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# TRIBUTE TO STANLEY TATE

***On November 8, 2005 Governor Jeb Bush, the Florida Cabinet and members of the Foundation's Board recognized Stanley G. Tate for 18 years of service as Chairman of the Florida Prepaid College Board and 15 years of service as Chairman of the Florida Prepaid College Foundation Board.***

## RESOLUTION

**WHEREAS**, Stanley G. Tate is the founder of the Florida Prepaid College Program and Chairman of the Board since its inception in 1987; and

**WHEREAS**, Stanley Tate has spent many years advocating public policy to make college financially affordable for every family in Florida and to provide every child in Florida the opportunity to go to college; and

**WHEREAS**, under Stanley Tate's leadership, the Florida Prepaid College Program is the single largest, most successful prepaid college program in the country and is the model for other states to replicate; and

**WHEREAS**, Florida has sold approximately 1,052,080 prepaid college contracts to Florida residents, totaling more contracts than all other states in the nation combined; and

**WHEREAS**, with Stanley Tate's guidance, the Prepaid College Board created Florida's College Investment Plan in 2002, providing families with an easy, affordable way to save for their children's future college expenses; and

**WHEREAS**, Stanley Tate is also the founder and chairman of the Florida Prepaid College Foundation, whose mission is to provide the opportunity of a college education to low-income children who are at risk of dropping out of school, through the Project STARS scholarship program; and

**WHEREAS**, with efforts from Stanley Tate, the Florida Prepaid College Foundation developed other new and innovative ways to reach out to the community and open the door to higher education, and working with the Florida Prepaid Board, created scholarship programs celebrating diversity, public service, heroism and other educational initiatives; and

**WHEREAS**, today, the Florida Prepaid College Foundation has awarded over 21,000 tuition and local fee scholarships, of which 15,742 were awarded to Project STARS students; and

**WHEREAS**, the devotion and passion Stanley Tate has demonstrated over the past 19 years has earned him the respect and admiration of numerous families and professionals throughout the state and nation, therefore, it is only fitting that the Florida Prepaid Foundation honor him with the re-naming of the Project STARS scholarship program to the "Stanley Tate Project STARS scholarship program."

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Governor and Cabinet of the State of Florida do hereby recognize

## STANLEY G. TATE

for his exemplary record of professional and dedicated service to the families and children of the State of Florida.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, Stanley Tate should be credited for his contributions in providing leadership and guidance to numerous education, charitable and community organizations for the benefit of families and children, championing the establishment of the Florida Prepaid College Program, implementing the College Investment Plan and through the Prepaid College Foundation redirecting the lives of thousands of Florida's children by providing them with the opportunity to achieve their true potential in life.

**IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF**, the Governor and the Cabinet of the State of Florida have hereto subscribed their names and have cause the Official Seal of the State of Florida to be hereunto affixed in the City of Tallahassee on the 8th day of November 2005.

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# CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE



Ted Hoepner

*“Now in its 15<sup>th</sup> year, the Foundation has provided more than 21,500 scholarships to low-income students and other children deserving the opportunity to earn a college education.”*

I am honored and privileged to have been appointed by Governor Jeb Bush to serve on the Florida Prepaid College Board. As the newly elected Chairman of the Prepaid College Board, I also have the pleasure to serve as the Chairman of the Florida Prepaid College Foundation.

First, I would like to acknowledge the outstanding work the Foundation has accomplished under the leadership of the Board's past chairman, Stanley G. Tate. Mr. Tate was instrumental in the passage of the legislation that authorized the establishment of the Prepaid College Foundation back in 1989. Under Stanley's leadership, the Foundation Board established the Project STARS scholarship program which provides an opportunity for low-income students at risk of dropping out of school to achieve their dreams of a college education. Through his efforts, the Foundation Board also created scholarship programs celebrating diversity, public service, heroism and other educational initiatives. On November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2005 members of the Foundation Board joined the Governor and the Cabinet of the State of Florida to recognize Stanley Tate for his exemplary record of professional and dedicated service to the families and children of our state and officially honored him with the re-naming of the Project STARS scholarship program to the “Stanley Tate Project STARS Scholarship Program.”

On behalf of the Foundation Board of Directors, I am pleased to present the 2004/2005 Annual Report. Now in its 15<sup>th</sup> year, the Foundation has provided more than 21,500 scholarships to low-income students and other children deserving the opportunity to earn a college education. To date, more than 6,200 students have graduated from high school and have used their scholarship benefits. In fall 2005, 2,755 Foundation scholarship recipients were enrolled in college.

