



Top Row from left to right – Kyra Stauble, Chenille Levy, Ashlee Hyland, Elijah Bauer and Ellis Rainey

Bottom Row from left to right – Samuel Edwards, Joseph Hiers, Addison Cooksey, Kai Birchall

The St. Augustine/Ketterlinus High Alumni Association is proud to announce the 2021 SAHS Senior Scholarship Award winners this past May 11, 2021 for graduating SAHS Seniors.

Scholarships are sponsored by the gracious donations from our community, friends of the alumni association as well as past SAHS/KHS Alumni/family members.

Scholarships can't be done without your continued support. Businesses and individuals wishing to donate to our yearly scholarship fund for SAHS graduating seniors to send money to our 501c3 nonprofit organization – SA/KHS Alumni Association – 17 Pacific Street, Suite A, St. Augustine, FL 32084.

There were co-winners of this year's Carol Melton Scholarship sponsored by SAHS Hall of Fame Inductee Carol Melton.

### **SAHS 2021 Senior Kyra Stauble was awarded a \$1,000 Carol Melton Scholarship.**

Kyra was ranked 3<sup>rd</sup> in her SAHS Class with a weighted GPA of 4.78 and 221 community service hours. Some of her award accomplishments at SAHS include being member of the National Honor Society/Honor Roll, Academic Letter winner, Character Counts Youth American Character Award winner, 2021 Top Jacket/All Conference Athletics winner, and 2020 All Conference/St. Johns County Girls Basketball Player of the Year. She was 2021 Senior Class Officer/Secretary, Link Crew Leader, member of Interact Club, member of Young Life, member of Student Principal Advisory Council and member of Superintendent Student Advisory Council and member of Athletic Leadership Council. She was a 4-year varsity starter for the Lady Jacket Basketball team which included 2021 St. Johns River Athletic Conference Championship, 2020 & 2021 District 5A Championship, 2021 Regional Championship and a trip to the 2021 Girls Final 4 this past Spring with a 26-2 record. Community involvement included End Polio Now fundraising event, Rise Against Hunger, Hurricane Irma cleanup and other beach cleanup activities, Pink Up the Pace cancer awareness event. St. Francis Soup Kitchen volunteer and Dining with Dignity to help prepare meals for the homeless. Kyra plans to attend the University of West Florida to study exercise science/physical therapy.

## **SAHS 2021 Senior Chenille Levy was awarded a \$1,000 Carol Melton Scholarship.**

Chenille was ranked 5<sup>th</sup> in her SAHS Class with a weighted GPA of 4.74 and 300 community service hours. Chenille and her family moved to St. Augustine from South Florida/Palm Beach Central High School after her sophomore year. Some of her award accomplishments at SAHS include straight A's Honor Roll, Academic Letter winner, Student of the Month Award for outstanding achievements and community service, and invited into the Foote Fellow Honors Program at University of Miami. While at SAHS Chenille was the historian for the Student Government Association, helped develop a brick fundraising project for the school's courtyard, SAHS Peer Pal helping teachers' classroom activities, and as member of the National Honor Society helped donate children's books, toys and various food drives. Participated in St. Johns County School District video titled "We are St. Johns County School District: 58 Languages, 1 Goal – Excellence in Education." Works as drive through operator and general crew member for KFC helping train new employees through the drive through area. Community involvement included being a junior volunteer for Arbor Oaks Assisted Living Facility by preparing meals, serving meals, provided care services and entertaining the residents. She has tutored math for students needing help in algebra and geometry. Chenille plans to attend the University of Miami to study health sciences on a pre-dental track with a minor in public health. Upon graduation she wishes to attend dental school to pursue career as an endodontist or periodontist. Her goal to bring proper care, resources and public awareness for oral care to low-income communities.

