

Making A Difference...One Child...One Step At A Time



Florida Prepaid College Foundation ■ Project STARS
2004 Annual Report

PREPARING OUR STUDENTS FOR THE FUTURE

An American inventor and visionary once said, "The best way to predict the future is to invent it."

Now in its 14th year, the Florida Prepaid College Foundation is an inventive program that is preparing many of Florida's low-income and at-risk children for college and helping them achieve their dreams for the future.

Since its inception in 1990, the Foundation has presented close to 20,000 scholarships to low-income students in Florida, who are at-risk of dropping out of school, and to other Florida children in need. With the support of the Foundation and its partners, more than 91 percent of these students are presently in school, are staying drug- and crime-free and are preparing for their college education.

To date, 5,256 Foundation scholarship students have already graduated from high school and have enrolled in college.

In fall 2004 alone, 2,631 Foundation scholarship recipients graduated high school and enrolled in college.

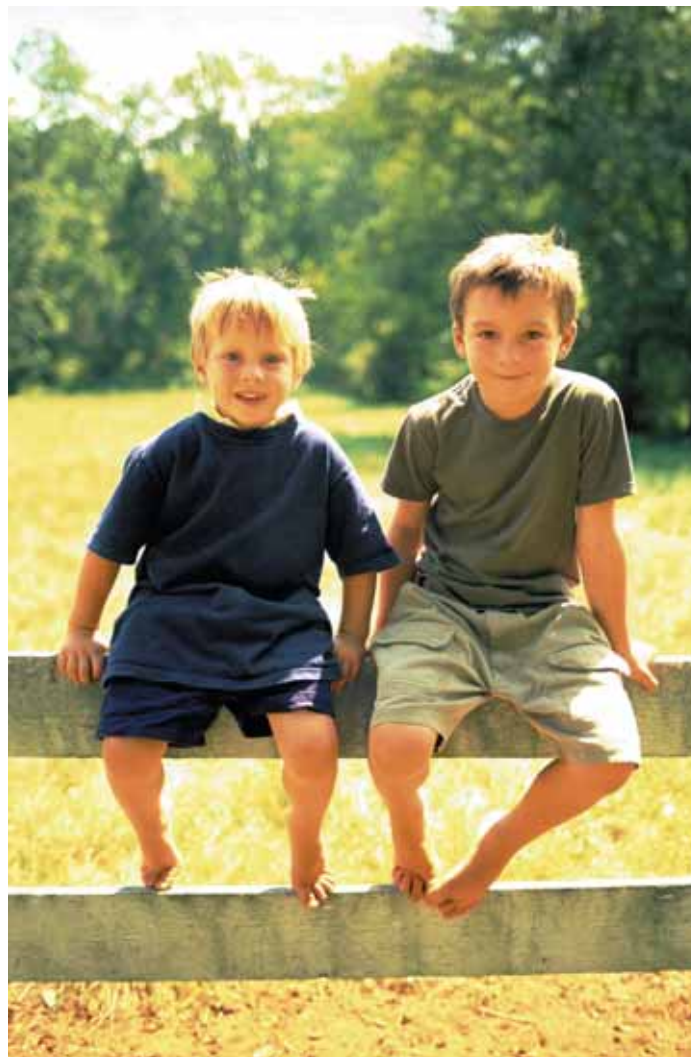
PROJECT STARS – AN INVENTIVE SOLUTION

The Foundation's largest program, Project STARS – Scholarship Tuition For At-Risk Students – is an inventive drop-out prevention solution.

Through Project STARS, the Foundation provides college scholarships to low-income students who are at-risk of dropping out of school.

The majority of Project STARS students, or almost 54 percent, are minorities, and more than 50 percent are from single-parent homes.

Most Project STARS recipient's lives are marred by financial and emotional hardships. With the hope of going to college, Project STARS students are overcoming life's challenges, are staying in school and are focusing on their future.



Since its inception, 14,218 tuition and local fee scholarships of this type have been purchased, totaling in excess of \$70 million.

This year, with \$5.975 million appropriated by the Florida Legislature and the dollar-for-dollar matching contributions from our private partners, the Foundation will purchase an additional 1,430 Project STARS scholarships.

“The best way to predict the future is to invent it.”

- Alan Kay

American computer scientist, researcher and inventor whose ideas and innovations were triggered by his deep interest in education and children.

FOUNDATION INNOVATIONS

In addition to Project STARS, the Foundation sponsors other innovative community outreach programs and partnerships that provide students in need the opportunity of a lifetime, the opportunity to go to college.

