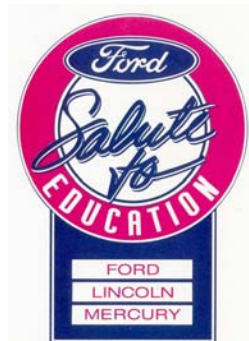


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South Florida Ford and Lincoln Mercury Dealers Award \$1,000 Scholarships to 80 Miami-Dade County High School Seniors

Coral Gables, FL (May 4, 2009) – *Salute to Education, Inc.*, a scholarship program created and funded by the 19 South Florida Ford and Lincoln Mercury dealers and Ford Motor Company, is pleased to announce that they have awarded \$1,000 scholarships to 80 high school seniors in Miami-Dade County. The South Florida Ford and Lincoln Mercury dealers are committed to continue supporting South Florida students with their post secondary education, even during these difficult economic times.

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 Florida and has awarded more than \$3.1 million in scholarships to more than 3,200 deserving public and private high school seniors in both Miami-Dade and Broward County.**

The 80 winners from Miami-Dade County will be recognized, and their awards presented, at the 15th annual Salute to Education Awards Ceremony taking place on June 6th at the FIU Graham Center in Miami, Florida. Ken Czubay, Vice President of Sales and Marketing for Ford Motor Company will be the guest speaker at the event.

Below are the names of the 80 *Salute to Education* Miami-Dade scholarship winners separated by school and the category in which the student won the scholarship in:

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| - Archbishop Curley-Notre Dame | Arturo Salow | <i>Athletics</i> |
| - Belen Jesuit Preparatory School | Julio Lopez | <i>Athletics</i> |
| - Booker T. Washington Senior High | Arantxa Sanchez | <i>Leadership/Service</i> |
| - Carrollton School of the Sacred Heart | Andrea Ucar | <i>Natural Science</i> |
| - Coral Gables Senior High | Brian Samuels | <i>Leadership/Service</i> |
| - Coral Reef Senior High | Marilyn Horta | <i>Language Arts/Foreign Language</i> |
| | Nall Moonilall | <i>Natural Science</i> |
| | Frederick Montgomery | <i>Performing and Visual Arts</i> |
| | Katherine Quintero | <i>Social Science</i> |
| | Keivan Zolfaghari | <i>Vocational/Technical</i> |

- Dr. Michael M. Krop High	Theresa Eugene	<i>Performing and Visual Arts</i>
- Felix Varela Senior High School	Brittany Brave Naureen Fasihi	<i>Performing and Visual Arts</i> <i>Vocational/Technical</i>
- Florida Christian School	Kristina Silverio	<i>Athletics</i>
- G. Holmes Braddock Senior High	Janessa Brito Deneysis Labrada Diana Viera Eduardo F. Garcia	<i>Athletics</i> <i>Language Arts/Foreign Language</i> <i>Leadership/Service</i> <i>Natural Science</i>
- Hialeah Senior High	Claudia Cruz Carlos Plazas Aylin Diaz	<i>Language Arts/Foreign Language</i> <i>Leadership/Service</i> <i>Social Science</i>
- Hialeah-Miami Lakes Senior High	Andrea Jordan Christian Vazquez Barbara Rassi Meily Machado	<i>Language Arts/Foreign Language</i> <i>Leadership/Service</i> <i>Social Science</i> <i>Vocational/Technical</i>
- Homestead Senior High	Michael Lovette	<i>Athletics</i>
- MAST Academy	Candice Allouch	<i>Leadership/Service</i>
- Miami Central Senior High	Britnie Allen Marlena Ivory	<i>Leadership/Service</i> <i>Math/Computer Science</i>
- Miami Christian School	Anais Perez Christane Stachl	<i>Leadership/Service</i> <i>Natural Science</i>
- Miami Coral Park Senior High	Alexander Balaez Salvador J. Torrez Madonna Caparo	<i>Athletics</i> <i>Language Arts/Foreign Language</i> <i>Performing and Visual Arts</i>
- Miami Country Day School	Meredith Rutland Max Kirkpatrick	<i>Language Arts/Foreign Language</i> <i>Performing and Visual Arts</i>
- Miami Jackson Senior High	Juliette Normil Gustavo Masis-Flores	<i>Athletics</i> <i>Social Science</i>
- Miami Killian Senior High	Emmanuela Pierre Siraj Iqbal	<i>Leadership/Service</i> <i>Math/Computer Science</i>
- Miami Lakes Educational Center	Michael Castillo Robin Simpson	<i>Math/Computer Science</i> <i>Social Science</i>
- Miami Norland Senior High	Camille Jules	<i>Performing and Visual Arts</i>
- Miami Northwestern Senior High	Robin Alexander	<i>Vocational/Technical</i>
- Miami Palmetto Senior High	Garrett Lau	<i>Natural Science</i>

	Ting Jiang	<i>Performing and Visual Arts</i>
- Miami Senior High	Deyris Alvarez Karen Forbes Brandon Eckford	<i>Leadership/Service</i> <i>Math/Computer Science</i> <i>Vocational/Technical</i>
- Miami Southridge Senior High	Willie Lee Victoria Martinson Edison Lowe	<i>Athletics</i> <i>Leadership/Service</i> <i>Natural Science</i>
- Miami Springs Senior High	Oscar Sanchez Fabiana Ferrer	<i>Math/Computer Science</i> <i>Vocational/Technical</i>
- Miami Sunset Senior High	Juliana Gonzalez	<i>Leadership/Service</i>
- New World School of the Arts	Cristhian Mora	<i>Performing and Visual Arts</i>
- North Miami Beach Senior High	Natalie Izaguirre	<i>Natural Science</i>
- North Miami Senior High	Sabine Justilien	<i>Leadership/Service</i>
- Our Lady of Lourdes Academy	Melanie Roca	<i>Athletics</i>
- Palmer Trinity School	Jaquen Castellanos	<i>Language Arts/Foreign Language</i>
- Robert Morgan Educational Center	Julie Fontaine Jennifer Bustamante Ruslan Garcia Jasmin Quinones	<i>Language Arts/Foreign Language</i> <i>Math/Computer Science</i> <i>Natural Science</i> <i>Vocational/Technical</i>
- Ronald Reagan Doral High	Javier Marcano	<i>Performing and Visual Arts</i>
- School for Advanced Studies, (Kendall)	Oscar Marti Christina Lopez	<i>Leadership/Service</i> <i>Social Science</i>
- School for Advanced Studies, (Wolfson)	Gyasi Anderson Kattyana Adrien Jamilah Feristin	<i>Athletics</i> <i>Leadership/Service</i> <i>Math/Computer Science</i>
- South Dade Senior High	Belinda Vega Amanda Cunniff	<i>Language Arts/Foreign Language</i> <i>Leadership/Service</i>
- South Miami Senior High	Linet Suarez Andrea Rivera Sulay Palenque Maria Garcia Alyss Perez	<i>Leadership/Service</i> <i>Math/Computer Science</i> <i>Performing and Visual Arts</i> <i>Social Science</i> <i>Vocational/Technical</i>
- Southwest Miami Senior High	Ivelisse Valdes Gretchell Ramos	<i>Language Arts/Foreign Language</i> <i>Leadership/Service</i>
- St. Brendan High School	Marian Rivera	<i>Social Science</i>

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