

City of South Daytona

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MEMORANDUM

To: The Chairman and Directors of the South Daytona Community Trust

From: James L. Gillis Jr., President of the South Daytona Community Trust

Re: Consideration of awarding two scholarships from the South Daytona Community Trust in the amount of \$1,500 each to Kiersten Walker and Lauren Duff for their outstanding academic accomplishments.

Date: May 6, 2024

An annual academic scholarship was created by the Chairman and Board of Directors of the South Daytona Community Trust on March 10, 2020. The purpose of the scholarship was to recognize a high school senior from South Daytona who bettered their community through volunteerism while maintaining a 3.0 GPA in their schoolwork. One scholarship is to be awarded each year in the amount of \$1,500 paid to the successful applicant's college, university or trade school.

This year, the City received two applications for the South Daytona Community Trust 2024 scholarship. Both are outstanding students, deserving of the scholarship.

Kiersten Walker has a weighted GPA of 3.6568 GPA from Atlantic High School. She volunteers at the school and her church. A copy of her volunteerism essay has been attached for your review. Kiersten has been accepted into Stetson University and will be enrolling in the Health Services program.

Lauren Duff has a weighted GPA of 4.57 from Xceed DME Academy. She also volunteers at her school and church. A copy of her volunteerism essay has been attached for your review. Her goal is to be an Elementary School Teacher and she has been accepted into Daytona State College.

Due to the outstanding nature of the applications and stellar quality of the applicants, staff is recommending that the South Daytona Community Trust Scholarship for fiscal year 2024 be awarded to both Lauren Duff and Kiersten Walker for their outstanding accomplishments.