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THE COLLEGE ACADEMY AT BROWARD COLLEGE

2025-2026

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dearest Stakeholders,

As we conclude the 2025-2026 school year, it is with immense pride that I take a moment to celebrate the vast accomplishments of our Class of 2026. The 239 graduates leave behind a legacy that has widened the vision of all that is possible when we provide our talented students with the resources, support, and guidance they need.



Among the many notable accomplishments of our scholars is the increase in students who participated in internships and research opportunities during their final two years of high school. Students participated in the Cleveland Clinic summer internship in record numbers. Our longstanding relationship with Nova Southeastern University's Common Knowledge Foundation expanded to include at least four research projects—in STEM and pre-law. This was our fourth year partnering with JA South Florida for Career Bound and JA Fellowes mentorship; over 70 of our students, both juniors and seniors, completed the programs this year. Members of the class not only took advantage of the opportunities that the faculty and staff of The College Academy at Broward College initiated and supervised, a host of students created their own investments into their future by partnering with local universities and corporations to curate unique experiences to prepare them for the next chapter of their lives.



Our student services team, led by Dr. Jodie Weinstein, includes two additional certified school counselors. They pride themselves on working with students in small groups and one-to-one, to ensure that each student benefits from expert guidance and support as they chart their path to university. This year's results reflect their exceptional commitment to our mission and goals: 100% of our students have earned their high school diploma and 99% earned their AA degree. Students have reported a record-breaking $33 million dollars in scholarships earned. It is no easy feat. Our students benefit from consistent coaching to ensure that they explore opportunities large and small to help reduce the financial impact of completing their bachelor's degree. We recognize that while a growing number of our students may qualify for need-based scholarships, we also must continue to prioritize finding merit-based opportunities to aid in funding the cost of attending university.



Most of our students choose to attend universities within Florida, where some of the nation's strongest public institutions are located. Notably, 23% of our graduates will matriculate to the University of Florida, ranked #5 among public universities nationwide by Forbes. In addition, 94% of our graduates qualified for Bright Futures scholarships. Many students attending UF will also receive partial or full awards through highly competitive programs such as the Machen Scholars, Benaquisto Scholars, Presidential Scholars, and Honors College Scholars.

Our students have worked so hard to reach this pinnacle. Their journey from kindergarten through high school set them apart from most. They pursue excellence with a drive and ambition that is seldom seen in society. What is so breathtaking is not just their intellectual largess, but their commitment to serving their community, and the way that they care for one another. These last two years have left me with no doubt that they will continue in their commitment to their alma mater, the community and society as a whole, as they achieve beyond their wildest dreams!

Ms. Bardetta D. Haygood

Senior Awards Night

Broward College | Bailey Hall
A. Hugh Adams Central Campus
Thursday, 28 May 2026, at 6:00 in the Evening

PROGRAMME

Mistress of Ceremonies
Ms. Michelle Chirichella

Welcome & Introductions
Ms. Bardetta D. Haygood

Broward College Foundation, Inc.
Elisa Stone & Ashley Shepple

Local & Private Awards
Ms. Michelle Chirichella

National Awards & Recognition
Dr. Jodie Weinstein

Scholarships & Grants
Ms. Camille Cameron

National Awards & Recognition II
Ms. Carol Moore

Service Awards & Recognition
Ms. Melissa Combest Ms. Jennifer Pliske Dr. Kimberly Barron

Stellar Attendance, Bright Futures Scholarships & President's Award for Educational Achievement
Dr. Jonathan O'Neill

