

New Smyrna Beach High School

# Honors Night



# About the Donor

*May 28, 2020 @ 6:00 p.m.*



**Advent Health New Smyrna Beach Auxiliary** – New Smyrna Beach Auxiliary was established in 1960 for the purpose of serving the New Smyrna Beach community hospital, their healthcare workers, patients and visiting families. The Auxiliary is a standalone organization of an all-volunteer work force, a 401(c)3 not-for-profit. Over the years, we have seen many changes to our community hospital including the expansion of facilities, hospital management changes, and name changes from Bert Fish Medical Center to Florida Hospital to Advent Health New Smyrna Beach. Currently, we have 125 volunteers that support patients, visitors and medical staff in many capacities. In addition to volunteering our valuable time, we also generate funds through our gift shop and lobby sales that are, in turn, donated to make improvements to the hospital and scholarships for NSB High School Seniors.

The search for volunteers is ON! Advent Health NSB Auxiliary is encouraging anyone who wishes to support the causes of the Auxiliary to join our team. Serving the needs of the hospital patients and families is incredibly rewarding, and the caring services provided have a real impact on the community. Opportunities are available now in a variety of different areas.

To learn about all the opportunities available, call the Auxiliary office at: 386-424-5268, or visit in person at: 401 Palmetto Street in New Smyrna Beach. Make a difference today by joining the Advent Health NSB Auxiliary team!

**Alpha Delta Kappa Sorority** – is an international honorary society for women educators united in the common goals of education excellence, altruism, and worldwide understanding.

**Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.** – is the very first intercollegiate Greek-letter fraternity established by African Americans and on the campus of Cornell University in 1906. It was founded by seven young college men who recognized the need for a strong bond of brotherhood among African decedents in this country. These seven young men affectionately known as “The Seven Jewels” laid a firm foundation in the fraternity that promotes scholarship, manly deeds and love for all mankind.

**American Association of University (AAUW)** - has been empowering women as individuals and as a community since 1881. For more than 130 years, we have worked together as a national grassroots organization to improve the lives of millions of women and their families. Our strategic initiatives include elevating STEM education for girls and women, educational funding for women, and helping shape the lives of the next generation of women leaders. Through our research and advocacy, we

analyze gender equity issues in the workplace, support challenges to sex discrimination in higher education and the workplace, and advocate for policies that advance equity for women and girls. The New Smyrna Beach Chapter of AAUW raises funds to support annual college scholarships to local girls and women.

**American Legion Auxiliary** – The American Legion Auxiliary is the largest women’s patriotic service organization in the world with a membership of more than 850,000 strong and is dedicated to serving, helping and meeting needs. Our focus is what it’s always been, service members, veterans and their families, and the children in the community. Our members produce annual statistics in the millions.

The women of the American Legion Auxiliary make a difference in the lives of Americans. They educate children through scholarships, the Girl State program, junior membership and many local programs. They help veterans through legislative action and volunteerism. With over 10,100 units they are visible in community events. Auxiliary members are unique who have joined in the fellowship of volunteerism, patriotism and dedicated to veterans, young people and communities. Unit 285 is located on U.S. 1, Edgewater and Unit 17 is located on Canal Street, New Smyrna Beach and both serve New Smyrna Beach High School.

The American Legion Auxiliary units raise more than \$18 million every year and reinvests those funds in VA medical centers and community programs including education. Thousands of hours are devoted to crime prevention programs instructing children, the elderly and the general public on safety and crime prevention and protection within the community. Auxiliary volunteers assist in the 171 VA Medical Centers by providing diversion and entertainment for patients, assist the hospital staff in physical and psychological therapy, clerical and many other duties that would otherwise cost American Taxpayers millions of dollars. The auxiliary deals with issues such as drug and alcohol abuse, missing and abused children, teen suicide and teen pregnancy. Its services touch the lives of all American directly and indirectly.

More than 20 nationwide programs receive support and financial aid from the American Legion Auxiliary.

**American Legion Sons - Squadron 17** – Are sons of veterans who have been in service. We, the Sons of Veterans carry on the beliefs of the American Legion. We help the community by donating to the families of veterans in need and we do this with pride. We also give a scholarship to a veteran son to help offset some of their college expenses. God Bless Our Country!

**AMVETS Post 2 Ladies Auxiliary-Dr. Gene Giancola Memorial Scholarship** – “AMVETS (AMERICAN VETERANS) is the nation’s most inclusive congressionally-chartered veterans service organization.” AMVETS.org

The Ladies Auxiliary is a subordinate national organization of AMVETS whose members (female veterans or AMVETS relatives) provide a range of services and support to veterans, communities and other nonprofit organizations such as Paws with a Cause, The John Tracy Clinic and Freedoms Foundations. (AMVETS.org)

Locally the AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary 2 exists to serve the AMVETS in furthering their mission. The Auxiliary is largely responsible for raising monies for charities. Our local AMVETS Auxiliary has over 200 members and we are always looking to add to our rolls. We have raised money for St. Jude’s Children’s Hospital, the Ronald McDonald House, for our service men and women who are currently serving around the world, veterans in nursing homes and assisted living facilities. The local Auxiliary also awards a minimum of four \$500.00 scholarships annually to New Smyrna Beach High School Seniors. We do this in hopes that each scholarship recipient will give back to “our” community.

**Angler’s Yacht Club Scholarship** – The Angler’s Yacht Club Scholarship award was established by the Club in 1987 as a means of providing financial support to a deserving student in the community. It is 100% self-funded by the membership and on a yearly basis, bestows a \$15,000.00 grant to a graduating student who has demonstrated a superior work ethic, academic achievement and service to the community. Every year, we are inspired by the personal stories of the applicants and their accomplishments. We hope that our scholarship will ease the financial burden on the honoree and provide a measure of freedom to continue to reach and inspire others during their college career and beyond.

