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The Youth Fair awards \$1,000 college scholarships to 117 Miami-Dade students

MIAMI, Fla. – April 21, 2015 – The Miami-Dade County Youth Fair & Exposition announced Tuesday the first round of Scholarship Program recipients at its annual awards ceremony dinner.

“We saw by the large number of talented, intelligent and deserving high school seniors who applied to our Scholarship Program that there is a need for finding ways to make higher education reachable. We are proud to be able to help make college education a little more affordable for Miami-Dade students,” said Robert Hohenstein, president and chief executive officer.

The Youth Fair increased to 117 the number of competitive \$1,000 college scholarships it would make available to graduating seniors, up from 80 in previous years. Students applied from public, private and charter schools, home schools and alternative education and vocational programs. Recipients included 10 students who plan to study for a career related to agriculture.

The Scholarship Program also will provide \$7,000 in award money to the Elie Wiesel Foundation Prize in Ethics Essay Contest for the third consecutive year. Winners of the contest, open to high school juniors and seniors in Miami-Dade County Public Schools, will be announced May 2. In addition, \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded to six Florida International University students who volunteer their time and talent in support of The Youth Fair’s performing arts division.

More than 500 students, parents and dignitaries attended the overflowing dinner ceremony at the E. Darwin Fuchs Pavilion on the Fairgrounds. The master of ceremony for the event was Alina Mayo Azze, primetime anchor for WLTV-Univision 23.

The Miami Senior High School Million Dollar Jazz Band and director Juan Turros performed at the ceremony along with the Coral Gables Senior High School DIVAAZ choral group under the direction of Mary Morrow.

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. To date, The Youth Fair has awarded well over \$10 million to Miami-Dade County students to help them achieve higher education.

High School Scholarship Awards

Alonzo and Tracy Mourning Senior High: Ava Grossman
American Senior High: Whitney Copeland
American Senior High: Nehemiah Fields
Arthur & Polly Mays Conservatory 6-12: Arielle Johnson

Barbara Goleman Senior High: Elizabeth Sardinas
Booker T. Washington Senior High: Kayla Saintagne
Booker T. Washington Senior High: Jaidah Moses
Christopher Columbus High School: Adrian Gonzalez-Vallina
Christopher Columbus High School: Edar Vieco
Coral Gables Senior High School: Joseph Lam

Coral Gables Senior High School: Taylor Martinez
Coral Reef Senior High: Olivia Field
Coral Reef Senior High: Samantha Morales
Coral Reef Senior High: Alexandria Goldberg
Coral Reef Senior High: Kawahna Martin
Coral Reef Senior High: Carla Pagnucco
Coral Reef Senior High: Jarod Steward
Coral Reef Senior High: Nicole Walker
Cutler Bay Senior High: Venus Aponte
Design & Architecture Senior High: Diana Eusebio

Dr. Michael M. Krop Senior High: D'Andre Wilson
Dr. Michael M. Krop Senior High: Mariam Farag
Felix Varela Senior High: Janelle Balceiro
Felix Varela Senior High: Yahnell Judah
Felix Varela Senior High: Diana Marban
G. Holmes Braddock Senior High: Jeannie Regidor
G. Holmes Braddock Senior High: Ryan Gonzalez
Hialeah Gardens Senior High: Brian Sanchez
Hialeah Gardens Senior High: Victoria Segovia
Hialeah Senior High: Samaria Carias

Hialeah Senior High: Daniela Mateu
Hialeah-Miami Lakes Senior High: Yailin Cubas
Homestead Senior High: Luciana Lavilaire
Homestead Senior High: Luis Muñoz
Immaculata-La Salle High School: Natalia Estrella
iPrep Academy: Yislen Felipes
John A. Ferguson Senior High: Myryame Desrosiers
John A. Ferguson Senior High: Daniela Villasmil
Jose Marti MAST 6-12 Academy: Delsabrina Gonzalez
Law Enforcement Officers' Memorial: Gabriel De Leon

