

Donalsonville Nursing Student Receives Scholarship

Bainbridge College nursing student Brittany Barrett of Donalsonville has received a scholarship through a program begun in 1964 to assist deserving Georgia residents.

Recipients are selected by their respective schools, and Bainbridge College (BC) is usually offered the scholarship every other year, said Fred Kitchens of Atlanta, executive director of the Wine and Spirits Wholesalers of Georgia whose scholarship foundation provides the funds.

The scholarship, based on student need, is awarded to a full-time undergraduate student, said Kitchens, who presented the \$833 check at a reception in honor of Miss Barrett. She is the daughter of Walter and Kim Barrett and granddaughter of Jack and Shirley Miles, all of Seminole County.

“Brittany greatly deserves this award,” said BC Admissions Director Connie Snyder, accepting the check for the honoree, who was unable to attend the reception on campus because of the responsibilities she has caring for those in her family who are ill.

“She has a tremendous amount of responsibility outside of college and she does a wonderful job in handling all of it. It is my honor to accept this award on behalf of this very special young lady.”

Later, Financial Aid Director Horace Taylor, who had helped recommend her for the award, had a less formal presentation to honor her.

Miss Barrett said that after completing her associate degree at BC, she plans to transfer to a Bachelor of Science

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Financial Aid Dir. Horace Taylor congratulates scholarship recipient Brittany Barrett of Donalsonville.

L-R above: Paul Thomas (of United Distributing in Albany), Fred Kitchens (executive director of Wine & Spirits Wholesalers of Georgia), BC’s Admissions Director Connie Snyder and President Tom Wilkerson pose after the scholarship presentation at which each of them spoke.

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in Nursing program and hopes to be able to continue those studies locally through one of BC’s cooperative bachelor’s degree programs.

“We are very proud to have her in our scholarship program,” Kitchens told those gathered for the presentation, adding this is the 41st year the organization has provided scholarships to deserving Georgians. This year the foundation gave 19 scholarships in 15 schools, for about \$45,000. “We hope to pass the \$1 million mark next year,” Kitchens said.

Also attending the Nov. 16 event was Paul Thomas of United Distributing in Albany, who said all the businesses in the organization are family owned. They have given more than 900 scholarships since the foundation began in 1964 and try to visit as many of the schools as possible.