

Scholarship News

The 2018 VAA ART SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

On Friday Morning April 20th the Visual Arts Association of the Villages met and honored six 2018 Student Art Scholarship Winners. They were selected from our three area county High Schools and honored at La Hacienda Center.



2018 VAA Scholarship Winners

Veronica Vintilla	Tavares HS
Victoria Radnothy	Eustis HS
Ashlyn Stout	Forest HS
Christine Reynolds	West Port HS
Daea Anton	West Port HS
Cali Robins	Villages Charter HS



These outstanding young visual artists were chosen after in depth screenings and personal interviews held in March & April by the Scholarship Committee. The student's families, teachers and friends joined in the celebration along with our VAA members, and invited guests. A special brunch was served by our VAA refreshment team and Kathy's Catering of the Villages. Members got to meet our winners, heard their stories, and enjoyed an enlarged exhibit of outstanding student work. They also had the opportunity to visit with our young artists in person, and talk with them about their future college and career plans. This year the recognized students received a total \$10,000 toward their college tuitions. **The VAA has now given a 14 year total of \$116,000 to support the college bound artists of Central FL.**

THE NEW ADULT SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

We know many of our members continue to enrich their knowledge of art & media, and to engage in classes about new techniques and experiences. We want to support those goals and encourage them to continue their artistic journey. This year for the first time the VAA Scholarship Committee sponsored an **Adult Member Scholarship**. This award was drawn at the conclusion of our Scholarship Awards Program.

One of our scholarship winners, Cali Robins (VCHS) drew the winning ticket. Shirley Jerez will receive a \$200 Scholarship for any local Villages art class, workshop or Enrichment Academy Program of her choice. Additional art surprises & supplies donations were also awarded to lucky attendees.

Thank all of you for your great support this year. None of this is possible without YOU!

Helen Poor and THE VAA SCHOLARSHIP TEAM