

ECSD News Release: Escambia County's Take Stock in Children Class of 2021

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\$260,000 in Scholarships Awarded to 2021 TSIC Graduates in Escambia County (FLA)

Take Stock in Children (TSIC) and the Escambia County Public Schools Foundation recently awarded \$260,000 in scholarships to Take Stock's 2021 graduating seniors. Each of the 19 students received a 4-year tuition scholarship and a new laptop.

The 2021 Take Stock in Children graduates are:
Escambia High School: Briana Stack, Nevaeh Vaughn
Northview High School: Maggie Amerson, Maille Kilcrease, Kenna Redmond
Pensacola High School: IB student, Gabrielle Vines
Pine Forest High School: Jayla Williams
Tate High School: Hannah Thorne
Booker T. Washington High: Paige Hotopp, Pedro Hernandez-Mendiola
West Florida High: Halima Almanasrah, Kathryn Campbell, Vi Dang, Aireal English, Jean Hakaumotu, Selalina Hakaumotu, De'mayla Jenkins, Ja'vontae Manning, Sha'tee McDonald

Take Stock in Children was established in 1995 as a non-profit organization in Florida that provides a unique opportunity for deserving low-income students to escape the cycle of poverty through education. Students are selected through a need-based application process in middle school and sign an agreement to maintain good grades, attendance, and citizenship and remain crime and drug free. Each student is matched with a volunteer community mentor and receives a college scholarship, college readiness skills, and hope for the future. The program's comprehensive services continue through high school and include students' transition into college and beyond.

Scholarships are funded through a unique public-private funding model. Local donations from family foundations, community organizations, businesses, and

individual donors are matched by the Florida Prepaid College Foundation when scholarships are purchased. Laptops are donated through a program started by Nick and Nathan Gupta and currently coordinated by Aiden Hayward.

For more information about the Take Stock in Children program in Escambia County, FL, contact Sally Lee, 850-469-5458, slee@ecsdfi.us. In Santa Rosa County, contact Monica Turner, 850-983-5043, turnermd@santarosa.k12.fl.us

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