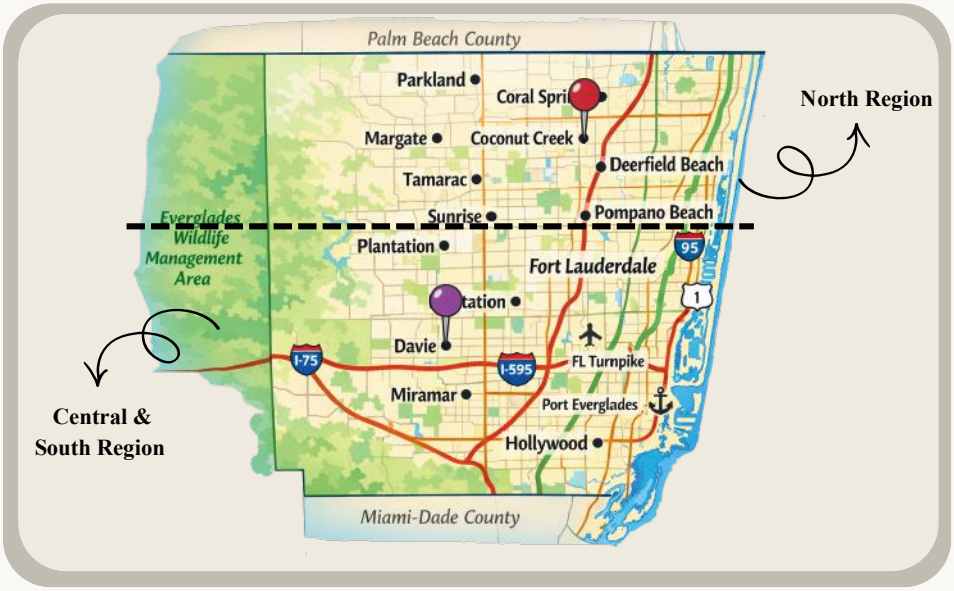
Academic Awards & Recognition
Dr. Jason Aiken

Seal of Biliteracy & Broward College President's List
Ms. Camille Cameron

Honor Cords & University Roll Call
Ms. Michelle Chirichella Ms. Camille Cameron Dr. Jodie Weinstein

Senior Speaker, Top 5%, Top 2%, Valedictorian & Salutatorian
Ms. Bardetta D. Haygood

We Are CABC!



Since its inception in 2001, The College Academy at Broward College has served as a **beacon for driven, high-achieving students** from across Broward County, inspiring them to maximize their full potential.

Robert "Bob" Elmore HONORS COLLEGE BROWARD COLLEGE

100% of College Academy students who earn their AA degree graduate from the Broward College Honors College

22:1

Professor-to-student classroom ratio

Only Florida School to Achieve 100% of Total Points Since the Inception of the **"School of Excellence"** Designation

DEBT-FREE COLLEGE DEGREES

Free Associate of Arts degree from Broward College

83% of the Class of 2026 will complete their Bachelor's degree debt-free (no loans)



More than **70%** of our students pursue STEM majors

#1
Best College Prep Public High Schools in Broward County

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Best Public High Schools in Broward County

#4
Best College Prep Public High Schools in Florida

#19
Best Public High Schools in America

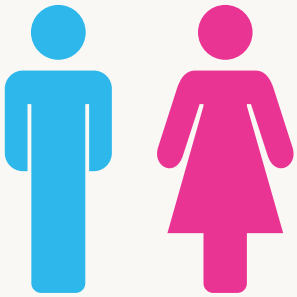
2026 NICHE BEST SCHOOLS

Meet Our Students!

Class of 2026



239 Members of the Graduating Class



111 Males
128 Females

5.12

Average Weighted High School **GPA**



Over **$33,000,000** in Scholarships Earned



99% Graduated with their A.A. and High School Diploma



Over **65,000** Hours of Community Service

QUESTBRIDGE

7 Questbridge Scholars earning over **$4,000,000**

POSSE

8 Posse Scholars earning over **$2,000,000**

Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program

94% Qualified for Florida Bright Futures



41% of Graduates are First-Generation College Goers



Over **80%** of Graduates will Pursue Careers in STEM



23% of Graduates will Matriculate to the University of Florida



66% of Graduates will Matriculate to the Top 100 Universities in the Nation

ALUMNI IN ACTION

The College Academy at Broward College continues to see its alumni forging paths across industries, communities, and disciplines, reflecting both the academic foundation and intellectual curiosity cultivated during their time on campus. From global finance and entrepreneurship to healthcare, public service, and emerging technologies, these graduates exemplify a shared commitment to growth, resilience, and impact.



Hannah Amadi, Class of 2022
Attending the University of Florida School of Medicine in the fall

Business, Leadership, and Innovation

Across business, finance, and organizational leadership, alumni are shaping institutions and creating new pathways for impact. **Desi Santana (Class of 2007)**, now a transformative HR and talent leader at Assured Partners, has built enterprise-wide programs that support thousands of employees while continuing to mentor students and young professionals. Similarly, **John Foster (Class of 2007)** serves as Global VP of Procurement at Estée Lauder Companies, bringing with him a global perspective shaped by years of living and working abroad.