Throughout this annual report, there are charts and graphs that will report on the successes of the Foundation programs. The Stanley Tate Project STARS Scholarship Program is the Foundation's single largest scholarship program. The goal of the program is to provide an incentive for students to redirect their lives by staying in school, and to remain drug free and crime free while preparing themselves for a college education. With the support of our community partners around the state, 89 percent of the students receiving a scholarship are meeting these requirements. Our partners provide a variety of support services including mentoring services, tutoring services, career counseling and other academic counseling services, which is a major contributing factor for our success. To get a better understanding of the impact this scholarship program has on Florida's children, the annual report includes several of the student success stories from around the state.

For fiscal year 2004/2005, the Florida Legislature appropriated \$5.975 million for the Stanley Tate Project STARS Scholarship Program. When matched dollar-for-dollar with private donor funds, the Foundation was able to provide 1,297 STARS scholarships. Over 15,500 tuition and local fee scholarships have been awarded to

deserving students throughout the state through the STARS scholarship program since it was first funded. Project STARS students are overcoming life's challenges, staying in school and focusing on their future. Close to 58 percent of the students receiving a scholarship are minorities, and more than 49 percent of the recipients are from single-parent homes.

In addition to the Stanley Tate Project STARS Scholarship Program, the Foundation Board sponsors other innovative community outreach programs and partnerships that provide students with the opportunity of a lifetime, the chance to go to college.

To highlight a few of these programs, in 2004/2005 the Foundation joined Governor Jeb Bush and First Lady Columba Bush in sponsoring the annual Black History Month and the Hispanic Heritage Month scholarship essay contests. 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 tuition and local fee scholarships in support of these programs. The Foundation also awarded a four-year university tuition and local fee scholarship in honor of the late-Governor Lawton Chiles.

The Board is pleased to report on one of our newest initiatives, a partnership with the Florida State University Athletic Department and the Seminole Boosters. Through our Foundation, the Boosters purchased 350 scholarships that will be awarded to student athletes over the next fourteen years. The Seminole Boosters have estimated that they will save \$2.5 million over this same time period. The Foundation Board encourages other colleges and universities to capitalize on this worthwhile opportunity.

The Foundation's success is a tribute to our scholarship students who work hard to build their own futures. Through the combined efforts of Governor Bush, the Florida Legislature, our public and private partners, and parents and 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.

The groundwork is in place and I am enthusiastic about the future of the Foundation, and the prospect of expanding our horizons, creating new alliances, strengthening our donor relations and building a brighter future for the children of Florida.

Sincerely,



Ted Hoepner  
Chairman



# THE FOUNDATION



The Florida Prepaid College Foundation is a 501(c)(3) direct support organization for the Florida Prepaid College Board. The Florida Prepaid College Plan locks in the cost of college tuition, local fees and dormitory housing today and is guaranteed by the State of Florida. The Board has sold more than 1 million Prepaid College contracts statewide.

The Foundation was created in 1990 as a public/private partnership. Businesses, organizations, community groups and individuals may purchase contracts through the Foundation, allowing scholarship recipients to benefit from the advantages and guarantee offered by the Florida Prepaid College Plan. The Foundation provides prepaid college scholarships to economically disadvantaged students who are at risk of dropping out of school and to other deserving students in need of assistance. Since inception, the Foundation has purchased more than 21,500 Prepaid College tuition and local fee scholarships. As of fall 2005, 6,248 Foundation scholarship recipients have enrolled in college and are using their benefits.

## TUITION SCHOLARSHIPS

The Foundation has provided 18,617 tuition plan scholarships since inception. There are four types of tuition scholarships offered.

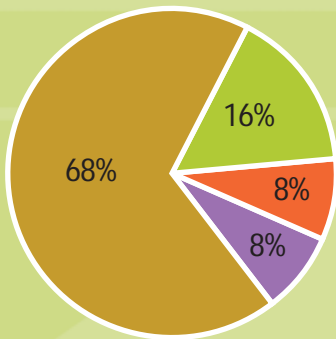
- 2-Year Community College Tuition Plan (60 credit hours)
- 2-Year Community College Tuition Plan (72 credit hours)
- 2+2 Tuition Plan (60 credit hours at a community college and 60 credit hours at a state university)
- 4-Year University Tuition Plan (120 credit hours)

The tuition scholarship covers matriculation (tuition), building, capital improvement and financial aid fees. The 2+2 tuition plan remains the most popular plan, representing 68 percent of all scholarships purchased.

