

NOTES

THE  
ALABAMA SOCIETY  
OF THE  
DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

AWARDS LUNCHEON



Tammy Bradshaw Clemons  
State Regent

THE HOTEL AT AUBURN UNIVERSITY  
AND DIXON CONFERENCE CENTER  
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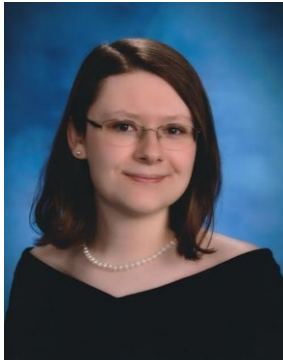
**DAR Chapter  
and Member  
Awards  
Are Listed  
in the  
Conference Program**

# ASDAR SCHOLARSHIPS

Ann Nix Black, *Chair*

## ALABAMA SOCIETY DAR SCHOLARSHIP

### LAUREN ANN WRIGHT



Lauren is the daughter of Tim and Chrystal Wright of Woodville, Alabama. She is a senior at Woodville High School. She will graduate first in her class with a cumulative grade point average of 4.0. Lauren plans to attend Auburn University with a major in Wildlife Ecology and Management. Her goal is to work with endangered species and the habitats they desperately need. With this degree it is possible to work in zoological parks, local state parks, and the National Parks.

She is a member of Sigma Kappa Delta Society, Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, Beta Club, and the National Honor Society. She has 30 hours of college classwork through dual enrollment classes through Northeast Alabama Community College. She was Credentials Chair and Corresponding Secretary for the Alabama State C.A.R.

She is extremely active in community service projects such as Cooking for the Elderly Program, writing get well cards, and assisting the elderly with pet care. She has also been active with Blessings in a Backpack, blood drives, and filling shoeboxes for the needy in Guatemala. In one of her recommendations, the writer stated that Lauren is well rounded, excels academically while being dutiful in her civic responsibilities.

# AWARDS LUNCHEON

12:00 Noon.....GRAND BALLROOM

Presiding.....Allison Talley Skipworth, *Awards Chair*

Invocation.....Flora “Tad” Riddle Douglas, *State Chaplain*

Pledge of Allegiance.....*Led by Cathy Morris Freeman  
The Flag of the United States of America Chair*

*Please remember to place your right ungloved hand over your heart  
and have nothing in either hand as the pledge is recited.*

**I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and  
to the Republic for which it stands; one Nation under God,  
indivisible, with liberty, and justice for all.**

*Francis Bellamy*

Salute to the Flag of Alabama.....*Led by Marguerite “Rita” Horton  
Honorary State Regent*

Extend your ungloved right hand palm up, toward the flag of Alabama.

**Flag of Alabama I salute thee.**

**To thee I pledge my allegiance, my service and my life.**

The American’s Creed.....*Led by Jessica F. Maddox  
Patriotism Chair*

**I believe in the United States of America as a government of  
the people, by the people, for the people; whose just powers  
are derived from the consent of the governed; a democracy in  
a republic; a sovereign nation of many sovereign States; a  
perfect Union, one and inseparable; established upon those  
principles of freedom, equality, justice and humanity for  
which American patriots sacrificed their lives and fortunes.**

**I therefore believe it is my duty to my country to love it; to  
support its Constitution, to obey its laws, to respect its flag,  
and to defend it against all enemies.**

*William Tyler Page*

The National Anthem.....Assembly  
*Led by Carolyn Wilson Long, Chorus Chair*  
*Accompanied by Sue Ellen Hipp Adams, Pianist*

### THE STAR-SPANGLED BANNER

**Oh, say can you see by the dawn's early light,  
What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming?  
Whose broad stripes and bright stars thru the perilous flight,  
O'er the ramparts we watched were so gallantly streaming?  
And the rocket's red glare, the bombs bursting in air,  
Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there;  
Oh, say does that star-spangled banner yet wave,  
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?**

