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### **\$60,000 IN COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED TO JUNIOR GOLFERS**

*Over the past 10 years, the Kelly Gibson Foundation along with its community partners have awarded \$596,800 in scholarships to 255 recipients.*

*Covington, Louisiana* - On August 4, 2020, The Kelly Gibson Foundation along with its community partners awarded \$60,000 in college scholarships to 22 members of the Kelly Gibson Junior Golf Tour. 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, academic achievements, and financial need; not golfing ability.

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

Rod Chandler - \$5,000 the FKF Board Chairman Scholarship  
Kati Albright - \$5,000 FKF Buddy Seeling "Making a Difference" Scholarship  
Sophia Albasini - \$2,500 Zurich Classic Tournament Chairman Scholarship  
Jackson Heap - \$2,500 Zurich Classic Title Sponsor Scholarship.

#### **Four (4) scholarships totaling \$15,000 were given on behalf of the Allstate Sugar Bowl.**

Blair McKenzie - \$5,000 Allstate Sugar Bowl Scholarship  
Chase May - \$5,000 Allstate Sugar Bowl Scholarship  
Kelsey Dill - \$2,500 Allstate Sugar Bowl Scholarship  
Gil Ward - \$2,500 Allstate Sugar Bowl Scholarship

#### **Four (4) scholarships totaling \$10,000 were given on behalf of the BC Cup Foundation in memory of Barry Hogan and Colin Headrick.**

Katelynn Altese - \$2,500 Jack O'Neill Memorial Scholarship  
Reese Drezins - \$2,500 BC Cup Foundation Scholarship  
Zaire Stevenson - \$2,500 BC Cup Foundation Scholarship  
Trey Morse - \$2,500 Gary & Gerry McCool Scholarship

Other scholarships included were Entergy Scholarship, The PIG Charity Scholarships, The Mackel Scholarship, Ronnie Jacobs Memorial Scholarship, Susan & Garic Schoen Scholarship and New Orleans Golf Association Scholarships. Recognized among the recipients were the following:

*Michael Buisson*

*Peyton Kennedy*

*Trent Gilbertson*

*Emma Wedgeworth*

*Josie Headrick*

*John Martin Walton*

*Antoine Liddell*

*Dwayne Heron*

*Claire Landry*

*Griffin Dorr*

The Kelly Gibson Junior Golf Tour has many proud partners: Fore!Kids Foundation, Coca-Cola, Allstate Sugar Bowl, RCI, Raising Cane's Chicken Fingers, BC Cup Foundation, New Orleans Golf Association, Rob Noel Golf Academy, The PIG 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](http://www.thekellygibsonfoundation.org).

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