## LOCAL FEE SCHOLARSHIPS

The Florida Prepaid College local fee plan is optional and may be purchased as a supplement to the Prepaid College tuition plan. The local fee plan covers student activity and service, health and athletic fees. To date, 2,965 local fee contracts have been awarded.

Tuition Plans Purchased Since Inception



- 2+2 Plan ¥ 68%  
(60 community college/  
60 university credit hours)
- 2-Year Community College Plan ¥ 16%  
(60 credit hours)
- 2-Year Community College Plan ¥ 8%  
(72 credit hours)
- 4-Year University Plan ¥ 8%  
(120 university credit hours)

*The Foundation provides prepaid college scholarships to economically disadvantaged students who are at risk of dropping out of school and to other deserving students in need of assistance.*

## 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 any time during the year.
- Foundation scholarships may be purchased for an unnamed beneficiary (child) prior to matriculation, giving the donor the flexibility to reassign the scholarship to another child if the original beneficiary does not use the scholarship.
- Foundation scholarships may be purchased for children through the 12th grade. The child must be a Florida resident at the time of selection and award.
- Stanley Tate Project STARS scholarships may be purchased for children through the 11th 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 typically selects the student. Upon request, the Foundation will provide assistance with identifying qualified students.
- Foundation scholarships can be used at any of Florida's 11 public universities or 28 community colleges. The value of the scholarship may also be transferred to most private colleges in Florida, select technical schools in Florida and most out-of-state colleges.
- Stanley Tate Project STARS beneficiaries are required to submit a student information form annually prior to the beginning of the fall semester, to update the Foundation on their academic progress.
- Terms of participation are outlined in the policies & procedures of the Florida Prepaid College Foundation.
- All other terms of participation are the same as the Florida Prepaid College Plan.
- 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 Plan will pay the college directly for the fees covered by the scholarship.

# THE STANLEY TATE PROJECT STARS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Stanley Tate Project STARS (Scholarship Tuition For At-Risk Students) is the Foundation's largest program, representing more than 15,500 of all tuition and local fee contracts purchased by the Foundation. STARS is a matching-scholarship program funded annually by the Florida Legislature and matched dollar-for-dollar by private sector donations.

The STARS program targets low-income students that are at-risk of dropping out of school and gives them the incentive and opportunity to plan and prepare for college.

## STANLEY TATE PROJECT STARS PARTNERS

STARS partners with a notable group of public school foundations, school districts, community groups, businesses and individuals who are dedicated to providing the children of Florida with guidance and educational opportunities.

## STANLEY TATE PROJECT STARS STUDENTS

To qualify for a STARS scholarship, students must be residents of Florida, economically disadvantaged (eligible for the free and reduced lunch program) and at risk of dropping out of school.

Most of our program partners require STARS students to sign an agreement agreeing to progress academically, meet school attendance requirements, abide by their school's code of conduct, remain drug- and crime-free, and meet with a mentor on a regular basis. The program's partners monitor each student's progress, and provide support and encouragement throughout their middle and high school years.

Donors select the students that receive STARS scholarships and may establish additional criteria, subject to Foundation approval.

## STANLEY TATE PROJECT STARS ANNUAL SURVEY

The Foundation conducts an annual survey of participating partners to measure the progress of STARS students. Our surveys show that the STARS program continues to provide incentive and hope to its recipients!

## STUDENT SUCCESS

STARS scholarships continue to have a tremendous impact on the lives of its recipients. Eighty-nine percent of the students are meeting the Stanley Tate Project STARS Scholarship Program requirements and are preparing for college!

Only 11 percent of STARS students did not meet the STARS requirements.