In 2004, Governor Jeb Bush and First Lady Columba Bush sponsored the fourth annual Black History Month Scholarship essay contest as well as the second annual Hispanic Heritage Month Scholarship essay contest. These contests challenge students in grades K-12, throughout Florida, to reflect on the impact that African-American and Hispanic leaders have had on their lives. Again this year, the Foundation donated a total of six, four-year university scholarships in support of these programs.

For the fifth year, the Foundation awarded a four-year university scholarship in honor of the late-Governor Lawton Chiles. The Foundation selects one Florida public school each year to nominate students based on financial need, academic performance and personal character. The students submit a letter describing why they should be selected to receive the scholarship and an essay about Governor Chiles' contributions to the people of Florida.

In June 2003, the Foundation created the Florida Fallen Hero Scholarship Program, a program unique to Florida. Our program honors Florida's military heroes who have died while serving in Iraq and in Afghanistan. As a tribute to these brave men and women, the Foundation is providing four-year college scholarships to their children. As of year-end 2004, 40 scholarships have been presented to the children of 19 fallen soldiers from Florida. The total cost of these scholarships was \$642,863, and the Foundation has pledged to continue to fund the program until the last soldier returns home.

INVENTING THE FUTURE

The Foundation's success is a tribute to our scholarship students who work hard to “invent” their own futures.

Through the combined efforts of Governor Jeb Bush, the Florida Legislature, our public and private partners, the parents and our mentors, we are providing hope, the incentive to discover, the resources to imagine and the opportunity that makes anything and everything possible – a college education.

We are making a difference one child one step at a time.

Cordially yours,



Stanley G. Tate
Chairman
Florida Prepaid College Foundation

December 2004

The Foundation has purchased almost 20,000 tuition and local fee scholarships.

THE FOUNDATION

The Florida Prepaid College Foundation is the 501(c)(3) direct support organization for the Florida Prepaid College Board. The Board administers the Florida Prepaid College Plan, a program sponsored by the State of Florida to help Florida families save for college. More



than 1 million Florida Prepaid plans have been purchased statewide.

Created in 1990 as a public-private partnership, the Foundation purchases Florida Prepaid scholarships for economically disadvantaged students who are at-risk of dropping out of school and for other deserving students in need of assistance.

Since inception, the Foundation has purchased almost 20,000 Florida Prepaid tuition and local fee scholarships. As of fall 2004, 5,256 Foundation scholarship recipients were enrolled in college and using their benefits.

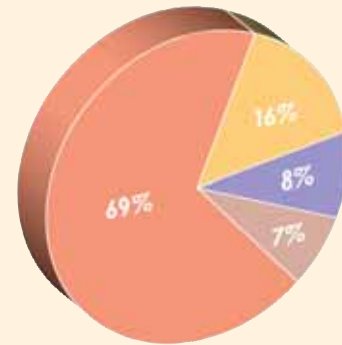
TUITION SCHOLARSHIPS





The Foundation has purchased 16,979 tuition scholarships since inception. The Foundation offers four types of tuition scholarships:

- 2+2 Plan for 60 credit hours at a community college and 60 credit hours at a state university
- 2-Year Community College Plan for 60 credit hours
- 2-Year Community College Plan for 72 credit hours
- 4-Year University Plan for 120 credit hours at a state university

The tuition scholarship covers matriculation (tuition), building, capital improvement and financial aid fees. The 2+2 plan remains the most popular plan, representing 69 percent of all scholarships purchased.

TUITION SCHOLARSHIPS SINCE INCEPTION



	2+2 Plan 60 community college/ 60 university credit hours	69%
	2-Year Community College Plan 60 credit hours	16%
	2-Year Community College Plan 72 credit hours	8%
	4-Year University Plan 120 university credit hours	7%

LOCAL FEE SCHOLARSHIPS

The Florida Prepaid local fee plan is optional and may be purchased as a supplement to the Florida Prepaid tuition plan. The local fee plan covers student activity and service, health and athletic fees. Local fee plans may be purchased for a child who is in the eighth grade or younger, and must be the same type plan as the tuition plan. To date, 2,840 local fee contracts have been awarded.



The Foundation offers a tax-deductible opportunity to establish college scholarships for Florida children.

