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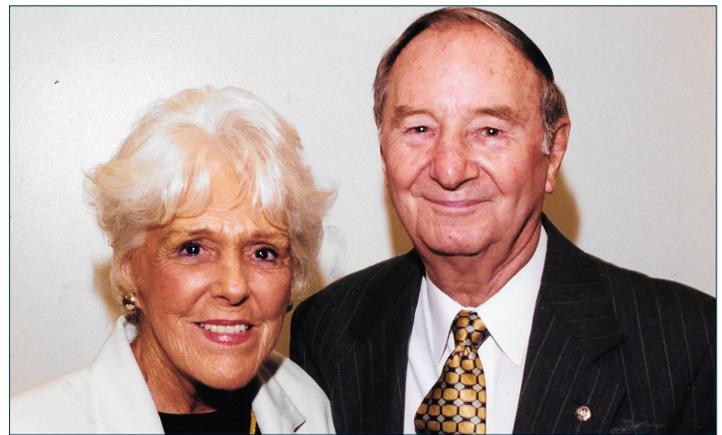


HONORING AND MEMORIALIZING! SEVACF HIGHLIGHTS SCHOLARSHIP OFFERINGS



Foskey Van-Dyke Scholarship Fosters Love of Music

Mildred Foskey Van-Dyck was a beloved music teacher in Portsmouth for 35 years, taught thousands of children how to play the flute and appreciate the arts. Many students paid tribute and shared their reminiscences when she passed away. She was a wonderful teacher and inspired their love of music. One person noted, we all had to play the flute in her class. It was squeaky and shrill, but to Mrs. Van Dyck it was music. She influenced many of us and indirectly generations to come. The Foskey Van-Dyke Scholarship was established in memory of the beloved music teacher. SEVACF offers a \$1,000 scholarship to students at all Portsmouth high schools as well as Western Branch High School in Chesapeake for seniors pursuing a degree in music education, music, or are planning to attend James Madison University.



Armed Forces Scholarship Supports Higher Education

Few things are more rewarding than helping young people afford higher education. That's what Lois and Hunter Brantley did in 2000, establishing the Armed Forces Scholarship for deserving dependents of active-duty enlisted (E1-E9) Coast Guard or Navy personnel stationed in Portsmouth, Virginia, or the child/grandchild of a retired E1-E9 living in Portsmouth. Lois was a librarian at Churchland High School. Hunter, after service in the U.S. Navy during WWII, worked for Norfolk Naval Shipyard for 45 years, retiring as an assistant to the production officer. The Brantleys made sure their daughter Donna received a college degree. In fact, Hunter wrote to her every day during Donna's freshman year. Carrying on their legacy, Donna loves meeting the scholarship recipients at an annual SEVACF reception and seeing how their fund is making a difference in students' lives.



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Dear Friends,

With the scholarship season approaching, we would like to share our Foundation's mission to provide scholarships to well-deserved students in Hampton Roads. SEVACF offers many scholarships that honor or memorialize loved ones, recognize specific academic institutions or support a particular field of study. Within this spring edition of our newsletter, we will highlight the various scholarships we offer.

Since 1965, SEVACF has helped people who share a common goal of improving life for all in our community and building a legacy through philanthropic giving. Our Board of Directors consists of leading citizens and professionals who know our community's needs. We go beyond simply making grants that advance charitable activities; we also identify current and emerging issues, stimulate resources to address those needs and help Southeast Virginia prepare for the future. The types of nonprofit organizations we support vary in size, mission, and vision, however they are all working toward a common goal of creating a better, livable community.

A gift to SEVACF is an investment in the future of our region. The funds go to work immediately supporting vital services, while also providing sustained support for years to come. Rather than looking towards the next election or business cycle, community foundations always focus on the next generation.

Please join us in recognizing the collective impact and difference we can make together. Call or go online to make a tax-deductible contribution.

Sincerely yours,



Amy Folkes

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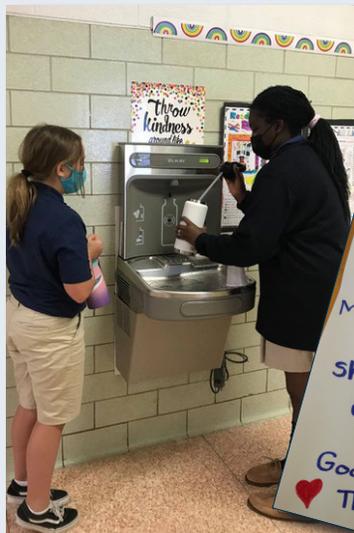
Portsmouth Catholic Regional School Enjoys New Water Fountains

A collaboration between SEVACF and Portsmouth General Hospital Foundation enabled Portsmouth Catholic Regional School to purchase new water fountains.

The school wanted to replace five fountains with ones that included a water bottle refill station to enable safe drinking. Thank you notes from the children expressed their appreciation for this new amenity.

"We are very fortunate to have the support of the Southeastern Virginia Community Foundation to assist us with our Mitigation Plan and for keeping us all healthy," said

Scott Bolton, principal of Portsmouth Catholic Regional School." Not only do we now use the water bottle filling stations, but we have already helped the earth by saving over 5,600 water bottles by filling up our own. It is exciting to watch the counter grow in number after each use."



