THE GREATER NAPLES AAUW CHARITABLE FOUNDATION, INC. CONGRATULATES THE DESERVING LOCAL WOMEN RECEIVING ITS 2020 SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS: BRITNEY GARCIA, SANDRA GREGORIO-MATIAS, JUANITA GUERRERO, AND TAYLOR SORRELL

The recipient of the Albert Mangini Memorial Scholarship of the Local Scholarship Fund of the Greater Naples AAUW Charitable Foundation, Inc.("Foundation") is TAYLOR SORRELL. Taylor was raised in Golden Gate Estates and graduated from Palmetto Ridge High School. She has set her sights on a degree in Biological Engineering from Purdue and intends on returning to our area to work preventing diseases in crops.

The Rose DiBiasi Tribute Scholarship of the Foundation's Local Scholarship Fund was awarded to JUANITA GUERRERO. Juanita was raised in Naples and attended Lely High School. She has three sons and has spent her working years in medical offices. Juanita is currently pursuing a Bachelors in Nursing at FSW and is anxious to become a nurse.

The first Laura A. Candris Scholarships were awarded to BRITNEY GARCIA and SANDRA GREGORIO-MATIAS. Britney is an Immokalee High School Senior who is dual-enrolled at FSW. She ranks 3rd out of 418 students in her class and has a weighted GPA of 5.3. She participated in the SSTRIDE program and intends on becoming a pediatrician. She will begin at FSU this summer majoring in Clinical Professions.

Sandra Gregorio-Matais is another Immokalee High School Senior who is dual-enrolled at FSW, having already attained 42 credit hours towards college. She wants to become a doctor. She participated in the SSTRIDE program that promotes activities in high school for students interested in medical professions and will attend FSU. She has a weighted 5.1 GPA and ranks 10th of 418 in her class.

Since 2001, the Foundation annually has awarded scholarships to local women, ages 21 and over, who are pursuing an associate's, bachelor's or master's degree at an accredited college or university and who demonstrate academic achievement and financial need.

The Foundation has a Named Scholarship Opportunity for a minimum donation of just \$1,500 to its Local Scholarship Fund. This is an

opportunity for business owners, individuals, and families to provide a named scholarship without the responsibility of recruiting or selecting scholarship candidates. For more information about the Named Scholarship Opportunity, go to https://greaternaples-fl-aauw-net/local-scholarships/

In 2018, two endowed scholarship funds were established for local high school seniors or older women pursuing degrees in science, technology, engineering or mathematics and who otherwise meet the eligibility criteria. The Laura A. Candris Scholarship Fund was established by Aris S. Candris to honor his wife, a dedicated member of AAUW and of the AAUW Greater Naples Branch.

For more information about the scholarship programs of the Greater Naples AAUW Charitable Foundation, Inc., go to https://greaternaples-fl-aauw-net/local-scholarships/

The Greater Naples AAUW Charitable Foundation, Inc. is a public charity affiliated with AAUW, <u>AAUW·org.</u> In addition to awarding academic scholarships to deserving local women pursuing post-secondary degrees, the Foundation:

- Supports the AAUW Greater Naples Branch STEAM Conference for fifthgrade girls in Collier County Public Schools, teaching them and their parents about opportunities in science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics;
- Supports the AAUW Greater Naples Branch Reading is Fun program, giving books to disadvantaged children in the neediest Collier County public elementary schools; and
- Supports the AAUW StartSmart and AAUW WorkSmart Salary Negotiation workship programs.