

Press Release

Orange County Education Foundation Awards Scholarships to Local Seniors

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OCEF General Fund Scholarship recipient Marina Miller pictured with OCEF Board Member Pam Frederick.

The Orange County Education Foundation (OCEF) is proud to announce that it awarded 15 scholarships totaling \$38,950 to 18 Orange County High School graduates during the Senior Awards Night program on June 6.

“First and far-most we congratulate the senior class of 2016 on their accomplishments. It was an enjoyable and exciting evening. On behalf of the Orange County Education Foundation we are privileged to be a part of an organization that strives to help individuals to become the best they can be,” said OCEF President John Reid, who officiated the Foundation Awards portion of the program. “We are excited about our community involvement, partnerships, families, businesses and individual contributors who provide resources to inspire and enhance opportunities for us to show our appreciation and give back. The support was outstanding. Quite a few students were awarded scholarships. This is what we are all about.”

This year’s **OCEF General Fund Scholarship** was awarded to Marina Miller by OCEF Board member Pam Frederick. The General Fund Scholarship, which is

now in its fifth year, has grown from \$1,000 when it was first awarded in 2012 to \$5,000 in each of the past four years. Mrs. Frederick shared her excitement about the event. “It was a very special evening for students, parents, and the community. I was pleased to have the opportunity to represent OCEF and recognize graduates for their hard work and achievements. I left feeling proud of every award recipient and looking forward to hearing about their future successes!”

Other OCEF awards included:

- Three **Anne Saunders Boyer & Julian Flint Boyer Scholarships**, each in the amount of \$2,500, awarded to Mateka Jackson, Taylor Carr and Loretta Vasi.
- **The Ann Mason Head Start Scholarship**, in the amount of \$1,000, awarded to Cassidy Hall.
- **The Barbara Bannar Memorial Scholarships for Business and Entrepreneurial Studies**, in the amount of \$2,400 each, awarded to Carly Hanson, Regan McKay and Victoria Kessler.
- **The CJM Kyle Scholarship**, in the amount of \$1,000, awarded to Lily Keener.
- **The Cleo P. Short Memorial Scholarship**, in the amount of \$1,000, awarded to Travis Taylor.

- **The Harry R. Graham, Jr. Memorial Scholarship**, in the amount of \$1,000, awarded to Michaela Paxton.
- **The Jane Gwyn Robertson Zimmermann Scholarship**, in the amount of \$3,500, awarded to Erin Avery.
- **The Joe Stanley Memorial Soccer Scholarship**, in the amount of \$5,000, awarded to Joseph Herrera Loayza.
- **The MSG George A. Bannar, Jr. Scholarship**, in the amount of \$1,000, awarded to Tiffany Bush.
- **The Lindsay C. Woolfolk, Jr. Memorial Scholarship**, in the amount of \$500, awarded to Erin Avery.
- **The Nora Pannill Brooking Scholarship**, in the amount of \$2,000, awarded to Summer Denny.
- **The Patricia Francis Scholarship**, in the amount of \$1,500, awarded to Kiani Hudens.
- **The Town of Orange Scholarship**, in the amount of \$1,000, awarded to Maiah Daniel.
- **The Virginia Community Bank Scholarship**, in the amount of \$750, awarded to Natalia Seitzer.



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Left to right: Loretta Vasi, Mateka Jackson and Taylor Carr, recipients of the Anne Saunders Boyer & Julian Flint Boyer Scholarships, are pictured with OCEF Board Member Deanna Marshall.

Over the past nine years, the OCEF has awarded 142 scholarships for a total of \$260,950.

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 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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For information on contributing to the Orange County Education Foundation or its Scholarship Program please contact Pam Frederick, Scholarship Committee Chairperson, or John Reid, President, at info@ocedfoundationva.org.