*Francis Scott Key*

Introductions.....Allison Talley Skipworth, *Awards Chair*

### LUNCH

Presentation of Awards.....Allison Talley Skipworth, *Awards Chair*  
Tammy Bradshaw Clemons, *State Regent*  
*State Chairs*

Announcements.....Jean Whatley Vaughan, *Honorary State Regent*

Benediction.....Flora "Tad" Riddle Douglas, *State Chaplain*

*Hostess Chapters:*        *Dripping Springs*, Julia Carnell Floyd, *Regent*  
   *Stephens Chapter*, Bettye Riley Moore, *Regent*

### AWARDS PROGRAM AND PRESENTATIONS

Every attempt has been made to produce a summary of state awards that is complete and correct. Not all awards were submitted for inclusion. Not all winners are present. We apologize for the inadvertent exclusion of any submitted awards and/or any misspellings or incorrect information.

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### ALABAMA SOCIETY DAR SCHOLARSHIP ERYN ANARRAH WELLS



Eryn is a senior at Reeltown High School in Notasulga, Alabama, where she lives with her mother, Edmonia Wells. She will graduate second in her class with a cumulative grade point average of 4.0. She plans to attend Jacksonville State University and major in Clinical Pre-Health Exercise Science. After playing sports in high school, she became concerned about sports injuries and plans to become a certified physical therapist in sports medicine.

In high school she plays volleyball, basketball, and is on the track team and has won awards for volleyball. Scholastic honors include Junior and Senior Beta Club, Academic Honor Roll, and Senior Class Vice-President. She was in the Homecoming Court, Delegate to Alabama Girls' State, and received a Good Citizen Award from the DAR.

A few of her community service activities include volunteering at nursing homes, youth athletics and book fairs. In the future, she plans to volunteer during the summers at physical therapy clinics to gain further knowledge of her chosen profession. Eryn is self motivated and manages her time well with all of her activities.

**DAR GOOD CITIZEN CENTRAL DISTRICT  
SCHOLARSHIP WINNER  
AMAL HANNAH SALAME**

*Sponsored by Bienville Chapter, Kimberly O'Dell, Chair*



Hannah Salame is a senior at The Donoho School in Anniston where she excels academically. She takes all AP and Honors courses and has a 4.4 GPA. She is a member of the National Honor Society, Mu Alpha Theta, National French Honor Society, and Modern Music Masters Honor Society. She has received Duke TiP State and National Recognition, having participated in summer programs for the last 3 summers. She is also a National Merit Commended Student. She is a member of the Student Government Association and Youth Leadership of Calhoun County.

Hannah studied piano, oboe, and flute. She is president of the Donoho School Band, first chair oboe in the Donoho Concert Band, and first chair flute in the Donoho Pep Band. She is also a member of the Calhoun County Honor Band and has been a member of district and state honor bands.

Hannah ran track and cross country with her school teams. She was Captain of the girl's cross country team 10th-12th grade and was named MVP in 2018. She advanced to the state championships in both track and cross country.

Service to her community is important to Hannah. She is a member of Key Club International. Through this organization she built and donated bikes to less fortunate children at Christmas, packed meals for the homeless in the community, volunteered at the Ronald McDonald House, and worked to raise money for school supplies for needy children. She worked behind the scenes for the Knox Concert Series, has served as a Vacation Bible School leader, and tutors at an elementary school each week.

Hanna shadowed in several medical settings and has participated in medical research. She plans to major in Biology in college and then go to medical school.

**DISTINGUISHED CITIZEN**  
Presented during the Patriotism Luncheon

**RACHEL CLINKSCALE**

*Sponsored by Lily of Cahaba Chapter, Suzy Koski, Regent*



Rachel Bunn Clinkscale has dedicated herself to remembering the sacrifice of our nation's fallen. She primarily accomplished this through her work with Gold Star Wives of America, and dedicated solely to the needs, concerns and welfare of the spouse and children of those who died while in the armed forces.

She became involved with Gold Star Wives the year following the death of her husband, Sgt. 1st Class James Albert Bunn. Sgt. Bunn, who was one of the original Green Berets, was killed in 1968 during the TET Offensive in South Vietnam.

