

Take Stock in Children
S.T.A.R.S. Ceremony
May 4, 2023



Okaloosa Public Schools Foundation, Inc.

Steve Horton, Executive Director

The Okaloosa Public Schools Foundation is a non-profit organization governed by a board of directors and is comprised of a diverse group of individuals from across the county, representing our community's families, educators and businesses. The purpose of the Foundation is to protect the future by supporting education and serving as a catalyst to enhance teaching and learning through community and private sector involvement. The Foundation works with community and private organizations as well as corporate donors to award Take Stock in Children scholarships to students and grants to teachers in Okaloosa County.

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take stock in children | scholarships, mentors & hope



Okaloosa County School Board

The Okaloosa County School Board members continually strive to go beyond what's expected by raising the bar again and again. Their first commitment is to all students - striving to give them the best quality education in the State of Florida.

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Take Stock in Children Scholarship Donors and Contributors 2022-2023

Two Year College Tuition Scholarships

CareerSource Florida
Choctawhatchee Electric Cooperative (CHELCO)
FL Power & Light Northwest FL
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Panhandle Job Fair Foundation
Private Generous Donor

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Center for Lifelong Learning
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Take Stock in Children Program Requirements

College tuition scholarships
are awarded to students who:

- meet academic, attendance and behavior criteria
 - commit to maintain their good school record
 - remain drug free and crime free, and
- meet with a mentor at school to prepare for post-secondary education



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**Take Stock in Children New Scholars
2023**

Bianca Arevalo.....	Shoal River Middle School
Enrique Boyett	Davidson Middle School
Jocelyn Brame	Davidson Middle School
Destiny Cortez-Reyes	Pryor Middle School
Isabelle Crabb.....	Fort Walton Beach High School
	Pathway To Prosperity/ FL Power & Light Scholar
Taniha Higgins	Fort Walton Beach High School
	Pathway To Prosperity/ FL Power & Light Scholar
Jayden Holt	Fort Walton Beach High School
	Pathway To Prosperity/ FL Power & Light Scholar
Nathan Jucha	Fort Walton Beach High School
	Be the Magic Foundation, Inc
Bradley Mastanduno.....	Davidson Middle School
	Choctawhatchee Electric Cooperative Scholar
Allyson Matthews	Ruckel Middle School
	Mid-Bay Rotary Scholar
Lillyan Matthews.....	Ruckel Middle School
Brooke Mignard	Choctawhatchee High School
	Panhandle Job Fair Foundation Scholar
Jackai Nathaniel	Fort Walton Beach High School
	Pathway To Prosperity/ FL Power & Light Scholar
Aiden Neese.....	Davidson Middle School
Caleb Pearce	Pryor Middle School
Sofia Rosell Carreno	Meigs Middle School
Ayanne Tomlinson.....	Pryor Middle School



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Caleb Pearce



Sofia Rosell
Carreno



Ayanne
Tomlinson

Class of 2023

Congratulations! Today, we celebrate your accomplishments and look forward to your continued future success.

We are grateful for the commitment of your family members, teachers, school administrators, mentors, and scholarship donors who have invested in your future and provided support for the attainment of your educational goals.



Fort Walton Beach High School



- Dual enrollment, NWFSC
- Employed, 2 years
- Sweet 16 appearance, District Champion

Adriana Asque

Considering US Military and Okaloosa Technical College

Fort Walton Beach High School



- Lab coat, Biomedical Science Research
- Minority Council
- Women's Club and Damien Stevens Scholarship recipient
- Employed, 2 years
- Community service- Opportunity Place, Salvation Army and Gregg Chapel AME

Jania Bartley

Niceville High School

- Cum Laude Honors Graduate
- Dual enrollment, NWFSC
- Fine Arts Club, secretary
- Executive Intern, 2 years
- UWF Merit Scholar
- Employed



Riley Clark



Choctawhatchee High School

- Cum Laude Honors Graduate
- Chorus, 3 years
- 560+ Work hours

Emily 'Emerson' DeSimone

University of West Florida, Undecided



Choctawhatchee High School

- Dual enrollment, Okaloosa Technical College
- Automotive Technician, Lee Nissan
- Employed, Sound Technician