In the evolving world of finance and strategy, **Jose Wong (Class of 2017)** works as Director of Fintech Product, developing systems that expand access to healthcare for millions, while **Tanner Youss (Class of 2016)**, a Commercial Strategy Manager at Southern Glazer's Wine & Spirits, applies data-driven insights to optimize large-scale operations. **Michael LaBonia (Class of 2015)**, an International Payments Specialist at J.P. Morgan, contributes to global banking infrastructure while mentoring the next generation of analysts within his firm.

Entrepreneurship and innovation also define this group. **Nicolas Fry (Class of 2014)**, founder of TurboDocx, is building tools that streamline document automation for businesses, reflecting his belief in positioning oneself to "catch the right wave" in a rapidly changing world. Meanwhile, **Skylar Gracik (Class of 2024)**, already managing two UPS Store locations while pursuing a master's degree, represents the next generation of leaders stepping confidently into responsibility early in their careers. For many, success has come from embracing uncertainty and opportunity. As several alumni emphasized, growth often requires taking risks, building connections, and "jumping in scared"—a mindset that continues to define College Academy graduates across industries.

Healthcare, Science, and Service

In healthcare and science, alumni are making direct and lasting impacts on the lives of others. **Amanda Schneider (Class of 2021)** is currently pursuing her Doctor of Pharmacy at the University of Michigan while working as an inpatient pharmacy intern, building on her research experience at Harvard Medical School. **Dr. Mekaliah Creese (Class of 2016)**, now a board-certified ambulatory care clinical pharmacist, leads initiatives in chronic disease management while mentoring colleagues and expanding healthcare delivery systems.

Sidney Ho (Class of 2019) recently graduated with High Honors from a physician assistant program and is preparing to enter the profession, while **Justine Swaress (Class of 2017)** has already established herself as a practicing veterinarian after completing her studies abroad in Australia.

Frida Zavala (Class of 2018), working as a medical assistant while pursuing future goals in anesthesiology, reflects the persistence and adaptability required in the medical field. Even beyond clinical roles, alumni are contributing to healthcare-adjacent environments. **Ivan Moberley Moreno (Class of 2015)** supports federal operations as an HR Business Partner within a science and technology company, overseeing personnel and compliance for a large workforce.

Across these paths, alumni consistently highlight resilience and compassion, emphasizing that success often comes not from a perfectly planned path but from the ability to adapt, remain patient, and "give yourself grace" through the process.



Ivan Moberley Moreno, Class of 2015
Accepting the 2023 New Mexico Technology Flying 40 Award on behalf of Senspex

Law, Public Service, and Community Impact

Many alumni have dedicated themselves to serving their communities and creating meaningful social impact. **Allison Fry (Class of 2017),** now a prosecutor, works daily within the justice system, while **Maya Quinn Galvan (Class of 2017)** leads corporate social responsibility initiatives in Arizona, managing multimillion-dollar philanthropic programs and strengthening nonprofit partnerships across her community.

Zahra Hassan (Class of 2024) is building a career in the tech sector while simultaneously giving back as a college coach, helping students access higher education without debt. Her experiences, from solo travel to learning new skills, reflect a broader philosophy shared by many alumni: that growth comes from stepping outside of one's comfort zone and embracing new challenges.

Exploration, Growth, and Global Perspectives

For many graduates, life after College Academy has been defined not by a single path, but by exploration and evolution. **McKenzie Hartley (Class of 2017)** has embraced a global lifestyle, working remotely while traveling internationally and preparing to pursue graduate studies in Europe. **Asher Siddiqui (Class of 2019)**, now working as a Construction Support Engineer, reflects on the transition into adulthood and the importance of lifelong learning beyond the classroom.

Sofia Lipford (Class of 2015) has focused on building a life centered on family and faith, while **Julianna Webster (Class of 2025)**, one of the newest alumni, is already making strides in psychology research and career development at Florida Atlantic University. Her early achievements, including acceptance into a combined B.A./M.A. program, signal the continued strength of College Academy's newest graduates.

Across these journeys, alumni repeatedly return to the same themes: staying open-minded, trusting the process, and understanding that success is rarely linear. As one graduate reflected, "it's okay not to have everything figured out;" a sentiment echoed across generations.

A Shared Foundation

Though their paths differ, College Academy alumni remain connected by a shared foundation rooted in intellectual curiosity, ambition, and commitment to meaningful growth.