FOUNDATION FACTS

- The Florida Prepaid College Foundation provides a tax-deductible opportunity for businesses, community groups and individuals to purchase prepaid college scholarships for Florida children.
- The Florida Prepaid College Plan has an annual enrollment period from October to January each year. Through the Foundation, scholarships may be purchased anytime during the year.
- Foundation scholarships may be purchased for an unnamed beneficiary (child), giving the donor the flexibility to reassign the scholarship to another child if the original beneficiary (child) does not use the scholarship.
- Foundation scholarships may be purchased for children, newborn through the 12th grade. The child must be a Florida resident at the time of selection and award.
- The cost of the scholarship is based on the type of plan and the projected college enrollment year. Foundation scholarships must be paid for in a single lump sum.
- There is no application process for the donor. Donors simply provide the Foundation the type of plan they want to purchase, the projected college enrollment year and a summary of the scholarship award criteria. The Foundation coordinates the purchase and the administration of the scholarship.
- The donor may qualify for dollar-for-dollar matching funds, if the scholarship is designated for a low-income student who qualifies for the free and reduced lunch program and who is at-risk of dropping out of school.
- The donor typically selects the student. The Foundation will provide assistance with identifying qualified students upon request.
- Foundation scholarships can be used at any of Florida's 11 public universities or 28 community colleges. The value of the scholarship can also be transferred to most private colleges in Florida, select technical schools in Florida and most out-of-state colleges.
- When Foundation students are ready for college, they receive a Florida Prepaid College Plan Student Identification Card. The student presents this card when registering for classes. The college will bill the Florida Prepaid College Plan, and the Florida Prepaid College Plan will pay the college directly for the fees covered by the scholarship.
- The scholarship criteria and partnership terms between the Florida Prepaid College Foundation and the donor are outlined in a Memorandum of Understanding and the Foundation Policies and Procedures.

“This scholarship really gave me something to look forward to when I was in middle and high school, and having a mentor meant you knew that somebody more was there for you.”

- *Pamela Freeman*

Project STARS, Scholarship Tuition For At-Risk Students, is the Foundation's largest program, representing more than 14,200 of all tuition and local fee contracts purchased by the Foundation. Project STARS is a matching scholarship program, funded annually by the Florida Legislature and by private donors.

The Project STARS program targets low-income students who are at-risk of dropping out of school and gives them the incentive and opportunity to go to college.

Project STARS scholarships may be purchased for children through the 11th grade. The middle school years are among the most formative years; therefore, the majority of Project STARS scholarships are purchased for middle school students.

Our Project STARS partners, including public school foundations, school districts, community groups, businesses and individuals, select the students.

To qualify to be a Project STARS recipient, the student must be a resident of Florida, economically disadvantaged (eligible for the free and reduced lunch program), drug- and crime-free, and at-risk of dropping out of school.

Donors may establish additional criteria, subject to Foundation approval.

Most of our program partners also require Project STARS students to sign an agreement to progress academically, meet school attendance requirements, abide by their school's code of conduct, and meet with a mentor on a regular basis. The program partners monitor the progress of their students and provide academic, mentoring and other support through their middle and high school years.

PROJECT STARS PARTNERS

Project STARS has a notable group of community partners who are dedicated to providing the children of Florida with educational opportunities.

One of our extraordinary partners is **Indian River Community College Foundation**. Indian River Community College Foundation has been a Florida Prepaid College Foundation scholarship partner since 1997 and has purchased more than 400 Project STARS scholarships for students in Indian River, Martin, Okeechobee and St. Lucie counties.

Indian River Community College Foundation selects primarily ninth grade students and matches them with a mentor to ensure their success. Upon high school graduation, the students must attend Indian River Community College for their first two years of college. Indian River Community College Foundation closely monitors their students and guides them through their first two years of postsecondary education.

“Our students have worked hard to earn their degree at Indian River Community College, and as they end one journey and begin another at a university, we not only wish them well but will continue to be there, cheering them on!” says Indian River Community College Foundation Executive Director Jimmie Anne Haisley.

One of their star students is 19-year-old Pamela Freeman. When Pam envisions her future workplace, there is a gavel on the desk of her dreams. This remarkable young woman was selected as a scholarship recipient when she was in the sixth grade. Even then, she dreamed of attending law school and ultimately becoming a judge.

Pam is currently enrolled at Indian River Community College in Ft. Pierce, is an active member of the Criminal Justice Club and volunteers at the Public Defender's Office in Martin County.

Today, Pam is closer to her dream of becoming a judge. She will soon graduate with an associate's degree in criminal justice and will begin on her bachelor's degree. She then plans on attending law school.

