Albert Peterson Scholarship

Former Professor of Chemistry at GSW, Dr. Dowe Carter, established an endowed scholarship to honor her brother, Major Albert Peterson. The Peterson Scholarship is available to students who have completed 15 semester hours in science and math at GSW. Criteria for determining recipients include overall GPA and the student’s Science and Math GPA.

Steven Barrera- Senior mathematics major from Albany, GA
Alumni Cash Scholarship

The Alumni Association Board of Directors offers cash scholarships to worthy students who show financial need. Contact the Alumni Office for application. This scholarship is awarded by Alumni Board of Directors.

Parker Phillips- Senior Nursing major from Plains, GA
Kayla Johnson- Senior Nursing major from Americus, GA
Haley Jones- Senior Exercise Science & Wellness major from Americus, GA
Reginald Miles- Junior Computer Science major from Albany, GA
Sara Beth Bazemore- Sophomore Nursing major from Butler, GA
Hollie Adkins- Senior Nursing major from Americus, GA

Pictured Separately
Stephanie Laster – Junior Nursing major from Americus, GA

Not Pictured:
Brittney Bragg- Sophomore from Enterprise, AL
Jennifer Deaver- Senior Early Childhood Education Major from Snellville, GA
Landon DeVane- Senior Music major from Americus, GA
Emmett Eades- Freshman Nursing major from Watkinsville, GA
Link Jones- Senior Exercise Science major from Miami FL
Jena Miller – Sophomore Nursing major from Ellaville, GA

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Alumni Scholarship

The Alumni Association offers an academic scholarship to a Georgia resident who has a GPA of 2.5–2.99 and is a sophomore, junior or senior in good standing. This scholarship is awarded to undergraduate students only.

Ryan Johnson- Sophomore Exercise Science major from Americus, GA
The Ard Watson Scholarship Fund was created by his family to honor Mr. Watson, former Director of Clinical Labs at Sumter Regional Hospital, to encourage career development in nursing or other healthcare fields. Consideration is given to residents of Sumter County, Georgia, with a minimum GPA of 2.85. Selection is made by the School of Nursing.

Parker Phillips- Senior Nursing major from Plains, GA
Daniel D. Arden, Jr. Science Scholarship

The science faculty established this scholarship to honor Daniel Arden, a former science professor at GSW. The scholarship is awarded to geo-science majors, either Freshmen or transfer students, who have a GPA of 3.0, with consideration given to SAT scores as well as curricula taken while in high school and/or college.

Ethan King – Junior Geology major from Albany, GA

Kaley Basile – Senior Geology major from Guyton, GA

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Iris Argo Scholarship

This endowed scholarship is in memory of Dr. Iris Stewart Argo, an alumnus and Professor of English at GSW for more than thirty years. Dr. Argo was also an accomplished author. Recipients must be English majors with a minimum GPA of 3.0.

Ashley Bratcher- Senior English Literature major from Cordele, GA
BeBe Gibson Nursing Scholarship

The BeBe Gibson Nursing Scholarship was established by Betsy and Henry Crisp in memory of Mrs. Crisp’s mother, BeBe Gibson. This scholarship will be awarded to an incoming freshman, a transfer student or a current student pursuing an undergraduate or graduate degree in the School of Nursing at GSW. Preference is given to students with a minimum 3.0 GPA from Sumter, Lee & Clay counties in Georgia, or to non-traditional students who have established verifiable residency in such counties. The number, amount and recipients will be determined by the Scholarship Committee of the School of Nursing at GSW.

Laura Thomas- Senior Nursing major from Plains, GA
Kristi Sheridan- Sophomore Nursing major from Smithville, GA
This scholarship, established in memory of Richard A. Belford and Martha G. Belford and in honor of William Lee Belford, shall be used for an incoming freshman or a current student pursuing an undergraduate or graduate degree at GSW in the School of Business Administration. Consideration will be given to student athletes enrolled in the School of Business who meet the stated criteria.  

a) Preference will be given (although not limited to) students who graduated from High School from Chatham, Effingham, Bulloch, Bryan or Liberty counties in Georgia  

b) A minimum 3.0 (on a scale of 4) grade point average is required for receipt of this scholarship.

