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\$59,000 IN COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED TO JUNIOR GOLFERS

Over the past 11 years, the Kelly Gibson Foundation along with its community partners have awarded \$655,800 in scholarships to 281 recipients.

COVINGTON, La., August 3, 2021 – The Kelly Gibson Foundation along with its community partners awarded \$59,000 in college scholarships to 26 members of the Kelly Gibson Junior Golf Tour that participated in the Oscar J. Tolmas Charitable Trust Mentorship Program June-July 2021. Scholarships were given to deserving participants at the Annual Awards Banquet presented by Alvarez & Marsal held at Tchefuncta Country Club. Each year, these scholarships are awarded based on community service, sportsmanship, academic achievements, and financial need.

Four (4) scholarships totaling \$15,000 were given on behalf of the Fore!Kids Foundation.

Hannah Pitre - \$5,000 the FKF Board Chairman Scholarship
Matthew Bui - \$5,000 FKF Buddy Seeling “Making a Difference” Scholarship
Gil Ward - \$2,500 Zurich Classic Tournament Chairman Scholarship
Klausen Madison - \$2,500 Zurich Classic Title Sponsor Scholarship

Five (5) scholarships totaling \$12,000 were given on behalf of the BC Cup Foundation in memory of Barry Hogan and Colin Headrick.

Mateo Jimenez - \$2,500 Jack O’Neill Memorial Scholarship
Grace Lanier - \$2,500 BC Cup Foundation Scholarship
Merrick Rotolo - \$2,500 BC Cup Foundation Scholarship
Riley Hnatyshyn - \$2,500 Gary & Gerry McCool Scholarship
Gabriel Hudson-Seay - \$2,000 Lt. Michael Boutte Memorial Scholarship

Four (4) scholarships totaling \$10,000 were given on behalf of the Allstate Sugar Bowl.

Katelynn Altese - \$2,500 Allstate Sugar Bowl Scholarship
Evan Favalora - \$2,500 Allstate Sugar Bowl Scholarship
Jon Tyler Broome - \$2,500 Allstate Sugar Bowl Scholarship
Reese Drezins - \$2,500 Allstate Sugar Bowl Scholarship

Four (4) scholarships totaling \$7,000 were given on behalf of the New Orleans Golf Association.

Sweden Ledet - \$2,000 Clarence Steeg Scholarship
Aubrey Stark - \$2,000 Tommy Moore Scholarship
Jacob Kaliszkeski - \$2,000 Tommy Moore Scholarship
Kelsey Dill - \$1,000 Gerald Causin Scholarship

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Other scholarships included were Entergy “We Power Life” Scholarship, The P.I.G. Invitational Charity Scholarships, The Mackel Foundation Scholarship, Susan & Garic Schoen Scholarship, and Kelly Gibson Foundation Scholarships. Recipients of these scholarships were the following:

Zaire Stevenson

Hastings Dawson

Chase May

Trent Gilbertson

Preston Giroir

Blair McKenzie

John Martin Walton

Emerson duPassage

Trey Morse

The Kelly Gibson Junior Golf Tour has many proud partners: Alvarez & Marsal, Oscar J. Tolmas Charitable Trust, Fore!Kids Foundation, Coca-Cola, Allstate Sugar Bowl, RCI, Raising Cane’s Chicken Fingers, Manning Lumber & Marine, The BC Cup Foundation, New Orleans Golf Association, Rob Noel Golf Academy, Guidry Golf & Sport, Ballard Brands, The P.I.G. Invitational Charity, The Mackel Foundation, McMath Construction, and Entergy New Orleans.

The Kelly Gibson Junior Golf Tour was founded in 2009 by PGA Tour Professional Kelly Gibson. The Kelly Gibson Foundation operates the junior golf tour with the mission of creating a positive learning experience through golf by providing competitive golf tournaments throughout the year. The KGJGT is open to both male and female golfers ages 7-22, with members competing in junior golf tournaments throughout New Orleans and the Gulf Coast Region. Regardless of the players’ golfing ability, scholarships are awarded based on community service, grade point average and financial need. All members of the KGJGT who are at least juniors in high school are eligible to receive scholarships.

About The Kelly Gibson Foundation:

The Kelly Gibson Foundation was founded as Feed the Relief, Inc. by Kelly and Elizabeth Gibson in September of 2005 with the idea of providing necessary support for the front line first responders to Hurricane Katrina. In the days and weeks following the disaster of Katrina, Feed the Relief provided support to the Coast Guard, EMS personnel, police and fire departments, community centers, hospitals, and residents as they returned to their homes. In 2010, Feed the Relief, a 501(c)3 corporation, changed its name to The Kelly Gibson Foundation, and expanded its scope to enrich the lives of children through athletics. *For more information, please visit www.thekellygibsonfoundation.org.*

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