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**ROCK ISLAND-MILAN**  
**EDUCATION FOUNDATION**

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



**May 11, 2022**

**Austin Academic Achievement Top Ten Awards**

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

**Austin Academic Achievement Departmental Awards**

Scholarships totaling \$35,000 awarded to Seniors from ten Academic Areas

**Rock Island-Milan Education Foundation Scholarships**

\$102,200 in scholarships awarded to the Class of 2022

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# Austin Academic Achievement Awards

## Top Ten Academic Achievers

### Freshmen:

Elaina Adlfinger	Max Davis	Mu Phlay K'Tooe Soe	Linda Rose
Hussein Alhamdan	Owen Dietz	Yessenia Leos-Ochoa	Jose Salinas-Pelaez
Keziah Anderson	Kaleb Faulkner	Abbagale Lieber	Olivia Samuelson
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Alexander Churchill	Karsen Horton	Landyn Nelson	Josiah Wages
Grace Clevenger	Stella Houk	Niyonzima Niyonzima	Madison Wangler
Nathanial Cruz-Oliveros	Benjamin Huisman	Poe Paw	Tyler Whipple
Chase Curry	Birdie Johnson	Lily Phares	Kiana Williams
Makyah Daniels	Olivia Kargl	Pedro Ramirez	Jaxon Womack
Irankunda Darilene	Naomi King	Lyric Rice	

### Sophomores:

Maryam Alhamdan	Leah Conner	Asa Mahn	Alivia Stanley
Presley Behrens	Eva Essman	Almir Matias	Chloe Turner
Jackson Bennett	Lucette Feigley	Lah Paw	John Wilde

### Juniors:

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

### Seniors:

Ian Empen	Ashlie Heggen	Kamara Sakho	Zaw Win
Layla Eygabroad	Tyana Jackson	Olivia Sholl	
Grace Gustafson	Alaina Muller	Anna Vermiere	

## Austin Academic Achievement Awards - Departmental Scholarships

### Business

### Career & Technical Education

### EL - English Learners

### English

### Fine Arts - Performing

### Fine Arts - Visual

### Math

### Science

### Social Studies

### World Languages

### First Place - \$2,000

Tongil Kalomba  
Elijah Boeye  
Reponse Muhoza  
Zaw Win  
Georgi Feigley  
Kaw Kee La  
Alaina Muller  
Peh Lay  
Favour Noya  
Olivia Sholl

### Second Place - \$1,500

Madison Walker  
Jacob Stribling  
Nyota Wilondja  
Najah Veasey  
Layla Eygabroad  
Abraham Blanco  
Ian Empen  
Carli Gordon  
Eliza Aleman  
Joseph Brune

**Academic Excellence Awards - \$1,000:** Tyana Jackson and Anna Vermeire

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### Scholarship Committee:

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## RI-Milan Education Foundation Scholarships

### **Nell Althoff Family Memorial Scholarship - \$2,500 each**

In memory of long-time 1st grade Audubon teacher Nell Althoff

Recipients: *Nyambanguka Benise, Olivia Bowman, Joseph Brune, Ywa Paw*

### **Charles O. Austin Leadership Scholarship - \$2,000**

Honoring Charles O. Austin, Jr. and Charles O. Austin, III

Recipient: *Peh Lay*

### **Bally's Quad Cities Scholarship - 3 awards**

For students demonstrating academic and social achievement

Recipient, \$3,000 award: *Alaina Muller*

Recipient, \$2,000 award: *Kamara Sakho*

Recipient, \$1,000 award: *Hunter Melody*

### **Carole S. Barkan Scholarship - \$1,000**

In memory of Carole's life devoted to advocating for students

Recipient: *Kamara Sakho*

### **Boeye Family Scholarship - \$1,000**

Established by the family to recognize involvement in extra-curriculars and the community

Recipient: *Joseph Brune*

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

Established by the Rock Island-Milan Education Foundation to honor the Brissmans

Recipient: *Ashlie Heggen*

### **Class of 1961 Scholarship - \$1,000 each**

Established and funded by the Class of 1961

Recipients: *Eliza Aleman, Alexa Avelos, Kaniya Davis, Crystal Fragogiannis, Xander George, Olivia Johnson, Briana Moreno, Nibitanga Pascaline, Brigitte Pendeza, Jacob Stribling, Najah Vesey, James Wulgaert*