## **SAHS 2021 Senior Ashlee Hyland was awarded a \$5,000 Charlotte Pacetti Anteola Scholarship.**

Ashlee is a full-time student with a part-time job as well as a competitive dancer. She is current member of the St. Johns County Center for the Arts Dance *Collective*. Outside of her commitments to SAHS she has been a longstanding member of The Dance Company's Performance Ensemble where she is valued as an outstanding teammate, leader and fierce competitor. As a dancer, one of the most coveted accolades you can achieve is to be chosen as an apprentice. Apprentice programs are designed to train young dancers to become professional, self-sustaining artists. Everyone in these programs are hand selected because of their promising potential and unique qualities. She was offered the opportunity to be an apprentice for TWO of these outstanding organizations, The Dancelook Apprentice Program and Platinum National Dance Competition. Through these amazing programs she has worked with world renowned choreographers, appeared in dance videos, instructional materials and led rooms full of young dancers at national conventions. Her mother Jennifer Hyland raised Ashlee and her older brother Austin while consistently working 2-3 jobs to provide them with every opportunity possible. Her mom several years ago was diagnosed with cancer and has endured multiple surgeries, chemo and radiation. As a single income family not working was not an option. It was during this difficult period that Ashlee stepped up in a big way. In addition to the other commitments she had, she became a caregiver. Her mom is currently on the road to a full recovery. Ashlee plans to attend cosmetology school after graduation at First Coast Technical College. This scholarship in Charlotte's honor will go toward tuition for cosmetology school to help Ashlee in her post high school career goals.

### **SAHS 2021 Senior Elijah Bauer was awarded a \$500 L. Curtis Westbrook, Jr. Scholarship.**

Elijah had a weighted GPA of 3.39 and 365 community service hours. Some of his award accomplishments at SAHS include the Navy League of the U.S. Teddy Roosevelt Youth Award and AICE Diploma. While at SAHS Elijah was President of the AICE Advisory Board, golf team (2016-2017), the SAHS School mascot at football games (2018-2019), President/founder St. Augustine Table Top Club for gaming enthusiasts, member of Interact Club and member of 4H Club. Elijah works at Publix. Community involvement included involvement with Kids at College Camp at Polk State College, volunteers at Ability Tree which is a center for handicapped children, tutoring elementary school students, Raise Against Hunger, St. Augustine Family Fun Festival, Greek Fair, Math Night, various AICE fundraisers and Farm Share at W.E. Harris Community Center. Elijah also has skills with the guitar and bass guitar as a member of the St. Johns County Center for the Arts (SJCCA). Elijah plans to attend University of North Florida to get his bachelor's degree in pre-law and eventually wanting to become a lawyer in the field of copyright law.

### **SAHS 2021 Senior Ellis Rainey was awarded a \$500 Terrell G. Davis Scholarship.**

Ellis had a weighted GPA of 4.29 and 103 community service hours. Some of his award accomplishments at SAHS include member of St. Johns River State College Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, member of the National Honor Society, Academic Letter, and 4-year honor roll student. While at SAHS Ellis was member of Interact Club, member of Link Crew, member of Florida Public Service Association, Member of SAHS Sources of Strength to help improve student's mental health an assist with suicide prevention, member of Student Government Association, Member of SAHS Academy Law and Homeland Security, and Career Academy Ambassador St. Johns County School District. Ellis works at Publix and worked for Dunkin Donuts. Community involvement included involvement with club activities as well as volunteering with St. Johns PAL. Ellis plans to attend Florida State University to study computer science with a concentration on cyber security.

### **SAHS 2021 Senior Samuel Edwards was awarded a \$800 Wayne D. Davis, Sr. Scholarship.**

Sammy had a weighted GPA of 3.77 and 103 community service hours. Some of his award accomplishments at SAHS include being 4-year member of the AICE and Aerospace Academy, American Youth Character Award representing the Six Pillars of Character, and won Beaver Toyota's student of the week on March 19, 2021. He was 2021 Senior Class President, Leadership Council SAHS football, and involved with Student Government. Sammy was a 3- year starter and team captain on the varsity football team earning awards such as 2020 6A Offensive Player of the Year, 2020 6A First Team All-State, 2020 First Team All-County, 2020 Tarek Odom Top Jacket Award, and 2019 Willie Galimore Award. Sammy played one year varsity basketball and was a 4-year lacrosse varsity player. Community involvement included Hugs Across America helping distribute food, volunteer for PAL activities, Peer Pal volunteer work, and help with summer football camps mentoring youth. Sammy plans to attend Valdosta State University to student exercise physiology and maybe become a strength/conditioning coach.

