

## **ST. JOE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION PROVIDES COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS TO STUDENTS THROUGH TAKE STOCK IN CHILDREN SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

The St Joe Community Foundation has provided a \$28,800 grant to the Walton Education Foundation Take Stock in Children Scholarship Program, enabling the Foundation to purchase 6 scholarships for students whose families demonstrate financial need which may place them at risk of not considering attending college after graduation from high school. If the student fulfills the requirements of the Take Stock in Children Program, he/she will receive a fully paid college tuition scholarship to a Florida post-secondary institution upon graduation from high school. The benefits of the program are:

- the student will be provided a volunteer mentor who provides academic support and motivation;
- the student receives continuous assistance and intervention services by a skilled college success coach;
- has the active engagement of parents or legal guardians in the child's academic and personal development; and counseling for career and college success.

“Over the past several years, The St. Joe Community Foundation has provided a total of 17 college tuition scholarships to Walton County high school students,” says Janet Greeno, Executive Director for The St Joe Community Foundation. “This program is beneficial because it doesn't just provide the scholarship; it helps ensure students' academic success by providing mentoring and counseling services to the students so they stay in school, do well and continue onto college.”

Take Stock in Children provides more than an education for a child. It is an opportunity to change a child's life forever by helping break the cycle of poverty and school dropout rates in the community. Information about the program can be found at [www.takestockinchildren.org](http://www.takestockinchildren.org). To receive more information about the Walton Education Foundation Take Stock in Children Scholarship Program,

contact Cindy Anderson, Program Coordinator, at 850-892-1240, ext. 5182, or at [andersCL@Walton.K12.fl.us](mailto:andersCL@Walton.K12.fl.us).

**About the St. Joe Community Foundation**

Since its inception, the St. Joe Community Foundation (STJCF) has provided more than \$18 million in grants to improve the quality of life in the communities it serves. STJCF provides charitable grants primarily in Bay and Walton Counties that embrace the arts, strengthen education, protect the environment and improve healthcare. These efforts help build healthy, caring, long-lived communities. For more information, visit [www.stjcf.com](http://www.stjcf.com).

**About the Take Stock in Children scholarship program**

Take Stock in Children was established in 1995 as a non-profit organization in Florida that provides a unique opportunity for deserving low-income youth/students, many from minority families, to escape the cycle of poverty through education. We offer our students college scholarships, caring volunteer mentors and hope for a better life. Our comprehensive services start in middle school, continue through high school and include their transition into college.

Pictured here are: Michelle Doggett, Executive Director Walton Education Foundation; Bryanna Muscella, Walton High School senior; Amy Wells, Walton County Take Stock Program Director and College Success Coach; and Janet Greeno, Executive Director St. Joe Community Foundation

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