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**Art League of Ocean City awards college scholarships
to eight Worcester Co. students**

OCEAN CITY, MD — June 6, 2023 — The Art League of Ocean City is celebrating 32 years of providing college scholarships, awarding 83 scholarships since 1991 to local students pursuing a college degree in the visual and performing arts. In 2023, eight Worcester Co. students received college scholarships from the Art League.

This year's scholarships include the third annual \$5,000 Sidney M. Beckstead Award, in honor of the entrepreneur, artist, and jeweler who passed away in 2020. The recipient is Bella Resto of Snow Hill, a graduate of Stephen Decatur High School who plans on pursuing a career in fine arts and writing.

Hannah Dang of Berlin, a graduate of SDHS, received the first \$1,000 scholarship from Tuve and Tia Tuvesson in honor of their late wife and mother, Inga Tuvesson, who was also a past Art League board president. Dang plans on studying graphic design and sports management at Neumann University.

The third annual Eva Fox Award, in memory of the mother of the Art League's executive director, Rina Fox Thaler, went to Cayden Wallace of Ocean Pines, who graduated from Worcester Preparatory School and is planning a dual major in musical theater and digital art/animation.

The Schwab family awarded a \$1,000 scholarship to Jessica Beck of Ocean City, a graduate of SDHS, who will study architectural engineering.

Savannah Chisholm of Pocomoke City, a graduate of Snow Hill High School, received a \$1,000 scholarship from Wayne and Virginia Outten in honor of Virginia's mother, Vera Cross. Chisholm will study graphic illustration.

The Art League also awarded three \$1,000 scholarships, funded through the Katherine Ellen Brown Fund at the Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore and through the Art League scholarship fund. This year, all three awards went to students for continuing their education in the arts.

The 2023 recipients are Kayla Halbig of Ocean City, currently a student at Towson University studying graphic design; Alexis Kagan of Pocomoke City, currently attending Salisbury University in Art Education; and MacKenzie Williams of Berlin, a student at the School of Visual Arts, New York studying cartooning and illustration.

The Art League of Ocean City is a non-profit organization dedicated to bringing the visual arts to the community through education, exhibits, scholarship, programs and community art projects. Financial support comes primarily through membership dues from individuals and corporate sponsors.

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Group shot – left to right:

John Sisson, Art League of Ocean City board president; Rina Thaler; Art League executive director; Cayden Wallace; Alexis Kagan; Jessica Beck; Sherrie Beckstead; Savannah Chisholm; Virginian Outten; Bella Resto; Lyn Burr; Kayla Halbig; and Hannah Dang.

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