**Annual Daniel A. Garrity Memorial Scholarship** – The Annual Daniel A. Garrity Memorial Scholarship is presented in memory of our dear, departed friend Danny Garrity. Danny graduated from New Smyrna Beach High School in 1986, and then later graduated from FSU. To honor his commitment to friends, family, fun, FSU, and education, this scholarship recognizes the independence, determination, hard work, and commitment necessary to succeed in life’s many challenges.

**Annual Melissa Bassett Memorial Scholarship** – is presented by the New Smyrna Beach Masonic Lodge in memory of Melissa Bassett, a daughter of one of our members, Bryan Bassett. Melissa Bassett, a graduate of NSB High School lost her battle with Cystic fibrosis in October of 2010. Melissa never let the demands of her illness interfere with her striving for excellence in academics or from participating in the school activities that she loved, such as marching band and drama.

**Aqua Park Sports Scholarship** – Aqua Park is a volunteer un community swimming pool in Edgewater. In 2013 the management and running of the pool was taken over by a group of NSBHS parents to ensure that the CUDAS Swim Team would be able to have a “home” pool in which to practice and compete.

Over the past six years we have kept the pool afloat and open for everybody in the community to use, expanding the hours and activities offered as well as investing any surplus monies in refurbishments and renovations. The pool covers most of its own costs but also relied on the support of local business advertising sponsors. We are also keen to “give back” to our community via the Sports Scholarship program.

**Blanzenski Memorial Scholarship for Conservative Achievement** – The Marsha Blanzenski Memorial Scholarship for Conservative Achievement was established to support college bound students who exhibit: Strong conservative moral character and values; knowledge of the U.S. Constitution and political systems, and their effect on individual freedoms; understanding today’s threats to our Democratic Republic and demonstrating their conservative values through Community Service. Since its inception in 2015 as a 501(c)(3) organization, the Blanzenski Scholarship for conservative Achievement has awarded 34 scholarships totaling \$68,000 to students from local high schools, to include Mainland High School, New Smyrna Beach High School, Spruce Creek High School, Father Lopez High School, and others. These scholarships are possible with the support and donations from

the members of the community and fundraising events supported by Southeast Volusia County Republican Club of New Smyrna Beach.

**Bob Quigley Lions Club Memorial Scholarship** – Bob Quigley came to Florida in 1944 from Iowa. He accepted a position with the former Bank of New Smyrna on Canal Street.

After establishing himself in the bank, Bob felt that he wanted to serve the community and with the help of the Daytona Beach lions Club, he set out to create a Lions Club in New Smyrna. This was in 1946.

On February 18, 1947, the New Smyrna Beach Lions Club was chartered with 23 members signing the charter issued by Lions International. Lion Quigley served as charter president.

In 1949, the Lions held their first major fundraising project, the Miss New Smyrna Beach Beauty contest. Through the ensuing years, the Lions have done many things to raise funds to further fulfilling our motto, “We Serve.”

Bob was a great Lion who always helped as much as possible to guide the club. He was honored by the City of New Smyrna with a Proclamation declaring September 14, 1989 as bob Quigley Day. He was also nominated and presented a Melvin Jones Fellowship from Lions International.

At the fiftieth Anniversary, Charter Night Lion Bob was given a Fifty-Year Monarch Award and pin.

Lion Bob passed away in June of 1998. He truly exemplified the Lions Motto, “We Serve.”

**Bolerjack, Halsema, Bowling & White CPAs** – is a Certified Public Accounting and Financial Consulting Firm with three offices in Volusia County - New Smyrna Beach, Daytona Beach and Ormond Beach. The Firm was established in 1984 to fill the perceived need for an aggressive accounting firm dedicated to finding innovative and flexible solutions to ever-changing business-related problems. Bolerjack, Halsema, Bowling & White PA CPA's keeps pace with today's volatile business environment and is dedicated to providing the highest level of service.

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**CAPS (Community and Alumni Providing Scholarships)** is an organization that grew out of a dream that began in 1995 by Mrs. Zadah Vermelle Chapman, Class of 1947, and Mrs. Jane Chapman Gould, Class of 1950. They started CAPS with \$500 and a goal of giving something back to New Smyrna Beach High School and its students.

Jane was an elementary teacher in the Volusia County School system for many years. Upon Vermelle's urging, Jane and Vermelle started CAPS with their own money in 1995. Jane said, "I saw many good children foundering after High School. They were the ones who did not have the money, scholarships or family financial support to continue their education. These were good kids - my kids - who deserved a break. So why not, we thought, help them pay for their first year at D.B.C.C, (now Daytona State College), or any other accredited school of higher learning, to get started."

In 25 years, CAPS has awarded 448 scholarships with a value of \$890,600. Jane and Vermelle's original, simple and heartfelt, idea, has caught the attention of alumni and community residents alike.

**CCUMC** - Coronado Community United Methodist Church has been providing scholarships for area youth for decades. In fact, over the years, the church has endowed over \$300,000 worth of scholarships to church members, AVID members, Cudas Unhooked, and local youth. The church is also active in providing mentors at both New Smyrna Beach Middle School and High School. It is a privilege to continue this tradition of serving the community every year.

**Charles and Elaine Falls Meyer Nursing Scholarship -Advent Health New Smyrna Beach Foundation**

- Charlie and I are very pleased to be able to establish an endowment that will give a scholarship to a student who is interested in the medical field, essentially the nursing profession.

We both received help to continue our education. We realize how important it is to give back to others the opportunities we were very pleased to receive.

