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Parker's and WSAV-TV Award \$500 Academic Scholarship to Senior at Hilton Head Island High School

PHOTO CAPTION: Parker's President and CEO Greg Parker, left, recently presented a \$500 scholarship check to Hilton Head Island High School Senior Madeline Prince, right, who plans to attend the U.S. Naval Academy in the fall. Parker's and WSAV have partnered to identify one area high school junior or senior to receive a scholarship each month during the academic school year.

SAVANNAH, Ga. (February 1, 2017) – [Parker's](#), an award-winning convenience store leader, recently partnered with WSAV-TV to award a \$500 academic scholarship to Madeline Prince, a senior at Hilton Head Island High School on Hilton Head Island, S.C. who plans to attend the U.S. Naval Academy in the Fall of 2017.

Parker's President and CEO Greg Parker presented Prince with a ceremonial check at a special event at Hilton Head High School on January 26. She will automatically be entered for the chance to win an additional \$1,000 academic scholarship, along with other monthly Outstanding Student Scholarship winners.

Parker's and WSAV are partnering to honor outstanding students for excellence in the classroom, in the community and in sports. Every month during the school year, Parker's will donate a \$500 college scholarship to an exceptional student in Georgia or the South Carolina Lowcountry. A panel of judges carefully reviews every nomination and identifies a winner.

"Education is one of the cornerstones of our charitable giving strategy at Parker's," said Parker. "We understand the power education has to transform lives. Giving back is part of our company's DNA."

Prince, an accomplished student-athlete who earned a perfect ACT score, is the daughter of Michael and Kathryn Prince and will attend the U.S. Naval Academy in the fall. Her goal is to become the first commander of a nuclear-powered submarine.

In addition to having a 5.251 GPA in the rigorous IB program at Hilton Head Island High School, Prince also plays varsity golf and lacrosse, and has earned a number of honors for her leadership skills. She was the 2016 golf team captain and has won the Golf Team Academic Award for the past four years.

An avid volunteer, Prince serves as a coach for First Tee of the Lowcountry and enjoys teaching children how to play the game of golf while instilling important character lessons about integrity and perseverance. She is the commanding officer in the NJROTC, has been awarded the Legion of Valor Bronze Cross and was recently named the Hilton Head High NJROTC Leader of the Year. She is also a National Merit Scholarship Semifinalist and a member of the Science Honor Society and the French Honor Society.

Parker's has been ranked on Inc.'s elite list of the top 5,000 fastest-growing private companies in the U.S. for four consecutive years. The company currently operates 46 convenience stores across the region and employs 825 individuals throughout Georgia and South Carolina. Parker's completes more than 110,000 transactions daily and recently celebrated its 40th anniversary.

ABOUT PARKER'S:

[Parker's](http://www.parkersav.com) is dedicated to a superior customer experience and operates 46 convenience stores throughout southeast Georgia and South Carolina. Headquartered in Savannah, Ga., Parker's has a commitment to exceeding customer expectations and has been recognized as one of the nation's pre-eminent convenience store and gourmet deli operators. The company's PumpPal loyalty program, which includes more than 125,000 members, has saved Parker's customers more than \$7.5 million. Parker's also gives back to every community where stores are located through the Fueling the Community Program, which donates a portion of the profit of every gallon of gas sold on the first Wednesday of the month to area schools. In addition, the company endowed the Parker's Emergency and Trauma Center at Memorial Hospital in Savannah, donates gas cards to benefit cancer patients, spearheads an Anti-Litter Campaign in Savannah and serves as the presenting sponsor for Picnic in the Park, a free outdoor concert held in Savannah every October. For more information about Parker's, visit www.parkersav.com.

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- Best Convenience Store - *Savannah Morning News* Readers' Choice Awards
- Best Convenience Store - *Savannah Magazine* Best of Savannah Awards
- Best Convenience Store - *Statesboro Herald* "Best in the 'Boro" Awards
- Best Convenience Store - Bryan County Now "Best of Bryan" Awards
- Regional Economic Impact Award - Greater Bluffton Chamber of Commerce
- Best Convenience Store - *Island Packet*
- Most Fab Convenience Store - *Effingham Herald*
- Keep Liberty Beautiful Award - *Coastal Courier*
- Most Fabulous Gas Station - *Effingham Living*

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