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Take Stock in Children Announces 24 New Students will Receive Scholarships

Pensacola, FL: The Escambia County Public Schools Foundation and Take Stock in Children recently introduced 24 new scholarship recipients at the annual Take Stock Kick-Off Dinner. There are now a total of 125 students in grades 7-12 in Escambia County's program. Students will receive a college scholarship upon graduation from high school as long as they maintain good grades, attendance and citizenship, remain crime and drug free, and meet weekly with a volunteer community mentor.

Take Stock in Children is a statewide non-profit organization that provides "scholarships, mentors & hope" to deserving young people selected through a need-based application process through the public middle schools at the end of their 6th grade year. Scholarship donations from local foundations, organizations, businesses and individuals are matched dollar-for-dollar when scholarships are purchased from Florida Prepaid College Foundation each year and are held until students successfully graduate high school.

The newly selected students include:

Bailey Middle – **Madison Hayes, Matthew Setzer, Cora Smithkey, Hannah Thorne**

Bellview Middle – **Trextan Smith**

Brown Barge Middle – **Rebecca Kurau, Tho Pham, Aidan Sidner-Palafox, Gabrielle Vines**

Ernest Ward Middle – **Miyhanna Davidson, Jonathan Gibbs, Paige Gibbs, Harley Walker**

Escambia High – **Sierra Rugg**

Ferry Pass Middle – **Emma Booth, Chelsea Hotopp, Paige Hotopp**

Ransom Middle – **Lindsay Holmquist, Makia Samuel**

Warrington Middle – **LaDarrien Kimble**

Woodham Middle – **Jakiah Henderson-Young, Centyah Moya**

Workman Middle – **Adrianna Blackmon, Elise Brandon**

For more information about the Take Stock in Children scholarship program in Escambia County, contact Sally Lee, 850-469-5458, slee@escambia.k12.fl.us

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Row 1 – Jonathan Gibbs, Rebecca Kurau, Centyah Moye, Madison Hayes, Paige Gibbs, Elise Brandon

Row 2 – Lindsay Holmquist, Tho Pham, Aiden Sidner-Palafox, Trexton Smith, Matthew Setzer

Row 3 – Adrianna Blackmon, Miyhana Davidson, Emma Booth, Chelsea Hotopp, Cora Smithkey, Gabrielle Vines

Row 4 – Paige Hotopp, LaDarrien Kimble, Sierra Rugg, Makia Samuel, Harley Walker, Hannah Thorne Not Pictured: Jakiah Henderson-Young

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