Charlie was given a full football scholarship to the University of Tennessee. Along with graduating with a B.A. degree he also was a participant in the U.T football team that won two national championships. Following his education, he joined the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Because of his prior football experience, he was chosen to join the army football team at Fort Belvoir. They went on to win the all army championship.

After service he joined Ethicon Inc. a subsidiary of Johnson and Johnson. He became the youngest man to become a vice president and an appointee to the board of directors. After I graduated Boston College with a B.S. degree in nursing with honors, I was chosen to receive full traineeship from BC to study for a master's degree in nursing. Many opportunities to use my education in the hospital arena became available subsequently. I moved on to become an associate chairman of nursing at Tufts Medical Center in Boston.

Describing our journeys to become productive citizens, we feel that with the proper education you can choose your career and perhaps your dream. Giving back is important so that every generation can have the resources to succeed in life.

**Chisholm Alumni Association Legacy Scholarship** - At the turn of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, Leroy Chisholm, was a local entrepreneur, landowner and former slave, who understood the value and importance of education and established a school to educate the children of color in the New Smyrna Beach community.

Chisholm Academy started out as a small wooden structure of two adjoining houses, located on Washington Street. After a suspicious fire destroyed half of the structure, Mr. Chisholm rebuilt the school, as a two-story structure on Ronnoc Lane to serve students through grade 9. Chisholm Academy continued to grow and when grades 10-12 were added, it became known as Chisholm High School. Many of its graduates went on to college or established themselves in viable careers and credited their individual

success to their experiences with former teachers and administrators. These educators set high expectations and provided a foundation based on values, work ethic, commitment to be your best and love for your school family.

The *Class of 1969* were the final graduates of the historic Chisholm High School. The building, as it was, continues to stand, located on Ronnoc Lane here in New Smyrna Beach. Simply known as “**Chisholm**” to those familiar with the area, has been repurposed for a variety of educational uses over the years. The original site of the Historic Chisholm High School will soon be home to the “NEWLY CONSTRUCTED” Chisholm Elementary School on the historic site on Ronnoc Lane. Time will pass and old things are replaced by new, but make no mistake about it,..... “**WILDCAT Pride, Never Dies**”.

To honor the rich heritage fostered within the walls of the old school and within the westside community of the New Smyrna Beach, Chisholm High School Alumni Association was formed. The mission of the association was to honor and demonstrate the value of the institution that gave so much to its students. There is no better way to demonstrate that level of love, appreciation, and commitment to service, than to pay it forward to generations to come. We proudly acclaim, that for more than 26 years, Chisholm Alumni Association has provided **LEGACY SCHOLARSHIPS** to high achieving, dedicated graduates of NSBHS, who have a connection of ***lineage*** to a former Chisholm High School alumni, faculty or staff.

**City of Edgewater Local School Scholarship** - The City of Edgewater’s Local School Scholarship program began in 2011 to create educational opportunities for graduating Edgewater students and encourage them to pursue college. The Scholarship program is financed through fundraising events such as the annual Princess Ball as well as through donations from local businesses and by adding a recurring amount to their monthly utility bill, some Edgewater utility customers are also helping local students go to college.

**Cudas for Change** - The Cudas for Change scholarship was founded by three best friends and graduates of NSBHS class of 2002: Tyler Herbert, Rob Jackson and Justin Schildecker. They each owe a debt of gratitude to the knowledge learned and experiences garnered during their time at NSBHS. Upon graduating, they each went on their own paths attending college in different cities but would always reconvene back home to their favorite little beach town. Throughout their college and post-grad lives, they

developed a zest for traveling and an even bigger appreciation for the world and the responsibility each of us have to make a difference during our time here. Knowing this, they decided to create this scholarship as a way to give back to their hometown and help make a difference in the life of someone pursuing their passion. The intent was to find someone who was wanting to truly make an impact on their community or the lives of others.

Tyler and his wife Lauren currently live in New York City, NY where they just welcomed their first born, Hudson, to the world. He is the Head of Real Estate at Convene. Tyler graduated from Stetson University and attended the University of Oxford for his post-graduate studies.

Rob and his wife Leslie currently live in Nashville, TN where he is the owner and COO of a large insurance organization. Rob graduated from the University of North Florida with two bachelor's degrees, one in Management and one in Marketing.

Justin and his wife Lauren currently live in Paris, France where Justin works for the United States government. He graduated from Fletcher University with majoring in Middle Eastern Studies and attended Boston University for his master's degree.

You can oftentimes find the three of them together traveling the world running with the bulls in Spain or trying to out-run the other person in a marathon. Wherever you find them, you will always find them pridefully boasting about being fortunate enough to grow up in New Smyrna Beach and creating lifelong friendships.

**Daughters of the American Revolution Good Citizen** – The Daughters of the American Revolution is an organization with a deeply rich history while also being truly relevant in today's world. More than 1,000,000 women have joined the organization since it was founded over 125 years ago. They became members to honor their heritage as well as make a difference in their communities across the country and the world.

Daughters are vibrant, active women who are passionate about community service, preserving history, educating children, as well as honoring and supporting those who serve our nation. For more than a century, the members of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution have

dedicated themselves to historical preservation, promotion of education, and encouragement of patriotic endeavor.

The National Society Daughters of the American Revolution was founded on October 11, 1890 during a time that was marked by a revival in patriotism and intense interest in the beginnings of the United States of America. Women felt the desire to express their patriotic feelings and were frustrated by their exclusion from men's organizations formed to perpetuate the memory of ancestors who fought to make this country free and independent. As a result, a group of pioneering women in the nation's capital formed their own organization and the Daughters of the American Revolution has carried the torch of patriotism ever since.

