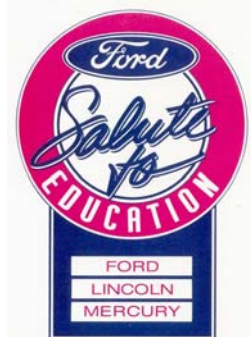


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South Florida Ford and Lincoln Mercury Dealers Award Scholarships to 100 Miami-Dade County High School Graduates

Coral Gables, FL (June 24, 2008) – *Salute to Education, Inc.*, a scholarship program created and funded by the 20 South Florida Ford and Lincoln Mercury dealers, is please to announce that they have once again awarded scholarships to 100 recent high school graduates in Miami-Dade County.

Salute to Education, Inc., established in 1994, is a non-profit organization funded through dealership contributions and corporate support from Ford Division, Lincoln Mercury Division, Ford Credit and Ford Customer Service Division. In addition, the program receives support from a Scholarship Committee composed of Ford and Lincoln Mercury dealers and business, educational and civic leaders. Community volunteer participation has been an integral part of the campaign's success. **Salute to Education is one of the largest private scholarship programs in South Florid and has awarded more than \$3 million in scholarships to more than 3,000 deserving public and private high school seniors in both Miami-Dade and Broward County.**

The 100 winners from Miami-Dade County were recently recognized at the 14th Annual Salute to Education Awards Banquet which took place at the Signature Grand in Davie, Florida. The banquet featured Frank Ortis, Mayor of the City of Pembroke Pines and Oscar Suris, Director of Communications for Ford Motor Company as guest speakers. Below are the names of the 100 *Salute to Education* Miami-Dade scholarship winners separated by school and the category in which the student won the scholarship in:

American Senior High	Jose Martinez Marco Andrade Nicole Olivares	<i>Mathematics/Computer Science</i> <i>Vocational/Technical & Visual Arts</i> <i>Leadership/Service</i>
Archbishop Curley-Notre Dame	Raynard C. Harris III	<i>Leadership/Service</i>
Belen Jesuit Preparatory School	Maximiliano Costa Oscar Londono	<i>Language Arts & Foreign Language</i> <i>Mathematics/Computer Science</i>
Booker T. Washington	Kristin Barrett	<i>Leadership/Service</i>
Coral Gables Senior High	Christina Hawkins Truman Lusson Stephanie Perez Michelle Wu	<i>Social Science</i> <i>Mathematics/Computer Science</i> <i>Performing Arts</i> <i>Leadership/Service</i>

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Coral Reef Senior High	Stefanny Cortes Sarah Earp Scott Levitt Charlotte Harlan Rekha Reddy	<i>Mathematics/Computer Science</i> <i>Performing Arts</i> <i>Natural Science</i> <i>Social Science</i> <i>Leadership/Service</i>
Design & Architecture High	Kristina Wilson	<i>Vocational/Technical & Visual Arts</i>
Dr. Michael M. Krop High	Mais Kayyali Inna Granovskaya Lian Szeto	<i>Mathematics/Computer Science</i> <i>Social Science</i> <i>Performing Arts</i>
Felix Varela Senior High School	Denisse Acosta Juan Gonzalez Mehvish Quraishy Johana Zevallos	<i>Language Arts & Foreign Language</i> <i>Athletics</i> <i>Leadership/Service</i> <i>Vocational/Technical & Visual Arts</i>
G. Holmes Braddock Senior High	Natalie Reyes Dayme Sanchez	<i>Natural Science</i> <i>Language Arts & Foreign Language</i>
Gulliver Preparatory School	Daniel Gonon	<i>Language Arts & Foreign Language</i>
Hialeah Senior High School	Yaneli Trujillo Ada Jalice Katuska Pereira	<i>Performing Arts</i> <i>Mathematics/Computer Science</i> <i>Leadership/Service</i>
Hialeah-Miami Lakes Senior High	Javier Sanchez Kevin Cuenca Kenard Moody	<i>Athletics</i> <i>Social Science</i> <i>Leadership/Service</i>
Homestead Senior High School	Cliford Mathelier Chimene Mathurin Stephanie Moya	<i>Mathematics/Computer Science</i> <i>Vocational/Technical & Visual Arts</i> <i>Leadership/Service</i>
John A. Ferguson High School	Samantha Verne	<i>Vocational/Technical & Visual Arts</i>
MAST Academy	Georgia Pesquera Lauren Terpak Stephanie Villagra	<i>Language Arts & Foreign Language</i> <i>Performing Arts</i> <i>Natural Science</i>
Miami Beach Senior High	Talia Robledo-Gil Claire Austin	<i>Natural Science</i> <i>Language Arts & Foreign Language</i>

