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Florida Region of USA Volleyball to Award \$110,000 in Scholarships

In 2020, the Florida Region of USA Volleyball will award \$110,000 in scholarships to high school seniors within their organization.

Eustis, FL –April 30, 2020 – The Florida Region of USA Volleyball appreciates the hard work and dedication that their members continue to show and are proud that they're able to support them in achieving success both on the volleyball court and in the classroom. In the past, the Florida Region has presented the scholarships at their annual Awards Ceremony, however as everyone practices social distancing, it is important that these individuals are recognized for their achievements.

This year, the Florida Region will be awarding twenty-four (24) scholarships ranging from \$500 up to \$4,000 to high school seniors that are in good standing with the organization. This year, the Norelli Family Foundation is once again matching 21 legacy scholarships, creating four-year renewable scholarships for the students.

Below is a list of the 2020 Renewable (4-Year) Scholarship Recipients:

- **Alexandra Whetzel (Venice, FL)** - Norelli Family Foundation Gold Scholarship - \$4,000yr (x4 years)
- **Karla Catero-Garcia (Brooksville, FL)** - Norelli Family Foundation Silver Scholarship - \$2,500yr (x4 years)
- **Sarah Franklin (Lake Worth, FL)** - Norelli Family Foundation Silver Scholarship - \$2,500yr (x4 years)
- **Sophia Meagher (Miami, FL)** - Norelli Family Foundation Bronze Scholarship - \$1,500yr (x4 years)
- **Cara Carmody (Clearwater, FL)** - Norelli Family Foundation Bronze Scholarship - \$1,500yr (x4 years)
- **Omar Hoyos (Pembroke Pines, FL)** - Edward "Ned" DeGroot Memorial Scholarship - \$1,000yr (x4 years)
- **Imanol Davila-Morales (Orlando, FL)** - Ben Jordan Memorial Scholarship - \$1,000yr (x4 years)
- **Taylor Moore (San Antonio, FL)** - Kevin Schar Memorial Scholarship - \$1,000yr (x4 years)
- **Trevor Schultz (Saint Augustine, FL)** - *Alice Desanti Memorial Scholarship - \$1,000yr (x4 years)
- **Janleen De Jesus (Kissimmee, FL)** - *Alice Desanti Memorial Scholarship - \$1,000yr (x4 years)
- **Savannah Spears (Ocala, FL)** - *Alice Desanti Memorial Scholarship - \$1,000yr (x4 years)
- **Kyla Bailey (Saint Augustine, FL)** - *Alice Desanti Memorial Scholarship - \$1,000yr (x4 years)
- **Yanileb Figueroa (Kissimmee, FL)** Bill Littell Memorial Scholarship - \$1,000yr (x4 years)
- **Katherine Cameron (Palm Harbor, FL)** - Baker's Sporting Goods Scholarship - \$1,000yr (x4 years)
- **Hannah Humphreys (Gainesville, FL)** - ASICS "Sound Mind, Sound Body" Scholarship - \$1,000yr (x4 years)
- **Isabella Garcia (Naples, FL)** - Joan Bradley Scholarship - \$1,000yr (x4 years)
- **Renae Edwards (Alva, FL)** - Smack Sportswear Scholarship - \$1,000yr (x4 years)
- **Logan Mignerey (Ponte Vedra Beach, FL)** - Commissioner's Scholarship - \$1,000yr (x4 years)
- **Gabriella Twombly (Weston, FL)** - Molten "For the Real Game" Scholarship - \$1,000yr (x4 years)
- **Sophia Hritz (Sarasota, FL)** - AES (Advanced Event Systems) Scholarship - \$500yr (x4 years)
- **Jessica Buis (Oviedo, FL)** - SpikeNet Scholarship - \$500yr (x4 years)

* The Alice Desanti Memorial Scholarship is being funded by the Sloppy Joe's in Daytona Beach.

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Below is a list of the one-time 2020 Scholarship Recipients:

- **Hannah Heide (Jupiter, FL)** – Edward "Ned" DeGroot Memorial Scholarship - \$1,000
- **Ariel Stroud (Gibsonton, FL)** – Florida Region Board Scholarship - \$500
- **Shania Cromartie (Tallahassee, FL)** – Florida Region Board Scholarship - \$500

Steve Bishop, President of the Florida Region commented, “On behalf of our staff, and generous scholarship supporters, I would like to congratulate the 2020 scholarship winners. This is an impressive class of high school seniors and our hope is that this financial support will help them in the next chapter of their lives. We are certainly disappointed that we won’t get to award the scholarships in-person this year with our many donors, but we are encouraged that all of the legacy scholarships were fully funded and then once again matched by the Norelli Family Foundation. This is remarkable in light of the challenging times that we have been facing over the past few months, and it speaks to the extraordinary generosity of our scholarship supporters. We expect great things from our class of 2020!”

The Florida Region Commissioner, **Mary Andrew**, stated, “The Board of Directors of the Florida Region of USA Volleyball is honored to support the Region Scholarship program for deserving seniors. These seniors have contributed much time and effort on the court, in their schools, and to their communities. As they graduate and move forward to becoming the leaders of the future, we are humbled that we can offer financial support to their educational efforts.”

About Florida Region of USA Volleyball:

The Florida Region of USA Volleyball is a 501c3 non-profit that began operations in the 1960’s and was officially incorporated in 1982 to promote the sport of volleyball and to create competitive playing opportunities for volleyball enthusiasts of all ages throughout the State of Florida. The Florida Region is one of the 40 regional volleyball associations under the umbrella of USA Volleyball and currently serves 14,000 members. Indoor and outdoor programming is available for adults, juniors, coaches and officials. The Florida Region of USA Volleyball is headquartered in Eustis, FL and manages the 21-court Hickory Point Beach Sand Volleyball Complex in Tavares, FL. Additional information on the Florida Region can be found at: www.FloridaVolleyball.org.

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