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**Art League of Ocean City awards 100<sup>th</sup> college scholarship**

**OCEAN CITY, MD — June 10, 2025** — The Art League of Ocean has awarded its 100<sup>th</sup> scholarship to Worcester County students seeking a degree or career in the visual or performing arts, continuing a tradition that began in 1991.

“The Art League’s scholarship program has made significant community impact over the years and remains an important part of our mission,” Amy Rothermel, Art League board member and chair of the scholarship selection committee, said. “Thanks to the generous support from our members and tributes to memorialize loved ones, we awarded our 100th scholarship this year.”

The winners for 2025 are:

- Sascha Mete, Stephen Decatur High School, \$5,000 scholarship from the Sidney Beckstead Award.
- Tirzah Hill, Stephen Decatur High School, \$1,000 scholarship from the Katherine Ellen Brown Fund at the Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore.
- Ana Pen Rodriguez, Stephen Decatur High School, \$1,000 scholarship from the Eva Fox Award.
- Ja’Mari Savage, Snow Hill High School, \$1,000 scholarship from the Jim Adcock Award.
- Ella Schloesser, Snow Hill High School, \$1,000 scholarship from the Inga Tuvesson Award.
- Jessica Beck, returning scholarship recipient, \$1,000 from the Schwab Family Scholarship, Paul & Emily Schwab.
- Aiden Clayton, returning college recipient, \$1,000 from the Katherine Ellen Brown Fund at the Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore.
- Savannah Chisholm, returning college recipient, \$1,000 from the Macon Katherine Chandler Fund.
- Abbigale Weeks, returning college recipient, \$1,000 from the Vera Cross Scholarship, Virginia and Wayne Outten.

The Art League scholarship programs adhere to a nondiscrimination policy, in both principle and practice, and do not discriminate against candidates on the basis of race, creed, color, religion, gender, sexual orientation, age, marital status, or physical challenge.

*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. Funding is in part provided by the Worcester County Arts Council, Maryland State Arts Council and the National Endowment of the Arts, organizations dedicated to cultivating a vibrant cultural community where the arts thrive.*

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EDITORS: Photos attached of the winners

CAPTION: The Art League of Ocean City scholarship winners: seated - Savannah Chisholm; standing left to right - Tirzah Hill, Jessica Beck, Ana Pen Rodriguez, Abbigale Weeks, Ella Schloesser, Ja'Mari Savage, and Brandon Bell and daughter. Bell, of We Are Limitless Studios, an Art League Corporate Partner, gave an inspirational talk to the recipients as well as a copy of his book, *Positive Mental Artists: Mastering Your Mindset to Succeed and Achieve as a Creative*. Not shown are Sascha Mete and Aiden Clayton.