DAR members come from a variety of backgrounds and interests, but all share a common bond of having an ancestor who helped contribute to securing the independence of the United States of America. Any woman 18 years or older, regardless of race, religion or ethnic background, who can prove lineal descent from a patriot of the American Revolution is eligible to join.

**Daytona Beach Street Rods Automotive Scholarship** – is a local club that promotes its appreciation of special interest vehicles and the ability to give back to the community through charitable events. One yearly scholarship in the amount of \$1,000 is given to help a deserving student attain their educational goals, meet their professional objectives and succeed to their fullest ability.

**Dolphin Athletic Club** – The Dolphin Athletic Club is a small private non-profit club located in Edgewater. Its mission is to support youth and youth athletics in our local community. The club has participated in the scholarship program since 2005. Each year our volunteers raise funds to award scholarships. The scholarships are awarded to recipients based upon athletic and community participation, financial need, and work experience. This year we are awarding \$1,000 to five (5) deserving graduates. We are proud to be able to help students a little with the financial burden of a college tuition.

**Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration for Florida, Inc. Scholarship** -

The campaign for a federal holiday in Dr. Martin Luther King Jr's., honor began soon after his assassination in 1968. President Ronald Reagan signed the holiday into law in 1983, and it was first observed three years later.

Mr. Jimmy Huger was appointed by Governor Bob Graham to the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Commission in 1985, and later that year was appointed Chairman of the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Celebration Committee by the Daytona Beach City Commission, a position he held until 1993. He and the Committee planned and implemented the first MLK Holiday Celebration in Daytona Beach in January 1986.

In 1995, the committee's name was changed to the Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration for Florida and became a 501(c) (3), organization.

Graduating high school and local college students have been the recipients of over \$100,000 in scholarship funds.

**EAC Higher Education Scholarship** - Edgewater Alliance Church exists to make disciples who bring the gospel to every man, woman, and child. We are a Christ-centered, Bible teaching, missional church. Everything we believe and do is about Jesus, and the Bible is our ultimate authority on all matters of faith and life. Being missional means that our goal is to build relationships with people in our community who do not know Jesus yet.

EASM is Edgewater Alliance Student Ministries, and our mission is to love students to and through a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. We have classes and serving opportunities for students on Sunday mornings, and on Wednesday nights, we have our youth group. During youth group, every student is plugged into a grade- and gender-specific small group with a leader who pours into his or her life every week. Our students also have various opportunities to take the message and love of Jesus Christ to a lost and dying world by serving locally and globally.

**East Coast Cruisers Car Club Scholarship** – We are a local car club with a total of 150 members. We are a non-profit organization, family and have been a club since 1992. This August will be our 23<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary Cruise Night on Canal Street. Along with this scholarship we are one of the largest toy contributors to “Operation Christmas Cheer.” We are also a large contributor to Gifts of Love Food Bank.

**Edgewater Rotary Club** – is pleased to assist the class of 2020 by awarding three scholarships for \$3,000.00 each. Scholarships are based on financial need, academic achievement and leadership exhibited by involvement in school and community activities. Edgewater Rotary has given over \$150,000 to deserving students since 1990.

**Embassy of Hope Foundation “Believing In Your Dreams” – Vince Carter Embassy of Hope Foundation** – Vince Carter’s Embassy of Hope Foundation is a non-profit foundation established in 1998 by NBA basketball star Vince Carter to help address the needs of children and their parents. It represents Vince’s lifelong commitment to perseverance and achievement and as a person committed to helping those less fortunate. Vince values and respects the importance of an education and is committed to assisting students with the costs associated with obtaining a post-secondary education.

Since the foundation’s inception, Dr. Michelle Carter has been the executive director of the Embassy of Hope Foundation and, along with its Board, has led its fundraising and philanthropic endeavors.

**Excellence in Agriculture and Environmental Science:** is an award presented to an individual student for his or her academic achievement in environmental science. The chosen recipient is a model student whose future endeavors will contribute a great deal to our community.

**Florida P.E.O. Scholarship** – P.E.O. is an international women’s organization whose mission is to celebrate the advancement of women; educate women through scholarships, grants, awards, loans and stewardship of Cottey College; and motivate women to achieve their highest aspirations. Members participate through Local P.E.O. Chapters. New Smyrna Beach has the distinction of have two local chapters in our community: Chapter EK (day) and Chapter JE (evening).

Florida P.E.O. Scholarship – A philanthropy of Florida State Chapter P.E.O., the FL P.E.O. Scholarship was established in 1994 to provide financial assistance for tuition and fees to qualified women who will be pursuing undergraduate study at a Florida college or university. This scholarship may be renewed for a second year of full-time study.

**Forever Manatee (I.R.E.S. FFEA)** – is a club that services our school and our community. Our students participate in school activities and altruistic projects. Our goal is to teach our students that if they choose to be future

educators, they will have a tremendous impact on individuals and the environment around them.

We welcome our Manatees to return to Indian River and acquire hours necessary to qualify for the Forever Manatee Scholarship. Our previous students are invited to volunteer for various school-based events including Polar Express Night, Author Night, Trading Card Night ... etc. an invaluable service the student provides is mentoring our current Manatees to improve their academic success. We are very proud of the dedication and civic responsibility shown by these students.

**Friends of the Edgewater Public Library, Inc.** – Are reaching out to all the area graduates that want to continue their education, regardless of what it may be: 6 years, 4-year, 2 year or less. We want to help our young men and women to be the best they can be

**Friends of the New Smyrna Beach Regional Library Scholarship** - The Friends of the Library of the New Smyrna Beach Regional Library exists to support the library in a multitude of ways: maintaining an association of persons passionate about libraries, to promote public knowledge and use of the library's resources, services and programs, by raising funds to supplement library needs of materials/equipment/services, by establishing a community outreach to promote literacy, and offering scholarships to those successful high school seniors who have volunteered or worked for the library.

