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\$66,000 IN COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED TO KELLY GIBSON JUNIOR GOLF TOUR MEMBERS

This year, the Kelly Gibson Foundation and its community partners have surpassed the \$775,000 mark in scholarship funds awarded. In 14 years, the total scholarships awarded from the Kelly Gibson Foundation Scholarship Program has reached \$784,300 to 341 recipients.

COVINGTON, La., August 1, 2023 – The Kelly Gibson Foundation along with its community partners are awarding \$66,000 in college scholarships to 29 members of the Kelly Gibson Junior Golf Tour that participated in the Oscar J. Tolmas Charitable Trust Mentorship Program held June-July 2023. Scholarships will be given to deserving participants tonight at the Annual Scholarship Banquet presented by Alvarez & Marsal. The event is being held at Tchefoncta Country Club and has approximately 120 attendees. 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.

Kaleb Vu - \$5,000 the FKF Board Chairman Scholarship
Preston Kuehne - \$5,000 FKF Buddy Seeling “Making a Difference” Scholarship
Ashlyn Crimmins - \$2,500 Zurich Classic Tournament Chairman Scholarship
Turner Hester - \$2,500 Zurich Classic Title Sponsor Scholarship

Eight (8) scholarships totaling \$20,000 were given on behalf of the BC Cup Foundation in memory of Barry Hogan and Colin Headrick.

Alison Quirk - \$2,500 Gary & Gerry McCool Scholarship
Andrew Payne - \$2,500 Jack O’Neill Memorial Scholarship
Claire Chauvin - \$2,500 Jack O’Neill Memorial Scholarship presented by Silver Slipper
Morgan Guepet - \$2,500 BC Cup Foundation Scholarship
Evan Favalora - \$2,500 BC Cup Foundation Scholarship
Brady Pitzen - \$2,500 BC Cup Foundation Scholarship
Parker Dickerson - \$2,500 BC Cup Foundation Scholarship
Connor Junot - \$2,500 BC Cup Foundation Scholarship

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

Merrick Murchison - \$2,500 Allstate Sugar Bowl Scholarship
Jacques Holloway - \$2,500 Allstate Sugar Bowl Scholarship
Charles “Gil” Ward - \$2,500 Allstate Sugar Bowl Scholarship
Nicholas Wall - \$2,500 Allstate Sugar Bowl Scholarship

Six (6) scholarships totaling \$9,000 were given on behalf of the New Orleans Golf Association.

Peyton Flynn - \$2,000 Clarence Steeg Scholarship
Dylan Mayeux - \$2,000 Tommy Moore Scholarship
Matthew Biehl - \$2,000 Tommy Moore Scholarship

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Kaitlyn Tillery - \$1,000 Gerald Causin Scholarship
Benjamin Chaisson - \$1,000 William Smith Scholarship
Ashley Gaspard - \$1,000 Herb Price Scholarship

Other scholarships included were The P.I.G. Invitational Charity Scholarships, The Mackel Foundation Scholarship, Susan & Garic Schoen Scholarship, Chris Ewing Memorial Scholarships, and The Kelly Gibson Foundation Scholarship. Recipients of these scholarships were the following:

Ethan Marx - \$2,500 P.I.G. Invitational Charity Scholarship

Blair McKenzie - \$2,500 P.I.G. Invitational Charity Scholarship

Preston Giroir - \$2,500 The Mackel Foundation Scholarship

Jackson Heap - \$1,500 Susan & Garic Schoen Scholarship

Sophia Macias - \$1,000 Chris Ewing Memorial Scholarship

Katelynn Altese - \$1,000 Chris Ewing Memorial Scholarship

Chase May - \$1,000 Kelly Gibson Foundation Scholarship

The Kelly Gibson Junior Golf Tour has many proud partners: Crown Buick, Alvarez & Marsal, Oscar J. Tolmas Charitable Trust, Fore!Kids Foundation, Allstate Sugar Bowl, 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, McMath Construction, Stirling Properties, and Fotti Financial Services.

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 active members of the KGJGT and mentors of the Oscar J. Tolmas Charitable Trust Mentorship Program 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.kellygibsonfoundation.org.*

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