

# PHS's Mackenzie Roberts, Gracie Williams named Muth Scholars

Two recent Palmetto High School graduates are co-recipients of the 2018 Mike Muth Basketball Scholarship.

Mackenzie Roberts of Williamston and Gracie Williams of Belton were announced as Muth Scholarship recipients during PHS awards day ceremonies May 18.

The scholarship fund was established in 1995 by friends, classmates and relatives of Mike Muth, who was a stand-out student-athlete at Palmetto High School and Furman University in the 1960s.

Roberts, the daughter of Mark and Melanie Roberts, was a four-year varsity starter for the girls basketball team at Palmetto. Bouncing back from a season-ending ACL injury during her junior year, she returned to captain the team during her senior year, leading in assists and being named to the all-defensive team.

In the classroom, Roberts took advanced-placement and honors classes on her way toward membership in the National Honor Society and the Beta Club. Outside the classroom, she helped teach younger players through "3 The Hard Way" Basketball Academy and traveled with her church on mission trips to the Dominican Republic.

"Mackenzie exemplifies everything you look for in a student athlete," said Will Clarke, varsity boys basketball coach at PHS. Roberts plans to enroll this fall at Charleston Southern University.

Williams, the daughter of Jonathan and Charity Williams, was a three-sport stand-out at Palmetto, lettering in basketball, volleyball and softball. She was named to all-region teams in each sport, sometimes in multiple years. She is headed to Anderson University, where she will play softball on scholarship.

Williams took honors and advanced-placement classes during her high school career and was active in the National Honor Society and the Beta Club and their related community service projects. Her grade point average placed her among the top 10 students in her graduating class.

She received the praise of coaches and teachers for her work ethic and leadership ability. "Gracie has demonstrated excellence in all she puts her mind to, whether it's solving



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an equation, collaborating with others or scoring the winning point for the team," said Charles T. Shealy, who taught and coached Williams in middle school.

Since the Mike Muth Basketball Scholarship Fund was founded 23 years ago, more than 32 Palmetto High School graduates have received the award, and three-fourths have gone on to earn their college degrees.

All contributions to the not-for-profit organization help offset the costs of the recipient's college tuition. For more information, visit [MikeMuthScholarship.org](http://MikeMuthScholarship.org) or write to: Mike Muth Scholarship Fund, 2 Camelia Circle, Williamston, S.C., 29697, or contact Dale Bell at 864-847-7295 or [fdalebelle@gmail.com](mailto:fdalebelle@gmail.com).