The Scholarship recipient will be determined by the Scholarship Committee of the School of Business at Georgia Southwestern State University. The Scholarship award amount will be credited to the student’s account at GSW.

Julia Wells – Senior Human Resource management from Lawrenceville, GA
Cavender- Rich Scholarship

In 1987, Tim DuPree established a scholarship in the memory of his late grandmother Ida Cavender, and Tony Rich, a benefactor. The scholarship is awarded to a graduating senior at Macon County High School and Peach County High School. Criteria includes a minimum SAT score of 950, financial need, HS average of 85 or better, 95% attendance record and a strong interest in the American work ethic. Selection is made upon recommendation of the principal of Macon County High School and Peach County High School.

Allan Bonde – Freshman Nursing major from Montezuma, GA
Daphne Cantrell Chambless Scholarship

Established in 2005 by Daphne Ann Chambless in honor of her mother, the Daphne Cantrell Chambless Award criteria is for a Georgia Southwestern State University student pursuing a baccalaureate degree in any academic subject, has a record of academic excellence as demonstrated by a GPA of 3.0 and has achieved a level of a Junior or Senior.

Amanda Mears – Senior Middle grades Education major from Leesburg, GA
Civitan Special Education Scholarship

The Civitan Club of Americus established this scholarship to support students majoring in special education at GSW. It is awarded to the student with the highest GPA.

Olivia Smith- Senior Special Education major from Thomaston, GA

Not pictured
Nicole Braswell – Senior Special Education major from Leesburg, GA

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Class of ’59 Scholarship

This scholarship was established by members of the GSW Class of 1959 to benefit GSW students who have achieved Junior, Senior or graduate level and have earned a minimum of 2.5 GPA. First consideration will be given descendants of GSW alumni.

Lomenzo Reddick (L) - Senior Accounting major from Americus, GA
Marketa Lawson (R) - Graduate student majoring in Early Childhood Education from Fitzgerald, GA
Charles F. Crisp Scholarship

This endowment was established by family and friends in memory of Charles F. Crisp, former President of the Bank of Commerce and local business leader in Americus, Georgia. Recipient must be a resident of Georgia, an incoming Freshman with a minimum SAT of 1000 and HS GPA of 3.0. Consideration is also given to students enrolled at GSW and with a 3.0 GPA.

Courtney Harmon- Junior Psychology major from Butler, GA
Connor Windham – Freshman from Oglethorpe, GA
Parker Phillips - Senior Nursing major from Plains, GA
Kayleigh Goodwin- Senior Fine Arts major from Leesburg, GA
Andi Reid – Freshman Nursing major from Americus, GA
Neil Yoder – Freshman Mechanical Engineering major from Montezuma, GA
Austin Law – Freshman Biology/Pre-Vet major from Andersonville, GA
Austin Wille – Freshman from Americus, GA
Joshua Worth – Junior Business Management major from Ellaville, GA
Ryan Singley – Junior Business Management major from Americus, GA

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Denham Family Athletic Scholarship

This scholarship is for a student athlete who is an incoming freshman, a transfer student, or a current student pursuing an undergraduate or graduate degree at Georgia Southwestern State University and who is recognized as a student athlete.

Criteria for award:
- Need based with preference given to a student athlete
- Entering, transfer or current students must have and maintain a 2.0 GPA on a 4 pt. scale
- Student must maintain athletic eligibility and be a bona fide member of a recognized non-intramural sports team at GSW.
- The number, amount and recipient (s) of the scholarship will be determined by the Scholarship Committee of the appropriate department.

