

2024 VMCCA Foundation Scholarship Winners



Abby Bush

Hello, my name is Abby Bush, and I'm from Plain City, Ohio. I am a recent graduate and valedictorian from Jonathan Alder High School. During high school I was a member of the National Honor Society where I was the historian. I also played varsity softball all four years, was a majorette where I had the honor of being the feature twirler for two years and captain my senior year. This fall I will be attending Clemson University and I plan on

majoring in business. I'm proud to say that I was one of ten selected to be on the Tiger Twirler majorette line. A big shout out to my grandparents, Bob and Pam Brown of the Great Lakes Region for being my sponsors and always being there for me! Thank you all so much for awarding me this scholarship which enables me to further my education and follow my dreams at Clemson University. Go Tigers!



Saura Clark

My name is Saura Clark, and I am so honored to be accepting this scholarship from the VMCCA. This foundation meant so much to my grandfather, Michael Derbidge, and I am so happy I have the chance to thank you all. With this money, I will be funding my bachelors degree in fashion and textile management and marketing at North Carolina State University. With that program and that degree, I hope to one day take a job with a luxury

fashion brand abroad, and eventually venture out on my own. The VMCCA's scholarship has taken me one step closer to these goals, and I would like to thank you all again, from the bottom of my heart. I feel my grandfather smiling from above with gratitude for this generous organization. Thank you all! *Saura is the granddaughter of past president the late Mike Derbidge and Judyth of the Bonneville-Eastern Idaho Region.*



Allison Dininger

I am currently studying public relations and photography at the University of Indianapolis. I plan to work in social media after graduating and use social media to advocate for mental health problems and solutions. My background with anxiety has provided me with a desire to help others who may face similar issues. This may look like being involved with different therapy programs or with small businesses that work on promoting

positive mental health. I will also continue spreading positivity and mental health awareness on my own social media pages. While in college, I am starting my own photography business that focuses on capturing the simple moments in life through a lens of whimsy. I will use this photography to make a statement about finding beauty in life despite anxiety and hardships. *Allison is the granddaughter of Jim and Cathy Dininger of the Kentucky South Central Region.*



Emma Everts

I am currently studying art education at Michigan State University and have a concentration/minor in photography. In the past, I've photographed my grandpa's antique cars and even learned how to drive a stick on one of them. In the future, I plan to become a middle school art teacher and continue to photograph. *Emma is the granddaughter of Mike and Joan Huffman of the Great Lakes Region.*





Aiden Field

My future plans for the next four years would include me finishing out college and finding a degree that I want to go into. I really want a job that I can go to every day and be happy that I am there. This is hard to find, but I am on the search. As of right now, I am studying general business. I am still a freshman so I don't have to know what I want to do right now. However, I have to start thinking about what I want to do in the real

world. Overall, I'm liking college and it has brought me a lot of new learning opportunities and new experiences and I don't think that I would be the same person without them. *Aiden is the grandson of Frank and Linda Field of the Texoma Region.*



Ella Giesige

My name is Ella Giesige. My grandparents are Wilma and Doug Kennedy of the Great Lakes Region. I am currently enrolled in the registered nursing program at Northwest State Community College. I am interested specifically in surgical and neonatal nursing. I received all A's throughout high school with the exception of two B's my freshman and sophomore years. I participated in National

Honor Society my senior year and learned a lot from my experiences. I have been employed at Fired Stone Tavern for almost 3.5 years. I plan to continue my education at a university, and possibly study to become a medical doctor.



Olivia Johnson

My name is Olivia Johnson, I am the granddaughter of Jim and Judy Johnson of the Mountain and Plains region. I will be attending Southwest Minnesota State University where I will be on the women's swim team and study biology with a goal of becoming a physician's assistant.



William Kompanowski

I am William J. Kompanowski, and the grandson of Nancy Wilt, of the Great Lakes Region, and the great-grandson of Ward Harvey. I wish to thank the VMCCA Scholarship Foundation for awarding me this scholarship. I will be attending Northwest State Community College to obtain my welding certificate and national certification. Upon completion of both, I will join the workforce within the welding industry. I will also

be using what I am learning to further my blacksmithing and metal working hobby. I'm also interested in auto restoration and may explore that in the future.





Ravyn Krachey

Following the conclusion of this semester, I am strategically positioning myself to secure an internship within the marketing department of a local bank, a role that aligns with my academic pursuits and allows me to gain valuable hands-on experience during the upcoming summer. Upon returning to school for the next academic year, I am committed to completing my sports management–media and marketing degree by

the spring of 2025, while competing in collegiate softball. After graduation, I am looking to transition into a career as a marketing analyst within the sports industry, where I can leverage my passion for sports and expertise in marketing. Additionally, I intend to dedicate my free time to coaching a softball team, nurturing talent, and fostering a culture of excellence both on and off the field. Through this approach, I am looking to make meaningful contributions to the sports industry while continuously advancing my professional life. *Ravyn is the granddaughter of Gerald and Mary Krachey of the Upper Mississippi Region.*



Joshua Nikodym

I would like to thank the VMCCA Foundation for providing the generous scholarship toward my college education. I am a music education major in my sophomore year at Concordia University Nebraska. In addition to my love of music and the desire share this love of music with my future students, I also enjoy theater and am pursuing this interest with a minor in drama. I have grown up touring with my

family and have seen much of the United States and Canada from the seat of an antique car. I am very proud of my unique record of participating in 15 consecutive Revival AAA Glidden Tours beginning by celebrating my first birthday at the freshman gala at the Tour in Rapid City, South Dakota, in 2006. Another unique experience that I enjoyed was to get the majority of my practice driving hours for my license while driving our 1992 Corvette on the 2021 Lewis & Clark Tour in South Dakota. *Joshua is the son of John and Janice Nikodym of the Midwest Region.*