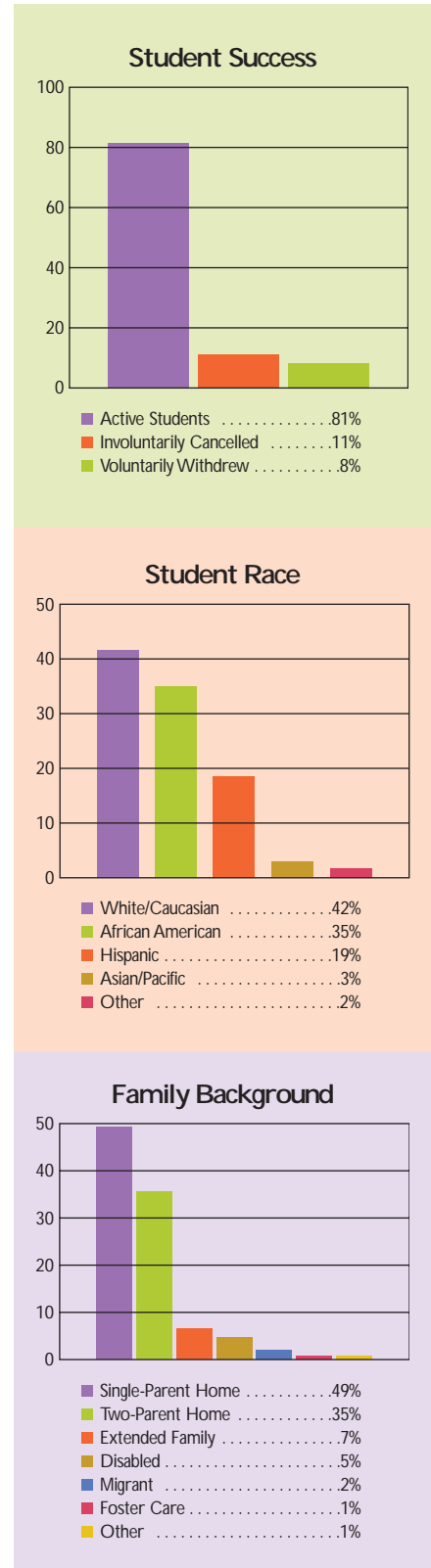
To date, eight percent of STARS students voluntarily withdrew from the program. These students have either moved out of state or have received other college scholarships.

## STUDENT RACE

The Stanley Tate Project STARS Scholarship Program is committed to diversity. Of all scholarship recipients, 58 percent are minority students. Thirty-five percent are African-American, 19 percent are Hispanic, three percent are Asian and two percent are of other ethnicities.

## FAMILY BACKGROUND

Stanley Tate Project STARS Scholarship Program recipients come from diverse family backgrounds as well. Our annual survey shows that 49 percent of Project STARS scholarships are awarded to students from single-parent homes, seven percent are awarded to students living with extended family members and one percent are in foster care.



# STANLEY TATE PROJECT STARS FUNDING

The Stanley Tate Project STARS Scholarship 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. Reliant upon legislative funding, the Foundation provides a dollar-for-dollar match of 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, since inception, total funding of the Stanley Tate Project STARS Scholarship Program exceeds \$90.4 million.

<b>1990/1991</b>	<b>In Millions</b>	<b>2000/2001</b>	<b>In Millions</b>
Legislative Appropriation	\$1.272	Legislative Appropriation	\$1.7
Private Sector Contribution	\$1.272	Private Sector Contribution	\$1.7
Total STARS Scholarship Program	\$2.544	Total STARS Scholarship Program	\$3.4
		<i>Private Sector Pledges</i>	<b><i>\$10.3</i></b>
<b>1994/1995</b>		<b>2001/2002</b>	
Legislative Appropriation	\$1.0	Legislative Appropriation	\$3.1
Private Sector Contribution	\$1.0	Private Sector Contribution	\$3.1
Total STARS Scholarship Program	\$2.0	Total STARS Scholarship Program	\$6.2
<i>Private Sector Pledges</i>	<b><i>\$2.2</i></b>	<i>Private Sector Pledges</i>	<b><i>\$7.5</i></b>
<b>1995/1996</b>		<b>2002/2003</b>	
Legislative Appropriation	\$1.0	Legislative Appropriation	\$3.6
Private Sector Contribution	\$1.0	Private Sector Contribution	\$3.6
Total STARS Scholarship Program	\$2.0	Total STARS Scholarship Program	\$7.2
<i>Private Sector Pledges</i>	<b><i>\$3.2</i></b>	<i>Private Sector Pledges</i>	<b><i>\$7.7</i></b>
<b>1996/1997</b>		<b>2003/2004</b>	
Legislative Appropriation	\$1.0	Legislative Appropriation	\$3.6
Private Sector Contribution	\$1.0	Private Sector Contribution	\$3.6
Total STARS Scholarship Program	\$2.0	Total STARS Scholarship Program	\$7.2
<i>Private Sector Pledges</i>	<b><i>\$6.9</i></b>	<i>Private Sector Pledges</i>	<b><i>\$9.3</i></b>
<b>1997/1998</b>		<b>2004/2005</b>	
Legislative Appropriation	\$3.0	Legislative Appropriation	\$5.975
Private Sector Contribution	\$3.0	Private Sector Contribution	\$5.975
Total STARS Scholarship Program	\$6.0	Total STARS Scholarship Program	\$11.95
<i>Private Sector Pledges</i>	<b><i>\$10.5</i></b>	<i>Private Sector Pledges</i>	<b><i>\$12</i></b>
<b>1998/1999</b>		<b>2005/2006</b>	
Legislative Appropriation	\$5.0	Legislative Appropriation	\$5.975
Private Sector Contribution	\$5.0	Private Sector Contributions	\$5.975
Total STARS Scholarship Program	\$10.0	Total STARS Scholarship Program	\$11.95
<i>Private Sector Pledges</i>	<b><i>\$11.2</i></b>	<i>Private Sector Pledges</i>	<b><i>\$12.2</i></b>
<b>1999/2000</b>		<b>Totals Since Inception</b>	
Legislative Appropriation	\$9.0	Legislative Appropriation	\$45.222
Private Sector Contribution	\$9.0	Private Sector Contributions	\$45.222
Total STARS Scholarship Program	\$18.0	Total STARS Scholarship Program	\$90.444
<i>Private Sector Pledges</i>	<b><i>\$11.2</i></b>	<i>Private Sector Pledges</i>	<b><i>\$105.5</i></b>

