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## Six Scholarships Awarded to Dependents of City Employees

Following Hurricane Charley in 2004, an endowment was established with the Southwest Florida Community Foundation to provide scholarships for dependents of City employees. This year, there are two sources contributing to the City's Employee Dependent Scholarship Program. The Charitable Foundation of the Islands' has contributed \$6,000 and the Southwest Florida Community Foundation endowment will grant \$3,000 in scholarship awards, for academic year 2013-2014. The following dependents of City employees will receive scholarship awards:



**Courtney Chaipel** – A 2010 Mariner High School graduate, Courtney obtained her Bachelor's Degree in Public Health from the University of South Florida in 2013. This fall, Courtney will pursue a Law Degree, specializing in family and child law from Stetson University.

Courtney is the daughter of Steven Chaipel, Finance Department, who has been employed by the City for 2 months.



**Emily Wesserling Cobian** – A 1995 North Fort Myers High School graduate, Andrea obtained her Bachelor's Degree in History from the University of South Florida in 1999. She is now pursuing a Bachelor's of Science Degree in Nursing at Edison State College with plans to enroll in Florida Gulf Coast University's CRNA Program.

Emily is the daughter of Laura Wesserling, Building Department, who has been employed by the City for 17 years.

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**Hayden Cummins** – Hayden graduated from Fort Myers High School in 2012. He is currently pursuing a Bachelor's Degree in Sociology at Florida Gulf Coast University and has earned a 3.05 GPA.

Hayden is the son of Terri Cummins, Planning Department, who has been employed by the City for 14 years.



**Allison Eicher** – Allison graduated 4<sup>th</sup> in her class from Ida S. Baker High School in 2013, with a 5.01 GPA. She will attend Jacksonville University this fall where she will double major in Theatre and Film and minor in Education.

Allison is the daughter of John Eicher, Police Department, who has been employed by the City for 11 months.



**Andrea Wesserling Galician** – As a previous recipient of the Employee Dependent Scholarship program, Andrea obtained her Bachelor's Degree from the University of South Florida in Communications. She is currently pursuing a Bachelor's Degree in Nursing at Hillsborough Community College.

Andrea is the daughter of Laura Wesserling, Building Department, who has been employed by the City for 17 years.



**Brandi Gudinas** – Brandi graduated 34<sup>th</sup> in her class from Riverdale High School in 2013, with a 4.08 GPA. She is attending Heritage Institute where she will pursue her Pharmacy Technician certification.

Brandi is the daughter of Joe Gudinas, Utility Department, who has been employed by the City for 17 years.

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