Jake Burchell- Freshman Business Management major from McDonough, GA
James G. Deriso Scholarship

This memorial endowment was established by the family of James G. Deriso. Mr. Deriso, father of Mrs. Betty Pope, was a successful businessman in Sumter County. Consideration is given to participation and leadership in campus activities and extracurricular activities. Scholarship criteria requires recipients to be junior or senior status, accepted into the School of Business, with a GPA of 3.0, and no more than one grade of “C” in upper division courses.

Jessika Williams- Senior Accounting major from Americus, GA  
Hannah Bass- Senior Human Resources Management major from Warwick, GA  
Hannah Frazier – Senior Business Management major from McRae, GA  
Matt Vansant – Senior Accounting major from Leesburg, GA

Pictured Separately  
Nick Ray (L) – Senior Business Management major from Cohutta, GA  
Elliott Martin (M) – Senior Human Resource Management major from Americus, GA  
Erik Haygood (R) – Senior Business Management major from Forsyth, GA

Not Pictured: Kyle Heath – Junior Accounting major from Americus, GA
Evan Bozof Scholarship

A pitcher on the GSW baseball team from 1996-1998, Evan Bozof passed away from meningococcal disease April 20, 1998. An athletic scholarship was endowed in Evan's name in March 2008. This scholarship is intended to support baseball at GSW. A GPA of 3.25 is required. It may be awarded to an incoming student, a transfer student from a junior college or a continuing GSW student who is a member in good standing of the GSW baseball team with a GPA 3.25.

Earl Dupree – Sophomore Health/Physical Education major from Hawkinsville, GA

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Frances B. Arenz Jones Scholarship

This Alumni Award is available to incoming freshmen who are Sumter County residents. Vicktor Jones established it to honor his wife, Frances Bagley Arenz, a 1939 graduate of GSW. Criteria include a HS GPA of 2.8 and no grades below C. Applicants are also considered for leadership qualities and participation in extra-curricular activities. This scholarship can be on-going as long as the criteria are met.

Rob Rush- Sophomore Exercise Science major from Americus, GA
Spenser Anderson- Freshman Pre-Business major from Americus, GA

Pictured Separately
Scott Burgess- Senior Middle Grades Education major from Americus, GA

Not pictured:
Cary Mallette- Freshman Exercise Science major from Americus, GA
Frances Wood Wilson Scholarship

The Frances Wood Wilson Foundation of Decatur, Georgia, provides assistance to worthy students with a GPA of 3.0 and who demonstrate leadership involvement in school activities. Selection is by the Director of Admissions.

Vanessa Reyes - Freshman from Americus, GA
Megan Pilcher – Senior Business Management major from Americus, GA
James Tubbs – Senior Business Management major from Americus, GA
Abby Harrod – Sophomore Pre-Med major from Americus, GA
Hollie Adkins – Senior Nursing major from Americus, GA
Haley Jones – Senior Exercise Science & Wellness major from Americus, GA

Not Pictured
Jacob Hughes- Freshman from Preston, GA
Geology Scholarship

This scholarship was established by the late Dr. J.P. Manker, former Chairman of the Department of Geology and Physics, and others for declared Geology majors with a minimum 3.0 GPA who are active participants in the Geology Club.

Sarah Welter – Senior Geology major from Macon, GA
Glynn Mathis Scholarship

This scholarship was established by Glynn Mathis, an alumnus of GSW and a retired career educator in the State of Georgia. This scholarship is awarded to deserving students (undergraduate or graduate) showing financial need that meet admission standards or requirements at Georgia Southwestern and are pursuing a degree in Education and plan to teach. Preference is given to student athletes demonstrating academic proficiency and athletic skills in any of the intercollegiate sports offered at Georgia Southwestern.

