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***Austin Academic Achievement Awards
and
RIMEF Scholarships***



May 13, 2021

Austin Academic Achievement Top Ten Awards

Recognition of the Top Ten Freshmen, Sophomores, Juniors, and Seniors

Austin Academic Achievement Departmental Awards

Scholarships totaling \$21,600 awarded to Seniors from eight Academic Areas

Rock Island-Milan Education Foundation Scholarships

\$71,700 in scholarships awarded to the Class of 2021

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Austin Academic Achievement Awards

Top Ten Academic Achievers

Freshmen:

Ali Al Janabi	Charles Conner	Emily Hummel	Man Nuam
Maryam Alhamdan	Leah Conner	Kaitlyn Jacoby	Larry Oliver
Joseph Allen	Ntiruvakure Dinye	Andrew Kerno	Eh Paw
Fidelia Awoudi	Josephine Driskill	Joy Kitterman	Eh Ksaw Paw
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Kal Boswell	Jade Gasper	Alayna McKinley	Mary Stockdale
Harrison Braddy	Taylor Grass	Eh Kler Moo	Lydia Thomer
Michael Brose	Lauren Groene	Lah Set Kpru Moo	Mallory Timm
Christopher Brown	Madjid Gunashev	Ta Ear Paw Moo	Chloe Turner
Kylen Brozovich	Luke Gustafson	Shalom Moore	Egan Westmorland
Delaney Carroll	Dah Gay Htoo	Brayden Moseley	John Wilde
Briseyda Castaneda	Austin Huff	Sandrine Nduwimana	Mayani Wilondja

Sophomores:

Nhi Dang	Kaylee Johnson	Kaylee Plohr	Ethan Smithson
Ella Hansen	Madelyn Maidak	Natalie Pothoven	
Riley Hawotte	Keller Mathews	Lucas Rettig	

Juniors:

Joseph Brune	Grace Gustafson	Tyana Jackson	Olivia Sholl
Ian Empen	Ashlie Heggen	Alaina Muller	Chloe Shomo
Layla Eygabroad	Eh Htoo	Kamara Sakho	

Seniors:

Renee Farmer	Rachel Loomis	Lily Paw	Logan Wyers
Kyle Gant	Tiffany O'Leary	Noah Rettig	
Donovan Garro	Macy O'Mary	Say Say	

Department Awards

Business

Career and Technical Education

English

Fine Arts

Math

Science

Social Studies

World Languages

First Place

Colton Sigel
Blake Zahner
Say Say
Riley Ellis
Noah Rettig
Renee Farmer
Macy O'Mary
Logan Wyers

Second Place

Payton Cassidy
Ethan Hinds
Lily Paw
Calvin Banks
Tiffany O'Leary
Donovan Garro
Bujeni Itangishatse
JaRaya Carr

Austin Academic Achievement Award Assistance: Janet Moline

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RI-Milan Education Foundation Scholarships

Charles O. Austin Leadership Scholarship – \$2,000

Honoring Charles O. Austin, Jr. and Charles O. Austin, III
Recipient: *Calvin Banks*

Carole S. Barkan Scholarship – \$500

In memory of Carole's life devoted to advocating for students
Recipient: *Kaylea Roessler*

Boeye Family Scholarship – \$1,000

Established by the family to recognize involvement in extra-curriculars and the community
Recipient: *Colton Sigel*

Grant W. and Virginia M. Brissman Scholarship - \$4,000

Established by the Rock Island-Milan Education Foundation to honor the Brissmans
Recipient: *Maura Chandler*

Class of 1961 Scholarship – \$1,250 each

Established and funded by the Class of 1961
Recipients: *Jaylen Brozovich, Maura Chandler, Ravon Johnson-Taylor, Chloe Killian, Abbigale Rasmussen, Colton Sigel, Erin Teggatz, Ashley Testa*

Class of 1963 “First in the Family” Scholarship - \$1,000

Established and funded by the Class of 1963
Recipient: *Ravon Johnson-Taylor*

Class of 1965 - \$500

Established and funded by the Class of 1965
Recipient: *Marriyon Rogers*

Stanley H. Coin Business Scholarship - \$1,000

Established by American Bank & Trust to honor Stanley H. Coin
Recipient: *Trevor Beckman*

Donald E. Devinney Business and Business Education Scholarship - \$4,000

Established by former RIHS business teacher Mr. Don Devinney
Recipient: *Trevor Beckman*

Barbara Fackel AVID Scholarship - \$1,000

In memory of Barbara for a student completing 4 years of the AVID program
Recipient: *Kristina Smith*

Ben D. and Nancy K. Brown Farrar Scholarship - \$2,000

Established by former RIMSD teacher Nancy K. Brown Farrar
Recipient: *Gabriel Nightingale*

Rick Gilliland Scholarship - \$500

In memory of teacher Rick Gilliland – for a student attending Black Hawk College
Recipient: *Abbigale Rasmussen*