### **SAHS 2021 Senior Joseph Hiers was awarded a \$800 Wayne D. Davis, Sr. Scholarship.**

Joseph had a weighted GPA of 4.22 and 111 community service hours. Some of his award accomplishments at SAHS include two-time Academic Letter recipient, Pursuing Victory with Honor Character Award and DIT Certification-Microsoft. Joseph was involved in the Peer Pal program at SAHS and SAHS Football Leadership Council. Joseph was 2-year member and team captain on the varsity football team earning 2020 Honorable Mention-All County. Joseph was 4-year member of the lacrosse varsity team. Joseph has worked to Chick-Fil-A, Ned's Southside Kitchen and Catch 27. Community involvement included Hugs Across America helping distribute food, volunteer for PAL activities, volunteer Rhino's Youth Services sports summer camps, and Worship Team Member for New Life Christian Church. Hobbies include fishing, camping and anything involving the outdoors. Joseph plans to attend Warner University to major in business administration. He hopes to return to St. Augustine to start his own business and give back to his community.

### **SAHS 2021 Senior Addison Cooksey was awarded a \$500 SAHS Academy Scholarship.**

Addison had a weighted GPA of 3.81 and 114 community service hours. Some of his award accomplishments at SAHS include honor roll and earning AICE Diploma. While at SAHS Addison was member of National Honors Society, member of The National Honor of High School Scholars, Link Crew member, and Interact Club member. Addison was a member of the varsity Jacket Basketball Team (2019-2020) – team starter. Community involvement included involvement with YMCA Youth Sports Camp volunteer. Addison works with All American Air conditioning as service technician assistant. Addison plans to attend University of Central Florida to study engineering.

### **SAHS 2021 Senior Kai Birchall was awarded a \$500 SAHS Scholarship of Merit Scholarship.**

Kai had a weighted GPA of 3.81 and 72 community service hours. Some of his award accomplishments at SAHS include honor roll, Recipient of Character Award, National Honor Society and NSHSS nominee. While at SAHS Kai was member of Link Crew and Peer Pal. Kai is a 4-year letter winner on the varsity football team and a team captain. He was part of 3 District Championships, 2 Regional Championships and 4 state playoffs. He was also a member of the varsity lacrosse team. Kai worked at Rack City Cross Fit. Community involvement included Hugs Across America helping distribute food, volunteer Surf Quest, and various football and lacrosse fundraisers. He is delegate for Youth in Government and Youth Leadership St. Johns as well as an acolyte at Trinity Episcopal Parish. Kai plans to attend Warner University to study business, finance/economics or sports/physical therapy.



On the left (Jessenia Alicea); On the right (Peyton E. Gates)

The St. Augustine/Ketterlinus High School Alumni Association recently awarded two \$1,000 scholarships to St. Augustine High School (SAHS) graduates currently attending Flagler College.

Jessenia Alicea was selected as the 2021-22 recipient of the Jonah Ash Scholarship. She is an incoming freshman who graduated from St. Augustine High School this Spring. She has a 3.55 GPA in her core academic high school classes. She is majoring in Exceptional Student Education. She was actively involved in extra-curricular activities while in high school including: Link Crew, National Honor Society, ASL Club, and the Future Educators of America. The Jonah Ash Scholarship at Flagler College was established by the St. Augustine High School Alumni Association and the Ash family. Mr. Jonah Ash was a 1992 graduate of SAHS and earned a degree in business administration from Flagler College. He was a founding board member of the Alumni Association and also served as the organization's treasurer. This scholarship is awarded to SAHS graduates attending Flagler College who most represent Mr. Ash's determination and courage.

Peyton E. Gates was awarded the Penny Willis-Wools Scholarship (subject to renewal) for \$1,000. Ms. Gates currently majoring in business administration in order to possibly pursue a career in medical device sales. Peyton was a Cum Laude graduate of SAHS in 2020 where she was involved with the Link Crew, Varsity Dance Team, and Cross-Country Team. The Penny Willis-Wools scholarship is endowed to Flagler College in memory of Penny Willis-Wools, who passed away February 6, 2013. This scholarship was established in July 2015 by her mother Mary Willis and Penny's SAHS classmate, Susan Ponder-Stansel. Penny was a graduate with honors of Flagler College, Class of 1978, and a SAHS graduate of 1975.

Both of these scholarships are offered to any current or past SAHS graduate who is attending or is about to attend Flagler College pursuing any area of college study. Anyone interested in honoring Penny or Jonah may contribute to the SA/KHS Alumni Association by sending a check to 17 Pacific Street, Suite A, St. Augustine, FL 32084.