Danyelle Jones – Sophomore Health & Physical Education major from Valdosta, GA
Griffin Bell Scholarship

The Griffin Bell Golf Scholarship was established to honor the memory of former Attorney General Judge Griffin Bell. The scholarship is offered to an incoming student, transfer student or a continuing GSW student with a high school GPA of 3.0 who wishes to pursue a major in Business Administration with an emphasis on Professional Golf Management or who is recruited to play on the GSW Golf team.

Pictured in far left photo
Wesley Myers – Sophomore Pre-Business major from Hawkinsville, GA
A.J. Hooper- Freshman PGM major from Dalton, GA

Pictured separately
Nick Ray (L) - Senior Business Management major from Cohutta, GA
Brennan Bauschka(M) - Freshman PGM/Marketing major from Alpharetta, GA
Danny Schuster- Senior(R)- Business Management major PGM minor from Bowersville, GA

Not Pictured
Marshall Voight
Goizueta Foundation Scholarship

The Goizueta foundation of Atlanta established a scholarship to provide need-based assistance annually to Latino students whose families currently reside in the United States.

Luis Ponce - Senior Business Management major from Conyers, GA
Miriam Rodriguez – Junior Nursing major from Fort Valley, GA
Vanessa Reyes – Freshman from Americus, GA
Maggie Perez – Sophomore Nursing major from Americus, GA
Esther Cano – Freshman Marketing major from Lawrenceville, GA
Linda Esparza – Senior Exercise Science & Wellness major from Lyons, GA
Hannah Ruiz – Senior Theater major from Palmetto, GA
Erick Cervantes – Freshman Biology major from Woodstock, GA
David Gomez – Freshman Engineering major from Bonaire, GA
Gabriel Selochan – Freshman Exercise Science major from Tampa, FL

Pictured Separately
Alejandra Palacio- Senior Biology major from Lawrenceville, GA

Not Pictured
Isaac Avila-Freshman Business Administration major from Jesup, GA
Harold Holloway Scholarship

This scholarship cash award was established by the late Dr. Harold E. Holloway, a 1953 graduate of Schley County High School in Ellaville, Georgia. This award benefits Honor Graduates of Schley County High School who attend G SW. Awards are subject to availability of funds.

Misty Waters – Freshman Early childhood Education major from Ellaville, GA
Henry King Stanford Scholarship

This Alumni scholarship was named in honor of Henry King Stanford, President of GSW from 1948 through 1950 and former President of Birmingham Southern, Ga. College and State University in Milledgeville, University of Miami, and University of Georgia. Criteria: in-coming freshman, minimum SAT of 1000, and 3.0 GPA.

Nikki Weir – Sophomore Nursing major from Americus, GA
Ashley McClung – Freshman from Americus, GA
Sarah Bridges – Freshman Exercise Science major from Leesburg, GA
Luke Bray – Freshman Nursing major from Oglethorpe, GA
Ryan Johnson – Sophomore Exercise Science major from Americus, GA
Herschel A. Smith Scholarship

The Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia honored Dr. Herschel Smith, GSW’s first campus infirmary physician, by naming the GSW infirmary “The Herschel A. Smith Health Center.” Dr. Smith was instrumental in creating the nursing program at Georgia Southwestern. The award is offered to non-traditional nursing students of good academic standing with a GPA of 3.0.

Rosie Wynne – Graduate student MSN in nursing from Cochran, GA
Nell Holt Holman Nursing Scholarship

This scholarship was established by Americus resident Tom Holman in honor of his late wife, Nell Holt Holman, who passed away in 2011. Mr. Holman and his sons wanted to honor Mrs. Holman’s service to the community as a charge nurse at Magnolia Manor Nursing Center, providing care to Alzheimer’s patients for 18 years.

This scholarship will be granted on the basis of financial need to GSW students who major in nursing – undergraduate or graduate. Preference will be given to students from Sumter County and surrounding areas.

