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## Successful Jocks awards \$10,000 in Scholarships, plus Technology to College-bound High School Athletes in Tampa

(Tampa – May 21, 2021) – Super Bowl Champion and Tampa Bay Buccaneers Cornerback Sean Murphy-Bunting and his mother Kim Murphy have just made some college-bound high school student athletes from Hillsborough County very happy.

On Friday, the Tampa-based nonprofit **Successful Jocks and The Women Behind The Uniform**, founded by Murphy, presented **Quewana Morris and Kyndall Johnson – both college-bound athletes from George S. Middleton High School in Tampa – with \$5,000 SMB Cornerback Cash Scholarships.** The scholarships were made possible by **financial support from Murphy-Bunting and the Buccaneers Social Justice Fund.**

Morris played Basketball and was involved in Track and Field. She plans to attend Lurleen B. Wallace Community College in Alabama in the fall. Johnson was involved in Track and Field. Johnson plans to head to Hampton University this fall after graduating a year early from high school.

“We’re grateful for the support from Sean and the Bucs Social Justice Fund as well as our other sponsors,” said Successful Jocks founder Murphy. “Because of them, these outstanding high school athletes will have essential funding and technology to help them succeed in college.”

Dubbed the **SMB Cornerback Cash Scholarship** after **Murphy-Bunting (SMB also stands for So Many Blessings)**, the scholarship aims to assist underserved populations by providing funding to college-bound athletes to offset



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Successful Jocks & The Women Behind The Uniform founder Kim Murphy (left) and her son Tampa Bay Buccaneer CB Sean Murphy-Bunting (far right) presented athletic scholars, Quewana Morris and Kyndall Johnson, both from George S. Middleton High School in Tampa, with \$5,000 SMB Cornerback Cash Scholarships from the Tampa-based 501(c)(3) nonprofit, Successful Jocks and The Women Behind The Uniform. The scholarships were made possible by financial support from Murphy-Bunting and the Buccaneers Social Justice Fund.

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expenses such as tuition, books, school supplies, lab fees, and other college-related costs. The goal of the organization is to ensure athletes are successful on and off the playing field. Education is one road to that success

Early in the 2020 football season, Murphy-Bunting pledged to donate \$500 for each pass deflection and \$1,000 for every interception he made during the season to his mother's nonprofit to help fund scholarships. In the end, **Murphy-Bunting upped the ante and the Tampa Bay Buccaneers Social Justice Fund, matched his donation, generating enough for two \$5,000 scholarships for Florida students.**

Murphy-Bunting and matching sponsor, Aptive, also lent financial support to the Successful Jocks **College Tech Essay Contest**, which provided MacBook Air laptops to four college-bound athletes of high character. All four of those Essay contest winners were from the Tampa Bay area – **Quewana Morris, Kyndall Johnson, Trequan Davis, Alexis Evina-Ze, seniors at George S. Middleton in Tampa.**

Murphy-Bunting also funded two \$5,000 scholarships for select students in his home state of Michigan.

In its inaugural year for scholarships and the technology essay contest, Successful Jocks will have given out \$20,000 in scholarships and four MacBook Air laptops. Plans are in the works for a second College Tech Essay Contest near the end of summer, Murphy said.



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**Successful Jocks Win-Win Program College Tech Essay Winners – Florida** Pictured here are Successful Jocks Founder Kim Murphy (left) and Tampa Bay Buccaneer Cornerback Sean Murphy-Bunting (far right) with Florida-based essay winners: Trequan Davis, Alexis Evina-Ze, Kyndall Johnson and Quewana Morris. All four winners are college-bound senior athletes from George S. Middleton High School in Tampa. The scholarships were made possible by financial support from Murphy-Bunting and Aptive.

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## ABOUT SUCCESSFUL JOCKS



Successful Jocks is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to making a difference in the lives of male athletes and empowering the women supporting and motivating them. Successful Jocks' mission is to inspire, motivate, empower and equip male athletes and the women nurturing them with the tools, resources and support needed to help athletes reach their maximum potential in the game of life. Contributions to Successful Jocks are fully tax-deductible. [www.successfuljocks.org](http://www.successfuljocks.org)

## ABOUT KIM MURPHY



Kim Murphy is a woman of many roles – nonprofit founder and CEO, business executive, Licensed Professional Counselor, experienced educator – but her true passion is being a mom to four amazing, athletically gifted sons. She devotes everything she has toward helping them become champion men. With Kim Murphy standing solidly behind him every step of the way, her second eldest son, Sean Murphy-Bunting became a professional football player with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers in 2019. Ms. Murphy – who holds a BA in Psychology, an MA in Counseling, and is a Licensed Professional Counselor – is in a unique position to help others and provide a road map through her nonprofit, Successful Jocks and The Women Behind The Uniform.

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