

Five students chosen for Harvard's summer program



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Harvard University has chosen 41 students to participate in the Latino Leadership Initiative that takes place June 8-15. Of these, five were drawn from Miami Dade College: Wendy Ruiz, Shely Ward, John Alvarez, Marylin Figueroa and Adrian Suarez.

Participants will visit Harvard's Massachusetts campus for a week to take classes in public narrative, community organizing, negotiation, leadership, innovation, arts and activism, public speaking and meet Latino mentors from the government, nonprofit, and business divisions.

FLORIDA CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

Emily Morales of Florida Christian School in Miami is one of three students in the state of Florida to receive a \$5,000 grant from Comcast's 2013-14 Leaders and Achievers Scholarship program.

Emily was chosen because of her community service work. She founded the choir, the CrescendDolls, and the group has performed at The Miami Rescue Mission, His House, The Miami Children's Hospital and other locations. The choir has also raised funds for the Autism Foundation, Juvenile Diabetes and Curesearch for Cancer.

Emily will graduate with a 4.33 GPA and plans to attend the University of Florida in the fall to study music performance and management.

LUCRETIA RICHTER NURSING SCHOLARSHIP

Katie Hollfelder of The College at Brockport in New York, Molly Hulse of Genesee Community College, Victor Hernandez and Leah Eaton of the University of Rochester are this year's recipients of the \$1,000 Lucretia Richter Nursing Scholarship.

The recipients were chosen based on academic performance, commitment to nursing, recommendation from faculty, and demonstrated financial need.

WESTMINSTER CHRISTIAN SENIOR SCHOOL

Several athletes at Westminster Christian Senior High School in Palmetto Bay have been signed to compete at the collegiate level beginning in the fall.

Wally Doerschuck will play football at North Central College, volleyball player Michelle Melendez will attend Palm Beach State College, John Ruiz will play baseball for the University of Miami, football player Joe Pedrayes and soccer player Karlyn D'Adesky will compete at The Catholic University of America and George Potter will play basketball for Curry College.

MATER ACADEMY MIDDLE SCHOOL

Future Business Leaders of Mater Academy Middle School in Hialeah Gardens competed in the State Leadership Conference.

Emily Cordovi placed first and Lianne Montenegro won second in principles and procedures. Nathan Pabon placed fifth in introduction to technology.

Overall the team chapter earned first place for activity report, second for entrepreneur project and third for community service.

SOUTH DADE SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

South Dade Senior High School's concourse board of directors recently inducted new members to the Concourse of Champions for 2013 during a fundraiser event for the high school's athletic needs. Inductees are all alumni and were chosen according to the theme, Excellence is Not an Accident. The honorees had to make a difference in the lives of others.

Inductees are Marvin Davis who works in law enforcement, Nikki Grant, author of the City of Boston Emergency Preparedness program, and Cipriano Garza who mentors Hispanic youth as a community leader.

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