

2024 Award Recipients



The SA/KHS Alumni Association would like to congratulate the 7 SAHS seniors who were awarded scholarships this past Spring at the 2024 SAHS Senior Awards Night. The SA/KHS Alumni Association awards scholarships to seniors each Spring thanks to the generous donations of our various SAHS Alumni.



Elyse I. Bernthal

Elyse was an A honor roll student her senior year and an A/B honor roll student her junior year. She was the recipient of the STAR Award and American Youth Character Award as well as a member of National Honor Society. She was also selected as Kiwanis Student of the Month in October. Elyse will be attending The University of Florida, studying chemistry or biology seeking a career as a pedestrian or psychiatrist.

Susan Ponder-Stansel Scholarship – Susan is a proud Class of 1975 graduate who received both her Bachelor's and Master's Degrees from FSU. Her post-graduate training included becoming a Licensed Clinical Social Worker and working in healthcare and care for the elderly. Since 1985 she has led one of the nation's largest and most respected hospice and home care programs, headquartered in Jacksonville and serving North Florida and Southeast Georgia. She is committed to supporting those who want to pursue education in any of the helping professions.

David Stansel Scholarship to support a student in the Arts – David Stansel graduated in 1975 and attending Flagler College, studying art. In high school he was President of the Art Club and was known as a talented artist with a specialty in pottery. His only child Sarah was also gifted with artist talent and pursued a career in both visual and vocal arts. David remains passionate about supporting those who pursue education in all forms of art including visual and performing.



Davi Goncalves Guimaraes

Davi received his AICE diploma award with merit and was one of four student ambassadors from SAHS selected to represent the AICE program in front of Florida's Board of Education. He played varsity lacrosse all 4 years of high school and participated in LINK crew and Interact (rotary) club. Davi will be attending University of Central Florida, majoring in Mechanical Engineering.

SHELLEY DESVOUSGES SCHOLARSHIP fund was established in 2023 by Ms. Desvouses in order to help a SAHS Senior in financial need in attending college. Shelley was elected into the SA/KHS Hall of Fame in 2019. A 1969 graduate of St. Augustine High School (SAHS), Shelley Hartley Desvouses is a retired assistant district attorney and district court judge for North Carolina 10th Judicial District for Raleigh, North Carolina. Shelley attended Fullerwood Elementary School and Ketterlinus Junior High. Shelley enjoyed going to summer camp and swimming for the Y swim team during the summers. At SAHS, Shelley was involved in Pep Club, Sub-Jr Service League, Inter-Club Council, and Student Council. She was selected to attend Girls' State. Shelley was voted Most School Spirited during her senior year by her classmates. Shelley attended Florida State University, graduating in 1973 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Criminology. Shelley became Assistant District Attorney, 10th Judicial District in Raleigh, North Carolina in 1991. She prosecuted all felonies, including white collar crimes, capital murders, and felony assaults. In 2003, Shelley was appointed by Governor Mike Easley to serve as a District Court Judge in the 10th Judicial District in North Carolina. Shelley retired in 2009 but continues to serve as an Emergency District Judge in North Carolina and received a lifetime commission from the governor to serve as a District Court Judge in North Carolina on an as-needed basis.



Lana V. Dauth

Lana received his AICE diploma award with merit and was a member of the National Honor Society. She received the Florida Seal of Biliteracy as well as was awarded a SAHS Academic Letter. Lana will be attending The University of Florida, studying environmental science.

ANNIE MAE DAVIS & SONS SCHOLARSHIP fund was established this year by Brad & Dawn Davis (both SAHS c/o 1972) in order to honor the legacy of the various Davis Family members who have graduated Ketterlinus High School (KHS) and St. Augustine High School (SAHS) and went on during their post high school career to contribute to the St. Augustine community. Annie Mae Davis (decd.) graduated Ketterlinus High School in 1940 and her sons Wayne Davis (decd.) graduated KHS in 1959, Vernon Davis (decd.) graduated SAHS in 1960, Terry Davis (decd.) graduated SAHS in 1963, and Brad Davis graduated SAHS in 1972. This scholarship is awarded to the SAHS senior who best represents the Davis Family's academic standards, involvement with SAHS school activities and service to the community.

