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Okaloosa Public Schools Foundation Honors Take Stock in Children Scholars

On April 25, 2018, the Okaloosa Public Schools Foundation honored 16 Take Stock in Children graduates and 12 newly-selected scholars in a ceremony at the Niceville Community Center.

A primary focus of the Okaloosa Public Schools Foundation, the Take Stock in Children Scholarship Program is a unique and innovative program that provides post-secondary scholarships to deserving youth who may not go on to college because of their families' financial situation. Students with good grades, good attendance, and good discipline records who meet the income eligibility requirement are invited to apply for these scholarships. Each student who is selected by the Foundation signs a contract, along with his or her parent, promising to maintain a good school record, to remain drug and crime free and to meet weekly with a community-based mentor. Students who maintain the terms of their contracts are awarded tuition scholarships to the post-secondary institutions of their choice.

Welcomed by Foundation President Bob Bennett, guests included the families and mentors of Take Stock Scholars as were scholarship and program contributors and school principals and counselors. Take Stock in Children alumna Jala Lee spoke of her journey with Take Stock—from her selection as a Take Stock in Children Scholar to her recent acceptance into the Doctorate Program for Physical Therapy at Hampton University. She credited the program for starting her on that journey.

New Scholars and Graduates were recognized and awarded their certificates and medallions by Okaloosa County Assistant Superintendent Steve Horton.

Take Stock in Children Scholarship Donors and Contributors

Four Year College Tuition Scholarships

- Gulf Power Foundation
- Morgan Invitational Golf Tournament
- Panhandle Job Fair Foundation

Two Year College Tuition Scholarships

- Family of Ken Baltes
- Choctawhatchee Electric Cooperative, Inc. (CHELCO)
- Mid-Bay Rotary Club

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My Learning Plan	PAWS (OCSD Network Only)	Taxpayer Resources
Parent Star	Principal Resource Center	Public Record Request
School Site Locator	Report Abuse, Neglect or Exploitation	Support our Schools
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