

2022 Scholarship Winners

Elizabeth and Matt Shaver (McRae Jewelers - Norwood, NC)

CONGRATULATIONS!!!



The NCJA Jimmy Greene and William E. Thunberg Scholarship is named after two past presidents and is awarded to a deserving recipient who wishes to continue their education and grow within the jewelry industry.

Elizabeth and Matt Shaver are the 2022 recipients. Originally from Stanly Co., they were good friends with the previous owner, Dean, and were shocked learning of his retirement. After speaking with him and a lot of prayer, they decided to step out of their comfort zone (Masters in Exercise Science and General Surgeon Background) and purchase the store. No experience but a love of jewelry. Fast forward 9 months and here they are, having learned an immense amount in a short period of time. Joining Bill Warren's Ultimate Mastermind Group has been so very beneficial, learning new ideas every day. They are working to modernize their brick and mortar store, while expanding their online presence in a multimodal fashion. They are enjoying their journey with online Live Sales and fun store events. Education and growing their business are their top priorities. (other than their beautiful family of course)

They graciously thank NCJA and their sponsor Carolyn Woltz Lennon for this wonderful opportunity and are anxious to use their scholarship in gaining their gemological certifications.