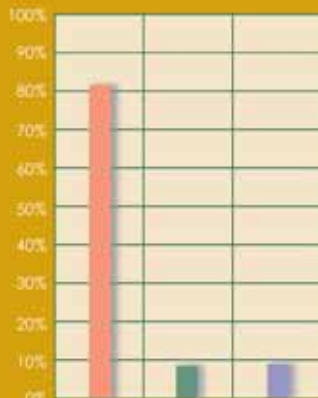
PROJECT STARS STUDENT INFORMATION FORM AND SURVEY

Project STARS students, who are enrolled in college, are required to submit a Student Information Form each fall to update the Foundation on their academic progress.

The Foundation also conducts an annual survey of participating partners to measure the progress of Project STARS students.

Our surveys show that the Project STARS program continues to provide incentive and hope for its recipients!

Student Success



- Active Students • 82.4%
- Voluntarily Terminated • 8.7%
- Involuntarily Terminated • 8.9%

Student Race



- White/Caucasian • 46.1%
- African American • 34.1%
- Hispanic • 14.3%
- Asian/Pacific • 3.3%
- American Indian • 0.4%
- Other • 1.8%

Family Background



- Single-Parent Home • 50.4%
- Two-Parent Home • 35.2%
- Extended Family • 6.8%
- Disabled • 4.4%
- Migrant • 2.3%
- Foster Care • 0.9%



Project STARS is making a difference in the lives of Florida's children.

STUDENT SUCCESS

Project STARS scholarships continue to have a tremendous impact in the lives of its recipients. More than 91 percent of Project STARS students are meeting the Project STARS requirements and are preparing for college!

Only 8.9 percent of Project STARS students have involuntarily terminated from the program. Students terminate involuntarily due to their failure to meet the Project STARS requirements. Voluntary terminations constitute 8.7 percent of Project STARS students. Students that terminate voluntarily have moved out of state or have received other college scholarships.

STUDENT RACE

The Project STARS program is committed to diversity. Of all Project STARS students 53.9 percent are minority students, of which 34.1 percent are African-American, 14.3 percent are Hispanic, 3.3 percent are Asian, 0.4 percent are American Indian, and 1.8 percent are of other ethnicities.

FAMILY BACKGROUND

Project STARS recipients come from diverse family backgrounds. Our annual survey shows that 50.4 percent of Project STARS scholarships are awarded to students from single-parent homes, 6.8 percent are awarded to students living with extended family members and 0.9 percent are in foster care.

The Project STARS program is funded by an annual appropriation from the Florida Legislature and matching funds from private donors.

In February of each year, private donors pledge the amount of money that they will raise in their local communities and contribute to Project STARS for the next fiscal year. The Foundation provides a dollar-for-dollar match, up to \$100,000 per donor, and the balance is allocated on a pro-rata share based on individual donor pledges. The donors submit their contributions, and the Foundation completes the application process and purchases the scholarships.

Thanks to the generosity and commitment of the Florida Legislature and our private sector partners, the Project STARS Scholarship Fund exceeded \$78.4 million in fiscal year 2004/2005.

IN MILLIONS

1990/1991

Legislative Appropriation	\$1.272
Private Sector Contributions	\$1.272
Total STARS Scholarship Fund	\$2.544

1994/1995

Legislative Appropriation	\$1.0
Private Sector Contributions	\$1.0
Total STARS Scholarship Fund	\$2.0
Private Sector Pledges.....	\$2.2

1995/1996

Legislative Appropriation	\$1.0
Private Sector Contributions	\$1.0
Total STARS Scholarship Fund	\$2.0
Private Sector Pledges.....	\$3.2

1996/1997

Legislative Appropriation	\$1.0
Private Sector Contributions	\$1.0
Total STARS Scholarship Fund	\$2.0
Private Sector Pledges.....	\$6.9

1997/1998

Legislative Appropriation	\$3.0
Private Sector Contributions	\$3.0
Total STARS Scholarship Fund	\$6.0
Private Sector Pledges.....	\$10.5

1998/1999

Legislative Appropriation	\$5.0
Private Sector Contributions	\$5.0
Total STARS Scholarship Fund	\$10.0
Private Sector Pledges.....	\$11.2

1999/2000

Legislative Appropriation	\$9.0
Private Sector Contributions	\$9.0
Total STARS Scholarship Fund	\$18.0
Private Sector Pledges.....	\$11.2

