

Vitale scholarships to benefit future collegians

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SARASOTA — For the 23rd consecutive year, Dick Vitale helped ease the financial burden of five future collegians.

On Wednesday at the Boys & Girls Clubs of Sarasota County, the Lakewood Ranch resident and ESPN college basketball analyst presented the five area students and members of the Boys & Girls Clubs each with \$1,000 scholarships during the Dick Vitale Scholarship Day and Awards event. The

\$5,000 brings the total amount donated by the 82-year-old over those 23 years to \$115,000.

Chosen by the BGCSC staff for outstanding leadership qualities, the five recipients were Jordan Blake, Quinn DuBre, Laura Rodriguez-Saenz, Cassidy Saba and Axa Salas. Vitale has helped a total of 115 students since the start of the scholarship program.