

3. **PRESENTATION(S)**
 - b. Presentation of Employee Dependent Scholarship Awards for Academic Year 2008-2009

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City Renews \$1,000 Scholarship Awards

Under the leadership of the Southwest Florida Community Foundation and the Good Neighbor Community Foundation of Sanibel-Captiva, an endowment was established following Hurricane Charley in 2004 to provide scholarships for dependents of city employees. The City of Sanibel is proud of the partnership that has been established with the Foundations that has made it possible to renew four \$1,000 scholarship awards for school year 2008-2009.

The scholarships are awarded based upon academic accomplishment and financial need. Each \$25,000 of endowment generates approximately \$1,000 in scholarships.

The four employee dependents receiving \$1,000 scholarships this academic year, Lauren Williams, Kristina Williams, Alicia Jordan and Nicholas Murray were all previous recipients of \$1,000 scholarships from the scholarship fund for their continuing education.

Lauren Williams – Lauren Williams graduated from South Fort Myers High School in May 2007 with a 3.81 GPA. She began attending Edison College during her senior year of high school. She is pursuing a Nursing Degree specializing in pediatrics oncology and hematology. Lauren is a part-time Recreation Aide for the City of Sanibel serving as a Counselor in the After-School Program.

Lauren is the daughter of Recreation Department Administrative Assistant Jai Earle who has been employed by the City of Sanibel for 12 years and the sister of scholarship recipient Kristina Williams.

Kristina Williams – Kristina graduated from Cypress Lake High School in 2004 in the top 6% of her class with a 4.16 GPA. Kristina is beginning her senior year at Baptist College of Florida and is pursuing a degree in Elementary Education. She has maintained a 3.26 overall grade point average. Kristina works as a part-time Lifeguard with the City of Sanibel in the summer to offset her educational expenses.

Kristina is the daughter of Recreation Department Administrative Assistant Jai Earle who has been employed by the City of Sanibel for 12 years.

Alicia Jordan - Alicia graduated from Cypress Lake High School in 2005 with a 4.1 GPA. She is attending Howard University in Washington, D.C. majoring in Psychology

and begins her senior year this fall. Alicia is planning to pursue her doctorate upon graduation in May 2009. She has maintained a 3.4 overall grade point average.

Alicia is the daughter of Planning Department Planner Jimmy Jordan who resides on Sanibel and has been employed by the City for 23 years.

Nicholas Murray – Nicholas graduated in May 2007 from Cypress Lake High School with a 3.6 GPA and was a member of the National Honor Society. He is beginning his sophomore year at Florida State University, Tallahassee, and is pursuing a degree in English.

Nicholas is the son of Major Michael Murray, Police Department, who has been employed by the City for 24 years.

Tax-deductible donations may be made to the Scholarship Fund by sending checks to the City of Sanibel Scholarship Fund, Good Neighbor Community Foundation of Sanibel-Captiva, 8260 College Parkway, Suite 101, Fort Myers, FL 33919. The Foundation is governed by a board of island residents and business associates. For further information on donating to the Foundation you may also call them at 274-5900.