Mrs. Bunn Clinkscale worked tirelessly over the years to help military widows and their children. Her efforts include working to persuade Congress to provide and/or increase benefits for these widows and children. She served on a Roundtable with several veterans organizations and military associations to discuss legislative priorities for Congress. She even testified before Congress to help secure legislation that would ensure financial provision for surviving spouses.

She was the National President of Gold Star Wives 1984-86, has represented the Gold Star Wife of the Unknown American who perished during the Vietnam War, and is an active participant in most veteran activities in the area.

For more than a decade, she has volunteered at the Shelby County Historical Society and now serves as secretary. She is the Auxiliary President of the American Legion Post 911, and District Representative for GSWA, as well as treasurer of the Birmingham Chapter.

**DAR SERVICE FOR VETERANS**  
Kitty LeBay and Nancy Williams, *Co-Chairs*

**OUTSTANDING VETERAN VOLUNTEER**

**SUSAN P. MOORE**

*Sponsored by Lily of Cahaba, Suzy Koski, Regent*



Susan Pierce Moore is one of those special people who is passionate about any project she undertakes, but especially projects that honor or benefit veterans. She approaches Service for Veterans almost as a personal calling. As the widow of a veteran, she knows personally how much honoring our veterans means to them, and she cares deeply about their well-being.

She served her Chapter, Lily of the Cahaba, as DAR Service for Veterans Committee Chair under two chapter administrations, but she has actively participated in and led many activities for veterans for more than 10 years,

Susan constantly seeks new ways she and the Lilies can serve veterans; and always goes “the extra mile” to make sure everything she does for them is as comprehensive and as helpful as she can possibly make it. That applies whether the job is making gift bags for injured military female veterans in rehab ... organizing the DAR contingent in the Veterans Day Parade ... or planning and scripting a Constitution Week observance for veterans in a state home.

When a house was donated to Three Hots & a Cot to provide temporary housing for homeless female veterans, ideas began buzzing in Susan’s head. The house was old, rundown and was to be reconfigured into several apartments. Susan quickly signed up volunteers from the Lilies and organized work groups to clean, paint, decorate, make curtains, shop for kitchen items, furniture, linens and other things the women would need.

When a female-only camp for injured military servicewomen needed help, Susan came up with a solution. She led a fundraising project to create and sell DAR magnets. Through her efforts, the Lily of the Cahaba Chapter was able to present a \$500 donation to make it possible for camp participants to visit The Red Barn, a local equine therapy provider.

Beyond offering her time, talents and financial support, Susan knows that many hands are better than one. Perhaps one of her most outstanding achievements is the way she inspires and encourages chapter members to participate and gets them excited to become involved in helping veterans.

Susan Moore is a wonderful example of what can be accomplished and how greatly we, as Daughters, can impact the lives of veterans.

**DAR GOOD CITIZEN NORTHERN DISTRICT  
SCHOLARSHIP WINNER  
MARY CAROLINE STURGIS**

*Sponsored by Huntsville Chapter, Gweneth Smithers, Chair*



Mary Caroline Sturgis is a senior at ST. John Paul II Catholic High School in Huntsville, AL. She is an outstanding scholar having received awards for “A” Honor Roll throughout high school, AP Scholar and AP Chemistry Lab Outstanding Student. She has also received “Outstanding Student” awards in Spanish III, Statistics, US History I & II, Theology, Health and Fitness and Career Preparedness. In addition, Caroline has served her high school as a Student Council Representative, officer and chair of many

activities. She is a member of National Honor Society, Mu Alpha Theta Math Honor Society, National Spanish Honor Society, and JPPII Retreat Team, among others. She mentors underclassmen at spiritual retreats, prepares speeches of personal stories and engages in faith-building activities.