Ray and Elva Haberthur Memorial Scholarship - \$2,000

Established to honor the long-time Rock Island contributors
Recipient: *Ravon Johnson-Taylor*

Hass Family Scholarship - \$1,000

Established by the family in honor of Mary and Art Hass
Recipient: *Charly Heber-Spates*

Heart of a “Rock” Scholarship - \$1,000

Established by 2010 alum Megan Wilson and Triona Roberts. For a student who has a family member struggling with a major illness.
Recipient: *Bell New*

Amy Helpenstell Liberal Arts Scholarship – \$1,000

Honoring Rocky and Augustana College graduate, Amy Helpenstell
Recipient: *Jonathan Knuth*

Derek James Jackson Art Scholarship - \$500

Established for a student who has participated in the Rocky art curriculum
Recipient: *Riley Ellis*

Tyler John Memorial Scholarship - \$1,000

In memory of Tyler for a student in band and/or orchestra
Recipient: *Lainey Benson*

Jumer’s Casino and Hotel Scholarship – 3 awards

For students demonstrating academic and social achievement
Recipient, \$3,000 award: *Say Say*
Recipient, \$2,000 award: *JaRaya Carr*
Recipient, \$1,000 award: *Blake Zahner*

Judith A. Katz Scholarship - \$4,000

In memory of Judith for a student exhibiting outstanding academic achievement
Recipient: *Donovan Garro*

Donavin J. Keim Scholarship – \$500 each

Funded by the family in memory of the former student athlete
Recipient, Football: *Jaylen Brozovich*
Recipient, Wrestling: *Kyle Gant*

R. Decker Magee Memorial Scholarship - \$500

Established in memory of RIHS graduate Decker Magee
Recipient: *Evan Elliott*

The Marler Clark Science Scholarship - \$2,000

Established to aid a student pursuing a degree in science
Recipient: *Allyson Smithson*

Mollie Montgomery Scholarship - \$2,000

Established by the Rock Island-Milan Education Foundation for a student entering a medical field
Recipient: *Sher Lei*

Herb Niemann Scholarship - \$1,200

In memory of former teacher and principal Herb Niemann
Recipient: *Eleanor Blew*

Charlie White/Richard Klatt Purple Tuna Creativity Scholarship - \$500

Established by '83 grad Cary Hinz in honor of his RIHS art teachers
Recipient: *Alisia Sarver*

Darrell and Mary Anne Reynolds Scholarship - \$1,000

Established by the Reynolds to reward a hardworking student
Recipient: *Andrea Rangel*

Darrell and Mary Anne Reynolds Automotive Scholarship - \$1,000

For a student who will work with the automotive industry
Recipient: *Gabriel Nightingale*

Miles W. Rich Family Scholarship - \$4,000

Established by Mr. Rich for a student who will major in Business Administration
Recipient: *Kristina Smith*

Jayovontae “Jaree” Roberts Scholarship - \$500 each

Funded by family and friends to honor former student Jaree Roberts
Recipient, Education: *Chloe Killian*
Recipient, Music: *Emma Widick*

Rock Island-Milan Education Foundation Scholarship - \$1,000 each

3 scholarships funded by the Rock Island-Milan Education Foundation
Recipient, 4-year College: *Noah Rettig*
Recipient, 2-year College: *Logan Wyers*
Recipient, Vocational: *Payton Cassidy*

Rock Island Rotary “Service Above Self” Scholarship - \$1,000

For demonstrating service to the community and living the Rotary 4-Way Test
Recipient: *Cassidy DeMeyer*

Rock Island Township Scholarship - \$1,000

To support a student residing in RI Township and attending an Illinois college
Recipient: *Emma Widick*

Chet Schultz Scholarship - \$1,000

Established in memory of longtime Rocky wrestling coach and teacher Chet Schultz
Recipient: *Kyle Gant*

Terry Stephens Memorial Scholarship - \$500 each

Established to honor former baseball coach Terry Stephens
Recipient, Baseball: *Ravon Johnson-Taylor*
Recipient, Softball: *Kaylea Roessler*

Elizabeth Kennel Williams Scholarship - \$1,000

Honoring the '86 RIHS graduate who dedicated her career to helping students overcome challenges
Recipient: *Bell New*

Women’s Computer Science, Math, & IT Scholarship - \$500

Encouraging women to pursue a degree in computer science, technology, or math
Recipient: *Ashley Testa*

Rosemary Woodward Scholarship - \$1,000

Established with a grant from the RI Community Foundation to honor Mrs. Woodward. The scholarship is awarded to a student who will study nursing or to be a CNA
Recipient: *Emily Pearson*

DW Young Memorial Scholarship - \$4,000

Established by the family in memory of DW Young, a strong supporter of RI schools
Recipient: *Rachel Loomis*

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