Every year since inception, donor pledges have exceeded the amount appropriated by the Legislature. Unmatched pledges now total more than \$58.9 million. STARS was not funded in 1991/1992, 1992/1993 and 1993/1994.

# STANLEY TATE PROJECT STARS PARTNERS

*Since inception, the Foundation has partnered with 85 Project STARS donors. Our 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. Listed below are the 56 foundations that purchased contracts with state allocated funds for contract year 2004/2005.*

Alachua County Schools Foundation

Bay Education Foundation

Brevard Schools Foundation

Broward Education Foundation

Carnival Foundation

Charlotte Education Foundation

Citrus County Education Foundation

Clay County Education Foundation

Collier County Education Foundation

Communities in Schools of Bradford County

Communities in Schools of Jacksonville

Communities in Schools of Nassau County

Communities in Schools of Putnam County

Cruise Industry Foundation

Downtown Athletic Club of Orlando

Flagler County Education Foundation

Foundation for Excellence in Escambia County

Foundation for Lee County Public Schools

Foundation for Osceola Education, Inc.

Franklin County Schools/TSIC

Futures of Volusia/TSIC

Hillsborough Education Foundation

Indian River Community College, Indian River County

Indian River Community College, Martin County

Indian River Community College, Okeechobee County

Indian River Community College, St. Lucie County

Lake City Community College Foundation

Lake County Schools/TSIC

Monroe County Education Foundation

North Florida Community College Foundation

Okaloosa Public Schools Foundation, Inc.

Pasco Education Foundation, Inc.

Pasco/Hernando Community College Foundation

Pinellas Education Foundation

Polk Education Foundation

Public Education Foundation of Marion County

Ronald McDonald House Charities

Santa Rosa Educational Foundation

Seminole County Public Schools

South Florida Community College Foundation/TSIC

Southwest Florida Community Foundation

Take Stock in Children Broward County

Take Stock in Children of Calhoun

Take Stock in Children of Dade County

Take Stock in Children of Glades County

Take Stock in Children of Gulf County

Take Stock in Children of Hendry County

Take Stock in Children of Palm Beach

Take Stock in Children of Sarasota County

Take Stock in Children of St. Johns County

Take Stock in Children of Taylor County

Tallahassee Community College Foundation

TSIC/Children of Prisoners/Promise

Uncommon Friends Foundation

Walton County Schools/TSIC

Workforce One

# STANLEY TATE PROJECT STARS SHINE BRIGHT

Students that receive a Stanley Tate Project STARS scholarship receive more than a college education. They receive hope for a brighter future, courage to overcome hardships and face life's challenges, and the incentive and motivation needed to succeed!

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

## Collier County Education Foundation



*Brittne Howard*

**Brittne Howard** was seven years old when adopted by Peggy Howard. Her mother Peggy describes her as a “sweet, lovable child, which thinks of others before herself. She works hard, is considerate, honest, and a joy to be around”.

Brittne was in the 7th grade when she was chosen to be a part of the Collier County Education Foundation and assigned to a mentor. The mentor helped Brittne with her homework, filling out applications, preparing for the FCAT and just being there for her during difficult times.

“The program has become a lifesaver for my daughter as she is now a senior in high school” says her mother. She continued “If anyone ever has the opportunity to become one of these [STARS student], take it and run with it. It is a once in a life time opportunity.”

