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**North Hardin High School students receive scholarships  
from Central Kentucky Community Foundation**

**ELIZABETHTOWN, KY** (June 20, 2020) – Several North Hardin High School graduates recently were recognized by Central Kentucky Community Foundation for receiving scholarships offered to students at their school.

Addison Sutton and Caroline Vowels were awarded the Nandi's Smile Scholarship. Sutton plans to attend Asbury University to study physical therapy and nursing. She is the daughter of Greg and Janay Sutton. Vowels plans to attend the University of Kentucky to study exercise science. She is the daughter of Joseph and Tonya Vowels.

The Nandi's Smile Scholarship was established in memory of Jasmine Nandi Gordon, who was a "Lupus Warrior" until her death in 2014. Nandi was a 2010 graduate of North Hardin High School and attended Northern Kentucky University, where she majored in music. The \$500 scholarship is for two North Hardin High School graduating seniors to pursue studies in music and STEM fields, two of Nandi's passions.

Aneisha Cox received the Patty Lirot Memorial Scholarship. Cox plans to attend the University of Kentucky to study pharmaceutical science. The Patty Lirot Memorial Scholarship was recently established by family friends Scott and Monica Kisselbaugh following Patty's death after a battle with cancer in March 2020. The scholarship was established to remember her and help a North Hardin High School student benefit from the scholarship, as so many North Hardin students benefited from Patty's guidance. A business teacher, Patty taught at the school she called "home" for 27 years and through her strong faith led the Fellowship of Christian Athletes for 18 of those years. She formed lasting friendships with students and was a beloved member of the faculty. When she retired, she continued to influence young minds as a substitute teacher and youth sports coach for her children's teams. The \$500 award is open to North Hardin High School students.

Meeya' Clay received the PFC Sammie Phillips Memorial Scholarship. Clay plans to attend Southern Illinois University to study mass communications. She is the daughter of Rolfe and Patrice Clay. The PFC Sammie Phillips Memorial Scholarship was established in 2018 by family friends Scott and Monica Kisselbaugh to honor Phillips and help students benefit forever. Sammie lost his life serving with the Kentucky National Guard during the War on Terror in Iraq. The North Hardin High School graduate was 19 years old when he died in 2007 in service to our country. The \$500 scholarship is awarded to a North Hardin High School graduate annually.

Tristan Ferguson received the Rylee Marie Razon Memorial Equine Scholarship. Ferguson plans to attend University of Tennessee to study equine science. She is the daughter of Tim and Tara Ferguson. The Rylee Marie Razon Memorial Equine Scholarship was established in 2017, following the death of Rylee Razon. Her parents, Ryan and Elke Razon, established the scholarship in her name to honor her memory and help other students attend college.

Gabe Stalcup received the Wendy Elaine Trenum Memorial Scholarship. Stalcup plans to attend Elizabethtown Community and Technical College to study education. He is the son of Curtis and Carrie Stalcup. Wendy Elaine Trenum was a teacher



who loved her job, enjoyed her students and made learning fun. She believed education solved many of the world's problems. She received a Master of Education from the University of Louisville and had begun the process of completing her Doctorate of Education. Wendy's passion was to learn and expose herself to many cultures and she pursued this by traveling the world while serving our nation overseas working for the U.S. Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDea) in Germany, Korea and Japan. Her smile and infectious laughter will be long remembered. She taught at North Hardin High School and her \$1,000 scholarship awards to one Trojan student this year.

"Through the generosity of our donors, students across our region can continue their education," said Davette B. Swiney, President and CEO of CKCF. "Our scholarship program, Scholarship Central, is a great way to empower local students and show them the impact of philanthropy. It's an honor to connect people to the causes they care about while helping people pursue their educational goals."

The scholarships are some of the 170 scholarships being awarded by CKCF this year through Scholarship Central. The scholarships total nearly \$322,000 and were awarded to 145 students from 17 high schools and four colleges in the region. All scholarship awards were announced during Celebrating Achievement, Central Kentucky Community Foundation's scholarship awards program. You can watch it at [https://youtu.be/qqlS2Y\\_XyKw](https://youtu.be/qqlS2Y_XyKw).

To establish a scholarship fund or to find out more information on this scholarship and other scholarships available to students, go to <http://ckcf4people.org/scholarships/>.

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