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## Rickards High School Announces the Establishment of the Alexander Jerray Boyd Memorial Scholarship

Honoring the Legacy of a Dedicated Community Leader and Scholar

Tallahassee, [Date] - Rickards High School, in collaboration with the South City Foundation (SCF), Inc., is proud to announce the establishment of the Alexander Jerray Boyd Memorial Scholarship, also known as the Alex Boyd Scholarship. This scholarship is created to honor the memory of Alexander Jerray Boyd, a former Rickards High student government Vice-President, who tragically passed away in 2023.

During his time at Rickards High, Alexander exemplified a commitment to service and leadership. He dedicated himself to volunteering at the SCF Tech Learning Hub, mentoring other area students, and served as the student government Vice President of the FAMU TRIO Student Support Services (SSS) program. He was also a recipient of a Southern Scholarship Foundation (SSF) scholarship and a resident at SSF's Knight House on FAMU's campus. In recognition of his legacy, SCF has established this scholarship for graduating Rickards High seniors who demonstrate a similar dedication to community service and intend to pursue postsecondary education after graduation.

The Alex Boyd Scholarship is a Community Service Scholarship aimed at recognizing outstanding community service/volunteerism within Leon County Districts 1 and 2. Rickards High School seniors are encouraged to apply for this scholarship opportunity, which will award two recipients with \$1500 each.

"The Alex Boyd Scholarship not only honors the memory of an exceptional young leader but also encourages and supports the next generation of community-minded scholars," said Rahkiah Brown, CEO at South City Foundation.

The application process for the Alex Boyd Scholarship will be made available by Rickards High School. Applicants must meet the following requirements:

- 1. Be a graduating Rickards High School senior
- 2. Documented community service/volunteer hours within Leon County Districts 1 and 2 (see map at <a href="https://www.leoncountyfl.gov/map/maps.asp">https://www.leoncountyfl.gov/map/maps.asp</a>) during high school years
- 3. Demonstrate academic and other achievements
- 4. Intend to pursue postsecondary education (university, college, or technical college), public or private, after graduation

The submission deadline for the scholarship application is April 10, 2024. Recipients will be announced during the Rickards High May 2024 Convocation Ceremony.

For more information and to access the scholarship application, please email <u>info@southcityfoundation.org</u>. Applications are also available at the Rickards front office.