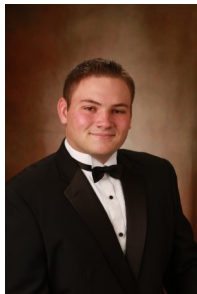
Caroline is an accomplished athlete as a member of the Varsity Cross Country in 10<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grades. She has served as Captain of the team for two years. She also has participated in Varsity Indoor Track and Field 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades, winning many local, area and state awards.

Caroline has also participated in Alabama Governor’s School, Hudson Alpha Biotech Academy, and Capstone Leadership Academy. She serves her community by volunteering at school and church. She has served as peer mentor, helped design themes and led children in Vacation Bible School. She has organized fundraisers and collected canned goods for a local food pantry. She has completed more than 100 hours of service.

She plans a career in the medical field and will use college to explore different careers including research, pharmacy and biomedical engineering. She said, “I hope to, one day work at a cancer research institute focusing on new treatments and medicines.” As a daughter of a veteran, Caroline says, “I have seen the effect of patriotism firsthand and the sacrifices made by service members and their families for our nation. Thanks to their dependability, service, leadership and patriotism, we are able to live in a country where these values are respected and admired in good citizens.”

**DAR GOOD CITIZEN  
STATE SCHOLARSHIP WINNER  
WILLIAM COLTON BRYANT**

*Emassee Robert Grierson Chapter, Charlotte Whatley, Chair*



William Colton Bryant is a senior at Abbeville High School in Abbeville, Alabama. Bryant is described by the faculty as a highly intelligent student and his grades of all A's during his high school career reflect this assessment. Bryant completed four dual enrollment classes at Wallace College in the Medical Assistant Technology program and will complete his Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) degree and licensure this semester in addition to his high school academics.

Bryant was nominated for and attended the Hugh O'Brian 2018 Youth Leadership Conference at Troy University and he represented Abbeville High School at Alabama Boys State in 2019 at the University of Alabama. In addition, Bryant has participated in and held multiple offices in Future Farmers of America (current President); HOSA Future Health Care Professionals; Key Club; Beta Club and school book club (current President) during his tenure at Abbeville. Bryant received state recognition by HOSA as a result of his accomplishments.

Bryant has been active in beautification projects at Abbeville High School along with clean-up activities sponsored by Abbeville Boys and Girls Clubs and Abbeville First Baptist Church for the betterment of his hometown and community. Bryant also served as a member of the Abbeville Chamber of Commerce Youth Ambassador Program and Henry County Youth Leadership Program.

Bryant plans to attend Auburn University to obtain an undergraduate degree in Microbiology or Biomedical Engineering. Upon graduation, Bryant will further his education at UAB School of Medicine with aspirations of becoming an Orthopedic Surgeon ultimately returning to Abbeville or Dothan to practice.

Bryant's principal states, "There is no doubt he will become a successful young man as he works toward his future goal . . . [Bryant] sets the bar high and will continue to raise the bar once he graduates from high school

**OUTSTANDING YOUTH VOLUNTEER FOR VETERANS**  
*Kitty LeBay and Nancy Williams, Co-Chairs*

**THOMAS BARTON**

*Sponsored by Broken Arrow Chapter, Ellen Randolph, Regent*



Thomas Barton, 17-year-old son of DAR member Ashley Barton and Lt. Colonel Kent Barton (RET), is a junior at Spain Park High School where he holds a 3.98 GPA. He is a member of several school organizations including the National Honor Society, the Latin Honor Society, Rho Kappa Honor Society, the Library Leadership Council, DECA (Distributive Education Clubs of America) and FBLA (Future Business Leaders of America).

Thomas previously attended Hoover Christian School, where he was class chaplain and won Science, History and Spanish awards, as well as the President's Award for Academic Excellence.

He was awarded first place in the State and the Southeastern Division by the Junior American Citizens Committee for his World War I banner. He also won the Lily of the Cahaba Chapter's American History contest for his essay, "Horseshoe Bend Revisited."

Currently, Thomas is President of Canoe Creek Society, C.A.R., A.S.C.A.R. State Librarian and President of the Belles & Beaux 887 (Children of the Confederacy). He served the Alabama State Society C.A.R. twice as the State Organizing Secretary and the State Kids Helping Kids Chairman.

