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GSGA Foundation Awards Scholarships to GSGA Member Club Employees and Future Superintendents

MARIETTA, GA – As students across Georgia head back to college campuses, there are 79 golf course employees or their dependents and 12 future superintendents who are starting or returning to college with scholarships, courtesy of the GSGA Foundation. These scholarship recipients were honored earlier this summer at a luncheon at Cherokee Town and Country Club in Atlanta. The GSGA Foundation has supported hundreds of scholars and has surpassed the \$3.5 million mark in cumulative financial assistance to deserving students.

The Yates Scholarship Program, which provides college funds to GSGA Member Club employees and their dependents, granted \$339,700 to 21 new scholars and 58 renewing scholars for the 2018-2019 school year. The scholarships are awarded annually based on academic achievement, financial need, character and work experience at a GSGA Member Club. Scholars may apply for renewal up through their fourth year of college. Named for Charles, Dan and Danny Yates of Atlanta, all of whom have contributed greatly to the game of golf, the Yates program has supported more than 350 scholars in its 31-year history. All GSGA Member Club employees and their dependents are eligible to apply.

Georgia's most promising future superintendents are also supported by the GSGA Foundation through the James B. "Monty" Moncrief Scholarship Program. The Moncrief Scholarships honor deserving students in the field of agronomy and turf management at Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College (ABAC), the University of Georgia (UGA) and students who live and work in Georgia, but attend an accredited school outside of the state. They are based on academic achievement, character and financial need. Like the Yates Scholarship, scholars may apply for renewal up through their fourth year of college. Seven students from ABAC and five from UGA received scholarships totaling \$22,500 for the 2018-2019 school year. This program is in its 42nd year and has supported more than 275 Moncrief Scholars. This program is also supported by the Georgia Golf Course Superintendents Association. The scholarship is named in memory of Moncrief, a former Southeastern Green Section Director for the United States Golf Association.

Applications for the 2019-2020 school year can be found at www.gsga.org beginning this fall, and will be accepted through March 1, 2019.

The GSGA Foundation is the charitable affiliate of the Georgia State Golf Association. Founded in 1916, the Georgia State Golf Association (GSGA) received its official charter on June 24, 1924. Since that date, the GSGA has grown to one of the largest state amateur golf associations in the country, with nearly 340 member clubs and 75,000 individual members. With a mission to promote and preserve amateur golf in the state of Georgia, GSGA offers a computerized handicapping service, course rating and measuring, and annually conducts a full schedule of statewide competitions for men and women of all age groups. In addition to the Foundation's scholarship programs, other services include a summer-long junior sectional program, the Georgia Golf Hall of Fame, award-winning *Golf Georgia* magazine, membership recognition and rewards programs.

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Yates Scholars

Class of 2019

Joshua Abrams, Georgia Southern University, Wolf Creek Golf Club
Tristan Bowen, *Arnold Blum Endowed Scholar*, Toccoa Falls College, Idle Hour Club
Elizabeth Buttram, *G. Gunby Jordan, II Endowed Scholar*, Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College, Green Island CC
Michael Dudash, *Capital City Club Endowed Scholar*, Kennesaw State University, Capital City Crabapple
Delaney Frank, University of West Georgia, Braelinn Golf Club
Zachary Hodge, Georgia College & State University, Country Club of Roswell
Mahtab Khanezarrin, *Dick Franklin Performance Award Winner*, Georgia State University, Cherokee Town & CC
Winda Khor, *Paul Grigsby Endowed Scholar*, University of Georgia, Capital City Club
Alex Kicklighter, University of Georgia, Dublin Country Club
Forrest Lybarger, Georgia State University, Country Club of the South
Amelia Pittman, *Tom Cousins Endowed Scholar*, Valdosta State University, Dunwoody Country Club
Chanley Reeves, *Don W. Sands Endowed Scholar*, Georgia Southern University, Atlanta Athletic Club
Jackson Renner, University of Georgia, Chapel Hills Golf Club
Hunter Roberson, *Stuart Blandford Named Scholar*, Georgia Southern University, Idle Hour Club
Marion Roberts, *H.P. "Pink" Persons, Jr. Endowed Scholar*, Georgia Southern University, Idle Hour Club
Matthew Roberts, University of Colorado at Boulder, Atlanta Athletic Club
Rebecca Slimming, University of Georgia, Atlanta Country Club
Alex Solorzano, *Billi Marcus Named Scholar*, University of Georgia, Atlanta Country Club
Nicki Sperry, University of North Georgia, Horseshoe Bend CC/Golf Club of Georgia
Miranda Stinson, *Roger Cordes Named Scholar*, Kennesaw State University, Cherokee Town & Country Club
Molly Vinson, Young Harris College, Kingwood Country Club
Jack Wise, University of Georgia, Glen Arven Country Club

