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Leadership Jackson Alumni Association Awards Annual Scholarships to Students

JACKSON, TENN. June 9, 2023 – The Leadership Jackson Alumni Association (LJAA) is pleased to announce the recipients of this year's annual alumni association scholarships. Three exceptional high school students from Jackson-Madison County have been selected to receive the Judy Renshaw Leadership Jackson Alumni Association Scholarship. The recipients are Katie Alexander from Jackson Christian School, Zane Harrison from Augustine School and Isabela Nolasco from Liberty Technology Magnet High School.

The students were honored at the Leadership Jackson Alumni Association Quarterly Luncheon held on June 9, 2023. Each of the scholarship awardees received a grant of \$1,500 to support their higher education endeavors. This scholarship aims to empower and invest in the education and leadership development of future leaders in our community.

Alexander plans to attend Mississippi State University in Starkville, MS. Harrison plans to attend Union University, while Nolasco will continue her education at the University of Memphis.

"While Leadership Jackson was created with an overall mission of strengthening our community, one constant objective is not only to develop engaged leaders but also invest in the education of our future leaders," said Vadessa Flack, president, Leadership Jackson Alumni Association. "The Judy Renshaw Leadership Jackson Alumni Association Scholarship gives us the means to give back as it provides opportunities for high school graduates in our community to continue their educational and leadership development goals. On behalf of the LJAA Board, we congratulate these recipients and look forward to watching their educational journey unfold."

Funding for the scholarship is made possible through association dues and generous donations. The scholarship amount is a minimum of \$1,500, payable to the recipient's chosen college or university during their freshman year. Other initiatives supported by Leadership Jackson Alumni dues include quarterly alumni luncheons, professional development programs, and the provision of "Comfort Critters" - stuffed animals used by emergency first responders in Jackson.

The Judy Renshaw Leadership Jackson Alumni Association Scholarship was named in honor of Judy Renshaw in 2014, in recognition of her more than 35 years of dedicated work in developing the Leadership Jackson program. Individuals or donors who wish to make a tax-deductible donation in honor of Judy Renshaw to the scholarship fund may do so through the chamber's foundation.



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"I am humbled and honored to have this scholarship bear my name but tremendously excited for the youth that will receive additional funding for their college education," Renshaw said. "We have so many bright and talented youth eager to make a positive difference. Jackson will be in good hands with these future leaders as they accomplish their dreams."

For more information about the scholarship, contact Lauren Saliba, director of leadership development, at 731.423.2200 or lsaliba@jacksontn.com. To learn more about Leadership University, Leadership Jackson or the Leadership Jackson Alumni Association, visit leadershipjackson.com.

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About the Leadership Jackson Alumni Association:

The Leadership Jackson Alumni Association exists to encourage individuals who have participated in Leadership Jackson to stay informed about current issues, maintain and create new relationships with emerging leaders within the community, and keep abreast of opportunities that may be the perfect fit for your unique skills and interests.

About the Greater Jackson Chamber:

The Greater Jackson Chamber was founded in 1905 – seven years prior to the United States Chamber of Commerce. The chamber consists of a diverse and talented staff, an executive committee, dedicated volunteers, and more than 1,000 business members – all committed to growing the economy and quality of life for everyone in Madison County and the region.