He is a current member of the Alabama Youth Symphony and enjoys playing patriotic tunes at the Bicentennial Tea, the Inzer House grave marker dedication, the Pioneer House Tour in McCalla and the Hoover Public Library's Thank-A-Vet Program.

Thomas comes from a long line of military veterans and considers it a privilege to be able to honor them.

## OUTSTANDING TEACHER OF AMERICAN HISTORY

### GORDON (JR) DILBECK

*Sponsored by Lily of Cahaba, Suzy Koski, Regent*



In May 2003, JR Dilbeck graduated from Southern Illinois University, Carbondale with a Bachelor of Science in History. Later, at the University of North Alabama in Florence he received his master's degree in Instructional Leadership.

During one of his first years of teaching, Mr. Dilbeck taught U.S. History I and II as well as Government and Economics at Sparkman High School in Harvest, Alabama. While at Sparkman

he prepared and remediated students for AHSGE.

Moving to Priceville High School in 2006, he began teaching U.S. History to 1877. He continues to teach there where he is involved in school and community activities such as serving on the Morgan County Leadership Team and presenter at Morgan County In-Service Day. He also serves as head of the History Department.

Mr. Dilbeck's innovation and dedication has been recognized by numerous organizations. His awards include Claes Nobel Educator of Distinction Award in 2011 by the National Society of High School Scholars; Morgan County Teacher of the Year Nomination in 2015; Priceville High School Teacher of the Year in 2015 and Morgan County Inspirational Teacher Award in 2014.

As a teacher developing young minds, he attempts to draw them into a personal relationship with historical events such as encouraging them to research and write papers as if they were characters. He draws them into the drama of a mock trial for our "Founding Fathers." He sees that only as we connect personally to our past can we gain lasting lessons.

## DAR GOOD CITIZENS

Elizabeth (Beth) E. Cagle, *Chair*

## DAR GOOD CITIZEN STATE SCHOLARSHIP WINNER

### MADISON BLAKE LEGG

*Tristan de Luna Chapter, Julie Thomasson, Chair*



Madison Blake Legg is a senior at Satsuma High School in Satsuma, Alabama. Madison is an AP and Dual Enrollment student and has been named a Mathematics and History Scholar. Her accomplishment includes membership within Mu Alpha Theta Math Honor Society, National Honor Society, Satsuma High School's HiQ Scholars Bowl, and Robotics teams. Madison was chosen as her Senior Class Treasurer and 12th grade Student Council Representative.

Madison is a model of dependability in community service as she volunteers within a local nursing home, donates blood and encourages her peers to join her in this potentially life-saving gift, and faithfully serves within her church nursery. She contributes to the success of her school's volleyball team, Satsuma singers, and Proverbs 31 Bible Club.

Madison's service benefits her school's Leo Club, Peer Helper, and math and history tutoring opportunities and a myriad of Living Hope Church volunteer efforts. She participated in a Leadership Development class which is reflected in her role as VP of Sr. Tri Hi Y (Girl's Service Club), yearbook editor, Saraland City of Commerce Junior Ambassador, and co-host of the weekly Gator News.

Madison's AP U.S. History teacher says "Madi's knowledge of the Constitution and U.S. History is superb".

Madison plans to attend the University of Montevallo and pursue an undergraduate degree in Communications and a Master's in Counseling. Her career goal is that of a Marriage and Family Therapist.



## ALABAMA DAY ESSAY CONTEST

Lynne Williams, *Chair*

### ALABAMA DAY ESSAY WINNER

Kay R. Reyes.....*Sponsored by: Chief Tuskaloosa Chapter*

Essay Title: “Gridiron Girls -  
Bama’s Forgotten Female Footballers of the 1940’s”

## VOLUNTEER INFORMATION SPECIALISTS

Sheila Cox Barbuck and Amy Stenlake Martin, *Co-Chairs*

### VIS VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

Maureen Kennedy.....*Tristan de Luna Chapter*

Mrs. Kennedy has spent upwards of 1,000 hours, or close to 3 months time, digitizing the records collection of the Virginia Cavalier Chapter. We are recognizing her contribution to the project since she took it upon herself to save these precious records dating back decades, even though, this (a) isn’t her chapter and (b) the chapter has disbanded. Without Maureen stepping up to do this, the records would continue in storage at the Richards~DAR House Museum.

