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### 2019 VCS Scholarships Awarded

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In November 2009, The Virginia Choral Society (VCS) established the **VCS Scholarship Award** for a high school graduating senior who desired to continue his/her education with a focus on music performance or education. Last year, VCS added a second scholarship, the **Ronald Darone Memorial Scholarship**.

VCS is pleased to announce that **Claire Scott Gordon (Scottie)** has been selected for the **2019 VCS Music Scholarship Award**. Scottie, is a senior at York High School and currently attends York County School of the Arts and is a member of York High Drama Dept., National Honor Society, French National Honor Society, International Thespian Society and Tri-M Music Society. She is currently taking the vocally challenging lead role as Winnifred the Woebegone in York High Drama Dept. production of *Once Upon a Mattress*. Claire has passionately enjoyed participating in chorus at York High School under the direction of Ms. Courtney Weber.



Claire Scott Gordon

Claire was the 2014 Winner of *Williamsburg's Got Talent* competition. She has for many years focused her performances benefiting organizations that help those in need including: Hampton Roads Veterans (with Glen Miller Orchestra), Williamsburg Boys and Girls Club, Williamsburg Land Conservatory, Mary Immaculate Hospital and WHRO

Claire has performed as a soloist at local venues including Phi Beta Kappa Hall, Kimball Theater, Williamsburg Regional Library, and Sandler Center. She is a cross genre performer who is comfortable singing Broadway, Pop, Gospel, Light Opera, Country, R&B and her own brand of music. She is an emerging song writer, composer and arranger with particular love of vocal arrangements in an ensemble.

Claire will be attending Kent State University's BFA Musical Theater Program with a Minor in Applied Music.

VCS is pleased to announce that **Jacqueline Joy Magpoc Burroughs** has been selected for the 2019 **Ronald Darone Memorial Scholarship** award. Jacqueline Joy Magpoc Burroughs is a 4th year senior in the Musical Theatre Department at the Governor's School for the Arts. She has most recently been seen as Phoebe in Governor's School for the Arts' production of *A Gentleman's Guide to Love and Murder*. Some of her other credits include *Kiss Me, Kate* with Virginia Musical Theatre, as well as several other Governor's School productions. After graduation, Jacqueline is going to pursue a BFA in musical theatre at Shenandoah Conservatory in the fall. She would like to thank her grandparents, Chip, Jeff, Allan, and her parents for their unending love and support



Jacqueline Burroughs

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:** Additional information regarding the Virginia Choral Society is provided on our webpage: [www.vachoralsociety.org](http://www.vachoralsociety.org) and on the VCS Concert Line at 851-9114.

**ABOUT VCS:** The Virginia Choral Society (VCS), active since 1931, is the largest continually performing community arts organization on the Peninsula. VCS is an IRS 501 (c) 3 code non-profit organization of about 90 singers, sustained by the generosity of grants from arts commissions, individual gifts, corporate funding and concert ticket sales.