**Friends of the New Smyrna Beach Regional Library – Patricia and John Dowling Memorial Scholarship** – This scholarship was established in 2006 in remembrance of Mr. and Mrs. Dowling, and their love and devotion to libraries. The scholarship is also in honor of Mrs. Dowling's ten-year service as President of the Friends of the New Smyrna Beach Regional Library.

This scholarship is offered to successful high school seniors who have volunteered or worked for the library that Mr. and Mrs. Dowling held in such high esteem.

**FUTURES Take Stock in Children (TSIC)** - is a statewide college tuition scholarship and mentoring program facilitated in Volusia County by FUTURES Foundation for Volusia County Schools. FUTURES TSIC scholars are selected in the eighth grade through an application process. Once selected through a committee review process, TSIC scholars are paired with a volunteer adult mentor who meets with them for 30 minutes each week on school campus beginning their freshman year. FUTURES

TSIC scholars must maintain a grade point average of 2.5 and good citizenship, meet with a TSIC college success coach, attend college readiness workshops and meet weekly with their mentor. Upon achieving these requirements and graduating high school, TSIC scholars are awarded either a two-year or four-year Florida Prepaid college tuition scholarship.

**Indian River Elementary Sunflower Scholarship** - In 1999, Mrs. Delores Underwood became ill while teaching her kindergarten class at Indian River Elementary. As fate would have it, I was in the process of completing my master's degree in Elementary Education and volunteering at Indian River Elementary, where my own children were enrolled. When Mrs. Underwood passed away mid-year, I felt an overwhelming sense of dedication to the young minds she was leaving behind and their need for comfort during a time of loss in the classroom. Mrs. Underwood's last kindergarten class became my first. Seeing the faces of so many young students who needed reassurance and compassion, set the stage for a teaching career for which I am forever grateful.

The students planted twenty-eight sunflowers next to our playground that year. They nurtured them as they grew, produced flowers and seeds and we dedicated the entire garden to Mrs. Delores Underwood, a loving and devoted teacher to Volusia County Schools for over twenty years. Each year after, kindergarten classes at Indian River Elementary plant sunflowers. The gardens are used for integrated learning throughout the curriculum including reading, math, science and social studies. But most importantly, for appreciating life and the beauty that it offers.

Without the support of many businesses and local residents, Sunflower Scholarships would not be possible. As a 1986 graduate from New Smyrna Beach High School, I am both proud and honored to set forth this scholarship to deserving graduates each year.

Many thanks to all who continue to support this effort. Forever a Cuda, Heidi Kochis.

**Julie Amon Dolphins of Strength Scholarship** - This scholarship was started in 2010 by Jenny Amon Fenig, a 1995 graduate of NSBHS, in memory of her sister, Julie Ann Amon. Julie, a 7th grader at NSBMS, passed away in February of 1994 after her brave fight against childhood cancer. The awarding of this scholarship is now being done by her entire family in her honor. The recipient of this scholarship should show how they overcame adversity (medical or otherwise) in their life. They also should show good

academic grades, financial need and participation in school or community activities. Interest in the health or medical field as a career is helpful. An essay is required - *How have you overcome a medical or other adversity in your life?*

The awarding of the scholarship is now being coordinated by Jenny and Julie's father, Paul J. Amon.

**Juliet Austin Memorial Scholarship** – The Juliet Austin Memorial Scholarship is in honor of an amazing educator who New Smyrna Beach High School lost in April 2015. Her loving husband Mr. Harry Austin who is a Paraprofessional at NSBHS continues this legacy in support of helping students to continue their education after high school.

**Kiwanis Foundation of Southeast Volusia County - Key Club Scholarship** – The Kiwanis Foundation of Southeast Volusia is pleased and honored to participate in the NSBHS scholarship program by awarding an annual scholarship to a deserving senior Key Club member.

Kiwanis is an international service and leadership organization whose mission is “serving the children of the world.” Our local chapter is approaching its 95<sup>th</sup> year donating services and funding to youth related organizations in the Southeast Volusia community. This may range from providing scholarships to summer camp programs for children who could not otherwise afford them, to supporting clothing and food banks for families in need.

Two of our biggest commitments are the Bob Noss teacher mini-grant awards, and support and guiding our “sponsored youth” clubs such as the “Cuda Key Club.” The mini-grants enable teacher to supplement their usual resources by providing supplies and unique learning programs/techniques to their students. Sponsored youth clubs are available at the elementary (K-Kids), middle school (Builders Club), and College (Circle K) levels as well as a club for physically and mentally challenged individuals.

Here at NSBHS we have been fortunate in having Mr. Cliff Weisheimer as the Key Club Faculty Advisor for the past 5 years. During the winter holiday season, he becomes “Santheimer” as the club raised money on campus for the Toys for Tots Drive.

We thank the school administration for supporting Key Club and invite interested community members to visit one of our noon luncheon meetings every Wednesday at the Smyrna Yacht Club. We welcome new members.

**Lawrence Kirk Scholarship** – Mr. Lawrence Kirk supported many groups and organizations in the area. The **Lawrence Kirk Trust Fund** was established to assist worthy students who do not have the financial resources to pay college tuition while adding a Florida public college/university.

**Lonnie Griffin Memorial** – The Lonnie Griffin Memorial Scholarship honors the memory of Lonnie Evans Griffin, Jr. Mr. Griffin was a successful real estate developer with roots in farming and agriculture. His projects which helped shape New Smyrna Beach include Watermark, Sunrise and Moontide condominiums, as well as the Inlet development.

