

# **SURRY COUNTY SCHOOLS**

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DOBSON, NC - The Surry County Schools Educational Foundation is pleased to announce the 2018 recipients of the Absher-Moxley Memorial Scholarship.

Sarah Marion is a 2018 recipient of a \$500 Absher-Moxley Memorial Scholarship. In her application essay, Sarah reflected on how drug abuse affects teenagers, saying, "Addicts come from various lifestyles, ages, and backgrounds...in today's society, teenagers are commonly taking pain killers as a way of belonging to a social group. The consequences of drug abuse strains relationships, hinders cognitive performance, and limits your ability to function productively in a work environment." Sarah is a 2018 graduate of East Surry High School and plans to attend Forsyth Technical Community College in the fall.

Brandon Norman is also a 2018 recipient of a \$500 Absher-Moxley Memorial Scholarship. In his application essay, Brandon states that "Prescription drug abuse has become an epidemic in the United States, and it will not go away until we all bond together to fight this awful thing that comes with a cost of human lives." Brandon is a 2018 graduate of Surry Central High School and will attend Guilford College in the fall.

In 2011, Mr. Frankie Andrews and his family established The Absher-Moxley Memorial Scholarship through the Surry County Schools Educational Foundation. It is named for Mr. Andrews' two nephews, Matthew Absher and Brandon Moxley, who were athletes, but lost their young lives within a four-year period, due to the adverse effects of prescription drug addiction. These young men were deeply beloved by many, including their loving family, friends, and Alleghany High School classmates. Nothing can take away the pain, but Mr. Andrews and his family wish to help educate youth about the dangers of prescription drugs and help prevent others from following the same path as Matthew and Brandon.

The Surry County Schools Educational Foundation facilitates this scholarship. To make a donation to this program, you may send your check to the Surry County Schools Educational Foundation, c/o Absher-Moxley Memorial Scholarship, PO Box 364, Dobson, NC 27017. For

more information, contact Ashley Mills, Foundation Liaison, (336) 386-8211 or [millsa@surry.k12.nc.us](mailto:millsa@surry.k12.nc.us).