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**ALABAMA GOVERNOR'S  
CONFERENCE ON TOURISM**



SCHOLARSHIP WINNER

# Sydney Smith

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University of South Alabama

\$1000

*"I am truly grateful for this scholarship. This will empower me to continue growing as a leader to be able to shine in the Hospitality and Tourism Field."*



SCHOLARSHIP WINNER

# MADISON WRAY

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Auburn University

\$1000



*"I'm incredibly grateful for this scholarship and the support it provides as I continue pursuing a career centered around service, connection, and innovation."*





SCHOLARSHIP WINNER

# MADISON ALEXANDER

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University of South Alabama

\$1000

*“Thank you so much for this award!  
This scholarship will empower me  
to further my education and  
continue building a career where I  
can create meaningful, memorable  
experiences for others through  
hospitality and tourism.”*



SCHOLARSHIP WINNER

# Kathryn Chisolm

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Auburn University

\$1000



*"I'm incredibly grateful for this scholarship and the opportunity it provides to further my education and career in the hospitality industry."*





SCHOLARSHIP WINNER

Avery  
Knoll

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University of Alabama

\$2000

*"I truly cannot tell you how much this news made my day! My entire family and I were so excited and grateful!"*



SCHOLARSHIP WINNER

# Ashlyn Hartin

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Auburn University

\$3500



*"This scholarship will not only support my education but also empower me to continue giving back to my community through service, leadership, and hard work."*





SCHOLARSHIP WINNER

# Noah Alexander

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University of South Alabama

\$3500

*“Thank you so much for this exciting news! I am dedicated to this very important industry and someone who plans to make a life-long career of it!”*



SCHOLARSHIP WINNER

# Gracie Jenkins

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University of Alabama

\$3500



*“Thank you so much for this wonderful news! I am so grateful for this support and for the opportunity to continue pursuing my passion for hospitality.”*





SCHOLARSHIP WINNER

# Carly Zehnder

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University of Alabama

\$4000

*“This scholarship will significantly support my education and career development, providing me with the resources needed to succeed in the event planning industry.”*



SCHOLARSHIP WINNER

# Cara Salmon

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University of Alabama

\$4500



*“Thank you so much for awarding me this generous scholarship. I am truly grateful for your support and honored to be selected. I am excited to continue pursuing a career in this industry.”*





SCHOLARSHIP WINNER

# Giada Giarrantano

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University of Alabama

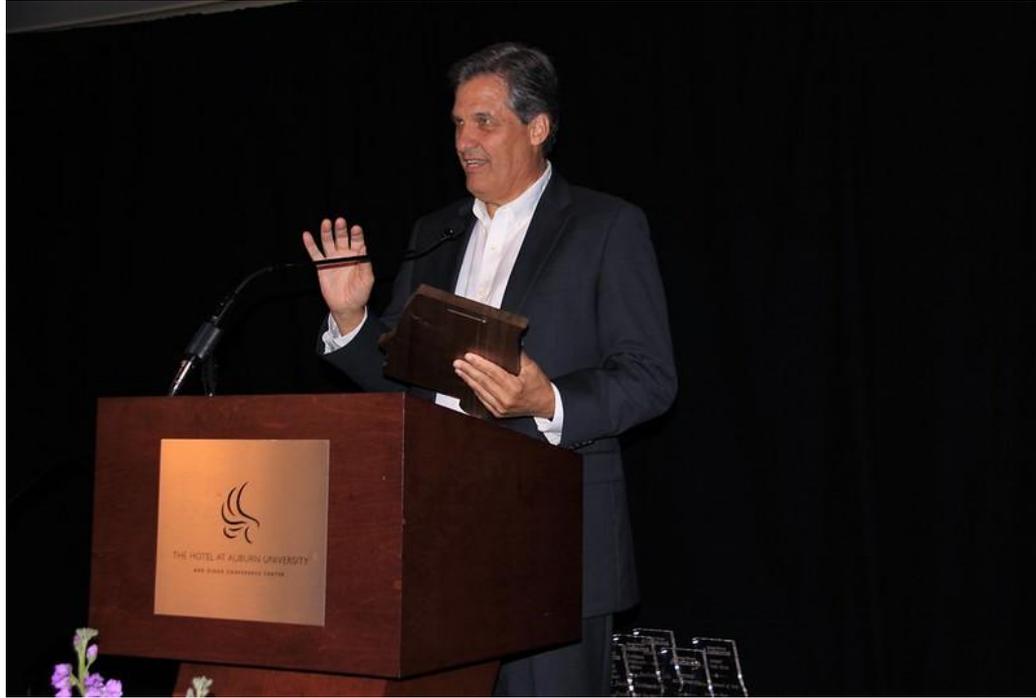
\$4500

*“I am so grateful for this scholarship! This is such an amazing opportunity. It will help me continue to grow and learn more about the hospitality industry. It truly helps so much.”*



# John Wild Memorial Endowed Scholarship

Established by Auburn Opelika Tourism for the purpose of providing scholarships for students in the College of Human Sciences Horst Schulze School of Hospitality Management. Auburn Opelika Tourism wishes to honor John's memory, service and dedication to the hospitality industry and the Auburn community through this scholarship. John was passionate about mentoring others, and it is fitting this scholarship will make a significant impact in lessening the financial burden of college expenses for a student wishing to enter the hospitality industry.



John Wild receiving the Alabama Travel Council  
Award of Excellence  
Photo courtesy of AO Tourism



John Wild Memorial Endowed  
Scholarship Winner

# VICTORIA MALINOWSKI

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Auburn University

\$4500

*“Thank you so much for extending this offer to me. I am truly honored to have been selected, and I deeply appreciate your support of my educational journey.”*





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