**Marvin Harvey Memorial Scholarship** - The Marvin Harvey Memorial Scholarship honors the memory of Marvin Harvey, long-time manager and golf professional at the New Smyrna Beach Municipal Golf Course. He believed in helping young golfers achieve their lifetime goals.

**Mary S. Harrell Black Heritage Museum Scholarship** - The Mary S Harrell Black Heritage Museum Inc. is a 501c (3) organization, EIN #59-3436288. It is operated by a Board of Directors along with an Executive Director. It is located at 314 N. Duss Street, New Smyrna Beach, Florida. The Museum is used to display a collection of memorabilia and artifacts, used to educate citizens about the history and race relations in Florida over the course of the twentieth century. The Museum is owned by The Black Heritage Festival of New Smyrna Beach, Florida.

**Matthew J. Krajewski Memorial Scholarship** - The Matthew J. Krajewski Memorial Scholarship was created to honor the memory of New Smyrna Beach High School Principal Matthew Krajewski (Mr. K).

Mr. Krajewski had completed 36 years of service with Volusia County Schools when he passed away unexpectedly in March 2020.

This scholarship will honor his passion for student success and create a legacy in his name to help to encourage and support New Smyrna Beach High School seniors to achieve their dreams and goals while pursuing their higher education.

**Mildred E. Small and Robert D. Toy Scholarship Trust** – Mr. Robert D. Toye was an engineer working most of his career for the General Electric Corporation on top-secret military installations in some very remote parts of the world. Mr. Toye never married and had no children, but he wanted to help deserving graduating New Smyrna Beach High School seniors achieve their dreams of going to college. Mr. Toye and his mother, Mildred E. Small,

specifically wanted to help student pursuing a career in engineering. Each student selected will receive a \$30,000 scholarship!

**New Smyrna Beach Board of Realtors** - New Smyrna Beach Board of Realtors are here to serve their members, the public, and the community. The New Smyrna Beach Board of Realtors are actively involved in many issues and efforts that foster community and business growth. They provide numerous programs and services designed to promote the business interest and career goals of real estate professionals, as well as increase their knowledge, expertise and value to the consumer.

Since 1945 the New Smyrna Beach Board of Realtors have been providing support to local Realtor Members.

The mission of the New Smyrna Beach Board of Realtors is to serve their members by providing education, advocacy and resources; promoting home ownership; ensuring adherence to the professionalism and high ethical standards; upholding the Realtor image; and protective private property rights.

**New Smyrna Beach FFA Alumni** - is the parent organization to the NSB High School and Middle School FFA Chapter. It is open to all parents, former members and students and teachers/advisors. The Alumni are in place to assist with goals set by the chapter advisor, board of officers and their members. Fundraising for scholarships, state conference/national conference attendance costs and to provide direct support to the students and advisors at a number of different events. While the student FFA motto is "Learning to do, doing to learn, earning to live, living to serve", the mission of the NSB FFA Alumni is "Believing, Supporting and Sustaining FFA and Agriculture Education".

**New Smyrna Beach Garden Club Scholarship** – The New Smyrna Beach Garden Club was organized in 1929 by the City Gardener when he gathered together 25 women active in New Smyrna Beach, many of whom were wives of the founders of the NSB Yacht Club. They first met in each other's homes, and then in City buildings. Their two-fold mission was to propagate flowers and seeds and to increase awareness of the importance of civic beautification in our area. In 2019, as we celebrate our 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, the Club has grown to over 120 members. We still promote flowers in their splendor and the beautification of our fine city, but we have added many more activities that benefit our city and our state. Our involvement with

several community projects has helped to support and educate our citizens, both young and old, on the value and appreciation of our natural resources. We continue looking forward to many more years of service in our community.

We are pleased to award a \$1,000 scholarship each year to a New Smyrna Beach High School Senior who is pursuing a college degree in the field of agriculture, botanical sciences, or environmental studies.

**New Smyrna Beach High International Club** - The International Club was started 5 years ago by Mrs. Guruvadoo and the Foreign language Department. Students involved in the club have the opportunity to develop their leadership skills by engaging in various community activities and fundraising events that benefit the global community. The club celebrates cultural diversity at our school and is involved in helping different non-profit organizations. We support a school in the small village of Gaitu, Kenya, by sending school supplies to the students, and helped fund building a modern bathroom for that school last year. The International Club is also involved in raising awareness about Anti-Nmda receptor Encephalitis, a disease that was discovered in 2007 and affects mostly young people, the Melissa's Race for Brain Cancer and the AE Alliance for autoimmune diseases. We thank Ford Mullinax, Dr. David McKenzie, Dr. Michael Somai, and Mon Delice Bakery for all of their support and help with the club.

**New Smyrna Beach High Medical Academy Sponsored by Advent Health** – The New Smyrna Beach High School Medical Academy Scholarship is awarded to students enrolled in the Medical Academy who have excelled at school and for their community. It is sponsored by Advent Health New Smyrna Beach.

**New Smyrna Beach Police Athletic League** - The New Smyrna Beach Police Athletic League is a non-profit corporation committed to making a difference in the lives of our children. The New Smyrna Beach Police Athletic League is a registered 501(c) 3 and consists of two New Smyrna Beach Police Department Advisors, a full-time New Smyrna Beach Police Officer, Board members and numerous volunteers and community advisors. New Smyrna Beach PAL directly impacts more than 450 youth and offers safe activities and programs designed to instill positive values, character and leadership skills. The program consists of athletics, afterschool gatherings, mentoring, self-esteem building, and leadership programs. NSBPAL shares valuable space with the New Smyrna Beach City Gym, the Babe James

Center and local school facilities for the children to participate in our programs.

