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Florida Region of USA Volleyball Presents \$113,000 in Scholarships

In 2019, the Florida Region of USA Volleyball presented \$113,000 in scholarships to high school seniors within their organization.

Eustis, FL – June 6, 2019 – 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 class room. At the 2019 Awards Ceremony, the Florida Region presented 26 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 matched 21 scholarships, creating four-year renewable scholarships for the students. In doing so, the scholarship amount donated to this year's high school seniors went from \$68,000 to \$113,000.

Below is a list of the 2019 Scholarship Recipients:

- **Emilie Allen – Pompano Beach, FL** Edward "Ned" DeGroot Memorial Scholarship - \$1,000 (x4 years)
- **Alexandra Petrilli – Saint Augustine, FL** Edward "Ned" DeGroot Memorial Scholarship - \$1,000
- **Alexi Hubbard – Spring Hill, FL** Ben Jordan Memorial Scholarship - \$1,000 (x4 years)
- **Chanel Rinck – Tampa, FL** Ben Jordan Memorial Scholarship - \$1,000
- **Jake Vorburger – Saint Johns, FL** Kevin Schar Memorial Scholarship - \$1,000 (x4 years)
- **Amber Robinson – Port St. Lucie, FL** Alice Desanti Memorial Scholarship - \$1,000 (x4 years)
- **Jillian Bemis – Green Cove Springs, FL** Alice Desanti Memorial Scholarship - \$1,000 (x4 years)
- **Ariel Modeste – Minneola, FL** Alice Desanti Memorial Scholarship - \$1,000 (x4 years)
- **Kendyl Taylor – New Smyrna Beach, FL** Alice Desanti Memorial Scholarship - \$1,000 (x4 years)
- **Claire Mense – Lakeland, FL** Alice Desanti Memorial Scholarship - \$1,000

- **Hannah Galbreath – Cape Coral, FL** Norelli Family Foundation Gold Scholarship - \$4,000 (x4 years)
- **Megan Goldberg – Brandon, FL** Norelli Family Foundation Silver Scholarship - \$2,500 (x4 years)
- **Josh Kinker – North Port, FL** Norelli Family Foundation Silver Scholarship - \$2,500 (x4 years)
- **Kylianne Phillip – Deland, FL** Norelli Family Foundation Bronze Scholarship - \$1,500 (x4 years)
- **Sierra Giordano – Deltona, FL** Norelli Family Foundation Bronze Scholarship - \$1,500 (x4 years)
- **Baylee Warneke – Lakeland, FL** Baker's Sporting Goods Scholarship - \$1,000 (x4 years)
- **Mackenzie O'Loughlin – Port St. Lucie, FL** ASICS "Sound Mind, Sound Body" Scholarship - \$1,000 (x4 years)
- **Grace Bergeron – Largo, FL** Joan Bradley Scholarship - \$1,000 (x4 years)
- **Julie Crow – Lake Placid, FL** Smack Sportswear Scholarship - \$1,000 (x4 years)
- **Brooke Wheatley – Nokomis, FL** Florida Region Scholarship - \$1,000 (x4 years)
- **Arrianna Luzunaris – Middleburg, FL** Florida Region Scholarship - \$1,000
- **Kaitlyn Auger – Boynton Beach, FL** Commissioner's Scholarship - \$1,000
- **Cristian Fernandez – Davie, FL** Commissioner's Scholarship - \$1,000 (x4 years)
- **Kylie Smith – New Smyrna Beach, FL** Molten "For the Real Game" Scholarship - \$1,000 (x4 years)
- **Paige Canevari – Venice, FL** AES (Advanced Event Systems) Scholarship - \$500 (x4 years)
- **Kaylee Bobo – Palm City, FL** CORA Physical Therapy Scholarship - \$500 (x4 years)

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Steve Bishop, Executive Director & President of the Florida Region commented: "This year's class of scholarship recipients is impressive and well deserving. Each year our scholarship committee is tasked with reviewing and scoring packets of information from high school seniors across Florida. This year they received 70 applications and had the difficult job of narrowing it down to the 26 that were awarded scholarships. Their work on this committee is noteworthy. Additionally, the continued support of our scholarship donors is simply amazing. When we started awarding scholarships in 2007, we had a goal of awarding \$10,000 a year. We surpassed that goal several years ago and this year we set a new high mark of \$113,000. It could not have been possible without the generous support of many families, vendors, partners, and sponsors. One in particular that has helped us reach such a remarkable level of scholarships is the Norelli Family Foundation. Their support of our program and our high school seniors is truly phenomenal!"

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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