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THE ST. JOE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES THE WINNERS OF THE 2022 NO ORDINARY JOE SCHOLARSHIP: WES CORBIN OF WALTON HIGH SCHOOL AND KIRA NGUYEN OF RUTHERFORD HIGH SCHOOL

PANAMA CITY BEACH, FL— The St. Joe Community Foundation (“Foundation”) announces the winners of the 2022 No Ordinary JOE Scholarship. The winners are Wes Corbin of Walton High School and Kira Nguyen of Rutherford High School. Both students received \$13,000 scholarship awards to offset the cost of college tuition.

The No Ordinary JOE scholarship was created to encourage students to become engaged in leadership and community service and is available to all public high school students in Bay and Walton Counties. In addition to Mr. Corbin and Ms. Nguyen, 27 scholarship nominees received \$500 scholarships and 13 school finalists received an additional \$2,500 scholarship to be paid towards a degree program at the recipients’ chosen college.

Wes Corbin, a senior at Walton High School, plans to attend Auburn University this fall to pursue a degree in Building Construction. While in high school, Mr. Corbin played varsity baseball and was also involved in Key Club, Anchor Club and the Fellowship of Student Athletes among other student organizations. In addition to excelling academically, he contributed significantly to several service projects both at his school and in the community during his high school career.

Kira Nguyen from Rutherford High School served as Senior Class President and was the captain of both the volleyball and weightlifting teams as a senior. During her time in high school, Ms. Nguyen helped to create and organize her school’s first Black History Month Showcase and participated in several fundraisers and service projects. Following graduation, she plans to attend Gulf Coast State College and then the University of Central Florida with the goal of pursuing a career in pediatric dentistry.

“It is extremely rewarding to recognize these outstanding students as the recipients of the No Ordinary JOE Scholarship,” said April Wilkes, Executive Director of The St. Joe Community Foundation. “Not only have they achieved great success in the classroom, but through their

leadership and service they have contributed greatly to both their schools and communities. These winners, and all of the nominees, are the future leaders of our communities, and we look forward to seeing how they continue to contribute to the region of Northwest Florida as they enter college and into the future.”

This was the inaugural year of the No Ordinary JOE Scholarship. In total, \$78,500 in scholarship funds were awarded to 42 students in Bay and Walton Counties. The No Ordinary JOE scholarship is established through the Bay Education Foundation and the Walton Education Foundation. To learn more about the scholarship program and to view a complete list of nominees and winners, visit www.joefoundation.com.

About The St. Joe Community Foundation

Since its inception in 1999, The St. Joe Community Foundation (“Foundation”) has provided more than \$33 million in grants to improve the quality of life in the communities it serves. The Foundation provides charitable grants toward the civic infrastructure of communities in Northwest Florida. The Foundation’s primary focus is strengthening education, improving healthcare, protecting the environment and supporting local cultural interests. These efforts help build healthy, caring, long-lived communities. More information about the St. Joe Community Foundation can be found on its website at www.joefoundation.com.

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