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**Suffolk Foundation Awards \$41,800**

In June 2020, the Suffolk Foundation announced its 2020 academic scholarship awards. **This year the Foundation awarded \$41,800 to 13 recipients.** Since the Foundation received its 501(c)(3) nonprofit community foundation status in October 2007, it has **awarded over \$5,700,000 in unrestricted and donor-advised grants and scholarships.** The Foundation scholarships support students continuing their education at colleges, universities or in trade schools and career certification programs. The scholarship funds are disbursed directly to the recipients' college, university or trade school. For additional information on the individual scholarships or to donate to a scholarship fund, visit the Suffolk Foundation web page: <https://suffolkfoundation.org/scholarships/>.

**The 2020 Suffolk Foundation Scholarships and Recipients were:**

**James M. Blair Memorial Scholarship** (\$5,000) – Moneka Skeeter (Nansemond River High School, Old Dominion University)

**Ossie S. & Thomas F. Blair Jr. Memorial Scholarship** (\$5,000 each) – De’Ryan Artis (Lakeland High School, Virginia Commonwealth University); Jacob Conrod (Nansemond-Suffolk Academy, College of William and Mary); Kayla Lauver (Nansemond River High School, James Madison University)

**Col. Fred V. Cherry Scholarship** (\$2,300) - Kiana Grant (Nansemond River High School, Norfolk State University)

**DiStasio Health Professions Scholarship** (\$2,000) Sarah Wait (Isle of Wight Academy, Virginia Tech)

**Louis and Mary Haddad Foundation Scholarship** (\$1,000 each) – Wayne Cochran (Nansemond River High School, Norfolk State University); Jack Van Straten (King’s Fork High School, Longwood University)

**W. N. (Billy) Hill Scholarship** (\$2,000) – Lauren Biando (Nansemond River High School, University of Mississippi) (an anonymous donor again donated the additional funds needed to award an additional \$1,000 in 2020)

**Howard D. Mast Memorial Scholarship** (\$5,000 each) – Austin Bradshaw (Lakeland High School, Virginia Tech); Jacob Conrod (Nansemond-Suffolk Academy, College of William and Mary)

**Lewis F. Morris Memorial Scholarship** (\$1,000) – Zane Wise (King’s Fork High School, James Madison University)

**Suffolk Business Women’s Scholarship** (\$2,500) – Alicia Ray (Isle of Wight Academy, University of Virginia)

**13 scholarships awarded, valued at \$41,800.00**