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## **PDCA PROMOTES EDUCATION THROUGH SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS**

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The A. E. Robert Friedman/PDCA Scholarship Fund of PDCA was formed in 1978 to honor Bob Friedman on the occasion of his fortieth anniversary as legal counsel for the Painting and Decorating Contractors of America (PDCA). He served in that capacity until 1981.

Since its inception in 1978, over 158 scholarships have been awarded to deserving students each having been nominated by an active member of PDCA. These students have represented a wide variety of backgrounds and career choices. By making the scholarship awards available to any deserving student between the ages of 18 and 24, PDCA members have shown their commitment to supporting the educational efforts of young people in search of promising careers.

The following students have been chosen for the prestigious A. E. Robert Friedman/PDCA Scholarship in the amount of \$1,500 each with \$12,000 in total awards:

### **[Katelyn James](#)**

Miss James is currently a student at Caroline High School, Sparta, Virginia taking advanced college courses. Katelyn plans to start her freshman year at Christopher Newport University as an advanced “second semester” freshman studying her favorite subject, Art. On her application she states, “I have always enjoyed art but though recent years I have discovered that I also enjoy interior design, graphic design and decorating.”

### **[Sheena Marie Kennedy](#)**

Miss Kennedy was nominated by **John Glaska of Glaska & Son, Inc., La Vista, Nebraska**. Sheena plans on beginning her freshman year at the University of Nebraska-Omaha with previous credits earned while attending high school, not to “get-ahead” but because she enjoys learning. Future plans include studying in political science for her degree then working on political campaigns and teach political science

at the college level. Her confidence and work ethic will lead her in the right direction to happiness and success.

### [Erica Lynn McCallister](#)

Miss McCallister was nominated by **W. Steve Pap, President of M. P. Barden & Sons, Inc., Powhatan, Virginia**. Miss McCallister's recommendations and nomination letters are just part of what makes this student an outstanding winner of this scholarship. Her leadership abilities and goal to attend college at Virginia Commonwealth University are just two examples of her determination to make it to the top.

### [Emily Kathleen Musser](#)

Miss Musser was nominated by **Richard L. Holtz, Vice President of H. J. Holtz & Sons, Inc., Richmond, Virginia**. Emily is the granddaughter of Charles M. Herbert who has been employed over forty years by H. J. Holtz. Currently a senior at Lee-Davis High School in Mechanicsville, Virginia where she has received numerous leadership awards and is a member of the National Beta Club and National Honor Society. She plans on studying leadership courses at Christopher Newport University.

### [Jeanene H'elene Nickerson](#)

Miss Nickerson was nominated by **L. E. Travis, III, President of L. E. Travis & Sons, Inc., San Antonio, Texas**. Jeanene's father has been employed with L. E. Travis & Sons for many years. She attends Texas State University at San Marcos with the dream of earning a Bachelor's in Elementary Education, then pursuing a master's degree. Along with her academic load she participates in band, Color Guard and Winter Guard, and also participated in the Interact service organization and National Honor Society.

### [Brittany Lyn Knarr](#)

Miss Knarr was nominated by **Tim Quinn of American Exteriors, Inc., Alexandria, Virginia**. Brittany has devoted much time and passion to the pursuit of academic excellence. Her current GPA is 4.13 and she is a member of the National Honor Society, Math Honor Society and the Spanish Honor Society at Stonewall Jackson High School, Manassas, Virginia. Outside of academics, she is involved in the Key Club, Ecology Club, and volunteers with her church Youth Group in her community. Her participation as Varsity Cheerleader for four year has won her numerous awards and championships.

### [Blair Ashley Knarr](#)

Miss Knarr was nominated by **Tim Quinn of American Exteriors, Inc., Alexandria, Virginia**. Blair hopes to earn an undergraduate degree in marketing or finance, and then pursue her Masters of Business Administration. Her dream is to establish a successful business that provides long-term employment opportunities, generate profits, not only for personal gain, but to be apportioned back into the community in the form of voluntary services, donation of products or monetary grants. She states, "As an entrepreneur, I desire to train, motivate, education, and support the employees of my company for our mutual success."

## Heather Lynn Tustin

Miss Tustin was nominated by **Michael M. Chism, President of Chism Brothers Painting**. Heather has overcome adversity and hardship and risen to the top. Already a humanitarian, Miss Tustin is receiving awards for the Congressional Gold Medal, Congressional Silver Medal, Presidential Service Lifetime Award along with other awards too numerous to mention. An outstanding volleyball player and National Honor Society member, Heather has earned more than \$40,000 for tsunami relief and assisted in the Hurricane Katrina aid relief. Heather earns top credits for her strongest qualities: character, leadership and drive to succeed.

The Painting and Decorating Contractors of America is a national trade association representing nearly 3,000 companies engaged in all sectors of the paint, coatings and decorating industry.

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