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Miami Carol City Senior High School	Kem Chatfield Jr. Farihah Khan	<i>Social Science</i> <i>Natural Science</i>
Miami Central High School	Woody Victor Shakeyla Byrd Allen Feliz	<i>Leadership/Service</i> <i>Social Science</i> <i>Athletics</i>
Miami Christian School	Alexander Leyva	<i>Leadership/Service</i>
Miami Coral Park Senior High	Lucy Caballero Brigitte Morales Jancarlo Perez Yanet Ravelo	<i>Language Arts & Foreign Language</i> <i>Mathematics/Computer Science</i> <i>Vocational/Technical & Visual Arts</i> <i>Social Science</i>
Miami Jackson Senior High School	Esmeralda Portillo Miao Yu	<i>Language Arts & Foreign Language</i> <i>Mathematics/Computer Science</i>
Miami Lakes Educational Center	Lina Borda Cindy Guan Kalindhi Larios Samuel Marti Maria Redondo	<i>Performing Arts</i> <i>Natural Science</i> <i>Mathematics/Computer Science</i> <i>Vocational/Technical & Visual Arts</i> <i>Social Science</i>
Miami Norland Senior High	Shauna Bowes Kiaira McCoy	<i>Athletics</i> <i>Leadership/Service</i>
Miami Northwestern	Marie Fatil Emory Rivers	<i>Leadership/Service</i> <i>Vocational/Technical & Visual Arts</i>
Miami Palmetto Senior High	Yunxin Jiao Emma Miller Rui Yang Priscilla Cabrera-Kunhardt Cui Lin	<i>Natural Science</i> <i>Performing Arts</i> <i>Mathematics/Computer Science</i> <i>Leadership/Service</i> <i>Language Arts & Foreign Language</i>
Miami Southridge Senior High	Carlys Roscoe-Jenkins Charlotte Smith Rebeca Chavarria Andres Zapata Michelle Sharp Joel Chavarria	<i>Athletics</i> <i>Natural Science</i> <i>Language Arts & Foreign Language</i> <i>Leadership/Service</i> <i>Language Arts & Foreign Language</i> <i>Performing Arts</i>
Miami Springs Senior High	Yenifer Guerrero	<i>Leadership/Service</i>

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New World School of the Arts	Sheena Klimoski Chrystie Ana Martinez	<i>Vocational/Technical & Visual Arts Performing Arts</i>
North Miami Beach Senior High	Matan Orgel Charlie Castro Nadyia Duff	<i>Mathematics/Computer Science Leadership/Service Vocational/Technical & Visual Arts</i>
North Miami Senior High	Lynn Hargrow Johana Castillo Jeffe Duverseau	<i>Social Science Language Arts & Foreign Language Vocational/Technical & Visual Arts</i>
Our Lady of Lourdes Academy	Amanda Palmer	<i>Athletics</i>
Palmer Trinity School	Cam DiFede	<i>Athletics</i>
Robert Morgan Educational Center	Amanda Lara Tamzid Rahman	<i>Athletics Natural Science</i>
School for Advanced Studies	Nicole Lauzardo Jeanette Leal Mike Valdes Janite Polydor	<i>Performing Arts Leadership/Service Mathematics/Computer Science Language Arts & Foreign Language</i>
South Miami Senior High	William Perez	<i>Vocational/Technical & Visual Arts</i>
Southwest Miami High School	Mairyn Piloto Ethelence Aburto Joseph Diaz Valentin Fernandez Brizeiry Hernandez Dayana Rojas	<i>Leadership/Service Vocational/Technical & Visual Arts Natural Science Social Science Athletics Mathematics/Computer Science</i>
Westminster Christian School	Rachel Fernandez	<i>Athletics</i>
William H. Turner Technical Arts High	Ursula Aquino Preshay Williams	<i>Vocational/Technical & Visual Arts Leadership/Service</i>

PHOTO CAPTION: All 100 Miami-Dade County high school graduates were recently honored at the 2008 Salute to Education Scholarship Awards banquet.