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## **Exchange Bank Scholarship Award Winners**

*Milledgeville, GA (April 27, 2020)* - On behalf of the directors and officers of Exchange Bank, we are pleased to announce our 2020 Exchange Bank Scholarship recipient winners, Sutton Eady, Faith Wealot and Jessica Patino. Each student received a scholarship in the amount of \$1,500 to be used for their college education at an institution of their choice in the State of Georgia.

Sutton Eady, daughter of Josh and London Eady, of John Milledge Academy received our scholarship for the Milledgeville area. Sutton's accomplishments include: Star Student – JMA Highest SAT Score, Georgia Certificate of Merit, nominee for the Georgia Scholars Program, highest averages in academic courses between 2017-2019 and Region & State Champion of the Literary for GISA AAA for Argumentative Essay.

Faith Wealot, daughter of Shannon and Amanda Wealot, of Jones County High School received our scholarship for the Jones County area received her Associates Degree from GMC at 15 years old as a dual enrollment student and achieve the highest honors of Summa Cum Laude and President and Dean's list.. Faith also serves on the Junior Board of Trustees of the Watson Brown Historical Society, and is a member of the Future Business Leaders of America and is a National Ambassador for the Youth Education Summit in Washington, D.C.

Jessica Patino, daughter of Ana Rocio Rojas, of Lake Oconee Academy received our scholarship for the Lake Oconee area. Jessica's accomplishments include: the CEO Award for Highest GPA, Governor's Honors Candidate for Green County in Spanish, First Place in Spanish at the Beta Convention, AP student with WE Recognition and AP Scholar with Distinction.

Sutton, Faith and Jessica were selected out of 29 applicants and were selected because of their outstanding achievements. Applicants are rated on Academic Recognition, School Leadership, Extra Curricular Activities, Work Experience, Community Involvement, Hobbies and Interest.

In the past, Exchange Bank has hosted an award ceremony for participants; however, this year was different. Due to the pandemic crisis caused by COVID-19 and the increasing concerns surrounding this situation, we made the decision this year to forego a ceremony to protect our recipients, their families, school officials and our employees. Unlike most high school senior years, the class of 2020 has faced very unusual circumstances. Many events and ceremonies they have looked forward to have been cancelled, postponed or drastically changed due to COVID-19. While the end of the school year didn't end like anyone could have predicted, you all have so much to be proud of and look forward to.

Exchange Bank congratulates the entire Class of 2020 for all of your accomplishments. We wish you the best as you continue your education and ultimately pursue your dreams.

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*Exchange Bank, chartered May 20, 1903, has exercised a position of financial leadership throughout the years. We offer a wide array of banking services and have experienced strong growth that has allowed Exchange Bank to be a vital part of the community for over 117 years.*

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