Class of 2020

Cinthia Alvarado, Chattahoochee Technical College, Capital City Club
Charlie Barton, *Robert J. Flynn Pinetree Country Club Endowed Scholar*, Georgia Southern U., Pinetree CC
Madeline Black, *J. Lawrence Connolly Endowed Scholar*, Loyola University Chicago, Cherokee Town & CC
William Bradley, Clemson University, Wilmington Island Club
Meghan Bramblett, *Pete Cox Endowed Scholar*, Coastal Carolina University, Hamilton Mill Golf Club
Yesenia Byrd, *Dick Franklin Scholar*, Gwinnett Technical College, Capital City Club
William Churchwell, Kennesaw State University, Marietta Country Club
Genevieve Clement, University of North Georgia Oconee Campus, Country Club of Roswell
Julianna Collett, Georgia Southern University, Sea Island Golf Club
Caleb Cox, *Barnsley Resort Named Scholar*, Georgia Northwestern Tech College, Coosa Country Club
Jacob Davenport, Kennesaw State University, Marietta Country Club
Jason Gajda, *John Kirk Endowed Scholar*, Georgia Gwinnett College, The Standard Club
Hannah Gasaway, *Morris and Carol Boyer Endowed Scholarship*, Dalton State College, Eagle's Brooke CC
Grant Gibbons, University of Mississippi, Rivermont Golf Club
Parker Gordy, *Billy Peters Endowed Scholar*, Georgia Tech, Lost Plantation Golf Club
Sarah Istambouli, *Dick Franklin Scholar*, Middle Georgia State University, Rivermont Golf Club
Landon Kell, Georgia Southern University, The Chimneys Golf Club
Cyril Longmene, *Boone Aiken Knox Endowed Scholar*, Georgia College & State University, Augusta National GC
Jacob McWhorter, Reinhardt University, City Club Marietta
Tahmina Mohiuddin, *Wilson P. Franklin Endowed Scholar*, Emory University, Cherokee Town & Country Club
Carey Murdock, *William Weston IV Endowed Scholar*, Arizona State University, Augusta National Golf Club
Emily Olsson, Georgia Southern University, Georgia Southern University Golf Course
Diana Orabueze, *Caryl Paller Endowed Scholar*, Georgia State University, Cherokee Town & Country Club
John Sibley, University of Georgia, Atlanta Country Club
Elizabeth Swett, University of Georgia, TPC Sugarloaf
Hollis Veal, *Davis Love, Jr. Endowed Scholar*, Auburn University, Sea Island Golf Club
Holly Vlach, Samford University, TPC Sugarloaf
Rachel Walsh, University of North Georgia, Atlanta Athletic Club
Briana Walton, Gwinnett Technical College, Hamilton Mill Golf Club
Casey Wofford, *P. Dan Yates, Jr. Endowed Scholar*, University of Georgia, Country Club of Roswell

Class of 2021

Yusuf Azizi, *GSGA Foundation Alumni Endowed Scholar*, Harvard University, Dunwoody Country Club
Lydia Connally, Georgia College & State University, Fox Creek/Reunion Country Club
Brennan Cox, *John Imlay Endowed Scholar*, University of Georgia, Peachtree Golf Club
Sydney Crisp, Kennesaw State University, Atlanta Country Club
Margaret Davis, University of Virginia, Glen Arven Country Club
Madison Garrett, *The Georgia Cup Named Scholar*, University of Georgia, Hamilton Mill Golf Club
Lindsay Hodge, University of Tennessee-Knoxville, Country Club of Roswell
Alena Joignant, *William P. Blalock Endowed Scholar*, Georgia Tech, Capital City Club
Mikila Mullan, Kennesaw State University, Atlanta Country Club
Ryan Owens, *John B. "Sonny" Ellis Endowed Scholar*, University of Georgia, Glen Arven Country Club
Riley Reeves, *A.J. "Duck" Swann Endowed Scholar*, University of North Georgia Oconee Campus, Atlanta Athletic Club
Allison Shiver, Gulf Coast State College, Fort Benning Golf Course
Ashley Wilder, University of Georgia, Club Corp Clubs

Class of 2022

Jack Albertson, *Rick and Pam Burton Endowed Scholar*, Georgia Southern University, Coosa Country Club
Cameron Bartlett, University of Georgia, Cherokee Town & Country Club
Sam Calhoun, *Joe Inman, Jr. Endowed Scholar*, Kennesaw State University, Maple Ridge Golf Club
Jaclyn Clark, University of Tennessee, Marietta Country Club
Julia Clark, University of Tennessee, Marietta Country Club
Ally Collett, University of Georgia, Sea Island Golf Club
Emme Collett, University of Georgia, Sea Island Golf Club
Lukas Freeman, Reinhardt University, Indian Hills Country Club
Madeline Hagle, University of North Georgia, The Golf Club at Bradshaw Farm
Luke Maran, Kennesaw State University, Country Club of Roswell
Jacob Owen, Georgia College & State University, Flat Creek Club
Griffin Pizzano, Middlebury College, Capital City Club Crabapple
Rin Richardson, Shorter University, Sea Island Golf Club
Gabriella Welch, University of Georgia, Capital City Club

Moncrief Scholars

Class of 2019

Austin "A.J." Brown, Woodstock, University of Georgia
Elijah Churchman, Stockbridge, University of Georgia
Patricia Harrison, Gainesville, Fla., Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College
Logan Rush, Cedartown, Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College
McCoy Savage, Gainesville, University of Georgia
Michael DeAngelo, McDonough, Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College
Brandon Reavis, McDonough, University of Georgia

Class of 2020

Cooper Thornton, Orange Park, Fla., Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College
Kyle Brock, Loganville, Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College
Adam Chisum, *Blalock Machinery Moncrief Endowed Scholar*, Acworth, University of Georgia

Class of 2021

Jhanavi Williams, Blackshear, Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College

Class of 2022

Hunter Dokey, *Mark Esoda Endowed Scholar*, Hawkinsville, Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College