



### Honor the Life of Alison Parker by Supporting the Arts

Alison always believed in giving 100% to everything she did. Growing up, she loved dancing, playing the trumpet and French Horn, and working with community theater. The arts taught her discipline, drive, and how to engage an audience.

That discipline and drive made all the difference in her career as a journalist, and her knowledge of audience engagement helped her create great stories. Even if it meant kissing a pig on television!

The For Alison Foundation continues to support young people who love the arts and helps them use their creativity to succeed in the future.

## About Us

The For Alison Foundation is a 501(c)3 charitable organization established in 2016.

Your generosity helps to continue our mission of creating opportunities for young people in Southern Virginia to experience and be inspired by the arts.

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# 2023-2024

## The Grandin Theatre Film Lab



Meet Dylan Royal

A rising senior music performance major at JMU, Dylan is a 2021 graduate of Magna Vista High School in Ridgeway, VA. Dylan was given his first saxophone at 12 years old, was a part of the MVHS band in high school, and has received multiple scholarships from both JMU and Piedmont Arts. In 2022 he received a first place award for his baritone sax performance of 18th century music at the Charleston International Music Competition.

Dylan works two jobs in the summers to help pay his school costs that scholarships don't cover. The For Alison Foundation was honored to present Dylan a new iPad 10 and stylus to create and perform his music, and a soprano neck for his saxophone which enhances tuning and sound. Hear Dylan perform on the website at [www.foralison.org/news](http://www.foralison.org/news).



Film Lab continues to rack up festival selections and awards for student films:

- 2023 Seattle International Film Festival
- 2023 Woodstock Film Festival
- 2023 Coronado Island Film Festival
- 2024 San Luis Obispo Film Festival

They also won four additional Student Production Awards from the Capital Emmy Awards in the fall of 2023. The For Alison Foundation has been a proud sponsor of this program since 2016.

### Experiencing "The Nutcracker"

One hundred 4th graders from Meadow View Elementary School in Henry County were able to see "The Nutcracker" in Roanoke through a grant from the For Alison Foundation.

## Theater for Young Audiences



Thirty-six 5th grade students from Campbell Court Elementary School in Bassett, VA saw the musical "ELF" at Mill Mountain Theatre in Roanoke through a For Alison Foundation grant.

### Ballet Scholarship Recipient

The Alison Parker Scholarship to the Star City School of Ballet was awarded to Tyrique Bowles for 2023-24.

Tyrique danced the role of the prince in the 2023 Southwest Virginia Ballet production of "The Nutcracker" and of Tybalt in the 2024 production of "Romeo and Juliet".



### Roanoke Youth Symphony

For Alison Foundation continues to support the RYSO and the opportunities it gives talented young musicians. Many have gone on to play professionally, thanks to this program.