

2023 SCHOLARSHIP AWARDEES

Bentley Village Foundation is proud to announce the 2023 Bentley “Wings” Competitive Scholarship awardees. The “Wings” scholarships, in partnership with Collier Community Foundation (CCF), awards scholarships each year to VI employees or their dependents. These scholarships may be continued as long as the student is pursuing a similar course of study in their original application. Many recipients would not be able to pursue additional education without these scholarships. Some are the first in their family to receive higher education.

The scholarships are funded mostly by VI at Bentley Village Resident’s donations. You can support our scholars by:

- Donating on our website
- Participating in online Silent Auction
- Participating in the Dollars for Scholars Golf Tournament: golfing, becoming a sponsor, buying raffle tickets, or bidding in the in-person silent auction



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Iulia Smarandache

Iulia is the daughter of Elena Smarandache in the Care Center. Iulia is a third-year microbiology student at the University of Florida with a minor in Sociology, on the Pre-Med track, hoping to become a physician. “One of my greatest interests is working with children, and in the future, I hope to become a pediatrician. Through my internship with the GNV Bridge Literacy Program, I have been able to help underprivileged students reach their literacy potential.”



Marckev Fleury

Marckev is the son of Evelyne Fleury who works in Assisted Living. “I am currently attending Hillsborough Community College for my Associate of Arts before transferring to the University

of South Florida to major in cybersecurity. I’m working hard to achieve this goal because I want to be an example for my community to show all young men that there are more ways to be successful in life than just sports. Your willingness to learn and your ability to apply this information can have you just as successful as the ability to dunk a basketball or throw a football and I feel like more light needs to be spread on this where I am from.”





// Thanks to all the donors who help support our Bentley Foundation "Wings" Scholarships. //

Renaldo is the son of Marie Normil who works in Assisted Living. Renaldo is at the University of Central Florida majoring in Criminal Justice chasing my bachelor's. Renaldo says, "My goals with this degree are to work somewhere high in a government agency like the FBI and to become a special agent working in counter-terrorism.

"This scholarship is like a dream come true for me. It's not just the financial support, although that is a tremendous help. It also allows me the opportunity to attend one of my "dream schools."



Renaldo Alexandre

Geff is the son of Marie Ferdinand in Home Health. Geff is enrolled at Florida Southwestern College, majoring in Nursing and will be expanding his education at a university once I obtain my nursing degree and pass my boards. Geff said,

"My education goal is to become a Nurse Practitioner. Furthermore, receiving this scholarship allows me to prioritize my education and future career. The nursing program is rigorous and time-consuming which requires my full attention. I would like to say thank to those who chose me for this great opportunity!"



Geff Joseph

Congratulations!



Alex Yursichi Charelus

Alex is the son of Denise Charelus in Home Health. Alex is attending Florida Southwestern State College with the intent of pursuing a Business Degree. "My main goals include obtaining a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration and achieving a successful career in the Business Field."

Mateo Riaño

Mateo is the son of Jimmy Mantanez in Food and Beverage.

"I am attending Santa Fe College with a major in Computer Science with and a Minor in Real Estate. I aspire to work for a renowned tech company such as Apple or Facebook, where I can actively participate in projects that drive innovation and positively impact society. I am particularly drawn to the fields of artificial intelligence and innovative application development, with a vision to enhance people's daily lives through technology.

I am truly grateful for the opportunity provided by the Bentley Village Foundation "Wings" Scholarship and am committed to making the most of this assistance to further my education and career aspirations. Your support will not only alleviate financial constraints but also enable me to concentrate on my studies and personal growth. As a dedicated student with a strong interest in technology and software development, my long-term goal is to become a proficient software engineer in the tech industry."



Stefani Constanzo

Stefani is the Assistant Fitness Coordinator in the Fitness Center. She attends Nova Southeastern University, seeking a doctorate in Occupational Therapy. "My goal is to graduate in 3 years and work as an Occupational therapist in an older adult outpatient rehabilitation center. This scholarship has given me an opportunity to continue to go to school and expand my knowledge in the field of Occupational therapy, while not having to burden myself with as much financial debt. This will provide me with a lower amount of student loans when I graduate and give me the ability to become student loan debt-free at a quicker rate, which I am incredibly grateful for!"



Congratulations To All Our Awardees

J'Noel & Serge Enock

J'Noel and Serge are the sons of Hilermise Hilaire who works in the Care Center

Laura Minnis

Laura works in Assisted Living.



Dionis Kaja

Dionis (Danny) is the son of Sami Kaja in Food and Beverage. Danny attends FSW State College and plans to graduate with a bachelor's degree in civil engineering. "My goals for the future are to use my degree to start my own construction company and to also attain my General Contractor's license. The Bentley Village "Wings" foundation scholarship is amazing and I am very thankful to have been given this type of opportunity."



Gabriela Fernandez

Gabriela Fernandez is an RN supervisor at the Bentley Care Center. She has been employed by Bentley Village since 2016 starting as a licensed, practical nurse. She balances work with her classes at Nova Southeastern University, where she is working towards a doctorate nurse practitioner degree. Gabriela came from Venezuela to the US with her parents at the age of 10. Because she knew limited English, she was in the English as a Second Language (ESL) program through seventh grade. Gabriela says, "Thank you for this amazing scholarship. Graduate school is very challenging and expensive and your "Bentley Wings" scholarship helps relieve the high stress this year."

Elene Pierre

Elene is the daughter of Anne Pierre who works in Culinary. "I attend Florida Gulf Coast University and am majoring in nursing. I plan on graduating with my Bachelor of Science in nursing and becoming a neonatal nurse. I also hope to become a leader in my Younglife club!"

