

Press Release

**Orange County Education Foundation Awards
Record Number of Scholarships**

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The Orange County Education Foundation (OCEF) is proud to announce that it awarded 21 scholarships totaling \$45,500 to 19 Orange County High School graduates during their Senior Awards Night program on June 8.

“On behalf of the Orange County Education Foundation Board and its many sponsors and contributors, we were pleased to have the opportunity to recognize many of the seniors as award and scholarship recipients,” said OCEF President John Reid, who officiated the Foundation Awards portion of the Senior Night program. “Senior night was a great night for the class of 2015, so we again congratulate them and wish them the best in their future endeavors.”

This year’s **OCEF General Fund Scholarship** was awarded to Danae Barbee

by OCEF Board member Martha Roby. The General Fund Scholarship, which is now in its fourth year, has grown from \$1,000 when it was first awarded in 2012 to \$5,000 in each of the past three years.

“I was listening to the description of this scholarship and thought, ‘wow that’s a lot of money,’ and then I heard my name called,” said Barbee. “I was shocked and so grateful. This will make such a big difference in my future.”

This year’s other OCEF awards included:

- Three **Anne Saunders Boyer & Julian Flint Boyer Scholarships**, each in the amount of \$2,500, were awarded to Jessica Pederson, Bradley Shipp and Kelly Shifflett.
- **The Harry R. Graham, Jr. Memorial Scholarship**, in the amount of \$1,000, was awarded to Kristina Marks.
- **The CJM Kyle Scholarship**, in the amount of \$1,000, was awarded to Amanda Deane.
- **The Jane Gwyn Robertson Zimmermann Scholarship**, in the amount of \$3,500, was awarded to Hunter Morgan Martin.
- **The Joe Stanley Memorial Soccer Scholarship**, in the amount of \$4,000, was awarded to Kristopher Hooper.
- **The Nora Pannill Brooking Scholarship**, in the amount of \$2,000, was awarded to Sarah Butts.



Danae Barbee, pictured with Martha Roby, OCEF Board Member, received the OCEF General Fund Scholarship.



Hunter Morgan Martin, pictured with Lucy Alexander, received the Jane Gwyn Robertson Zimmermann Scholarship.

- **The Patricia Francis Scholarship**, in the amount of \$1,500, was awarded to Courtney Vilcheck.
- **Five Taylor and Phyllis Grasty Medical Scholarships**, in the amount of \$3,000 each, were awarded to Carrington Carey, Ana Delcid, Emily Fitch, Courtney Vilcheck and Desiree Wright-Garnett.
- **The Ann Mason Head Start Scholarship**, in the amount of \$1,000, was awarded to Carrington Carey.
- **The Barbara Bannar Memorial Scholarship for Business and Entrepreneurial Studies**, in the amount of \$1,000, was awarded to Kendall Bayless.

Company Auxiliary Scholarship, in the amount of \$250, was awarded to Brittany LeBrun.

- **The Town of Orange Scholarship**, in the amount of \$1,000, was awarded to Connor Fenwick.
- **The Virginia Community Bank Scholarship**, in the amount of \$750, was awarded to Taylor Petty.
- **The MSG George A. Bannar, Jr. Scholarship**, in the amount of \$1,000, was awarded to Jessica Pedersen.

Over the past eight years, the OCEF has awarded 127 scholarships for a total of \$222,000. The Foundation awarded 16 scholarships for a total of \$33,000 in 2014; 11 scholarships for a total of \$25,500 in 2013; 12 scholarships for a total of \$19,750 in 2012, and 15 scholarships for a total of \$28,500 in 2011. It awarded 18 scholarships for \$24,500 in 2010; 16 scholarships for a total of \$26,500 in 2009; and 18 scholarships for \$18,750 in 2008.

Other OCEF Board members in attendance included Pam Frederick, Penny Work, Carol Hunter and Brenda Tanner.

The Orange County Education Foundation is a non-profit organization devoted to creating and sustaining opportunities for scholarship and advancement for students and teachers in all Orange County schools. The Foundation was founded in 1994 as a project of the Orange County of Chamber of Commerce. In 1996, it consolidated with the Orange County Public Schools Foundation and became a joint venture of the Chamber and the school division. It seeks to serve students and teachers in Orange County Public Schools, at Germanna Community College, and at Grymes Memorial School.

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Further information about the Orange County Education Foundation's Scholarship program may be obtained by contacting Matt Benefield, Treasurer, at (540) 661-4550, or info@ocedfoundationva.org.