SAHS ACADEMY SCHOLARSHIP was endowed this year by the SA/KHS Alumni Association for an SAHS senior who was involved in one of the career academies (Aerospace Academy, St. Johns County Academy of Future Teachers, The Academy of Law and Homeland Security, ROTC, or Center of the Arts for 3 or more years.



Ruben S. Anderson

Ruben was the Salutatorium for the class of 2024. He also received his AICE diploma with Distinction and the STAR Award. He scored a perfect score on his Biology 1 EOC Assessment. Ruben will be attending The University of Florida, studying physics.

L. CURTIS WESTBROOK, JR. SCHOLARSHIP The SA/KHS Alumni Board would like to thank Mrs. Cynthia Bird for endowing this scholarship starting in the Spring of 2018 and into near future in order to honor her late husband's name. L. Curtis Westbrook, Jr. was born in St. Augustine in 1939. He attended Orange Street School and graduated from Ketterlinus with the Class of 1956. Curt completed his Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Finance at Florida State, and earned his C. P. A. certificate. He joined Price Waterhouse in the Miami office for several years, then established his practice in St. Augustine. He earned his Ph. D. at the University of Georgia, and continued his career in university teaching. Curt retired from California State University as Professor Emeritus. His brother Jim Westbrook graduated St. Augustine High School in 1964. This scholarship is awarded to a student with the determination and desire to continue their educational future with the goal of making a difference in the community.



Clara C. Grant

Clara has maintained an A/B Honor Roll status all 4 years of high school. She was a member of the National Honor Society and also earned Gold Seal of Biliteracy. She participated in Cross County, competitive dance teams, Interact/Rotary, Best Buddies and more. Clara will be attending The University of Florida, studying environmental science.

JONAH ASH SCHOLARSHIP was endowed this year by Melinda & Richard Ash in honor of their son Jonah Ash (decd.). 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 seniors who most represent Jonah's determination, courage, high academic standards, involvement with SAHS activities, and dedication to the community.



Hyde P. Kenney

Hyde was a National Merit Finalist as well Sunshine State Scholar. He was also a STAR Award recipient among many other accolades. He participated in multiple clubs as well as held office in many of them. Hyde will be attending The University of Florida, studying astrophysics.

CAROL A. MELTON SCHOLARSHIP fund was endowed in 2012 by Carol Melton. A 1972 co-valedictorian graduate of SAHS, Ms. Melton was inducted into the 2011 Hall of Fame. She earned her bachelors from Wake Forest University, masters from the University of Florida and Juris Doctor from the Washington College of Law. Currently, Ms. Melton served in senior management at Time Warner Inc., overseeing Time Warner's public policy offices in Washington, D.C., London, Brussels and Hong Kong before leaving from Time Warner in Summer 2018 when Time Warner merged with AT&T. Carol is currently involved with angel investing into early stage companies as CEO of an LLC named Adeft Capital, and serving on several boards. The purpose of this scholarship is to encourage leadership and achievement through educational opportunities.



Moira G. Kimkar

Moira was a member of JROTC and received the Superior Cadet Award. She received the Daughters of the War of 1812 Medal and maintained honor roll both her junior and senior year. Moria will be attending Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in Daytona Beach, studying microbiology.

The SA/KHS Bill Mignon JROTC Scholarship - A graduate of Ketterlinus High School in 1955, Bill Mignon earned his B.S. from the University of Florida in education and was commissioned as a 2nd lieutenant through the university's Army ROTC program. Bill served as principal of Adult Education, Evening Division, at St. Augustine Technical Center. He further served as principal of R.B. Hunt Elementary School for 14 years, Allen D. Nease High School for 13 years and Pedro Menendez High School for 5 years. In 2002, he was awarded the St. Johns County School District Lifetime Achievement Award and served as a School Board Member, District 3, for St. Johns County Schools (chairman). He was also a member of the Association of the U.S. Army, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post #2391, National Guard Officers Association and the St. Augustine Officers Club. The scholarship is dedicated to SAHS JROTC graduate who is continuing their education in college and pursuing their goals in serving their community.