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\$62,500 IN COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED TO KELLY GIBSON JUNIOR GOLF TOUR MEMBERS

This year, the Kelly Gibson Foundation and its community partners have surpassed the \$700,000 mark in scholarship funds awarded. In 13 years, the total scholarships awarded from the Kelly Gibson Foundation Scholarship Program has reached \$718,300 to 312 recipients.

COVINGTON, La., August 2, 2022 – The Kelly Gibson Foundation along with its community partners awarded \$62,500 in college scholarships to 28 members of the Kelly Gibson Junior Golf Tour that participated in the Oscar J. Tolmas Charitable Trust Mentorship Program held June-July 2022. Scholarships were given to deserving participants at the Annual Scholarship Banquet presented by Alvarez & Marsal. The event was held at Tchefuncta Country Club and had 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.

TJ Taylor - \$5,000 the FKF Board Chairman Scholarship
Sweden Ledet - \$5,000 FKF Buddy Seeling “Making a Difference” Scholarship
Merrick Rotolo - \$2,500 Zurich Classic Tournament Chairman Scholarship
Evan Favalora - \$2,500 Zurich Classic Title Sponsor Scholarship

Six (6) scholarships totaling \$15,500 were given on behalf of the BC Cup Foundation in memory of Barry Hogan and Colin Headrick.

Aubrey Stark - \$3,000 Gary & Gerry McCool Scholarship
Drew Silman - \$2,500 Jack O’Neill Memorial Scholarship
Preston Giroir - \$2,500 Jack O’Neill Memorial Scholarship presented by Silver Slipper
Caden Moore - \$2,500 BC Cup Foundation Scholarship
Kobe Narcisse - \$2,500 BC Cup Foundation Scholarship
Bryce Denley - \$2,500 BC Cup Foundation Scholarship

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

Trent Gilbertson - \$2,500 Allstate Sugar Bowl Scholarship
Hannah Pitre - \$2,500 Allstate Sugar Bowl Scholarship
Morgan Hebert - \$2,500 Allstate Sugar Bowl Scholarship
Gil Ward - \$2,500 Allstate Sugar Bowl Scholarship

Five (5) scholarships totaling \$8,000 were given on behalf of the New Orleans Golf Association.

Merrick Murchison - \$2,000 Clarence Steeg Scholarship
Samantha Schultz - \$2,000 Tommy Moore Scholarship
Clifton LeBlanc Jr. - \$2,000 Tommy Moore Scholarship

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Gabby Brown - \$1,000 Gerald Causin Scholarship
Kaleb Vu - \$1,000 William Smith Scholarship

Other scholarships included were 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:

Reeze Drezins - \$2,500 P.I.G. Invitational

Jackson Heap - \$2,500 P.I.G. Invitational

Katelynn Altese - \$2,500 The Mackel Foundation Scholarship

Matthew Bui - \$1,500 Susan & Garic Schoen

Blair McKenzie - \$1,000 Kelly Gibson Foundation

Mateo Jimenez - \$1,000 Kelly Gibson Foundation

Jon Tyler Broome - \$1,000 Kelly Gibson Foundation

Ariana Blagrove - \$1,000 Kelly Gibson Foundation

Chase May - \$1,000 Kelly Gibson Foundation

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, McMath Construction, and Angiostar Radiology.

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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