NSBPAL offers various levels of sponsorship and commitment levels as a way for the community to help. We look forward to our annual sponsorship and fundraising events to ensure the continued economic growth of the organization so as to remain steadfast in our commitment to the future leaders of our community.

**Pepper's Boutique** – We at Pepper's Boutique wish to give back to our community and we feel there is no better way than to start with our youth.

What makes New Smyrna Beach unique and downright awesome are our people. And we want to be the vehicle to pass along to our leaders of tomorrow, a jumpstart to assisting them on getting their careers started on the right foot.

The organization that has been shared by so many dedicated people before us, is Cudas' Unhooked and we are so please that we can contribute to some of these most worthy students at this turning point in their lives.

**Phi Delta Kappa (PDK)** – For more than 100 years, PDK International has served as one of the premier professional associations for educators. PDK members are a passionate community of educators who have access to a rich network of like-minded professionals and many valuable professional development resources.

The Volusia County Chapter of PDK has been an integral part of Volusia County Schools for more than 40 years. PDK is a group of educators and professionals working together to promote education and support the local community.

**Robert Wall Scholarship for Future Educators** – The Rob Wall Scholarship is a living memorial to our good friend and colleague Rob Wall. Rob was a graduate of New Smyrna Beach High, who later became a distinguished member of the faculty and a successful Athletic Director. Rob was the busiest, and most dedicated teacher the school has known; he was a teacher to two Advanced Placement prep classes while carrying the full-time responsibility of Athletic Director. His level of professional commitment to the school, in and out of the classroom, was unmatched by anyone in the district.

Loved by faculty and students, it was a shock to us all when Rob unexpectedly passed away. During his 20 years of service as a teacher, he inspired many students to become teachers themselves. This scholarship will enable his inspiration to continue in his name.

**Rotary Club of New Smyrna Beach, Florida, Inc.** - In the early 1920's, there was a group known as Exchange Club of New Smyrna Beach and on October 19, 1925, the group became a Fellowship Club and began negotiations for a charter in Rotary International. RI secretary, Cecil Harris, appointed Daytona Beach Club officers to investigate a request from New Smyrna Beach to join RI. On November 20, 1928, the NSB group applied for membership submitted the \$100 Charter Fee and NSB was chartered Rotary Club #3087 on March 25, 1929. Rotary International was then represented in 53 countries with 144,000 members world-wide. April 30, 1929 was Charter Night at NSB Masonic Temple. Speakers were Harry Walker, President of Sponsoring Club Daytona Beach and District Governor Harry Root, Charter Representative. The First President of the Rotary Club of New Smyrna Beach was Thaddeus L. Howells, Jr. On April 30, 2020, the Club celebrated their 91st anniversary of the Charter Night.

The Rotary Club of NSB has awarded scholarships to graduating high school seniors since 1974. In the early years, the scholarships were named to honor the late Tom Donlon, a former president of the Rotary Club who started the high school's Barracuda Booster Club and was a member of many civic organizations.

Today Rotary is a global network of 1.2 million neighbors, friends, leaders, and problem-solvers who see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change – across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves. Our mission is to provide service to others, promote integrity, and advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through our fellowship of business, professional, and community leaders.

Rotary members believe that we have a shared responsibility to take action on our world's most persistent issues. Our 35,000+ clubs work together to: promote peace, fight disease, provide clean water, sanitation, and hygiene, save mothers and children, support education and grow local economies.

**Samsula Woman's Club** - In 1949, the Samsula Woman's Club was founded by fourteen ladies from the farming community of Samsula. The current members continue to meet at SNPJ Lodge 603 for monthly socials with an occasional dine out. They have raised funds over the years with

cookbook sales (recipes from the ladies of the community), spaghetti dinners and an annual craft show. The monies raised support the needs of the lodge, provide community assistance for those in need and since 2003, the club has presented scholarships to high school graduates who either attended Samsula Elementary, Samsula Academy or have a significant relative who is a club member.

**Samsula Woman's Club – Anna Lou Luznar Memorial Scholarship** – In 2015, the Samsula Woman's Club voted to name a scholarship in honor of the late Anna Lou Luznar. Anna Lou Luznar was a lifelong resident of this area. Mrs. Luznar was the recording secretary for Samsula SNPJ Lodge 603 for many years as well as the treasurer for the Samsula Woman's Club. Anna was the treasurer and president of Samsula Elementary PTA for many years. Aside from her children, Anna was most proud of helping to keep Samsula Elementary open after it was scheduled to close in the 1980's. For almost two decades, she worked in the offices of Chisholm and Read Pattillo Elementary Schools.

**Sharon J. Sanford Art Scholarship** – This \$500 scholarship is given each year to a New Smyrna Beach High School graduating senior who pursues arts-related studies in his or her post-secondary education. The scholarship is established in memory of Sharon J. Sanford, an arts instructor at New Smyrna beach High School, who died in 1997. The first scholarships were awarded at the end of the 1997-98 academic year, making this the 22<sup>nd</sup> year of presentations.

**Smile Makers Dental Patients Scholarship** – Smile Makers Dental office is located in Edgewater. Dr. Prieto and staff think of their patients as family. The Smile Makers Dental Scholarship for existing patients that are seniors and going to college after graduation. We are proud of our patients and how hard they have worked in school and cannot wait to see what they accomplish in the future. Smile Makers Dental sees patients from one to one hundred and we love kids! Congratulations Class of 2020!

**Smyrna Surfari Club and Mike Martin Scholarship** – The Smyrna Surfari Club is still celebrating its 41st year of existence in 2020. It is the second oldest, continuously-active private surf club in the world, and probably the first to have a scholarship program. It was founded in 1979 by thirteen local surfers, most of whom are still active in the Club. Current membership is about 100 active members.