IN MILLIONS

2000/2001

Legislative Appropriation	\$1.7
Private Sector Contributions	\$1.7
Total STARS Scholarship Fund	\$3.4
Private Sector Pledges.....	\$10.3

2001/2002

Legislative Appropriation	\$3.1
Private Sector Contributions	\$3.1
Total STARS Scholarship Fund	\$6.2
Private Sector Pledges.....	\$7.5

2002/2003

Legislative Appropriation	\$3.6
Private Sector Contributions	\$3.6
Total STARS Scholarship Fund	\$7.2
Private Sector Pledges.....	\$7.7

2003/2004

Legislative Appropriation	\$3.6
Private Sector Contributions	\$3.6
Total STARS Scholarship Fund	\$7.2
Private Sector Pledges.....	\$9.3

2004/2005

Legislative Appropriation	\$5.975
Private Sector Contributions	\$5.975
Total STARS Scholarship Fund	\$11.95
Private Sector Pledges	\$12

Legislative Appropriation	\$39.247
Private Sector Contributions	\$39.247
Total STARS Scholarship Fund	\$78.494
Private Sector Pledges.....	\$92.0

Almost every year since inception, donor pledges have exceeded the amount appropriated by the Legislature. Unmatched pledges now total over \$52.8 million. Project STARS was not funded in 1991/1992, 1992/1993 and 1993/1994.

Since inception, Project STARS partners have pledged \$92 million in private matching funds.

Our Project STARS partners consist of education foundations, school districts, community groups, businesses and corporations dedicated to making the dream of a college education come true for Florida's youth.

100 Black Men of Tallahassee	Futures of Volusia-Take Stock in Children Handy, Inc.	Public Education Foundation of Marion County
Alachua County Schools Foundation	Hillsborough Education Foundation	Quest for Kids of Collier County
American Association of University Women	I Have a Dream Foundation of Miami, Group II	Ronald McDonald House Charities of Tampa Bay
Bay Education Foundation	I Have a Dream Foundation of Boynton Beach	Santa Rosa Educational Foundation
Brevard Schools Foundation	I Have a Dream Foundation of Carver Estates	School District of Okaloosa County
Broward Community College Foundation	Ida Baker, Department of Education	Seminole County Public Schools
Broward Education Foundation	Indian River Community College, Indian River County	South Florida Community College Foundation
Carnival Cruise Lines Foundation	Indian River Community College, Martin County	Take Stock in Children of Broward County
Central Florida Chapter IBCW	Indian River Community College, Okeechobee County	Take Stock in Children of Calhoun County
Charlotte Education Foundation	Indian River Community College, St. Lucie County	Take Stock in Children/Children of Prisoners-Children of Promise
Chipola Junior College Foundation	Lafayette County Schools Foundation	Take Stock in Children of Glades County
Citrus County Education Foundation	Lake City Community College Foundation	Take Stock in Children of Miami-Dade County
Clay County Education Foundation	Lake County Schools Foundation	Take Stock in Children of Flagler County
Collier County Education Foundation	Lake-Sumter Community College	Take Stock in Children of Hendry County
Communities in Schools of Bradford County	Leon County Schools Foundation	Take Stock in Children of Martin County
Communities in Schools of Jacksonville	Levy County Schools Foundation	Take Stock in Children of Palm Beach
Communities in Schools of Nassau County	Madison County Foundation	Take Stock in Children of Sarasota County
Communities in Schools of Putnam County	Mainland High School	Take Stock in Children of St. Johns County
Cruise Industry Foundation	Manatee County Schools Foundation	Take Stock in Children of Taylor County
Daytona Beach Community College Foundation	Miami-Dade Community College Foundation	Tallahassee Community College Foundation
Division of Unemployment Compensation	Monroe County Education Foundation	Taylor Education Foundation
Downtown Athletic Club of Orlando	North Florida Community College Foundation	The Haven
Edison Community College Foundation	Okaloosa Public Schools Foundation	The Immokalee Foundation
Flagler Education Foundation	Pasco Education Foundation	Uncommon Friends Foundation
Florida Association of State Troopers	Pasco-Hernando Community College Foundation	Valencia Community College Foundation
Foundation for Excellence in Escambia County	Pinellas County Education Foundation	Wakulla Academic Boosters Association
Foundation for Lee County Public Schools	Polk Education Foundation	Walton County Schools Foundation
Foundation for Orange County Public Schools		WorkforceOne
Foundation for Osceola County Schools		

“My life has not been easy, but I wouldn’t change it for anything. I have overcome my limitations and will never give up, no matter how hard it gets.”