## Okaloosa Public Schools Foundation, Inc.

**Justin Kevin Gates** - As a sixth grader applying for a Stanley Tate Project STARS Scholarship, Justin knew what he hoped for his future: “...to earn an academic and athletic scholarship to a Florida university.” When asked about his goals, he wrote that he hoped to continue to “...achieve in my athletic endeavors and... interaction with my fellow man.” As a high school senior, Justin had achieved the goals he set for himself six years ago.

In the fall of 2005, Justin entered the University of West Florida with a cross country scholarship in addition to his Project STARS Scholarship. He concluded his high school career as a member of the National Honor Society, as the record-holding winner of the Okaloosa County-wide Cross Country Meet and as a Daily News/All Sports Association Athlete of the Week.

Justin has met his academic and athletic goals. Just as importantly, he achieved his desire to continue that interaction with his fellow man. Shortly after Justin graduated from high school, he lost his best friend and teammate in a tragic car accident. With the help of the Fort Walton Beach running community, Justin and his friends organized a memorial run/walk to honor that friend and his family. More than 200 people joined Justin in that tribute and helped him give back to his fellow man.



*Justine Kevin Gates*

## Take Stock in Children (TSIC) Palm Beach County



*Roselie Louissaint*

**Roselie Louissaint** is a twelfth grader at John I Leonard High School in Greenacres, Fla. In the fall, she will make her dream of attending college a reality with the help of the Florida Prepaid College scholarship provided by TSIC and the Florida Prepaid College Foundation.

Roselie became involved with the program in the 9th grade, and her drive to succeed has only become stronger with the help and encouragement of the TSIC program. Roselie maintains an outstanding GPA, even while maintaining numerous other activities such as playing clarinet in the school orchestra, teaching Sunday school, singing in her church choir, playing the piano, and keeping up with a whirlwind of social and academic clubs at school. She is a student who has truly dedicated herself to making the most out of her opportunities for education, and credits the promise of a college education with helping her maintain her drive.

Roselie's mentor believes she has never met such a delightful and dedicated student as Roselie, and she has thoroughly enjoyed their relationship.

# FOUNDATION PRIVATE DONORS



*These private donors purchase Foundation scholarships with 100 percent private sector donations, which permit them to set their own selection criteria.*

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 throughout Florida. These private donors purchase Foundation scholarships with 100 percent private sector donations, which permit them to set their own selection criteria.

## THE FLORMAN FAMILY FOUNDATION

Marvin and Betty Florman were the quintessential couple. Married for more than 41 years, Marv and Betty lived their lives to the fullest with hard work, fun, adventure and love.

They moved to Miami in 1951 from New Jersey and were always very active in their community.

Marv was a veteran of WWII, serving as an Officer in the Army Air Corps in Europe. He later purchased and sold Miller Distribution, then served 20 years as president of National Brands. Marv was well-known in Miami as one of the founders of Hope Center for Mentally Disabled Citizens, and also served as its President. There is a building permanently dedicated to the memory of his long service and commitment.

Betty worked at home most of her life and found some of her greatest enjoyment with community organizations, such as Miami City Ballet and the Chopin Society.

In continuing with their tradition of community service, Marv and Betty founded the Florman Family Foundation in April of 1996. In 2004/2005, the Florman Family Foundation purchased three Florida Prepaid College Scholarships including tuition, local fees, and dorm at a price of \$55,000. The scholarships will be awarded to students with a desire to continue their education, achieve their goals, give back to the community by acting as mentors and share their experiences in college with other students.

## POLK WORKS

Polk Works partnered with the Foundation in 2002 and has since purchased seven 4-year university and 65 two-year community college tuition contracts.



Polk Works is a non-profit corporation established in 1996 to oversee workforce training and preparation programs for Polk County residents. With the initiation of welfare reform in 1997, Polk Works took on the initiative of serving a myriad of needs of residents moving from welfare to work. One of the key components of that effort has been the purchase of Florida Prepaid scholarships for the children of parents who are transitioning from welfare. In partnership with the Polk Education Foundation, deserving high school students are identified and matched with a mentor to help them transition to college. The Polk Works Board sees this partnership as key to their efforts in breaking the cycle of poverty in their community.

## TAMPA BAY WORKFORCE ALLIANCE



Tampa Bay WorkForce Alliance partnered with the Foundation in 2002 and has purchased 24 two-year community college tuition plans, 12 2+2 tuition plans, and five 4-year university tuition plans.

Tampa Bay Workforce Alliance (TBWA) works with businesses and candidates to leverage their training, retraining and competitive opportunities in the workforce. Nearly 100,000 job candidates annually access their four career centers, making TBWA the single largest source for job candidates in the region, and more than 3,000 businesses annually access TBWA's wide range of services.

