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### **GICCA Foundation Awards 19 Scholarships and Tools & Equipment Grants**

**Glynn County, Georgia** – On Wednesday May 8th, the Golden Isles College and Career Academy held their annual GICCA Foundation Scholarship Award Ceremony in the Tony Thaw Conference Room at the Career Academy. Students graduating from Glynn Academy, Brunswick High and McIntosh Academy and who had completed at least one pathway at GICCA were eligible to apply. Students also were required to submit a resume and write a short essay on how their experiences at GICCA helped prepare them for their future careers.

Due to the generosity of the community and corporate sponsors, the foundation was able to provide \$11,500 in awards to 19 deserving students. Each award was presented in the name of the company or organization that provided the funding. For the second year in a row, the Foundation awarded Tools & Equipment grants to students who were not going to college, instead choosing to go straight into the workforce. Tools & Equipment grants will be used to purchase items including chefs knives and stand mixers for culinary program graduates and welding helmets and safety boots for graduates from GICCA’s welding program. Students receiving the grants will choose how to utilize the funds. “The Foundation has traditionally issued scholarships to college-bound students, when I joined the Foundation a year and a half ago, I wanted to start rewarding students who were planning to go straight into the workforce, and the Foundation wanted to ensure that these graduates had the tools they needed to jumpstart their careers” said CEO Brian Weese during the ceremony. This year, \$4,500 in Tools & Equipment grants were awarded to 7 students while 12 students received \$7,000 in college scholarships.

Healthcare student Oliva Moyes, recipient of a \$500 scholarship provided by the Southeast Georgia Health System, wrote in her application essay “I was proud to attend GICCA because I found that it was a place that high school students could go to truly pursue their passion including internships, new opportunities and most importantly education that can make the students’ dreams come true right after highschool, or even while still in school.” Olivia has been accepted to Georgia College & State University where she plans to pursue a degree in Nursing.

Dr. Joseph Depenhart, GICCA Principal and CTAE Director concluded the program by thanking the students, parents, community members and businesses present for taking time out of their busy schedules to support our students “Anytime we can take time out of our schedules to acknowledge students for their success I think is time well spent”.

Individuals, organizations or businesses interested in supporting the GICCA Foundation’s Scholarship fund can contact CEO Brian Weese at [brian.weese@glynn.k12.ga.us](mailto:brian.weese@glynn.k12.ga.us)



**About the Golden Isles College and Career Academy:**

The Golden Isles College + Career Academy (GICCA) is a public charter school that serves the Glynn County School System. GICCA offers career preparation opportunities for high school age students through our partnership with Coastal Pines Technical College. GICCA was created to build a partnership between the School System and the regional business and industrial communities of coastal Georgia. GICCA graduates provide a viable skilled workforce to businesses in a variety of occupational disciplines.

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