Laura Van Hine – Senior Nursing major from Portland, OR
Jim Ray Scholarship

This endowment was established by the late Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Ray of Americus, Georgia, in memory of their son Jim. The recipient must be enrolled full-time and in good standing. Consideration will be given but not restricted to incoming freshmen. Preference is given to student athletes in the sport of golf.

Matthew Whittaker – Senior Business Management major from Lethbridge, Alberta, Canada
Junior Service League Scholarship

The Junior Service League of Americus established this scholarship for an incoming GSW freshman, with a 3.0 GPA. First priority will be given to a child or stepchild of a JSL member in good standing.

John Barrett- Freshman from Leslie, GA
Kinnebrew Rotary Scholarship

Established by the Americus Rotary Club for members of Students in Free Enterprise, this scholarship honors a lifelong member, the late E. H. Kinnebrew, Sr. whose successful Americus, Georgia business continues as a product of the American free enterprise system.

Jessica Albritton – Senior Accounting major from Americus, GA
Dr. James “Kirt” Myers, a dedicated GSW Administrator, teacher, coach, and father died tragically in an automobile accident in 2001. His family, friends, and students began this endowment to honor his memory for his contributions to GSW and the Americus community. The award is available to students with a minimum GPA of 3.0 and who have been admitted to teacher education with a Special Education Major.

Ashley Chastain – Senior Special Education major from Leesburg, GA
Kiwanis Leadership Scholarship

The Kiwanis Club of Americus established an endowed scholarship for students from Sumter County who display leadership qualities and have a minimum 2.85 GPA. Preference is given to former Key Club members or dependents of a member of the Americus Kiwanis Club. The amount and recipient(s) will be determined by the Kiwanis Club of Americus based on availability of funds.

Catherine Wilson – Junior biology Pre-Med major from Cairo, GA
Kelly Dekle – Junior Math with Teacher Certification major from Donalsonville, GA
Natasha Wood – Senior Marketing major from Montgomery, AL
Mark Watford – Senior Music major from Americus, GA
Bryce Benton – Freshman Pre-Med major from Americus, GA
Haley Jones – Senior Exercise Science & Wellness major from Americus, GA
Ryan Singley – Junior Business Management major from Americus, GA
Leewyn Finklea Scholarship

This scholarship was established to honor the memory of Leewyn Finklea, an educator and GSW’s first Alumni Director. Applicants must have financial need, a minimum 2.75 GPA and show interest in community and school related activities.

Emmett Eades- Freshman Nursing major from Watkinsville, GA

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Lillie Josey Dudley Scholarship

This scholarship was established by Dr. A, Gatewood Dudley and Cynthia Dudley. Scholarship will be awarded to a student with the highest grade point average upon acceptance to the School of Nursing and who has completed all core requirements at GSW. This award will be given to one nursing student per year and is renewable based upon the Scholarship Committee’s recommendation. If the scholarship award is not renewed, it will be offered to another newly admitted student according to the award criteria. The recipient of the Scholarship will be determined by the Scholarship Committee of the School of Nursing at Georgia Southwestern State University which should include the Head Nurse at Phoebe Sumter Medical Center. The Scholarship award amount will be credited to the student’s account at GSW.

Tae Joon Han – Junior Nursing major from Seoul, South Korea

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Loveda Powell McNair Scholarship

Brenda Hunter Browning, ASN, an alumnus of GSW’s School of Nursing ('64), established this scholarship in memory of her friend and former classmate. The recipient must be a Georgia resident enrolled in the GSW School of Nursing.

Kayla Johnson- Senior Nursing major from Americus, GA
Lula Finch Stephens Scholarship

This endowed scholarship award was established by Sam P. Stephens of Anderson, South Carolina, Class of 1942, in memory of his mother who was from Americus, Georgia, and sent four of her children to GSW. Criteria are based on need. Scholarship is renewable.