## WOMEN’S ISSUES ESSAY ~ FAMILY DIVISION

Michele Yarbrough, *Chair*

### WOMEN’S ISSUES ESSAY WINNER

Tara Head.....*Gunter Mountain Chapter*

## AMERICAN HISTORY

Audra L. White, *Chair*

### AMERICAN HISTORY ESSAY CONTEST

Title: “The Voyage of the Mayflower”

Topic: 2020 marks the 400th Anniversary of the voyage of the Mayflower and the founding of the Plymouth Colony. Imagine you are one of the passengers on the Mayflower. Knowing what materials were available in 1620, what would you have packed to prepare for the trip and starting a new life in the wilderness? After experiencing more than two months at sea then finally landing at Plymouth Colony on November 9, 1620, do you think you would have made different choices and why?

### AMERICAN HISTORY ESSAY WINNERS

#### 5th Grade

#### SHERILYN KAU



Sherilyn Kau is in the 5th grade at Southminster Day School. Her favorite subject in school is math, and she has been her school’s Spelling Bee winner for three years in a row. Outside of school, Sherilyn enjoys playing basketball and holds a black belt in Tae Kwon Do. Sherilyn is presented by the Princess Sehoj Chapter.

First Place Sherilyn Kau.....*Southminster Day School*  
*Sponsored by Princess Sehoj Chapter*

Second Place William Butler.....*Briarwood Christian School*  
*Sponsored by General Sumter Chapter*

Third Place David Martin Smith.....*Whitesburg Christian Academy*  
*Sponsored by Hunt’s Spring Chapter*

**6th Grade**  
**OLIVIA GRACE COLLINS**



Olivia Grace Collins is the daughter of Lauren Whatley and John Carter Collins. Olivia is a sixth grader at the Donoho School in Anniston where she is a member of the Science Olympiad team. Her hobbies include reading, art, and playing piano. Olivia is presented by the Bienville Chapter.

- First Place Olivia Grace Collins.....Donoho School  
*Sponsored by Bienville Chapter*
- Second Place John Henry Baker.....Briarwood Christian School  
*Sponsored by General Sumter Chapter*
- Third Place Maggie McCann.....Whitesburg Christian School  
*Sponsored by Hunt's Spring Chapter*

**7th Grade**  
**SAMUEL B. RICE**



Samuel B. Rice is the son of Dr. and Mrs. Bradley Rice and lives in Huntsville, Alabama. He is in 7th grade at Whitesburg Christian Academy and is a member of the Varsity Golf team. His favorite academic subject is history. Sam is a member of the Church of the Nativity Episcopal Church and currently serves as an Acolyte at church. He enjoys traveling, fishing, basketball, golf and watching Alabama football. He is presented by the Hunt's Spring Chapter.

- First Place Samuel B. Rice.....Whitesburg Christian Academy  
*Sponsored by Hunt's Spring Chapter*
- Second Place Brooke Pittson.....Kate Duncan Smith DAR School  
*Sponsored by Gunter Mountain Chapter*
- Third Place Landon Rubin.....Briarwood Christian School  
*Sponsored by General Sumter Chapter*

**COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARDS**  
 Jane (Alice) B. Jones, *Chair*

**Josh Sherlin**.....*Sponsored by: Huntsville Chapter*  
 Josh Sherlin created the Life Resource Center of Jackson County which serves the homeless by finding available resources for homeless individuals and families.

**Walter Whitacre**.....*Sponsored by: Hunt's Spring Chapter*  
 Dr. Whitacre is an advocate for United States Coast Guard auxiliary. He devotes endless hours and personal resources promoting boat safety and other auxiliary activities.