– Carmelita Lorenzo

PROJECT STARS STUDENTS SHINE BRIGHT

Students who receive a Project STARS scholarship receive more than a college education. They receive hope for a brighter future, the courage to face life’s challenges and the incentive to succeed!

Our partners are the link between the Florida Prepaid College Foundation and Project STARS recipients. Our partners select the students, track their progress through high school and provide the necessary support services, such as mentoring and tutoring, to ensure they remain focused on their goals for the future.

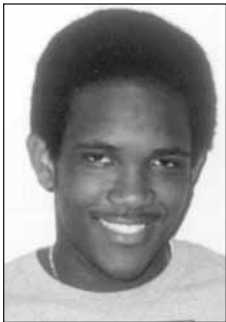


Carmelita Lorenzo

Futures of Volusia County

Carmelita Lorenzo is a remarkable young woman! Carmelita was born with spina bifida and is confined to a wheelchair. However, Carmelita has never let her disability limit her. She was selected by the Take Stock in Children mentoring program and was awarded her Project STARS scholarship in middle school. Carmelita played the alto saxophone in her high school band and was a member of the French Club, while maintaining a 3.42 GPA.

Carmelita is the first in her family to graduate high school and the first to go to college. She is now studying accounting at Stetson University. Her accounting degree will allow her to help her family, the way they have helped her.



Chase Davis

Take Stock in Children of Palm Beach

Chase Davis is a high school junior and is the oldest of three children living with his mother and great-grandfather. Chase has been a Project STARS scholarship recipient and in the Take Stock in Children mentoring program since the ninth grade.

Chase is a talented baseball player, a gifted math student and takes on challenging honor courses. Chase would like to go to college and study mechanical engineering. He also dreams of becoming a professional baseball player and has been contacted by the University of Miami’s baseball program. Chase’s achievements are more remarkable because he is also the primary caregiver for his elderly great-grandfather and is responsible for maintaining the household and looking after his siblings.



Mark Newbanks

Public Education Foundation of Marion County

Mark Newbanks is an 11th grader with a solid B GPA. He is very involved in volunteer work at the local hospital and Salvation Army and provides an excellent example for others. Mark serves as his high school’s mascot and describes his family as very close and often joking.

Mark is a member of Leadership Ocala Youth and was selected to attend a leadership conference in Boston, MA for 10 days where he shadowed doctors at different hospitals in the Boston area. He would like to attend the University of Florida and become a neurosurgeon.

“By receiving this scholarship, I know I’ll be able to achieve my dream of becoming a lawyer and, maybe, even a judge.”

– Lakyla Watson

Monroe County Education Foundation

Jolene Elberth didn’t grow up in a house where her family said “when you go to college...” College was not discussed or even considered an option. When she received her scholarship in the seventh grade, she began to focus on her future. During her ninth grade year, she made some serious errors in judgment and was faced with the prospect of losing her scholarship. She realized then how important the scholarship and the opportunity to go to college were to her future.

Jolene has grown both emotionally and intellectually since the ninth grade and her desire to go to college keeps her motivated. Jolene has maintained a 3.96 weighted GPA while holding down a part-time job. Jolene has been accepted to New College in Sarasota. She would like to major in education and hopefully attend graduate school in the future.

“My expectations are that Jolene will be very successful in whatever she chooses to pursue as a career, and my guess is, that somewhere down the road, there may very well be a doctorate degree with her name on it!” said her mentor, Mary Ellen Bear.



Jolene Elberth and Mary Ellen Bear



Lakyla Watson

Bay Education Foundation

Lakyla Watson has a serene demeanor that makes her seem older than her years. Lakyla is profoundly grateful for her scholarship.

“This scholarship gives me an opportunity to go to college and motivates me. By receiving this scholarship, I know I’ll be able to achieve my dream of becoming a lawyer and, maybe, even a judge. I have something to look forward to; I know I’ll have something waiting when I finish high school.”

Lakyla is currently a sophomore at Bay High School and is enrolled in the Law Academy and loves her studies. Lakyla enjoys volunteering at the annual Bay County Kid’s Fest and the Bay Education Foundation’s Arts Festival and was most recently named Optimist Club Student of the Month at Bay High School. Lakyla appreciates the help of her mentors, and Bay Education Foundation staff who answer questions and provide assistance when needed. In her spare time, she enjoys playing video games, listening to Usher, and eating doughnuts — lots of doughnuts.

Lakyla will be the first in her family to attend college.