Felicia Harris – Senior Nursing major from Moultrie, GA
Margaret Rhyne Wagener / Robert Lee Rhyne Scholarship

Claude Rhyne, the brother of Margaret R. Wagener and Robert Rhyne, established this scholarship as a lasting tribute to their memory. This scholarship is to be awarded to a student in the School of Education with a major emphasis on Special Education. Applicants must demonstrate a need and maintain a GPA of 2.5.

Mandee Bruner – Senior Special Education major from Suwanee, GA
Marshall Pryor Scholarship

This endowed scholarship was established in memory of Robert Marshall Pryor by his family. The scholarship is available to residents of Sumter County, Georgia, who have financial need. Marshall Pryor, the grandson of the late Judge Thomas O. Marshall, Supreme Court Justice of the State of Georgia, demonstrated great courage in his fight to live and will always be an inspiration to his family and friends.

Christopher Fedderick – Senior Computer Science major from Americus, GA
Richard Loper – Junior Theater & History major from Americus, GA
Daniel Player – Freshman from Oglethorpe, GA
Catherine Sumner – Sophomore Special Education major from Blakely, GA
Jeffery Roberts – Junior Computer Information Technology major from Americus, GA

Not Pictured
Shanice Reddick – Junior Early Childhood Education major from Americus, GA
Jasmine Stevenson – Senior Biology major from Americus, GA
Mary Dupree Scholarship

This scholarship was established in memory of Mary G. Dupree by the J. Frank Myers family. The purpose of the fund is to assist students in good standing in attaining a degree in teacher education.

Kelly Dekle (L) - Junior Math major with Teacher Certification from Donalsonville, GA

LeahAnn Driscoll (R) - Senior Early Childhood Education major from Tifton, GA
Mattie H. Marshall Scholarship

This memorial scholarship honors Mattie H. Marshall, mother of former Georgia Supreme Court Justice Tom Marshall, and is awarded to a worthy student who is a resident of the State of Georgia and has a minimum GPA of 2.5.

Hillaree McClelland- Sophomore Education major form Douglas, GA
Lonni Golphin- Senior Nursing major from Americus, GA
Brittney Jackson- Senior History major with Teacher Certification from Perry, GA
Cynthia Johnson- Senior English major with Teacher Certification from Cordele, GA
Kristin Robinson – Sophomore Early childhood Education major from Locust Grove, GA

Pictured Separately
Marcus Melton – Freshman Mechanical Engineering major from Dawson, GA

Not Pictured
Jamila Avril – Senior Business Administration/Management major from Bainbridge, GA
H. Phil Jones, Jr. / Citizens Bank Scholarship

This scholarship was established in memory of H. Phil Jones, Jr., former president of the Citizens Bank of Americus. It is available to Sumter County or Webster County residents exhibiting financial need, those who show leadership qualities through extracurricular activities such as clubs, sports or volunteer work and is an “average” student with a 2.0-3.25 GPA.

Owen Dillard – Freshman from Americus, GA
Rolie Hancock- Junior Exercise Science major Business minor from Americus, GA
Pope Caregivers Fellowships

The Rosalynn Carter Institute for Caregiving (RCI) awards fellowships and scholarships for undergraduate and graduate students. These are available through a generous endowment to RCI from John and Betty Pope. Awards are given to GSW students who are studying in caregiving-related areas or are working on caregiving projects that address the mission of the RCI.

Rebecca Greenslade – Senior Psychology major from Albany, GA
Jasmin Taylor – Freshman Early Childhood Education major from Oglethorpe, GA
Miriam Rodriguez – Junior Nursing major from Fort Valley, GA
SallyAnne Russell – Junior Nursing major from Americus, GA
Aryn Beall – Sophomore Nursing major from Midland, GA
Rachael Medlin – Freshman Exercise Science & Wellness major from Cordele, GA
Brandi Mixon – Senior Nursing major from Cordele, GA
Jon Cannon – Freshman Nursing major from Watkinsville, GA
Will Ellerbee – Junior Biology/Pre-Med major from Thomaston, GA
Owen Dillard – Freshman from Andersonville, GA
Pope Fellowship recipients
Pictured Separately
Misty Waters- (L) Freshman Early Childhood Education major from Ellaville, GA
Kinsey Powell –(R) Senior Chemistry major from Buena Vista, GA