In keeping with its mission of developing workforce talent to foster economic development, TBWA invests in college scholarships for high school graduates. TBWA offers Hillsborough high school seniors (or GED graduates) an opportunity to apply for Florida Prepaid tuition scholarships to approved Florida or out-of-state universities, state community colleges, and vocational-technical schools. The purpose is to enable eligible Hillsborough County high school students to prepare for an increasing demand of higher educated workers in the Tampa Bay region. For the past three years, TBWA has purchased a total of 67 scholarships, totaling \$300,000.

## PRIVATE DONORS LIST

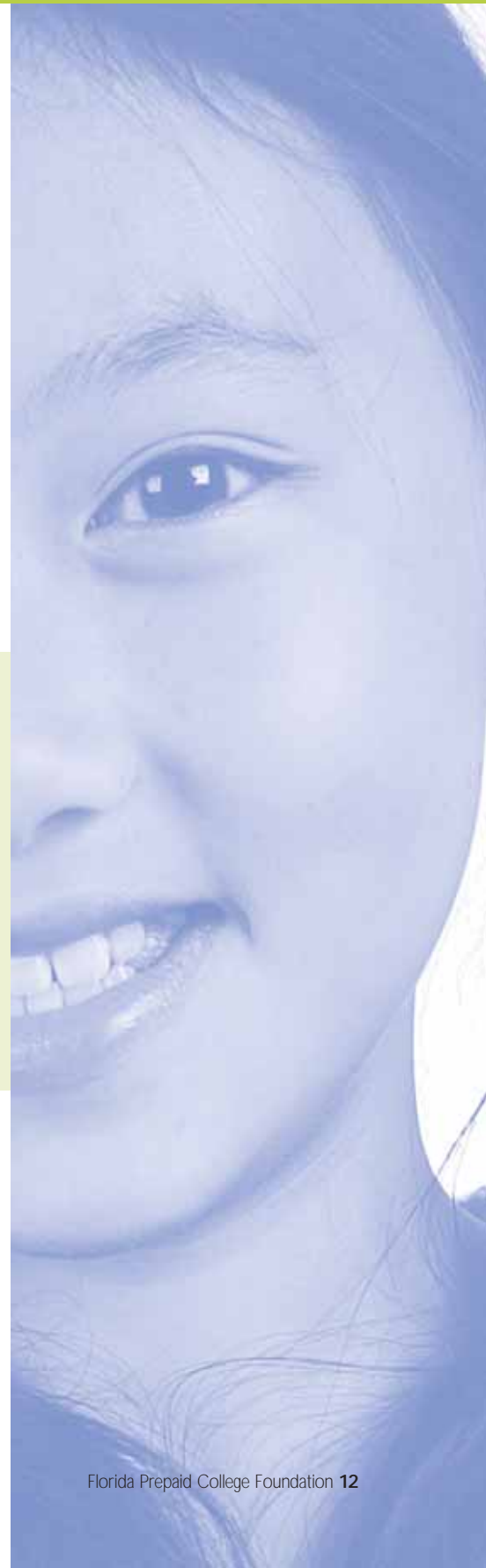
Since inception there have been 56 different private partners with 3,797 tuition accounts purchased. This year, 13 private donors purchased 448 tuition accounts.

Camiccia Arnautou Foundation	Orange Center Elementary School
Christ Episcopal Church Foundation	Polk Works
Devoe Cadillac Trust	Seminole Boosters, Inc.
Do the Right Thing- Lee County Sheriff's Office	South Florida Educational Credit Union
Florida Association of School Resource Officers	Take Stock in Children of Dade County
Lawton Chiles Scholarship	Tampa Bay Workforce Alliance
	The Florman Family Foundation

## SPECIAL SCHOLARSHIPS

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

**For more information about becoming a Foundation sponsor, call 1-850-922-6740**



# FOUNDATION INNOVATIONS

The Florida Prepaid College Foundation Board is committed to assisting Florida children achieve their dreams and reach their goal of a higher education. The Board has implemented several innovative programs that honor our heritage, public servants and those that have defended our freedoms. The presentation of these scholarships is made possible by the generous donations from private sector 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 securing a better future for Florida 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, to apply for the scholarship. Each student is 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 applications and essays, and select a winner.

This year, the selection committee chose Tania Janae Bazile, a 5th grade student from Lawton Chiles Elementary School in Tampa, Fla. The Honorable Sandra Murman, current Foundation Board Member, presented the award.

