

CONGRATULATIONS 2023 Scholarship Recipients



(From left to right: Beth Haywood, Trisha Pedersen, accepting on behalf of Helene Kimlick, Alexa Boeshaghi, Sydney Machado)

For the twenty-first year in a row, the Brandermill Woods Foundation awarded a scholarship to a deserving team member in the amount of \$4,000. Additionally, two \$3,000 scholarships were donated by an anonymous resident who lives in Independent Living. This year, the Brandermill Woods Women's Club raised \$2,000 for a scholarship, for a total of four scholarships awarded.



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This year's \$4,000 Foundation recipient was Sydney Machado who has worked in the Dining Department at the Independent Living for over a year and is described as one of their most well-rounded team members. She recently graduated from Midlothian High School in May, where she served on the Student Council Association, National Honor Society, National Science Honor Society, National English Honor Society, and the National History Honor Society. She maintained a 4.4 GPA, achieving Honor Roll all 4 years, while also playing for the Kickers U-19 Elite Black Travel Team and dedicating many volunteer hours to the Richmond Kickers Youth Program. While Sydney has held a determination to become a lawyer, she recently had the privilege of shadowing a defense attorney where she witnessed the effects of our legal system on those who can't afford representation.

One of this year's \$3,000 scholarship winners was Helene Kimlick who has been working in the Activities Department at the Health Care Communities for the past two years and was a 2022 winner. She just graduated from Clover Hill High School and is looking to attend VCU to begin her journey toward becoming an ER nurse. Helene consistently demonstrates a good work ethic and positive demeanor while working at Brandermill Woods, but also devotes her time to volunteering and acting as Executive Officer of the Midlothian YMCA Leader's Club. Her accomplishments also include participating in the Beta Club, National English Honor Society, JV Basketball and Cross Country, and helping organize the annual Trucker's Parade Against Cancer.

The other \$3,000 scholarship was awarded to Beth Haywood who has been working at our Health Care Communities for over 12 years. She began as a CNA, quickly became a CNA/Med Tech, and is now attending Chesterfield Technical Center to become an LPN. Her passion for nursing began at a young age. She recalls the fulfillment she got when volunteering to assist one of her classmates in grade school, who was confined to a wheelchair. It was at that young age she knew she wanted to become a nurse. Beth has worked hard to continue her nursing education throughout life's ups and downs. She has had many accomplishments during her career, including winning the Brandermill Woods Care to Go Beyond Award. She is also a board member of the Craig Will Ministries for Young Pioneers.

The Women's Club \$2,000 scholarship winner was Alexa Boeshaghi. Alexa joined the Brandermill Woods Dining Department in November of 2019 prior to graduating from Manchester High School in 2020. She has recently graduated with a Visual Arts degree in Graphic Design and is pursuing an associate program to become a Radiology Tech. This accomplishment is what she is most proud of, demonstrating her determination to continue her education. Alexa is one of the most experienced team members in the Dining Department, with her skills improving more and more every year. Her customer service skills and positive attitude are admired by the residents and her fellow team members. The valuable skills she has learned while working at Brandermill Woods, including communication skills, self-confidence, and leadership skills, have all had a positive impact on her. As she follows her path toward becoming a radiology tech, her intention of providing compassionate care to others in the community is already observable through her work at Brandermill Woods.