# Congratulations to the Class of 2026!

Since 1975, the Polk County Community Foundation has been honored to help make local students' college dreams come true.

We're thrilled to announce that funds established by our generous donors made over $530,000 in scholarships possible this year.

## CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!

**The Polk County Community Foundation is honored to help fulfill our donors' wishes and would like to congratulate the entire class of 2026 and all recipients of this year's awards:**

Jeri Allen
Gunnar Alm
Blake Anderson
Brinson Ashworth
Ellie Baughman
Cate Brown
Mallory Burrell
Peyton Camby
Amelia Campbell
Makenna Campbell
Uriel Chavez
Candace Chestnut
Aster Clark
Elyse Clifton
Joseph Corda
Skyler Covil
Akeela Cunningham
Kenzie Davis
Sarah Doan
Leah Dotson
Charley Dusenbury
Piercen Edwards
Will Garrison
Cynthia Gonzalez-Tadeo
Marley Greenway
Wyatt Highsmith
Mykah Hills
Mason Hudson
Konnor Huskey
Aaron Jackson
William Jarrett
Lucas Johnson
Brooklyn Jones
Taylor Lancaster
Khristian Littlejohn
Katelyn Marion
Naomi Martinez
Zalen McCraw
Gabriel Mejia-Chavez
Cooper Meyer
Lashi Miller
Posie Milliner
Junie Mitchell
Blake Morris
Gabriel Nava-Chavez
Reggie-Kate Owens
Skylar Parker
Ashley Pena
Eva Perez
Alex Perry
Brandon Powell
Sullivan Price
Janet Ramirez-Gonzalez
Audriana Ramos
Emmalyn Rathbone
Cooper Rhodes
Peyton Rice
Ryan Rogerson
Gabby Savaia
Riyah Schroyer
Aslyn Scruggs
Curtis Simmons
Quinn Smith
Exziah Staley
Chase Stansbury
Bailey Staton
Zuleyka Trejo
Blaine Turner
Thomas Varnadore
Lauren Winterrowd

## THANK YOU DONORS!

**The Community Foundation is privileged to award the following scholarships to graduating high school seniors according to the wishes of our donors:**

A Leg Up Scholarship
Jack H. Albertson Educational Award
John A. Albertson Educational Award
Tara Atkins Memorial Scholarship
Margery W. Bain-Franklin Scholarship
Susan P. Barbour Scholarship
Polly C. and Carroll G. Bennett Scholarship
Allan C. & Anne B. Boas Scholarship
Bob Strickland & Chauncey Barber Scholarship
Bradley Achievement Award
Bradley Puddin' Hill Award
G. Freeman and Elizabeth M. Brooks Scholarship
Sara & Henry Burrus Scholarship
Evelyn and Van Harrison Butler Scholarship
J. Harwood Cochrane Educational Award
Community Tennis Association Scholarship
John Lewis Craddock Educational Award
Gordon L. Foote Educational Award
Stuart and Margaret L. Forbes Scholarship
Margaret L. Forbes Distinguished Scholar Award
Stuart Forbes Polk High Scholar Award
Stuart Forbes Early College Scholar Award
Annette W. Hysham Scholarship
Phil J. Hysham Scholarship
Leah Justice Journalism Scholarship
Kirby Endowment Scholarship for College Students
Kathryn Kirby Nursing Scholarship
John G. Landrum, Jr. Educational Award
Mary Evelyn & Harry Laurent Scholarship
Marjorie's Community Award
James A. & Renee R. McDermott Scholarship
Hoyt D. & Tyler B. McEntire Scholarship
Nathaniel M. & Constance J. McIntyre Memorial Scholarship
N. Elizabeth Nash Scholarship
Arthur M. Nelson Scholarship
William F. & Claire B. Nelson Scholarship
R. Shaw Pettigrew Scholarship
Edward E. & Suzanne K. Plumly Scholarship
Polk County Community Foundation Merit Award
Lelia G. Rainey Nursing Scholarship
Priscilla and Ellis D. Slater Merit Scholarship Award
Dudley Smith Educational Award
David P. & Barbara Stayman Educational Award
G. Mildred Steinbach and John F. Steinbach Scholarship
Tryon Riding & Hunt Club Scholarship
Tryon Youth Center Scholarship
Tryon Youth Center Career Training Scholarship
Guilford S. Turner Jr. Educational Award
Greek Underwood Scholarship
Joseph Anthony & Adair McIntyre Wagner Scholarship
Jane Hysham Willis Scholarship
Robert & Nancy Worsnop Scholarship
Women Who Dared Scholarship
Tony Wallace Scholarship

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