



## SMA ALUMNI FOUNDATION 2018 LEGACY SCHOLARSHIP

This was the second year of the SMA Legacy Scholarship Program. It was established in 2016 as one of the precepts of the SMA Legacy Fund that provides the monies to be awarded each year to four deserving high-school seniors which includes renewals for those applicants during their sophomore, and junior years. Determining the four recipients was very challenging. However, as shown in the June Kablegram-Leader, the SMAA Foundation and the Scholarship Committee selected **Mr. Joyner Miller** of Verona, VA; **Miss Sydney Riemann** of Gulfport, MS; **Miss Patricia 'Claire' Moreau** of New Orleans, LA, and **Mr. Joshua Holley** of Greensboro, NC. Mr. Holley is the grandson of **Kelly McGavock (SMA '59)**.

Our thanks and best wishes in the future to all those who applied, and our congratulations to the four young men and women who, by this action, have joined our community. Each of them will help perpetuate the legacy of Staunton Military Academy, its heritage, and its core values of "Truth, Duty and Honor."

The four winners each provided a picture and biography to introduce themselves, and here they are:

### Joyner Miller:



Joyner Miller of Verona, Virginia

My name is Joyner Miller. I live in Verona, Virginia, not too far from the SMA campus. I graduated from Fort Defiance High School in May, where I was honored as valedictorian. In the fall, **I will be attending the College of William and Mary**. There, I hope to study biology to pursue a career in public health.

Throughout high school, I have been involved in several activities, both in and outside of school. I was the captain of our quiz bowl team, a co-captain of the tennis team, vice president of the National Honor Society, and drum major in the marching band. I am an Eagle Scout and an active member of my youth group at a church in Staunton. I have also dutifully been working at the Academy's Museum for the past year and a half, working to make sure that the school's history

is catalogued both manually and digitally.

I am absolutely honored to have been selected for the Legacy Scholarship. Having read descriptions and copies of the museum's artifacts, it is clear to me how important truth, duty, and honor were to the cadets of the Staunton Military Academy. I hope that I can continue that legacy of SMA through my life, wherever I go.

## Sydney Riemann:



Sydney Riemann of Gulfport,  
Mississippi

My name is Sydney Riemann. I graduated as the Valedictorian of the 2018 Class of West Harrison High School of Gulfport, Mississippi, with a GPA of 4.0 and High Honors.

The awards I have received are: Valedictorian, GPA of 4.0, Top 20 in high school for 4 consecutive years, Advanced on Biology State Test, Advanced on Algebra State Test, Advanced on English State Test, Advanced on U.S. History State Test, and Mississippi Power's "I Can" Girls Engineering Program.

The Extracurricular Activities that I have completed are Cheerleading four years (WHHS Cheer Co-Captain as a sophomore and Captain as a junior and senior), Diamond Darlings, Gulfport Mayor's Youth Council, Gymnastics, Junior Leadership, Lead 2 Feed Organization, Math Tutor, Mu Alpha Theta, National Honor Society, Powerlifting, Prom Committee, Soccer, and Student Council.

My Community Activities include Cleaning and Planting in the Greenhouse for Special Education Classes, Cleaning the School Campus, Coaching at the WHHS Cheer Mini Camp, Collecting Items for Natural Disasters in Surrounding Communities, Organizing School Functions (Homecoming, Prom, Student-Teacher Games, Fundraisers), Participating in the Buddy Walk, Volunteering at Local Nursing Homes, and Working Concession to Benefit the WHHS Baseball Team.

Whether I am using leadership skills in Student Council, tutoring a peer, or organizing a service project, helping others makes me feel rewarded and fulfilled. I am challenged by it, and it makes me feel accomplished. I truly believe I have a calling to help others.

**I plan to attend the University of South Alabama** beginning in the Fall of 2018. My major will be biomedical sciences. I desire to pursue a degree in the medical field.

## Patricia 'Claire' Moreau:



Patricia 'Claire' Moreau of New Orleans, Louisiana

Patricia 'Claire' Moreau graduated from the Academy of the Sacred Heart in New Orleans as the valedictorian of her class. She is known for her focus, competitive spirit, willingness to work hard and help others, and fun-loving sense of humor.

Claire has received many school and community awards for her excellence in the classroom; in the community where she has served the families at Kingsley House; and in athletics where she has competed in multiple varsity sports and earned many district, regional, and state titles. This year, Claire was selected to the Pre-Season All-Metro, All-District, All-Metro, and All-State teams in volleyball. In track and field, she was named the indoor high jump state champion, outdoor high jump state champion, and outdoor javelin state champion, and she helped her team earn state championships in both indoor and outdoor track and field. She was also honored as a WWL A+ Athlete. **Claire will be attending the University of Pennsylvania** in the fall and will be a member of their track and field team.

## Joshua Holley:



Joshua Holley of Greensboro, North Carolina

Joshua Holley is a graduate of Caldwell Academy, a Classical Christian K-12 school in Greensboro, North Carolina.

A recipient of The President's Volunteer Service Award, Joshua has been committed to service through his school, church, and a variety of nonprofit organizations. His work with refugee families through Westover Church Project Serve in Atlanta, Georgia was especially meaningful.

Raised in a musical family, Joshua studied cello and percussion as a child and sang in the High School Concert Choir at Caldwell Academy, including an honor choir performance at Carnegie Hall in 2017.

As a devoted student athlete in school, Joshua played basketball, served as an assistant coach for the Varsity Girls' Basketball Team, managed the Varsity Boys' Baseball Team, and volunteered as a sports-camp counselor for seven years. He is also a founding member of The Pong Boys, Caldwell's Varsity Ping Pong Club.

Joshua is deeply grateful to have received the SMA Legacy Scholarship and will continue to pursue the traditions of Truth, Duty and Honor, as exemplified by his grandfather, Kelly McGavock (SMA '59). **Joshua will be attending the University of North Carolina at Greensboro** in the fall.