Tania Bazile is one of four children being raised by her mother, Sonia Bazile. In her essay about Governor Chiles and his commitment to Florida's children and education, she wrote, "Helping to raise standards of education in our state was important to Lawton Chiles. He believed in children's education and he worked hard to improve education in our state."



*Tania Bazile and Sandra Murman,  
Foundation Board Member*

## BLACK HISTORY MONTH SCHOLARSHIP

For the fourth 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 donated four-year university tuition and local fee scholarships to each of the winners during a reception at the Governor's mansion commemorating Black History Month.

The theme of the 2005 essay contest was "How has an African American Educator Impacted My Life?" A panel of educators, community and civic leaders, judged the essays on their content, insight and relation to the theme.

This year's winners were Khaleah Anne Evelyn, a junior from Homestead; Ariel Thompson, an eighth grade student from Tampa; and Denzel Pleasant, a second grade student from West Palm Beach.

## HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH SCHOLARSHIP

For the third 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 donated four-year university tuition and local fee scholarships to each of the winners at an awards ceremony at Walt Disney World Resorts.

The theme of the 2005 essay contest was "How Has Florida's Diverse Hispanic Heritage and Culture Inspired You?" A panel of educators, community and civic leaders judged the essays on their content, insight and relation to the theme.

This year's winners were Michelle Khouri, a senior from Miami; Raphaella Medina, a seventh grade student from Tallahassee; and Stacey Lezcano, a fifth grade student from Hialeah.

## BOARD MEMBERS



**Chairman Theodore J. (Ted) Hoepner** – Mr. Hoepner was appointed to the Florida Prepaid College Board by Governor Jeb Bush in 2005 and is the current Chairman of the Board. As Chairman of the Prepaid College Board, Mr. Hoepner also serves as the Chairman of the Prepaid College Foundation Board. Mr. Hoepner is a retired commercial banker whose career spans 38 years, of which the last five he served as Vice Chairman of SunTrust Bank, Inc. Prior to being named Vice Chairman in 2000, he was President, Chairman and CEO of SunTrust Banks of Florida. Mr. Hoepner earned a Bachelor of Arts from Carleton College and completed graduate programs at Harvard and New York Universities.



**Vice Chairman F. Philip Blank** – Mr. Blank has served as General Counsel for the Florida Prepaid College Program since inception in 1988, and is currently the Vice Chairman of the Florida Prepaid College Foundation. Mr. Blank established the Blank, Meenan, & Dunphy P.A. law firm more than twenty-five years ago. He served as general counsel for the Florida House of Representatives and as Executive Assistant to the Majority Leader of the Florida House of Representatives. Mr. Blank has a bachelor's degree in Mass Communications from the University of South Florida and a law degree from Florida State University.



**Sandra L. Murman** – Mrs. Murman was elected to the Florida Prepaid College Foundation Board of Directors in December 2004. She served eight years as a member of the House of Representatives and held the position of Speaker pro tempore; vice chair of the House Appropriations Committee and chair of the Health & Human Services Appropriations and Health Policy Council. Mrs. Murman had a successful career in business as a manager and sales representative of Top 500 Companies prior to her public service career. She serves on many civic Boards, and Commissions and is an advocate for children, families and seniors. Mrs. Murman has a bachelor's degree in Marketing from Indiana University.



**Ron Silver** – Mr. Silver was elected to the Florida Prepaid College Foundation Board of Directors in April 2003. He was elected to the Florida Senate in 1992 and sub-sequentially re-elected, serving as the Majority (Democratic) Leader for the 1994 session and Dean of the Legislature. Mr. Silver was a member of the House of Representatives from 1978-1992 and held the position of Chair, Dade County Legislative Delegation; House Majority Whip; House Majority Leader; and House Floor Leader for Governor. Mr. Silver's career as a lawmaker has yielded a vast and extensive knowledge of public policy issues and the legislative process, allowing him to be an advocate and servant for his diverse community in Miami-Dade County. Mr. Silver currently is president of his own consulting firm (Ron Silver & Associates), which has represented major corporations such as Siemens, Maximus and Advoserve. Mr. Silver has a bachelor's degree and law degree from the University of Miami.



**Thomas J. Wallace** – Mr. Wallace has served as a member of the Florida Prepaid College Foundation Board and as its Executive Director since 1997. Mr. Wallace is also a member of the Executive Board for the National College Savings Plans Network. For more than 29 years, he has served the state of Florida in various policy and budget management positions. Mr. Wallace earned his bachelor's degree in Accounting from Florida State University.



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