The Smyrna Surfari Club has awarded more than 100 scholarships totaling

over \$210,000 to graduating New Smyrna Beach seniors, including home-schooled seniors. Our scholarships have encouraged many students to pursue their education beyond high school. We award scholarships for students attending two-year and four-year college programs, as well as vocational schools.

The Club has produced more than 300 surf contests since its inception with proceeds benefiting its local high school scholarship fund. In April of 2019, the Club sponsored the Mike Martin Pro-Am Surf Contest with a purse of \$15,000 divided among men and women contestants. We seek to promote surfing as a healthy and fun sport for all ages.

As part of its commitment to the environment, since 2008, the Club has conducted 45+ beach clean ups on a combined 40+ miles of beach, collecting over a ton of trash.

Our Surfing Monument, located at the Flagler Avenue Boardwalk, is a very popular photographed landmark in New Smyrna Beach and was designed and paid for by the Surfari Club.

After 40 years of celebrating the sport of surfing, Club members are proud of our Club's efforts. Our contests have provided a family-oriented competition featuring some of the best surfers in the country. Our contributions to the community we love have impacted many beyond the surfing world. We thank all of the fine people who have supported the Club over the years. Our success is due in part to the generosity of our sponsors and friends.

The Smyrna Surfari Club is stoked to be awarding up to \$10,000 in scholarship funds in 2020! See you in the surf!

**Smyrna Yacht Club Scholarship** - The Smyrna Yacht Club recently celebrated its 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary! With membership well near 500, we represent many ages and interests. With a view of the Halifax River from nearly every part of the club, kayaking, sailing, and boating head the list. But cards, crafts, books and arts follow as well. Our Forum brings in speakers covering a wide variety of topics. Membership in the Florida Council of Yacht Clubs reflects our statewide focus.

We are also active members within the NSB community. For instance, many organizations host events at the club. Our scholarship program, begun in

2004, reflects the SYC commitment to support our NSB community by supporting its students. Each year, our members donate to our Scholarship Fund. After we receive scholarship applications, we select those students who best meet our criteria, and request an interview at NSBHS and are happy to hand out Certificates of Award at Honors Night. Each July, the club hosts a luncheon in honor of those students who have received our scholarship. Each student and a parent are invited to be our guests. Also, some of our scholarship students find part-time employment at the Club. We see this as a win for us and a win for the community!

**The Atlantic Center for the Arts (ACA)** - An interdisciplinary artists-in-residence community in New Smyrna Beach founded in 1977, serves artists from around the world through its year-round residency program, and over 80,000 regional community members and visitors through cultural events, free programs in the public schools, classes and exhibitions. Its main campus features the Leeper Studio Complex, winner of eight national architectural awards, and the Pabst Visitor Center & Gallery. The entire facility sits on 68 acres of lush tropical vegetation and is surrounded by 2,200 acres of preserved wetlands, the Doris Leeper Spruce Creek Preserve, named in honor of ACA's founder.

ACA has two downtown locations, Arts on Douglas Gallery representing Florida artists, and Harris House, where it runs a host of programs in Arts & Wellness. The ACA Volunteer League is over 125 members strong, with a primary focus on fundraising for and serving youth in our community.

Members dedicate their time and expertise to the mission of Atlantic Center for the Arts, IMAGES: A Festival of the Arts, programs in our public schools, and events that support Children's Arts programs and scholarships. They are the backbone of the success of these programs, further growth of the arts in the New Smyrna Beach area, and foster community interest, appreciation and support of Atlantic Center for the Arts. Learn more at [atlanticcenterforthearts.org](http://atlanticcenterforthearts.org)

**The Mike Peterson Scholarship – "Pete's Kids"** - The Pete's Kids Scholarship\* was established in honor of Mike Peterson, or "Pete" as he was called by those who knew and loved him well. Pete was a mentor, a safe place to share, a caring colleague, a beloved husband, an extremely hard worker, and a person to give you a swift nudge in the right direction and a nickname. Pete, being the assistant principal of ESE at NSBHS, had a special spot in his heart for students with disabilities. This scholarship is to

acknowledge an ESE student that Pete would have been proud of; a student that exhibits the same values and work ethic he modeled for them every day.

Mike Peterson, “Pete,” always spread a positive light on the people he associated with, especially his students; Pete’s Kids. This scholarship will be offered each year to a student that exemplifies the qualities Pete encouraged in his students. Our administrative team will become the deciding body for this scholarship. \*Scholarship was established in 2019.

**Timothy Tully Memorial Science Scholarship** – The Tim Tully Memorial Science Scholarship was created to honor the memory of Timothy J. Tully who passed away on June 24, 2019. Tim was a sixth-grade science teacher at New Smyrna Beach Middle School. This scholarship will honor his passion for student success.

**Zackary Donatti Memorial Scholarship** - Zackary Donatti Memorial Scholarship is in honor of my son’s memory. He passed away on June 14, 2014. Zack was full of life and strived to help everyone or anyone. He had a passion barrel racing his country life with horses and racing go karts all over the US. to racing trucks and late models at New Smyrna Beach Speedway and all around. He wanted to drive for Nascar. His favorite quote was turning those dreams into actions. An action turns into results. Sooner or later you will be living your dream.

He was a prankster to the highest degree he always made you laugh, but he had a heart of gold. He graduated here and loved his school. Always striving for bigger things and he worked to get them. We have a horse show every year to honor him and raise money for scholarship’s, so he is not forgotten. Good luck with your future and never lets anything get you down take a deep breath conquer your fears and go for it.



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