### **Class of 1963 "First in the Family Scholarship" - \$1,000 each**

Established and funded by the Class of 1963

Recipients: *Xander George, Favour Noya*

### **Class of 1965 Scholarship - \$500**

Established and funded by the Class of 1965

Recipient: *Kelly Canning*

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

Established by American Bank & Trust to honor Stanley H. Coin

Recipient: *Tongil Kalomba*

### **Donald E. Devinney Business and Business Education Scholarship - \$6,000 each**

Established by former RIHS business teacher Mr. Don Devinney

Recipients: *Hamidullah Barikzay, Ian Empen*

### **Barbara Fackel AVID Scholarship - \$1,000**

In memory of Barbara for a student completing 4 years of the AVID program

Recipient: *Favour Noya*

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

Established by former RIMSD teacher Nancy K. Brown Farrar

Recipient: *Najah Vesey*

### **Jim and Doug Franz Memorial Scholarship: \$1,500**

In memory of the brothers who were Rocky grads

Recipient: *Eh Htoo*

### **Rick Gilliland Scholarship - \$500**

In memory of teacher Rick Gilliland - for a student attending Black Hawk College

Recipient: *Elia Blanco*

### **Ray and Elva Habarth Memorial Scholarship - \$2,000**

Established to honor the long-time Rock Island contributors

Recipient: *Ava Coussens*

### **Hass Family Scholarship - \$1,000**

Established by the family in honor of Mary and Art Hass

Recipient: *Trichelle Gay*

### **Heart of a "Rock" - \$1,000**

Established by 2010 alum Megan Wilson and Triona Roberts. For a student who has had a family member struggling with a major illness.

Recipient: *Jacob Stribling*

### **Amy Helpenstell Liberal Arts Scholarship - \$1,000**

Honoring Rocky and Augustana College graduate, Amy Helpenstell

Recipient: *Grace Gustafson*

### **Jerry and Sue (Farrow) Horton Scholarship - \$1,000**

Established by the Hortons to encourage a pursuit in trades or nursing.

Recipient: *Olivia Johnson*

### **Derek James Jackson Art Scholarship - \$500 each**

Established for a student who has participated in the Rocky art curriculum

Recipient: *Donavin Caston, Elizabeth Hamilton*

### **Tyler John Memorial Scholarship - \$1,000**

In memory of Tyler for a student in band and/or orchestra

Recipient: *Eh Htoo*

### **Judith A. Katz Scholarship - \$4,000**

Established in memory of Judith for a student exhibiting outstanding academic achievement

Recipient: *Georgi Feigley*

### **Donavin J. Keim Scholarship - \$500 each**

Funded by the family in memory of the former student athlete

Recipient, Football: *Xander George*

Recipient, Wrestling: *Rebecca Ferguson*

### **R. Decker Magee Memorial Scholarship - \$500**

Established in memory of RIHS graduate Decker Magee

Recipient: *Elijah Boeye*

### **The Marler Clark Science Scholarship - \$2,000**

Established to aid a student pursuing a degree in science

Recipient: *Zach DeMarlie*

### **Mollie Montgomery Scholarship - \$2,000**

Established by the Rock Island-Milan Education Foundation for a student entering a medical field

Recipient: *Emily Allison*

### **Herb Niemann Scholarship - \$1,200**

In memory of former teacher and principal Herb Niemann

Recipient: *Grace Gustafson*

### **R. Dale Owen "Be the Light" Memorial Scholarship - \$1,000**

Established by the Ascentra Credit Union Foundation to honor Dale Owen and his generosity of spirit to his community

Recipient: *Liyah Millbrook*

### **Darrell and Mary Anne Reynolds Scholarship - \$2,000 each**

Established by the Reynolds to reward hardworking students

Recipients: *Andrew Freeman, Brigitte Pendeza*

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

Established by Mr. Rich for a student who will major in Business Administration

Recipient: *Alejandro Torres*

### **Jayovontae "Jaree" Roberts Scholarship - \$500 each**

Funded by family and friends to honor former student Jaree Roberts

Recipient, Education: *Ywa Paw*

Recipient, Music: *Georgi Feigley*

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

3 scholarships funded by the Rock Island-Milan Education Foundation

Recipient, 4-year College: *Tazia Stoner-Harris*

Recipient, 4-year College: *Aaliyah Jackson*

Recipient, 2-year College: *Elijah Boeye*

### **Rock Island-Milan Education Foundation Merit Scholarship - \$500**

Recipient: *Addison VandeWalle*

### **Fred Houlton "Service Above Self" Rock Island Rotary Scholarship - \$1,000**

For demonstrating service to the community and living the Rotary 4-Way Test

Recipient: *Favour Noya*

### **Rock Island Township Scholarship - \$1,000**

To support a student residing in RI Township and attending an IL college

Recipient: *Briana Moreno*

### **Chet and Louise Schultz Scholarship - \$2,000**

Established in memory of Rocky wrestling coach/teacher Chet Schultz and teacher Louise Schultz

Recipient: *Nyambanguka Benise*

### **Terry Stephens Memorial Scholarship - \$1,000**

Established to honor former baseball coach Terry Stephens

Recipient, Baseball: *Xander George*

### **Elizabeth Kennel Williams Scholarship - \$1,000**

Honoring the '86 RIHS graduate who dedicated her career to helping students overcome challenges

Recipient: *Grace Gustafson*

### **Women's Computer Science, Math, & IT Scholarship - \$500**

Encouraging women to pursue a degree in computer science, technology, or math

Recipient: *Ma'Kayla Steele*

### **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: *Ella Munday*

### **DW Young Memorial Scholarship - \$4,000**

Established by the family in memory of DW Young, a strong supporter of RI schools

Recipient: *Liyah Millbrook*

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