“My mama is really proud of me,” said Lakyla, with a big smile that tells everyone that she’s really proud of herself.

Public Education Foundation of Marion County

The Public Education Foundation of Marion County has many rising stars including:

Dalissa Burke – Graduated salutatorian and now attending the University of Florida.

Kimberly Burke – Graduated and now enrolled at Duke University.

Luis Gaud – First valedictorian graduate of the Marion County program and now enrolled at the University of Florida.

Genny Moss – Graduated from Florida Atlantic University and now enrolled in law school.

Jorge Velez – Graduated salutatorian and now attending Florida State University.

“Governor Chiles gave so much for my future, and I too hope to work hard so that I can help better children’s lives in the future!”

– Jontavius Jacobs



Chairman Stanley G. Tate, Jontavius Jacobs and Tandy Chiles-Barrett.

“My father has always told me, ‘If your studies come first, your dreams will come true.’ ”

– Jontavius Jacobs

The Florida Prepaid College Foundation Board is committed to assisting children throughout Florida achieve their dreams and reach their goal of a college education. The Board has implemented several innovative programs that honor our heritage, public servants and those who have defended our freedoms. The presentation of these scholarships is made possible by the generous donations from private corporations, organizations and individuals.

LAWTON CHILES SCHOLARSHIP

For the fifth consecutive year, the Florida Prepaid College Foundation and the Lawton Chiles Foundation awarded a four-year university tuition and local fee scholarship honoring the late-Governor Lawton Chiles and his commitment to a better future for Florida's children.

Annually, the Foundation selects a public school in Florida to participate. Teachers are asked to nominate students based on financial need, academic performance and personal character. The students are required to write a letter explaining why they should be chosen for the scholarship and an essay about Governor Chiles and his accomplishments. The Florida Prepaid College Foundation and the Lawton Chiles Foundation review the letters and essays and select a winner.

This year, the selection committee chose Jontavius Jacobs, a fifth grade student from Lawton Chiles Elementary School in Orlando, Florida. Florida Prepaid College Foundation Chairman Stanley G. Tate and Tandy Chiles-Barrett presented the award to Jontavius at an honors presentation at his school.

In his essay, Jontavius wrote about Governor Chiles' commitment to better health care for Florida's children and his Woman, Infant and Children (WIC) Program.

“My Dad does an excellent job at giving me the things I need. However, that wouldn't mean anything if I didn't have his love.”

- *Evany Sneed*

BLACK HISTORY MONTH SCHOLARSHIP

For the third consecutive year, the Florida Prepaid College Foundation sponsored Governor Bush's Annual Black History Month essay contest for K-12 students throughout Florida.

The essay contest celebrates Black History Month and honors the historic contributions and accomplishments of African-American leaders, educators and entertainers from Florida.

The Florida Prepaid College Foundation presented a four-year university tuition and local fee scholarship, to each winner during a reception

at the Governor's Mansion commemorating Black History Month.



Chairman Stanley G. Tate, Troy Sneed, Evany Sneed and Governor Jeb Bush.

The theme of the 2004 essay contest was “What Impact has a African American Entertainer, Singer, Dancer, Director or Actor/Actress from Florida Had on My Life?”

A panel of education, community and civic leaders judged the essays on their content, insight and relation to the theme.

This year's winners were **Superior Jones**, a senior from St. Augustine; **Evany Sneed**, a sixth grade student from Orange Park; and **Tony Harris**, a fifth grade student from Miami.

HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH SCHOLARSHIP

For the second consecutive year, the Florida Prepaid College Foundation sponsored Governor Bush's Annual Hispanic Heritage Month essay contest for K-12 students throughout Florida.

The essay contest celebrates Hispanic heritage, family and culture.

The Florida Prepaid College Foundation presented a four-year university tuition and local fee scholarship, to each winner at an awards ceremony at Walt Disney World Resorts.



Christian Guadalupe, his extended family and Governor Jeb Bush.

The theme of the 2004 essay contest was “Success Comes With Responsibility: Celebrating Florida's Hispanic Leaders Who Gave Back.”

A panel of education, community and civic leaders judged the essays on their content, insight and relation to the theme.

This year's winners were **Lillian Perez**, a junior from Hialeah; **Sadie Curry**, a seventh grade student from Gainesville; and **Christian Guadalupe**, a fifth grade student from Palm Bay.



The Florida Prepaid College Foundation has many private donors including community groups, businesses, hospitals, churches and individuals that are making a college education a reality for students in their communities. These donors purchase Foundation scholarships, without state matching funds, allowing them to set their own selection criteria.