Not Pictured - Anna Hall- Freshman Early Childhood Education major from Buena Vista, GA
Bettie Tolson Rhyne Scholarship

Claude L. Rhyne, Ph.D. of Americus, GA, established this memorial scholarship to honor his wife. This scholarship is for a graduate student who is pursuing a Master’s degree in reading. If there is no graduate student who applies in this field of study, consideration will be given to students in the Master’s Degree Program in Computer Science.

Tatiana Baeva – Graduate student in Computer Science from Americus, GA

Blanche & C.L. Rhyne Scholarship

The family of Blanche S. Rhyne established this scholarship for a gifted student in any discipline.

Tracy Russell- Senior Nursing major from Americus, GA
Margaret R. Wagener / R.L. Rhyne Scholarship

Claude Rhyne, the brother of Margaret R. Wagener and Robert Lee Rhyne, established this scholarship as a lasting tribute to their memory. This scholarship is to be awarded to a student admitted to the School of Education with a major emphasis on Special Education. Applicants must demonstrate a need and maintain a GPA of 2.5.

Amanda Bruner – Senior Special Education major from Suwanee, GA

Paul Rhyne Scholarship

Claude A. Rhyne established this memorial scholarship as a tribute to his son Paul who demonstrated a love for the arts, especially instrumental ensembles. This scholarship is awarded to a student in good standing who is enrolled in a band and/or instrumental performance course at GSW.

Timothy Grinstead – Junior Music major with Teaching Certification from Hawkinsville, GA
Roy Lee & Susan Smith Athletic Scholarship

According to the wishes of the donor as set forth in “A Contract Establishing the Roy Lee and Susan Smith Endowment Fund” the earnings from this fund will be made available for Athletic programs. That could include athletic scholarships, capital improvements to athletic facilities, and other uses that pertain to Athletic programs at Georgia Southwestern State University. The amount and usage will be determined as follows: All uses must comply with the mission statement of the Georgia Southwestern Foundation, with current IRS guidelines and must be approved by the President of the University and the Athletic Director of the University. Amount and usage is subject to available funds.

Jasmine McSwain – Sophomore Early Childhood Education major from Marietta, GA

JP Griffin- Senior Human Resource management from Glennville, GA currently serving as an assistant golf coach

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J. Emory Rylander Scholarship

This scholarship was established the family of J. Emory Rylander, founder of The Tog Shop in Americus, Ga. It continues through the generosity of the late Judy & Jimmy Rylander. Recipients must be enrolled full-time in the School of Nursing, possess high academic standards, and demonstrate commitment and good moral character at GSW and in the community.

Kenneth Sartwell- Junior Nursing major from Ellaville, GA
Charles Johnson- Senior Nursing major from Valdosta, GA
Maureen Green – Senior Nursing major from Ibadan, Nigeria
Jessica Okpara – Senior Nursing major from Riverdale, GA
Abby Hamlin – Junior Nursing major from Macon, GA
Shannon Peavy Knopes Nursing Scholarship

This Memorial Scholarship was created by Shannon’s parents as a lasting tribute to their daughter who died as a result of complications caused by a legionella type virus contracted while working as a nurse. The awards are in the amount of $500 per year and are available to second year nursing majors who are in good academic standing at GSW. Preference is given to Houston County, Georgia, residents.

Jessica Collins – Senior Nursing major from Macon, GA
Skylar Hudson – Senior Nursing major from Perry, GA
Jennie Strange Scholarship

This scholarship was the second endowed award established by alumnus Sam P. Stephens (1942), to honor his mother-in-law, Jennie Strange of Ellaville, Georgia. Criteria are based on financial needs of a deserving student. Scholarship is renewable.