Abigail Peters

Abigail Grace-Carol Peters is a 2024 graduate of Vanguard College Preparatory School in Waco, Texas. During her time at Vanguard, she was a member of the National Honor Society and a four-year letterman on both the volleyball and basketball teams. Abby was also a member of the Waco National Charity League, Mu Alpha Theta Math Honor Society, Teen Leadership Waco, and Waco Symphony Belles and Brass. Abby was hon-

ored as a Classroom Champion by KWTX News her senior year. Abby loves spending time with her friends, working out, and reading. She especially loves her summer camp, T Bar M, which she attended every year from third grade to her senior year. She has been a work crew member for the past two years and plans to be a camp counselor in the future. Abby will be attending the University of Arkansas, where she plans to study marketing. She is tremendously grateful for the support from the VMCCA Foundation upon receiving the scholarship. *Abigail Grace-Carol Peters of Waco, Texas, is the great-granddaughter of Henry and Jo Nell Blechl of the Texoma Region.*



Maddisyn Savage

My name is Maddisyn Savage, and I would like to thank the VMCCA for this scholarship. This scholarship will help with tuition fees and books. I will be attending Midland College this fall and majoring in psychology. I will transfer to Texas Tech in two years to finish my degree. I hope to be able to help people with their mental health once I graduate. In May 2024, I graduated from Legacy High School and from

Midland College with my pharmacy technician degree. I also passed my certification test for pharmacy. I will be working as a pharmacy tech while I attend college. I have grown up around old cars and hope to own one myself one day. My grandparents, James and Marlene Myers of Andrews, Texas, from the Texoma Region, have been members of the VMCCA for years. I would also like to thank them for this opportunity to earn a scholarship. I have enjoyed all the old cars they have and going to car shows with them.





Matthew Solovy

Matthew Solovy is a junior at Wake Forest University. At Wake, he is majoring in politics and international affairs, with a minor in schools, education, and society. This summer he worked as a clerk in the International Practice Group at a lobbying firm called BGR Group in Washington, D.C. Matthew

was born and raised in Bethesda, Maryland. During his free time, he enjoys playing golf and taking his golden doodle, Riley, on walks. Matthew aspires to pursue a career in international relations and public policy, with a particular interest in global diplomacy. *Matthew is the grandson of Lee Wolff of the Mountain and Plains Region.*



Hannah Sturgeon

As a part of my future plans, I hope to attend graduate school and earn a doctorate in marine biology. I am currently looking into and applying to graduate schools. I hope to one day perform research in marine biology and marine ecology while studying marine animals in their natural habitats. Through this work, I hope to learn information that will allow me to

advocate for marine life and the habitats they live in. My goal is to inspire others to take action and help marine animals overcome the dangers they face. I also hope to help young girls pursue their interests in science by being a mentor and role model. Hannah is the granddaughter of Carl and Linda Sturgeon of the Great Lakes Region.



Emily Tyler

My name is Emily Tyler. I am going in to my senior year at Bridgewater College (Bridgewater, Virginia) and am studying elementary education with a plan on becoming a teacher after graduation! On top of my studies I am a college athlete playing field hockey for Bridgewater. I have been a member of the Dean's List while at Bridgewater as well named to the Old Dominion Athletic

Conference (ODAC) All-Academic Student Athletes Spring 2024. *Emily is the granddaughter of Jim and Edna Cross of the Mid-Atlantic Region.*



Genavieve Ward

Hello, my name is Genavieve Ward. My grandparents are members of the VMCCA and the Fredericksburg Vintage Car Club. In May 2024, I finished my high school education at Claudia Taylor Johnson High School and will be attending Tarleton State University in the fall of 2024. I will be pursuing a degree in early education through the sixth grade. In addition to my academic pursuits, I plan to be a

part of the Purple Pride Independent color guard on campus. Receiving this scholarship is something I am grateful for, it will be beneficial to me in college. Thank you very much! *Genavieve is the granddaughter of Frank and Linda Field of the Texoma Region.*





Ashton Watts

My name is Ashton Watts, and my grandparents are Don and Cindy Knight of the Texoma Region. I have attended three VMCCA tours with my grandparents and greatly enjoyed my time with this wonderful club. I am grateful that I can continue to be blessed by this organization through the scholarship I have received. I will use these generous funds to further my education at Harding University, where I plan to pursue a

degree in humanities in order to prepare for a career in classical education.



Grace Weber

My name is Grace Weber. I attend Ashland University and I will be a junior this fall. I am majoring in criminal justice and minoring in psychology. I plan on being a lawyer. Although I'm not quite sure what kind yet, but I am leaning towards the criminal side. *Grace is the granddaughter of Bob and Jackie Peinert of the Great Lakes Region.*



Mitchell Vaad

As for my future plans, I will attend Northeastern Junior College to study agricultural business and take a couple welding classes on the side. While at NJC, I will also be competing on the rodeo team. When I am finished with college, I hope to start a welding business, and eventually start a farm and ranch as well. *Mitchell is the grandson of Randy and Sandy Carlson of the Mountains and Plains Region.*



Corinne Van Winkle

Hi! My name is Corinne Van Winkle, and I am entering my third year of college. During the first two years of college, I attended Grand Canyon University in Phoenix, Arizona, with a major in political science. After much consideration, I have decided to transfer to the University of Northern Colorado in Greeley, Colorado, to continue my education and major in political science as well as education. In the

future, I will be getting my undergraduate degree and after that pursue my master's degree in education to be a teacher. Thank you so much for your generous contribution to my education and making my dreams become more attainable than before. *Corinne is the granddaughter of Ray and Carol Maxfield of the Mountain and Plains Region.*