Jonathan Dutton

Okaloosa Technical College, Master Automotive Technician



Crestview High School

- Cum Laude Honor Graduate
- Big Red Machine, 4 years
- Front Ensemble Section leader, 22-23
- Art Club, 4 years
- National Honor Art Society, 2 years
- Small business owner
- Employed, 2 years

Sydney Rain Ganey



Niceville High School

- Golf
- Baseball
- Employed, 3 years
- Executive Intern

Caden Gatlin

Pensacola State College, Business

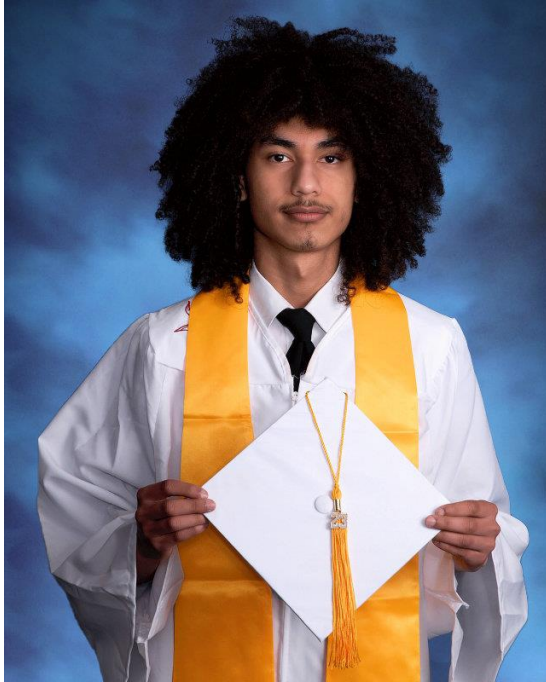
Crestview High School



- Summa cum Laude Honors Graduate and Valedictorian
- Associates of Arts, Dec. 2023
- Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA), International Home Health Aide, 4th place
- Gates Scholar
- Leader 4 Life
- Intern at North Okaloosa Medical Center
- New Life International Worship Center

Tyniyah Haughton

University of Florida, Public Health Pre-Med



Fort Walton Beach High School

- Summa Cum Laude
- 200+ hours of community service
- AP Scholar
- AICE Student

Angelo Posadas

University of West Florida, Computer Engineering

Niceville High School



- Cum Laude Honor Graduate
- 33 AFJROTC Corp Commander
- Cox Student Hero Award Recipient
- Sons of the American Revolution Award Recipient
- Air Force Association Scholarship Nominee
- Over 175+ hours of community service
- Dual enrollment, NWFSC

Erik Sirmans

Enlisted in US Army Reserves; University of West Florida, Nursing

Baker School



- 125+ community Service hours, including mentoring Baker youth
- MVP, 2020 1A State Champion, Football
- Roger Dearing Spirit of Sport Award
- Holds Florida State record for most rushing yards in a single game
- Track and basketball teams

Kayleb Wagner

Choctawhatchee High School



- Cum Laude Honors Graduate
- Stylemarchers, 4 years
- Employed
- Career Technical Education, CTE
- Python certified

Dylan Wagoner

University of West Florida, Computer Science

Fort Walton Beach High School



- Chorus, 3 years
- Dance, 3 years
- Voice of Valhalla, 1 year
- Employed, 2+ years

Adria Womack

NWFSC, Undecided



Collegiate High School

- NWFSC Debate team
- Internship Eglin Research Lab
- 50+ college credit hours
- Employed, 3 years

Amyas Worthen

Undecided, Information Technology/Cybersecurity

Take Stock in Children Mentors to the Class of 2023

Thank you for your commitment and support!

Tim Bryant
Susan Campbell
Miranda Cook
Linda Evanchyk
Kristi Evans
Mike Fantaski
Cindy Gates
Debra Himber

Caroline McCoy
Grant Meyer
Christopher Olson
Ray Sansom
Debbie Tate
Jon Williams
Mary Williams



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Student Recognition Program
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