**Weeks Bay Foundation**.....*Sponsored by: Ecor Rouge Chapter*  
 The goal of the Weeks Bay Foundation is to be an active part of the conservation community. They spearheaded a recycling initiative as part of the 2017 Coastal Cleanup, resulting in over 2,000 pounds of plastic recycling. They are also working with the Weeks Bay Preserve to clean up sunken boats in the area as well as to educate boat owners about the importance of preparing for hurricanes.

**Diane Elizabeth Morgan** .....*Sponsored by: Atagi Chapter*  
 Diane Morgan worked with the Actions, a teenage mission organization for twenty-five years. She and her husband rebuilt and refurbished the first room and bathroom at Wellhouse, a home for women rescued from human trafficking.

**Becky York**.....*Sponsored by: Chief Tuskaloosa Chapter*  
 Becky York has worked with the Tuscaloosa Rotary Club Honor Flight program since 2012. She personally meets with each veteran and his/her family members in preparation for each trip.

**Douglas A. Kubric**.....*Sponsored by: Heroes of King's Mountain Chapter*  
 Douglas Kubrick spear-headed an effort to equip local law enforcement officers with individual first aid kits (IFAK) in light of recent first-responder shooting incidents.

**Bennie Carol Botts** .....*Sponsored by Phillip Hamman Chapter*  
 Mrs. Botts directs a group of senior citizens who sing weekly at one of the assisted living facilities in DeKalb County. She has been volunteering for over 15 years.

## CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS ESSAY

Audra L. White, *Chair*

Title: "A Sailor's Experiences as Part of Christopher Columbus' First Expedition to the Americas"

Topic: Christopher Columbus' first expedition set off in August of 1492. He and his men explored the Caribbean for 5 months after arriving there in October. Imagine you are a sailor who accompanied Christopher Columbus on this voyage and now have returned to Spain. Describe your impression of Christopher Columbus and perception of the purpose of the expedition. Talk about your experiences on the voyage, detailing the places and people that you encountered, and what you see as the significance of the discoveries made.

### CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS ESSAY CONTEST WINNER

**ABIGAIL STEPHENSON**



Abigail Stephenson is a junior at Westminster School at Oak Mountain in Birmingham, Alabama. She has loved writing and learning about history from a young age. She is involved at school as Treasurer of the Latin Club, Editor of the Year Book, Service Chair for the House of Calvin and member of the tennis team. She is also involved at church on the Student Leadership Team for her youth group. She enjoys working with Five Loaves, an urban ministry community organization that works to bring people together around the city of Birmingham through food and conversation. She enjoys being a part of youth choir, chaplain of the Teenage Republicans and playing piano. She is grateful to the DAR for this opportunity to write and expand her knowledge of history.

## 8th Grade

**LAUREN LUKER**



Lauren Luker, daughter of Bob and Mindy Luker, is an eighth grade student at Briarwood Christian School. She enjoys running cross country and track, dancing, and performing in her school's show choir. She also competes on Briarwood's math team and serves on the student council. Lauren won the DAR essay contest for the General Sumter Chapter and the State of Alabama in 2016-17 when she was in fifth grade.

First Place Lauren Luker.....Briarwood Christian School  
*Sponsored by General Sumter Chapter*

Second Place Helen Ann Bedsole.....Advent Episcopal School  
*Sponsored by John Parke Custis Chapter*

Third Place Lily Catherine Dee.....Pickens Academy  
*Sponsored by Pickens County Chapter*

### CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS ESSAY CONTEST

#### ESSAY WINNERS

1st Place Abigail Stephenson.....Westminster School at Oak Mountain  
*Sponsored by Lily of Cahaba Chapter*

2nd Place Elizabeth Webber (11th grade).....Northridge High School  
*Sponsored by Chief Tuskaloosa Chapter*

3rd Place Jacob Jackson (9th grade).....Home Schooled  
*Sponsored by Huntsville Chapter*