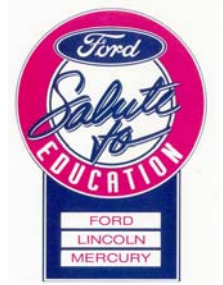


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**South Florida Ford and Lincoln Mercury Dealers Award \$1,000 Scholarships to 70 Miami-Dade County High School Grads**

*The 70 scholarship winners were honored at the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Salute to Education Scholarship Awards Luncheon at the Sheraton Ft. Lauderdale Airport Hotel in June*

**Miami, FL (June 14, 2010)** – *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 70 recent high school graduates 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 \$3.3 million in scholarships to more than 3,300 deserving public and private high school seniors in both Miami-Dade and Broward County.**

“We recognize the tremendous potential in the students within the South Florida community and we are committed to helping them pursue their dreams of a higher education,” said Victor Benitez, President of Salute to Education and Vice President of Gus Machado Ford. “With the consistent rise in college tuition, students have come to rely on scholarships like ours to help fund their schooling. Although we live in challenging economic times, the South Florida Ford and Lincoln Mercury dealers are still committed to continuing granting scholarships and assisting high school seniors in South Florida with their educational goals!”

The 70 winners from Miami-Dade County were recognized at the 16<sup>th</sup> annual **Salute to Education Awards Luncheon** which took place Saturday, June 12<sup>th</sup> at the Sheraton Ft. Lauderdale Airport Hotel. **Below are the names of the 70 Salute to Education Broward scholarship winners separated by school and the category in which the student won the scholarship in:**

<b>American Heritage School</b>	Michael Farruggia	SCIENCES: Mathematics / Computer Science
	Courtney Randolph	ATHLETICS
	Ashley Rivera	ARTS: Foreign Language and Language Arts
	Mitchell Sunderland	ARTS: Performing Arts and Visual Arts
<b>Blanche Ely High School</b>	Ian Rampersad	SCIENCES: Natural Science
<b>Broward Virtual School</b>	Tiffany Samuels	ARTS: Performing Arts and Visual Arts

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<b>Cardinal Gibbons High School</b>	Gabriella Ascione Julie Gonzalez	LEADERSHIP / SERVICE ARTS: Foreign Language/Language Arts
<b>Chaminade-Madonna Prep</b>	Gregory John Vitale	SCIENCES: Natural Science
<b>Charles W. Flanagan High School</b>	Wiehnie Guerrier	SCIENCES: Natural Science
<b>College Academy at BCC</b>	Jania Arcia-Ramos Earllondra Brooks Samar Musa	ARTS: Foreign Language/Language Arts LEADERSHIP / SERVICE SCIENCES: Natural Science
<b>Cooper City High School</b>	Jordyn Aronowitz Hunaid Ismail Tammy Ong	LEADERSHIP / SERVICE SCIENCES: Mathematics / Computer Science ATHLETICS
<b>Coral Glades High School</b>	Kristina Missey-Wong Samantha Rosier	LEADERSHIP / SERVICE ARTS: Foreign Language and Language Arts
<b>Coral Springs Charter</b>	Ashley Hicks	ATHLETICS
<b>Coral Springs High School</b>	Robert Holroyd Ellen Kessler	LEADERSHIP / SERVICE ARTS: Foreign Language and Language Arts
<b>Cypress Bay High School</b>	Claire Aronson Grant Ho Rebecca Schechner	LEADERSHIP / SERVICE SCIENCES: Mathematics / Computer Science ARTS: Foreign Language and Language Arts
<b>David Posnack Day School</b>	Jeffrey Butensky Noa Ghersin Melissa Klassman	ARTS: Foreign Language and Language Arts LEADERSHIP / SERVICE ATHLETICS
<b>Deerfield Beach High School</b>	Lia Missena Patricia Nicolas	LEADERSHIP / SERVICE ATHLETICS
<b>Ft. Lauderdale High School</b>	Marcela Velasquez	ARTS: Performing Arts and Visual Arts
<b>Hallandale High School</b>	Onecqua Brin Erica Miller	SCIENCES: Natural Science SCIENCES: Mathematics / Computer Science
<b>Hollywood Hills High School</b>	Rebecca Betson	ARTS: Foreign Language and Language Arts
<b>J.P. Taravella High School</b>	James Newman Kayla Tomas	LEADERSHIP / SERVICE ARTS: Performing Arts and Visual Arts
<b>Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School</b>	Michelle Amit	SCIENCES: Natural Science
<b>McArthur High School</b>	Dorian De La Vega	ATHLETICS
<b>Miramar High School</b>	April Champion Chantal Meade	SCIENCES: Mathematics / Computer Science ATHLETICS

Monarch High School Thais Antunes SCIENCES: Mathematics / Computer Science  
Matia Gingras ARTS: Performing Arts and Visual Arts  
TiffanyLee SCIENCES: Natural Science

North Broward Preparatory School BrookeSchwartzman LEADERSHIP / SERVICE

Northeast High School Leanzra Hield LEADERSHIP / SERVICE

Nova High School Cesar Flores ATHLETICS  
AndreaGordillo ARTS: Performing Arts and Visual Arts  
Marissa Hoffman ARTS: Foreign Language and Language Arts  
Allyson Whitter LEADERSHIP / SERVICE

Pembroke Pines Charter High SchoolUmair Asghar SCIENCES: Mathematics / Computer Science  
Courtney Marx ATHLETICS

Piper High School ShannaBookal LEADERSHIP / SERVICE  
Erin Garrison ARTS: Performing Arts and Visual Arts  
Priya Patel SCIENCES: Mathematics / Computer Science

Plantation High School ValerieFoligno LEADERSHIP / SERVICE  
Sageline Labaze ARTS: Performing Arts and Visual Arts

South Broward High School Anita Braham ATHLETICS  
Kelly Errico LEADERSHIP / SERVICE  
Jacinta Yong ARTS: Performing Arts and Visual Arts

South Plantation High SchoolMichael Braha SCIENCES: Mathematics / Computer Science  
deanna hasan SCIENCES: Natural Science  
Nasreen Shad LEADERSHIP / SERVICE

St. Thomas Aquinas High School Devan Jimenez ARTS: Performing Arts and Visual Arts  
Victoria Mottola LEADERSHIP / SERVICE  
MAXIME POPA SCIENCES: Natural Science

Stranahan High School Jeandona Doreste SCIENCES: Mathematics / Computer Science  
Lauren Johnson LEADERSHIP / SERVICE  
Vanessa Shuler SCIENCES: Natural Science

Western High School Fiorella Franchini ARTS: Foreign Language and Language Arts  
Elizabeth Hyatt LEADERSHIP / SERVICE

William T. McFatter Technical High School Ian Reyes LEADERSHIP / SERVICE

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