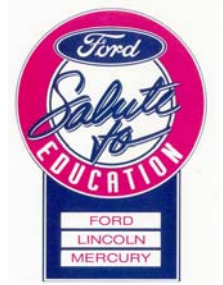


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South Florida Ford and Lincoln Mercury Dealers Award \$1,000 Scholarships to 70 Miami-Dade County High School Grads

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

Miami, FL (June 16, 2010) – *Salute to Education, Inc.*, a scholarship program created and funded by the 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 16th annual **Salute to Education Awards Luncheon** which took place Saturday, June 12th at the Sheraton Ft. Lauderdale Airport Hotel.

Below are the names of the 70 Salute to Education Miami-Dade scholarship winners separated by school and the category in which the student won the scholarship in:

American High School	Reshma Vettaparambil	<i>SCIENCES: Mathematics / Computer Science</i>
Arch. Coleman Carroll High School	Grear Liggins	<i>ATHLETICS</i>
Barbara Goleman High School	Lina Hernandez	<i>LEADERSHIP / SERVICE</i>

Belen Jesuit Prep. School	Diego Costa Sergio Segrera	<i>ATHLETICS</i> <i>LEADERSHIP / SERVICE</i>
Carrollton School	Chloe Burke	<i>ARTS: Foreign Language and Language Arts</i>
Coral Gables High School	Alexandra Martinez Alice Shen Maria Camila Hernandez	<i>ARTS: Foreign Language and Language Arts</i> <i>LEADERSHIP / SERVICE</i> <i>SCIENCES: Mathematics / Computer Science</i>
Coral Reef High School	Diana Alvarenga Nicholas Maas Caroline Henley Nicole Morales Kevin Maestre	<i>ARTS: Foreign Language and Language Arts</i> <i>ARTS: Performing Arts and Visual Arts</i> <i>ATHLETICS</i> <i>LEADERSHIP / SERVICE</i> <i>SCIENCES: Mathematics / Computer Science</i>
Dr. Michael M. Krop High School	Andrea Bennett	<i>LEADERSHIP / SERVICE</i>
Felix Varela Senior High School	Ivonne Navarro	<i>LEADERSHIP / SERVICE</i>
G. Holmes Braddock High School	Maritza Torres Jennifer Mejias	<i>ARTS: Foreign Language and Language Arts</i> <i>SCIENCES: Natural Science</i>
Gulliver Preparatory School	Alexa Suarez Emily Martinez-Lanza	<i>ATHLETICS</i> <i>LEADERSHIP / SERVICE</i>
Hialeah-Miami Lakes High School	Joshua Lee	<i>LEADERSHIP / SERVICE</i>
Homestead High School	Marie Mathurin	<i>LEADERSHIP / SERVICE</i>
Intl Studies Charter High School	Andrea Pino Gretchen Betancourt	<i>LEADERSHIP / SERVICE</i> <i>SCIENCES: Natural Science</i>
John A. Ferguson High School	Michelle Avalos Haydee Del Calvo Adriana Del Rosario	<i>ARTS: Foreign Language and Language Arts</i> <i>ARTS: Performing Arts and Visual Arts</i> <i>ATHLETICS</i>
MAST Academy	Laura Londono Alyssa Nelson Shanique Martin	<i>ARTS: Foreign Language and Language Arts</i> <i>LEADERSHIP / SERVICE</i> <i>SCIENCES: Natural Science</i>
Miami Carol City High School	Xavier Hopkins	<i>ARTS: Performing Arts and Visual Arts</i>
Miami Central High School	Andrew Jones	<i>ATHLETICS</i>
Miami Coral Park High School	Jessica Figueroa Monique Madan Jonathan Molina Odette Ponce	<i>ARTS: Foreign Language and Language Arts</i> <i>LEADERSHIP / SERVICE</i> <i>SCIENCES: Mathematics / Computer Science</i> <i>SCIENCES: Natural Science</i>
Miami Country Day School	Shahil Mehta	<i>SCIENCES: Natural Science</i>

Miami Jackson High School	Mariadis Akinci	<i>LEADERSHIP / SERVICE</i>
Miami Killian Senior High	Alycia LeNoble	<i>ATHLETICS</i>
Miami Lakes Educational Center	Diana Benito	<i>SCIENCES: Mathematics / Computer Science</i>
Miami Norland High School	Anita Amison Pascal Prophete	<i>ATHLETICS</i> <i>LEADERSHIP / SERVICE</i>
Miami Northwestern High School	Abigail Williams	<i>ARTS: Performing Arts and Visual Arts</i>
Miami Palmetto High School	Nikki Rigl Alexandra Rigl Francis Tam Mats Jaslow	<i>ARTS: Performing Arts and Visual Arts</i> <i>LEADERSHIP / SERVICE</i> <i>SCIENCES: Mathematics / Computer Science</i> <i>SCIENCES: Natural Science</i>
Miami Southridge High School	Diamia Foster	<i>LEADERSHIP / SERVICE</i>
Miami Sunset High School	Alexis Ludena	<i>SCIENCES: Mathematics / Computer Science</i>
Monsignor Edward Pace High	Estefania Calzada	<i>ARTS: Foreign Language and Language Arts</i>
New World School of the Arts	Aurelia Javier	<i>ARTS: Performing Arts and Visual Arts</i>
North Miami Beach High School	Shamoyia Gardiner	<i>ARTS: Performing Arts and Visual Arts</i>
North Miami High School	Joane Louis	<i>LEADERSHIP / SERVICE</i>
Palmer Trinity School	Cindy Chang	<i>ATHLETICS</i>
Robert Morgan Educational Center	Maricela Nodar	<i>ARTS: Performing Arts and Visual Arts</i>
Ronald Reagan Doral High School	Melissa Del Burgo Manuel Jaquez	<i>ARTS: Foreign Language and Language Arts</i> <i>ARTS: Performing Arts and Visual Arts</i>
School for Advanced Studies (Kendall)	Natacha Galindo-Lopez Charlotte Rojas Laura MacKinnon	<i>LEADERSHIP / SERVICE</i> <i>SCIENCES: Mathematics / Computer Science</i> <i>SCIENCES: Natural Science</i>
School for Advanced Studies (North)	Emmanuela Jean-Etienne Kathia Dumelle	<i>LEADERSHIP / SERVICE</i> <i>SCIENCES: Mathematics / Computer Science</i>
School for Advanced Studies (Wolfson)	Angela Petit-Frere	<i>SCIENCES: Mathematics / Computer Science</i>
South Miami High School	Jennifer Navarro	<i>SCIENCES: Natural Science</i>
Southwest Miami High School	Yanai Marquez Jorge Soto	<i>LEADERSHIP / SERVICE</i> <i>SCIENCES: Natural Science</i>
Westland Hialeah High School	Amalia Mariaca Leandro Lescailles	<i>ARTS: Foreign Language and Language Arts</i> <i>ATHLETICS</i>
Westminster Christian School	Robert Dolan III	<i>ARTS: Performing Arts and Visual Arts</i>
Wm. H. Turner Tech. Arts High	Daphne Petit-Homme	<i>SCIENCES: Natural Science</i>