Camiccia-Arnautou Charitable Foundation

The Camiccia-Arnautou Charitable Foundation partnered with the Foundation in 1999 and has purchased 17 four-year university tuition scholarships for students in the Boca Raton, Florida area.

DeVoe Cadillac Trust

DeVoe Cadillac Trust has been a Foundation partner since 1995 and has purchased 91 four-year university tuition scholarships for deserving students in the Naples, Florida area. DeVoe Cadillac Trust awards most of their scholarships to students who meet the Project STARS criteria.

South Florida Federal Education Credit Union

The South Florida Federal Education Credit Union has been a partner with the Foundation since 1995 and has purchased 94 four-year university tuition scholarships for students in the Miami, Florida area. Eligible students must fill out an application and their parent/guardian must be a member of the credit union. An annual random drawing, supervised by the Scholarship Committee, determines the scholarship winners.

Special Scholarships

The Florida Prepaid College Foundation provides scholarships to other children who have special circumstance that may keep them from going to college. The Foundation Board, on a case-by-case basis, reviews petitions for these special scholarships.

Advanced Automated Welding
 Big Pine and Lower Key Rotary
 Boselli Foundation
 Boys and Girls Club of Broward County
 Burdines
 Busch Gardens
 Camiccia-Arnautou Foundation
 Childbirth Education Association
 Christ Episcopal Church Foundation
 Coastal Conservation Association
 Commercial Products Corporation
 DeVoe Cadillac Trust
 Do the Right Thing-Lee County Sheriff's Office
 Doctors Hospital of Sarasota
 Downtown Athletic Club of Orlando
 First Orlando Foundation
 Florida Association of School Resource Officers
 Florida Education Foundation
 Gulf Coast Transcription
 Hialeah Hospital
 Hillsborough County Firefighters Charities, Inc.
 Hillsborough Workforce
 Huffman & Johnson Enterprises
 Humana Medical Plan, Inc.
 Igstaedter Trust
 Lawton Chiles Foundation
 Madigan Foundation
 Okaloosa/Walton Works
 Orange Center Elementary School
 Orange Park United Methodist Church
 Palm Beach County DARE
 Palms West Hospital
 Parkway Regional Medical Center
 Pelican Bay Rotary
 Pilot Club of Cape Coral
 Polk Works
 Rotary Club of Crestview
 Rotary Club of Gulf Beaches
 Rotary Club of the Upper Keys
 Rotary Club of Ponte Vedra Beach
 South Florida Federal Educational Credit Union
 Spina Bifida Association of Jacksonville
 Tampa Bay Workforce Alliance
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“While the loss is great, it is our hope that these scholarships give the families of Florida’s fallen heroes the comfort in knowing their children’s education is secure and their futures are bright.”

- Chairman Stanley G. Tate

The Florida Prepaid College Foundation honors Florida’s military heroes who have died while serving in Iraq and in Afghanistan by providing Florida Prepaid scholarships to their children.

This year, the Foundation presented scholarships to 24 children of 12 fallen heroes. Since the Florida Fallen Hero Scholarship Program was created in June 2003, the Foundation has provided scholarships to 40 children of 19 soldiers from Florida at a total of cost of \$642,863.



Each child receives a Florida Prepaid four-year university tuition plan, local fee plan and one-year dormitory plan. The Foundation underwrites the full cost of the scholarships with contributions from businesses, individuals and others who share the Foundation’s commitment to honor these brave men and women.

This year’s ceremony took place at United States Southern Command Headquarters in Miami. Joining Foundation Chairman Stanley G. Tate in presenting the scholarships were Governor Jeb Bush, Florida Attorney General Charlie Crist, Florida Chief Financial Officer Tom Gallagher, U.S. Army General James T. Hill, and personnel from all branches of military service. Florida Prepaid College Board members Michael Agganis, Christyne Hamilton and Bruce McNeilage, and Florida Senator Ken Pruitt also attended the event.



As a tribute to all those who are fighting for America’s freedoms, dreams and ideals, the Foundation has pledged to continue the program until the last soldier returns home.

In Memory of Florida’s 2004 Fallen Heroes

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- Captain Daniel Eggers
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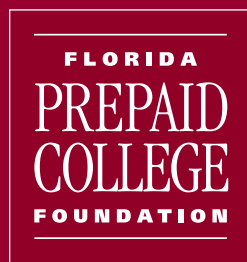
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