Reginald Miles – Junior Computer Science major from Albany, GA
The family of Tammy Lee Fortner in Columbus, Georgia, established this endowed Scholarship in memory of their daughter. Applicants must be majors of Fine Arts, Psychology or Sociology. Special consideration is given to students who demonstrate an interest or talent in the use of arts in human services such as art therapy, recreational therapy, occupational therapy, and music therapy.

- Caitlin Segroves - Junior Fine Arts major from Albany, GA
- Kristin Pair – Senior Music with Teacher Certification from Savannah, GA
- Kayleigh Goodwin – Senior Fine Arts major from Leesburg, GA
- Mark Watford – Senior Music major from Americus, GA
- Ava Joiner- Sophomore Photography Art major from Macon, GA
- Nick Daglis – Junior Fine Arts major from Americus, GA
- Christopher Gilstrap – Junior Theater major from Warner Robins, GA

Pictured Separately
- Jesse Wade (L) - Senior Theater major from Fort Valley, GA
- Jason Wallace (M) - Senior Theater Performance major from Leesburg, GA
- Patricia Belsky(R) - Sophomore Fine Arts major from Tulsa, OK

Not Pictured:
- Sara Thompson- Senior Dramatic Arts major from Brunswick, GA
Vivian Schild Scholarship

Established by alumnus Sandra Blaylock Gillis (‘69) this scholarship award is offered to a female chemistry major who has completed 12 semester hrs. of GSW Chemistry courses that apply toward their major and is based upon the highest sum of overall GPA, Science and Math GPA, and Chemistry GPA.

Kinsey Powell – Senior Chemistry major from Buena Vista, GA
D. Michael Weston Scholarship

A past chairman of the Board of Trustees of the GSW Foundation, D. Michael Weston established an endowed scholarship to encourage high academic achievement to an incoming GSW Freshman who possesses a 2.0 to 2.5 HS GPA and scored less than 1100 on the SAT.

Adam Lundberg – Junior Management major from West Point, GA
Wheeler/Parker Scholarship

The Wheeler/Parker Scholarship was established by Jean and Wes Wheeler as an endowment to honor the Parker and Wheeler families. The criterion gives consideration to students who have financial need and meet admission standards. This scholarship is shared by the School of Business and the School of Nursing.

Ben Moody- Senior Human Resource Management major from Georgetown, GA
Brandi St John- Senior Nursing major from Leslie, GA
G. Stanley Wicker Scholarship

This scholarship was established by the family of GSW alumnus, G. Stanley Wicker, to honor his memory. Mr. Wicker was a faithful alumnus of GSW and served on the GSW alumni board for many years. This a need-based scholarship, determined by the university’s scholarship committee and criteria set by the committee for need-based scholarships. The number, amount, and recipient (s) of the Scholarship will be determined by the Scholarship Committee of the appropriate department at Georgia Southwestern State University. The Scholarship award amount will be credited to the student’s account at GSW.

Susan Bates – Junior Chemistry/ Pre Pharmacy major from Leesburg, GA
Willis Shiver Rotary Scholarship

Established by the Americus Rotary Club for members of Students in Free Enterprise, this scholarship honors the memory of a lifelong member, J. Willis Shiver, who started a successful business in Americus, Georgia which is continuing to flourish as a product of the American free enterprise system.

Brooke Walker – Senior marketing major from Americus, GA
Willy Mathis Scholarship

This scholarship was established by GSW to honor the memory of Willy Mathis, a member of the GSW basketball team in the 70’s and a committed alumnus. Willy passed away in 2007 after a battle with cancer. This scholarship is to be used for a basketball player who is an incoming freshman, a transfer student or a current student pursuing an undergraduate or graduate degree at GSW.

Adrian Knight – Senior Early Childhood Education major from Thomasville, GA