

2018 SONNY MERRYMAN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT



MacKenzie Joyce Lewis
Henry County

MacKenzie knew in the eighth grade that she wanted to be a Doctor of Optometry. Wearing glasses since age 7, she realized what a difference good eyesight can make in a person's life. In the eighth grade she began a community wide event named "Giving the Gift of Sight" where she collected used eyeglass frames and partnered with a local optometrist to provide individuals in the community with complimentary eye exams and glasses.

A focused young woman with goals to make her dreams come true, MacKenzie graduated on the dean's list from Patrick Henry Community College receiving an Associate Degree two weeks prior to receiving her Honor Graduate High School Diploma from Bassett High School. She is an academic letter recipient, academic award recipient and an athletic award recipient. She was crowned Miss Patrick Henry Community College for 2018 and participated in the 2018 Miss Virginia Pageant.

A cheerleader, a member of the National Honor Society, National Beta Club, Student Council Association, 4-H Club and yearbook staff, she also worked as an ophthalmology technologist part-time where she learned to perform vision diagnostic testing.

MacKenzie will be attending the University of Virginia this fall – her school of choice since fourth grade!