

2019 BECA Common Scholarship Application Winners, Providers and Supporters

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Leonardtown, MD - On Tuesday, May 14, 2019 BECA hosted the 13th Annual Scholarship Awards Ceremony at the Dr. James A. Forrest Career and Technology Center. Altogether, 100 2019 graduating seniors from all St. Mary's County high schools were awarded a total of 133 local scholarships totaling \$205,000 (first-year only). These numbers are all records. Additionally, 55 different scholarships were offered by 44 providers this year resulting in 277 applications received in February; also all record numbers.

2019 Scholarship Providers include: Alpha Beta Chapter, Delta Kappa Gamma Frances Lancaster for Teacher Education; American Society of Military Comptrollers (ASMC) Southern Maryland Chapter; Association of Naval Aviation; Aviation Systems Engineering Co. (ASEC) STEM; Business, Education and Community Alliance (BECA); Cedar Point Federal Credit Union and Cedar Point Financial Services; Charlotte Hall Rotary Club; Danny Ryce Memorial for Music; Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Elvear B. Johnson Ph.D.; Dugan, McKissick & Longmore, LLC for Barbara Horn; Easton Family; Educational Systems Federal Credit Union (2); Daniel Fitzgerald; Fitzgerald Family; Garner Visual and Performing Arts; Hollywood Elementary School PTA; Leonardtown Lions Club Raymond Stone Memorial; Leonardtown Rotary Club; Lettie Marshall Dent/County Council of PTAs; Lexington Park Lions Club Foundation; Marine Corp Aviation Association (MCAA) John Glenn Squadron; MedStar St. Mary's Hospital Foundation; Fairfax Family for MetCom Children of Employees; NAACP Claudia Pickeral Memorial; Nam Knights Darrell "Stone Cold" Canter Memorial; National Pan-Hellenic Council of Southern Maryland; Newtowne Players William E. Scarafia Memorial; Nolan Scully Public Service from Clements Cuties; Northrop Grumman Corporation STEM; Patuxent Dental; Raley, Watts & O'Neill – Chris King Financial Adviser; St. Mary's County Garden Club; St. Mary's County Chamber of Commerce; St. Mary's County Farm Bureau; St. Mary's County Public Schools Retirees Association; St. Mary's County Scholarship Fund; Stephen D. Mattingly II Memorial; Tau Lambda Lambda Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.; Walters Family; William L. Smith, Jr. Memorial; Women in Defense Chesapeake Bay Chapter; Woman's Club of St. Mary's County; William Eglinton Memorial; Lexington Park Rotary Club (various); Ann Houston Green Music Education, Danny Weddle Memorial in Science and Engineering, Dorris Darrah Mathematics Education, John Ramos Memorial Written and Oral Communications, So Many Journeys Waiting for U, Mike Marley Service Award, Robert and Rita I. Merritts Academic and Vocational, Greg H. Clarke Memorial in Aviation/Military, Multiple Club Awards.

About BECA: The Business, Education and Community Alliance, Inc. (BECA), is a local 501(c)(3) non-profit and public charity organization founded in 1989 jointly by the St. Mary's County Chamber of Commerce and Superintendent of Schools. BECA's mission is to bring together business and community organizations and individuals to support our local school system improve student success. BECA has awarded one-time scholarships to St. Mary's High School graduating seniors since 1995, awarding 270 scholarships totaling almost \$250,000. BECA also administers the Common Scholarship Application, allowing students to apply for more than 50 local scholarships using one application. Since its introduction in 2007, approximately \$3.5 million in local scholarships have been awarded through the common application.

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