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

**OCEAN CITY, MD — June 11, 2024** — The Art League of Ocean City is celebrating 33 years of providing college scholarships, awarding 91 scholarships since 1991 to local students pursuing a college degree in the visual or performing arts. In 2024, eight Worcester Co. students received college scholarships from the Art League.

This year's scholarships include the 4th annual \$5,000 Sidney M. Beckstead Award, in honor of the entrepreneur, artist, and jeweler who passed away in 2020. The 2024 recipient is Kathryn Gordon of Berlin, Maryland, a graduating senior at Stephen Decatur High School, who will attend the Rhode Island School of Design to study painting.

The \$1,000 4th annual Eva Fox Award, in memory of the mother of the Art League's executive director, Rina Fox Thaler, went to Saylor Amos of Berlin, Maryland, who graduated from SDHS and will attend Michigan State University to study theater and physiology.

The inaugural \$1,000 James Adcock Award, in honor of the late artist, went to Aiden Clayton of Pocomoke, Maryland who graduated from Pocomoke High School and will attend Towson University to study music performance.

The Schwab family awarded a \$1,000 scholarship to Jonah Ridgely of Berlin, Maryland, a graduate of SDHS, who will study music performance at the Berklee College of Music.

Abbigale Weeks of Berlin, Maryland, graduate of SDHS, received a \$1,000 scholarship from Wayne and Virginia Outten in honor of Virginia's mother, Vera Cross. Weeks will study dramaturgy and theater performance at the University of Massachusetts.

Returning recipients also received scholarships to continue their higher education. Kayla Halbig of Ocean City, currently a student at Towson University studying graphic design, received the 2nd annual \$1,000 scholarship from Tuve and Tia Tuve in honor of their late wife and mother, Inga Tuve, who was a past Art League board president.

The Art League also awarded a \$1,000 scholarship, funded through the Katherine Ellen Brown Fund at the Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore and through the Art League scholarship fund, to Savannah Chisholm of Pocomoke, Maryland who will study graphic illustration at the University of Maryland Eastern Shore.

Jessica Beck of Ocean City, Maryland received the inaugural \$1,000 Macon Katherine Chandler Award to continue her education at Catholic University for architecture and civil engineering. This new scholarship honors the late artist Chandler, who grew up in Berlin, was sought after for her calligraphy and architectural drawings, and passed away in January 2024.

*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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**EDITORS -- Photos attached of scholarship recipients. IDs in file names.**

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