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**EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION AWARDS 118 SCHOLARSHIPS TO THE
2020 ICCFA UNIVERSITY IN ATLANTA, GEORGIA;
SCHOLARSHIPS CARRIED OVER INTO 2021**

STERLING, VA (June 5, 2020) – The International Cemetery, Cremation and Funeral Association (ICCF A) Educational Foundation was able to award 118 scholarships to the 2020 iteration of ICCFA University thanks to generous donors who believe that professional development is important to the well-being of the profession. Scholarship recipients represent ICCFA members from 33 states and Brazil, Canada, Curaçao, Guam, Guatemala, Jamaica and Uruguay, who hold many different positions at funeral homes, cemeteries and industry suppliers.

With input from the ICCFA leadership, staff, ICCFA University Deans, public health experts, and membership, the 2020 ICCFA University was cancelled due to the ongoing public health and safety concerns surrounding the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. Scholarship recipients will have their 2020 scholarships honored at the 2021 ICCFA University on July 23-28. Below are the scholarship recipients:

- **Heidi Aarestad**, Lakewood Cemetery, Minneapolis, Minnesota
- **Kitty Alexander**, StoneMor, Elizabethton, Tennessee

- **Mark Anderson**, Homecoming Inc., Tempe, Arizona
- **Carla Birdwell**, Glen Oaks Memorial Park, Chico, California
- **Jerome Auer**, St. John Cemetery c/o Cincinnati Catholic Cemetery Society,
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- **Marie Baker**, LMS Guam, Tamuning, Guam
- **Ray Baldonado**, Daniels Family Funeral Services, Rio Rancho, New Mexico
- **Lori Banes**, National Cremation Society, Fruitland Park, Florida
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- **Susan Barney**, Greenleaf Memorial Park, New Bern, North Carolina
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- **Zachary Blotter**, Green Hills Mortuary, Rancho Palos Verdes, California
- **Johnny Bolton**, Blackstone Cemetery Development, Santa Ana, California
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- **Anthony Bracy**, Collins Funeral Home, Inc./Bracy Funeral Service Group, LLC,
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- **Ryan Brooke**, Oakwood Memorial Park, Inc., Ottawa, Illinois
- **David Brooks**, Morris Funeral Cottage & St. Joseph's Cemetery, Cheraw, South
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- **Pamela Brown**, Hillside Cemetery, Wilton, Connecticut
- **Christina Budhwa**, St. Michael's Cemetery & Crematory, East Elmhurst, New
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- **Mollee Burnash**, Mount Elliott Cemetery Association, Detroit, Michigan

- **Mandy Butler**, Smith Family Funeral Homes, North Little Rock, Arizona
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- **Dorman Caudle**, Carolina Donor Services, Winston-Salem, North Carolina
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- **Lauren Christakos**, The Arlington Memorial Gardens and Funeral Home, Cincinnati, Ohio
- **Karen Christon**, Chapel of the Chimes Funeral Home, Westland, Michigan
- **Emily Christopherson**, Professional Cemetery Services, Dundee, Illinois
- **Gordon Chuck**, Sam Isaacs & Son Ltd, Kingston, Jamaica
- **Chris Clements**, Oliver's Funeral Home, Grand Prairie, Canada
- **Carlos Colon**, Hepburn Superior US Chemical, Orange, California
- **Alex Core**, Leaf Cremation, Cartersville, Georgia
- **Jason Crandall**, Sunburst Memorials, Saint Cloud, Minnesota
- **Kim Crawford**, Cairn Partners, Hanover, Indiana
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- **Judith Cruz**, LMS Guam, Tamuning, Guam
- **Carlos Culqui**, Inglewood Park Cemetery, Inglewood, California
- **Colin Cumberworth**, Gethsemane Cemetery and Memorial Gardens, Charlotte, North Carolina
- **Sarah Dawber**, Tippecanoe Memory Gardens, West Lafayette, Indiana

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- **Mary Ferwerda**, Wiefels & Son Funeral Directors, Palm Springs, California
- **Rafael Flores**, Grupo Cortel, Brazil
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- **Denise Jones**, Chapel of the Chimes Funeral Home, Westland, Michigan
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- **Raymond Ortner**, Lone Tree Cemetery, Hayward, California
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