

MEDIA ADVISORY

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The Youth Fair will award college scholarships to 129 Miami-Dade high school seniors at April 19 dinner

What: The Miami-Dade County Youth Fair & Exposition will award \$129,000 in college scholarships at its annual competitive Scholarship Program dinner ceremony. More than 400 dignitaries and guests are expected to attend. Alina Mayo Azze, primetime anchor for WLTV-Univision 23, will be the evening's master of ceremony.

When: 6:30-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 19, 2016, for dinner and award ceremony

Where: E. Darwin Fuchs Pavilion on the Fairgrounds. Parking is available adjacent to the Fuchs Pavilion at 10901 Coral Way, Miami, Fla. 33165 (Enter Gate #2 on SW 109th Avenue).

Who: The organization increased to 129 the number of \$1,000 college scholarships it will hand out to deserving graduating high school seniors. The students come from public, private and charter schools, home schools and alternative education and vocational programs. Ten seniors who plan to study for a career related to agriculture will be recognized. In addition, six of the scholarships will go to students in the Theater Arts Department at Florida International University.

Why: The Scholarship Program, created in 1958, is the affirmation of The Youth Fair's commitment to education. Students receiving the scholarships were selected for outstanding dedication to academics and to school and community activities.

The Miami-Dade County Youth Fair & Exposition (The Youth Fair) is the largest charity event in South Florida. The not-for-profit association is dedicated to promoting education and agriculture while showcasing and rewarding youth achievement and providing quality family entertainment, all without taxpayer dollars. The annual Youth Fair exhibits more than 53,000 student projects to more than 650,000 Youth Fair guests and awards more than \$300,000 annually in college scholarships, cash premiums and awards to students. To date, The Youth Fair has presented well above \$10 million to the Miami-Dade community. It was recognized in 2015 as the Leisure & Entertainment Services Firm of the Year by the Latin Builder's Association, the Non-Profit Organization of the Year by the South Florida Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, and was the Diamond Award Winner for Outstanding Hospitality Entity by the Coral Gables Chamber of Commerce. The Fair Exposition Center, which is the second largest convention center in Miami-Dade County, hosts an additional 70 community events each year. Visit fairexpo.com or call 305-223-7060.