

DECEMBER LUMINARY SALES YIELDS MAY SCHOLARSHIPS

- JOANNE LABEOUF, SCHOLARSHIP DIRECTOR

In December 2003, the Magnolia Point Women's Club (MPWC) lost one of its founding members, Gisela Ferrell, to breast cancer. She was an avid advocate of educating girls and her wish was that someday the Women's Club could afford to give scholarships to girls at Clay High. As a result, a scholarship effort - The Gisela L. Ferrell Scholarship Fund - was created in memory of her. The award of scholarships is funded by the annual luminary event held the second weekend in December at the Magnolia Point Golf Club. The profits from the luminary sales and donations, plus matching funds from Clay Education Foundation (CEF), allowed the Women's Club to award \$21,000 in scholarships to Clay High School girls. To date, total scholarships awarded by MPWC are \$167,100. Meet the outstanding students who were recipients of our Magnolia Point Women's Club Scholarship for 2022.



Talia Aguglia received a scholarship in the amount of \$8,000 and plans to attend the University of Florida at Gainesville in the Fall with a major in Biology, in hope of becoming a veterinarian. Talia is also considering a double majoring in Statistics. She has accomplished much throughout her high school career, such as obtaining a Veterinary Assistant Certification, an Animal Science Specialist degree, and an Agriculture Associates degree. She also won the Clay County Science Fair for Animal Sciences. Talia played varsity tennis for four years, was team captain her senior year, and frequently attended clinics offered through Magnolia Point Golf & Country Club.

Annalee Clay received a scholarship in the amount of \$8,000 and plans to attend the University of South Florida in Tampa majoring in nursing.

Annalee has been involved in multiple clubs, sports and other extracurriculars. During the school year, she competed in track and field, cross country and swimming. She is also a member of the National Honor Society (NHS), Fellowship of Christian Athletics (FCA), Crew Student Ministries and Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA). Annalee has held many leadership positions in FCA, as well as swim team captain, class secretary, member of student Council and a as team member of the Hibernia Baptist New York Missions. Aside from school, she works as a pharmacy technician and is involved in agriculture at her family farm which she says has shaped her into the person she is today.



Kyleigh Edenfield received a scholarship in the amount of \$5,000 and plans to attend St. John's River State College majoring in Education. Currently she is dual-enrolled at St. Johns River State College and will be graduating with at least twenty-six college credits. During the year, Kyleigh was a student-athlete and varsity Flag Football Captain, President of Clay High's FCCLA club, National Technical Honor Society member, and in the American Sign Language Honor Society. She is also very active in church and community activities, such as serving her youth group, and interpreting American Sign Language at the promotion and inauguration ceremonies for the Clay County Sheriff's office. Her future plans are to continue her studies at St. Johns River State College to complete her AA, and then complete a B.S. in their Early Education program. Kyleigh aspires to teach future generations and guide children who have experiences similar to hers.

This year's scholarship awards were higher than usual because of the opportunity MPWC partnered with the Clay Education Foundation. CEF introduced a new program that allowed MPWC to pledge funds and in turn receive matching funds from the state through CEF. Sincere thanks to the Scholarship Committee who did a great job with application review: *Marsha Fields, Janine O'Connor, Barbara Phelps, Sharon Sprott and Pam Calloway.*