MAST @ Homestead: Lacie Faktor
MAST Academy: Silvanys Rodriguez
Mater Academy Charter High School: Laura Munoz
Miami Beach Senior High: Samantha Seigle
Miami Beach Senior High: Sarah Shuler-Barwick
Miami Carol City Senior High: Terneka Gibson
Miami Central Senior High: Brandon Harvey
Miami Central Senior High: Stacy Lucce
Miami Coral Park Senior High: Giancarlo Ortiz
Miami Coral Park Senior High: Rebecca Sanchez

Miami Country Day School: Sasha Bass
Miami Country Day School: Madisyn Jones
Miami Edison Senior High: Viola Moise
Miami Jackson Senior High: Nancy Simota
Miami Killian Senior High: Jose Tejada
Miami Killian Senior High: Melanie Hurtado
Miami Lakes Educational Center: Gabriella Indart
Miami Norland Senior High: Sheernada Valbrun
Miami Norland Senior High: Nathalie Prophete
Miami Northwestern Senior High: Deandra Rodgers

Miami Palmetto Senior High: Riley Kline
Miami Palmetto Senior High: Carolina Miranda
Miami Senior High: Grace Marro
Miami Senior High: Christian Torres
Miami Southridge Senior High: Nicholas Diego
Miami Southridge Senior High: Darné Roach
Miami Springs Senior High: Richard Brito
Miami Springs Senior High: Bruny Garcia
Miami Sunset Senior High: Veronica Benitez
Miami Sunset Senior High: Zuramy Vazquez

New World School of the Arts: Scarlett Ossorio
North Miami Beach Senior High: Diane Petit-Bois
North Miami Beach Senior High: Kavon Robinson
North Miami Senior High: David Elusma
North Miami Senior High: Amelie Louis
Riviera Preparatory School: Alea Delmastro
Robert Morgan Educational Center: Rachel Milian
Robert Morgan Educational Center: Leonardo Diaz
Ronald W. Reagan/Doral Senior High: Natalia Padillo-Anthemides
Ronald W. Reagan/Doral Senior High: Daniel Vasquez

School for Advanced Studies – Wolfson: Stephanie Gonzalez
Somerset Academy Silver Palms: Kaisy Rivera-Rosa
South Dade Senior High: Tiffany Morales
South Dade Senior High: Bauley Adams
South Miami Senior High: Leslie Gonzalez
South Miami Senior High: Deneis Oscary
Southwest Miami Senior High: Laura Morales
Southwest Miami Senior High: Amariyls Milian
St. Brendan Catholic High School: Caridad Dominguez
St. Brendan Catholic High School: Nina Rudd

St. Brendan Catholic High School: Maria Mercado
TERRA Environmental Research Institute: Ivy Leung
TERRA Environmental Research Institute: Catarina Vale
Westland Hialeah Senior High: Joshua Ceballos
Westland Hialeah Senior High: Gisela Rodriguez
William H. Turner Technical Arts High School: Jazmene Rolle
Young Men's Preparatory Academy: Dwelly Cauley
Young Women's Preparatory Academy: Gabriela Cantero

Homeschool

Homeschool: Ariana Fernandez

Alternative Education Scholarship Awards

Academy for Community Education: Allison Jubiel
COPE Center North: Jocelyn Medina
Dorothy M. Wallace COPE: Kimberly Gonzalez

Post-Secondary Scholarship Awards

George T. Baker Aviation Technical College: Darius Calvert
George T. Baker Aviation Technical College: Bresnniel Jansen
Lindsey Hopkins Technical Education Center: Dennis Phillips
Lindsey Hopkins Technical Education Center: Prince Sturup
William H. Turner Technical Arts Adult Education Center: Davonna Johnson

Agriculture Scholarship Awards

Coral Reef Senior High: Jeniffer Cabrera
Coral Reef Senior High: Orestes Ruiz
Felix Varela Senior High: Janelle Balceiro

Felix Varela Senior High: Alexa Grau

Hialeah Gardens Senior High: Natalie Moure

Hialeah Gardens Senior High: Anay Ravelo

Hialeah Gardens Senior High: Alondra Rivera

John A. Ferguson Senior High: Brianna Chin

William H. Turner Technical Arts High: Joseph Arce

William H. Turner Technical Arts High: Xavier Miranda-Colon

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 as the 2015 Leisure & Entertainment Services Firm of the Year by the Latin Builder's Association and is a 2015 Sunshine Award honoree of the South Florida Hispanic 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.

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