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### **\$64,500 IN COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED TO MEMBERS OF THE 2018 KELLY GIBSON JUNIOR GOLF TOUR**

*New Orleans, Louisiana* - On August 12, 2018, The Kelly Gibson Foundation along with its community partners awarded \$64,500 in college scholarships to 26 members of the Kelly Gibson Junior Golf Tour presented by Nestle Pure Life. Scholarships were given to deserving participants at the Annual Awards Banquet presented by Alvarez & Marsal held at the InterContinental New Orleans. Each year, these scholarships are awarded based on community service, academic achievements, and financial need and not golfing ability.

Fourteen (14) scholarships totaling \$31,000 were given on behalf of The Kelly Gibson Foundation. Two (2) \$2,500 scholarships, awarded to Josie Headrick of Slidell and Madeline Boudreau of Harvey, and two (2) \$5,000 scholarships, awarded to Savannah Ennis of Abita Springs and Chris Wilson of Covington, were given on behalf of the Allstate Sugar Bowl. One (1) \$2,500 scholarship was awarded on behalf of McMath Construction to Peter Hansen of New Orleans. One (1) \$2,000 “We Power Life” scholarship was awarded on behalf of Entergy New Orleans to Caroline Hingle of Covington. One (1) \$1,500 scholarship was awarded on behalf of Treetop Merit to Karrington Knight of New Orleans. Vincent Almerico of Diamondhead, MS was the recipient of the one (1) \$1,500 Curtis Bethea Memorial Scholarship. Callee Breland of Bay St. Louis was the recipient of the one (1) \$1,500 Susan & Garic Schoen Scholarship. Two (2) \$2,000 scholarships were given in the name of The PIG (Partners in Giving) Invitational Charity to Reese Drezins of Slidell and Chase May of Covington. Three (3) \$1,000 scholarships were given on behalf of Cox Communications to Antoine Liddell of Luling, Kyle Estay of Larose, and Nolan Lambert of Gretna.

Four (4) scholarships totaling \$15,000 were given on behalf of the Fore!Kids Foundation. Jay Beatmann of New Orleans was awarded the \$5,000 the FKF Board Chairman Scholarship; Alex Gelpi of Destrehan was awarded the \$5,000 FKF Buddy Seeling “Making a Difference” Scholarship; Julia Simon of New Orleans was awarded the \$2,500 Zurich Classic Tournament

Chairman Scholarship; and Kati Albright of Pearlinton, MS was awarded the \$2,500 Zurich Classic Title Sponsor Scholarship.

Three (3) scholarships totaling \$7,500 were given on behalf of the BC Cup Foundation in memory of Barry Hogan and Colin Headrick. Zachary Barrios of Slidell, Dwayne Heron of Terrytown, and Benjamin Oelkers of Metairie each received \$2,500 scholarships. One (1) \$2,500 Gary & Gerry McCool Scholarship was awarded to Brandon Garcia of Harahan.

One (1) scholarship in the amount of \$2,500 was given on behalf of The Mackel Foundation to Lori Launey of Gretna.

Three (3) scholarships totaling \$6,000 were given on behalf of the New Orleans Golf Association. Claire Landry of Napoleonville and Cameron Avery of Gretna were each awarded a \$2,000 Tommy Moore Scholarship. Catherine Landry of Slidell was the recipient of the \$2,000 Clarence Steeg Scholarship.

The Kelly Gibson Junior Golf Tour is presented by Nestle Pure Life in partnership with the Fore! Kids Foundation, the Oscar J. Tolmas Charitable Trust, Humana, Coca-Cola, Cox Communications, Allstate Sugar Bowl, Tomba Communications, RCI, Hub International, Academy Sports + Outdoors, BC Cup Foundation, New Orleans Golf Association, Rob Noel Golf Academy, Alvarez & Marsal, The Mackel Foundation, McMath Construction, Ballard Brands, 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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