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DEAR FRIENDS,

What a blessing this year has been at SVA! Thanks to your generosity, four students received scholarships totaling \$39,000. Three new GHRoW Merit Scholars—**Zephaniah Clarke, Kendri Gordon, and John Mathai—**were awarded \$36,000, and Sophia Trigo, Junior Class President, received the 16th annual R. Scott Handel Leadership Scholarship of \$3,000.

This brings the total number of GHRoW scholarships awarded to date to 203—a milestone worth celebrating! Each of these awards is more than financial aid; it is an investment in the lives and futures of students who are eager to learn, serve, and grow in faith.

Beyond the scholarships, the community of support you create is felt throughout the year. Scholars enjoy special vespers, guest speakers, and outings that give them encouragement and

fellowship. I especially enjoy the Friday evening gatherings where students share spiritual reflections—moments that remind us all why this work matters.

Please remember that every dollar you give goes directly to student tuition. The extras—like pizza nights, ice cream, and small tokens of encouragement—are sponsored by the GHRoW board so that your gifts are fully invested in the students.

Thank you for making SVA students a priority. Your continued faithfulness is changing lives and shaping the next generation of leaders.

With Appreciation,

Tony Williams, President SVA Class of 1982



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I have been blessed through this program so much. Knowing

tion has been unbelievable. Thank you for the amazing gifts

that there are people that love and care for me and my educa-

Shull, Ricky & Susan

Jeanette Mahoro

receives here

diploma from **Principal Don Short.**

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and pizza. It's been an all amazing and yummy. I can't wait to pay it forward to the next SVA generation. —Jeanette Mahoro

MERIT SCHOLARSHIPS

Thanks to the generosity of GHRoW donors, three students were named GHRoW Merit Scholars this year. A total of \$36,000 in scholarships was awarded to Zephaniah Clarke, Kendri Gordon, and John Mathai. Each student will receive their scholarship over their remaining years at SVA, providing ongoing support as they pursue their studies.

The GHRoW Merit Scholarship program was created to recognize students who demonstrate both academic achievement and financial need. Applicants submit an essay about themselves and their interests, and the GHRoW board prayerfully considers each application. Each year, the total award amount varies depending on donations received, but the impact is always significant.

During the 2024–2025 school year, there were 15 GHRoW Merit Scholars at SVA representing more than \$114,000 in scholarship awards. What a blessing it is to see God's provision through faithful donors year after year!

We are grateful to each of you who make it possible for these students to continue their education at SVA. Your investment is making a lasting difference in their lives.



R. SCOTT HANDEL LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

The 16th Annual R. Scott Handel Leadership Scholarship was awarded to Sophia Trigo, Junior Class President at SVA. Sophia received a \$3,000 award from the RSH Leadership Endowment.

Each year, one of six student presidents at SVA (Senior, Junior, Sophomore, Student Association, Boys' Club, and Girls' Club) is chosen to receive this special recognition. With so many capable leaders serving on campus, it is never easy to select just one recipient.

In her application, Sophia reflected that leadership is "inherently a service to others," a responsibility that requires vision, collaboration, and the ability to uplift those around you. She shared that her experiences as class president and in other leadership roles have taught her the importance of communication and teamwork in helping her peers reach their full potential.

Sophia's thoughtful perspective and her dedication to serving others with authenticity and initiative reflect the qualities this scholarship was created to honor. We are pleased to recognize Sophia Trigo as the 2025 R. Scott Handel Leadership Scholar.



I cannot even begin to describe my excitement and gratitude for receiving this gift. I am excited to be in this group. You are all so sweet and friendly! Thank you so much for this incredible opportunity!

—Sophia "Pia" Trigo

Above: RSH Leadership Scholarship recipient, Sophia Trigo, is pictured here with her father, Mauricio Trigo, and GHRoW Board member, Lauron Henkel.

Left: Sophia adds her name to the R. Scott Handel Leadership plaque which hangs in the lobby of Dale E. Twomley Hall.

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CELEBRATING THE SCHOLARS

The GHRoW Social Calendar was once again a highlight for the scholars this year. In the fall, the board treated the students to ice cream at Pack's and hosted a special vespers with guest speaker Dale Pickett, an SVA alumnus, who encouraged the students from his life experiences. Just before semester exams, each scholar received a gift bag filled with a GHRoW t-shirt, favorite snacks, and study tips.

In the spring, the group enjoyed a pizza and ice cream outing in Harrisonburg, a chance to relax and build friendships outside the classroom. And as always, our graduating seniors—six this year—were celebrated with gifts to mark their accomplishments and remind them of the continuing prayers of the GHRoW family.

These activities are made possible through the support of the GHRoW board, so that **100% of your donations go directly to student tuition**. We love seeing the joy and encouragement these gatherings bring to the scholars as they continue their journey at SVA.





FINANCES

SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED*	
Merit	\$36,000
RSH Leadership	3,000
Total	\$39,000

GIFTS RECEIVED	
Merit & Unrestricted	\$42,820
RSH Endowment	1,350
Legacy Endowment	8,500
Total	\$52,670

ENDOWMENTS	
RSH Leadership	\$122,351
Legacy	185,463
Total	\$307,814

TOTAL ASSETS	\$348,394

^{*} Merit scholarships are paid over the scholar's 10th – 12th grade years at SVA. The Leadership scholarship is paid upon award.





Thank you so much for your sacrifice and donations that support me coming to SVA. SVA has changed my life for the better. All the connections and smiles I had, the wonderful spiritual experiences are all thanks to you. I really appreciate everything you do for me and my fellow GHRoW scholars. I hope God continues to bless you always. —Lia Thomas

My family is sending two students to SVA right now. The GHRoW scholarship has helped my parents be able to send me to SVA. Thank you for your donations that make it possible for me to attend SVA.

—Ajani Shaw

Thank you so much for donating to the GHRoW Foundation and making SVA possible for me and the other GHRoW scholars. SVA and the memories I have made here are so important to me and going here wouldn't be possible without generous donors like you. —Chloe Juncal