Mr. Wentz -
Thank you for
shining your light
at Portsmouth
Catholic!
God Bless You -
The 2nd Grade

THANK
YOU

OUR **AMAZING** SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Through the generous support of our Donors, the Southeast Virginia Community Foundation offers many scholarships that honor or memorialize loved ones, recognize specific academic institutions, or support a particular field of study. As a result, many students will realize numerous benefits that will ultimately affect their lives and our community— both today and for future generations. Unless otherwise noted, students may submit applications for many of our scholarship offerings directly on the Foundation's website at <https://sevacf.org/scholarships/scholarship-offerings/>

Al Taylor Memorial Scholarship: Two scholarships for high school seniors or college students who graduated with a minimum 2.5 GPA in Portsmouth, Chesapeake, Suffolk, Newport News, Isle of Wight County. Applicants must attend an accredited college or university and have a record of leadership, citizenship, and service, must participate in extra-curricular activities, volunteer in community activities or are employed.

Armed Forces Scholarship: One \$2,000 renewable scholarship for the dependent of an active duty enlisted (E1-E9) Coast Guard or Navy personnel stationed in Portsmouth or the child/grandchild of a retired E1-E9 living there and accepted or enrolled in an ACE-accredited community college or four-year college or university with a GPA of 2.5 or higher.

Calder S. Sherwood Memorial Scholarship: Six \$2,000 renewable scholarships for two graduating seniors with financial need and in the upper 20% of their graduating class from each of the three Portsmouth public high schools. The scholarship will be renewable for a total of four years if the student meets certain criteria. Please apply through your school's scholarship counselor.

C.H. Jordan Memorial Scholarship: Scholarship award(s) available to students who are members of Third Baptist Church in Portsmouth and pursuing a college or seminary education. The number of scholarships awarded and their amounts vary from year-to-year. Please apply for this scholarship through the Third Baptist Church in Portsmouth.

Conner McGrevey Memorial Scholarship: Scholarship(s) for graduating seniors of First Colonial High School who will be attending college or a trade school and are pursuing a STEM, arts or trade degree.

Eastern Amateur Golf Scholarship: Two \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded to graduating high school seniors in Portsmouth, Chesapeake and Suffolk who played on their high school's varsity golf team their senior year. Please apply for this scholarship through the Eastern Amateur.

Foskey-VanDyck Scholarship: One \$1,000 financial need scholarship is available for a Portsmouth or Western Branch High School senior pursuing a degree (in preference order) in music education, music, or at James Madison University.

Frances VC. Major Memorial Scholarship: One \$1,000 financial need scholarship is available for a Smithfield High School senior with a minimum 2.8 GPA who is first generation of color and desires to pursue studies in education, STEM, medicine, or music.

Horace Savage Scholarship: Two \$1,000 scholarships are available every other year (2023, 2025, 2027 etc.) for I.C. Norcom High School seniors to attend a Virginia ACE-accredited institution of higher learning.

Jarrod B. Shivers Memorial Scholarship: One \$1,500 scholarship is designated for (in order of preference) police officers, children of deceased police officers who were not killed in the line of duty, and children of current police officers.

Josef D. Collins Memorial Scholarship: One \$1,000 scholarship, based on financial need, academic merit, and community service, is available for an I.C. Norcom High School senior pursuing a degree in STEM or the arts at an ACE-accredited community college or 4-year college or university.

Karen Mellott Colston Scholarship: Two \$2,000.00 scholarships are available to graduating seniors of Great Bridge High School with a minimum 3.0 GPA. Students must exemplify the "Tradition and Pride" for which Great Bridge High is known. Applications are available at Great Bridge High School.

Mason Hackworth Theatre Scholarship: Two \$1,000 scholarships are awarded to graduating students from Grassfield High School who participated in theatre, are members in good standing with the International Thespian Society, and will continue their studies in theatre at a regionally accredited institution of higher education. Applications are available at Grassfield High School.

Maylea Brockington Beasley Love and Laughter Scholarship: There are two \$500 scholarships; one for a graduating First Colonial High School girls' volleyball player, the other for a member of a recognized Troop of the Girl Scouts of Colonial Coast and has been the recipient of the Girl Scouts "Gold Award" by April 1st of their senior year.

Portsmouth Service League "PSL" Scholarship: Two \$1,500 scholarships are designated for women residing in Portsmouth who will attend an ACE-accredited community college, technical school, professional program, or 4-year college or university. One scholarship winner must be a Portsmouth public high school senior, the other a woman living in Portsmouth who is trying to advance her education in any program.

Susan Berry Reitelbach Memorial Scholarship: One \$1,500 scholarship is available for a Chesapeake high school senior with a minimum 2.5 GPA who must display a love of libraries and for helping other readers through volunteering in a Chesapeake library. The student must be enrolled in a Virginia college or university.

W. Clayton Robertson Memorial Scholarship: One \$1,300 scholarship is available for a Portsmouth, Chesapeake, or Suffolk high school student pursuing an undergraduate degree at any ACE-accredited Virginia college or university in the pre-medical and/or pharmaceutical field with a 3.0 GPA or higher, or a Virginia resident attending MCV for an advanced degree in the medical or pharmaceutical field.

(Data as of March 2022 -- view our website for additions or revisions)

SUPPORT SEVACF'S **HERITAGE FUND**



SEVACF's Heritage Fund was opened in 2017 to help sustain the Foundation into the future. The Heritage Fund provides a means for friends of the Foundation to support its long-term mission by making tax-deductible contributions on an annual basis, or remembering the Foundation in their wills by way of a bequest. Gifts to the Heritage Fund will provide much needed annual operating revenue to help sustain the Foundation's continuing work of promoting philanthropy in Southeast Virginia. We invite you to join our efforts! Contact INFO@SEVACF.ORG or call **757-397-5424** to discuss this exciting new giving opportunity or to make your gift to the Heritage Fund today!



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