call (843) 671-2448, visit [www.heritageclassicfoundation.com](http://www.heritageclassicfoundation.com) or Facebook (Heritage Classic Foundation) and Twitter (@HCFGolf).

**SIDNEY ANGNER** – Angner is a girl scout and works as a kennel tech at the Bluffton Veterinary Hospital. She was graduated from the Hilton Head/Bluffton Chamber of Commerce Junior Leadership organization and is a self-described animal lover who aspires to be a large animal and equine veterinarian. She made that decision at nine years old, and even after learning about the lengthy process to becoming a vet, she still stuck with her original plan. Angner is also active in Model UN Club, Varsity Archery and is a House Member at John Paul II.

**HANNAH BARNHARDT – ZIMMERMAN AWARD** - Barnhardt is Valedictorian at Battery Creek. She is active in Health Occupations Students of America, National Honors Society, National Society of High School Scholars, Interact and Battery Creek's blogging website design club. She works two jobs as a server, helps with Beaufort and Sea Island Rotary Club's activities and volunteers at an animal shelter one day a week. She hopes to attend Clemson University and graduate with a bachelor's degree in biological sciences before furthering her education in medical school.

**MEREDITH INGLIS – TARTAN AWARD** - Founder of Helen's Hope, an organization Inglis created, which donates pillow pets and Christian devotionals to Beaufort Memorial Hospital's Children Wing. She is also volunteers at Salkehatchie Summer Service, One Walk Fundraising, Life on Life Leadership and works at Ben and Jerry's Ice Cream. She is a member of Hilton Head Christian Academy's Varsity Tennis team, National Honor Society, Spanish National Honor Society, Zonta Club, Student Council, Beta Club, FCA Leadership, Girls State Delegate, Academic Honor Council and is the Yearbook Editor.

**COURTNEY KIRBERGER** – Kirberger is Beaufort Academy's future Business Leaders of America President, Varsity Volleyball Captain and is a member of the National Honors Society, Art Club, SCISA and Math Meet Team. She organized the Charlie's Walk for Water event and tutors students in geometry, calculus, and biology. She wants to achieve a Master's degree in Meteorology and inspire more women to pursue STEM degrees. She plans to join the Air Force and become an officer.

**DECKER PAULMEIER – MALANICK AWARD** - Paulmeier is a member of the nationally ranked Appeals Justice, a Model UN-Delegate of the Year and is a 3-time Distinguished Delegation Award winner. He is the founder of the South Carolina Chapter of the National Association of Youth Leadership (an organization completely made up of people under 25 who are connecting the youth of our country so younger generations can help shape the policy that will affect their future). He is Bluffton High's National Honor Society-Chapter President, graduate of the Hilton Head Chamber of Commerce Junior Leadership Program, played varsity Football and Lacrosse. He has worked at his family's restaurant since middle school.

**MATTHEW PORTER** – Porter volunteers at the Bluffton Branch Library and is a Boy Scout. He completed National Youth Leadership Training in his Youth Group to learn more about faith and was selected to be a member of the delegation from his church to attend the National Catholic Youth Conference. His father was a Marine and their family has lived in California, Japan and they now reside in Bluffton. He is active in Robotics, National Honors Society and the Science Olympiad at May River High.

**ELIZABETH RHOADS** - Rhoads is a volunteer coach for the Low Country Volleyball Club developmental team where she coaches middle school girls who are learning how to play volleyball. She also played for Low Country Volleyball on multiple National teams. She is a private ACT tutor, Algebra tutor, and Mathnasium Center Instructor. She is the captain of the Bluffton High School Varsity Volleyball team, a graduate of the Hilton Head-Bluffton Chamber of Commerce Junior Leadership Program, National Honor Society Vice-President, Low Country Alliance for Healthy Youth Secretary, Student Council Body Treasurer and representative, and Interact Club member. Her love for math and science and desire to serve others has led her to choose chemical engineering as a career path.

**AIDAN SANZ** – Sanz is the head of Student Prefects, Captain of the Cross Country, basketball and baseball teams at Hilton Head Prep. He is a member of School Honor Council, Math Team and directs school's summer camp along with four other counselors. He one day hopes to combine his love of sports and math by entering the world of finance and statistics within sports.

**MIYAH SHATZ – BROWN AWARD** - Is a member of Congregation Beth Yam Youth Group and is the president of a Youth Technology Outreach Program - a local service group who helps the elderly with technology problems. She has received the Clemson Scholar Award and the Palmetto Fellows Scholarship. She is a member of the Spanish National Honor Society, Beta Club, Mu Alpha Theta, Model United Nations, Rocket Club, Science National Honor Society; National Honor Society, Academic World Quest at Hilton Head Island High School. She was a cast member in The Laramie Project and is the valedictorian. She also holds state and school records in track and field.

**MADELINE WALLIN** – Wallin is Command Sergeant Major and second in command of her JROTC unit at Bluffton High. She is responsible for the wellbeing of all the enlisted cadets. In addition to her role in assisting the Battalion Commander, she is also a member of the Drill Team/Honor Guard, Civil Air Patrol - squadron First Sergeant where she leads PT and assists the Cadet Squadron Commander with the United States Air Force Auxiliary. She also participates in the Science Olympiad, National Honor Society, School Improvement Council and her career aspirations are to become a military aviator.