Together, their stories form a collective narrative. One defined not by a single path, but by the courage to pursue opportunity, adapt to change, and continue learning long after leaving the classroom.

Distinguished Scholars

Merin Babu

University of Florida

Major: Biology & Neuroscience



AA Highest Honors | BC Emerging Leader Award | College Board National First-Generation Recognition | FBLA Collegiate State: 2nd Place, Organizational Behavior & Leadership | Cards for Kids Co-President | Fluent in English, Hindi, Malayalam, and Spanish | Broward Health and HCA Hospital Intern | Medical Research with the University of Miami & Jackson Health System | Zoom Tutors Outreach Coordinator | BC President's List: 2x | Memorial Hospital and Trustbridge Hospice Volunteer

Santiago Caudillo-Alvarez

University of Florida

Major: Finance



AA Highest Honors | BC President's List | CA Student Ambassador & Peer Mentor | College Board National Hispanic Recognition | 750+ service hours | FBLA Collegiate Nationals, 7th in Business Ethics | FBLA State-level Chapter Leader | VP of Financial Development, FBLA Collegiate Chapter at BC | Incoming VP of Finance, Florida FBLA Member | Founder & President, ZoomTutors | Pembroke Pines Youth City Council | 2026 Youth Council Excellence Award | President, First Priority Club | 3rd Place, JV County Wrestling Championship | Recruited 20+ volunteers/organized over 50 tutoring sessions during fall semester | Teaching Assistant, Religious Education

Berthelot Beliard

Dartmouth College

Major: Biochemistry & Neuroscience



AA Highest Honors | President's List 4x | AP Scholar | BCPS Outstanding Leader Award | Boca Raton Regional Hospital Debbie Rand Memorial Scholar | Broward College Honors College Certificate of Recognition | College Academy English Award, 2025 | College Board National African American Recognition | College Board National First-Generation Recognition | Quest Bridge National College Match Scholar

Antonella Contreras Arteta

Florida International University

Major: Mathematical Sciences & Philosophy



AA Highest Honors | BC Dean's List | 2x Collegiate FBLA State and National Champion, | 2x DECA State and 1x National Champion | Founder & President of a fiscally-sponsored project that aimed to ameliorate local food insecurity, Harvest of Hope | Established a tutoring partnership between CA & Bair Middle School | ZoomTutors Partnerships Coordinator: Partner with the University of Notre Dame to tutor in Uganda | Gold Seal of Biliteracy (Spanish) | Led workshops with mentally disabled adults at Schott Communities | AICE Diploma Recipient | National Cambridge Scholar Award | Outstanding Cambridge Learner Award | BC Honors College Spring Symposium Presenter | Principal's Advisory Executive Board | Silver Knight Nominee, Social Sciences

David Carrera

University of Florida

Major: Chemical Engineering



AA Highest Honors | President's List 4x | 2x Student Athlete Award | Academic Recognition Award in English and Mathematics | Eagle Scout | Over two summers and 14 days, hiked 100 miles on the Appalachian Trail while doing 40 hrs. of service | Volunteered in 14 Eagle projects and over 300 hours, Scouts of America | BC/Florida Atlantic University Fall Symposium Presenter, 2025 | Life Sciences South Florida STEM Undergraduate Research Symposium at Nova Southeastern University Presenter, 2025 | Silver Knight Nominee, Science | $330,000+ in scholarship offers

Syesha Cox

Pomona College

Major: Political Science



AA Highest Honors | VP of BC Black Student Union | College Academy Student Ambassador | Founder & Head Coach of Dance Team, Fresh Fire Junior | College Board First-Generation Recognition | POSSE Leadership Scholar | SAT Tutor with Schoolhouse World | Tutor for a Non-Profit Organization, Thrive

Distinguished Scholars

Valeria De Miguel Melo

University of Florida

Major: Psychology



AA Highest Honors | President's List 2x | Academic Recognition Award in Mathematics | Academic Recognition in AP Psychology | Bobcat Award of Excellence — West Broward | Chief Editor of the Broward College Observer | Hardest Working Student in Drama | VP, Pulse of Compassion Organization at Broward College, partnering with One Blood | Silver Knight Nominee, Journalism

Emily Einhorn

Boston University

Major: Philosophy and Political Science



AA Highest Honors | Academic Recognition Award in English and Mathematics | AP Scholar | BRACE Cadet | College Board National Recognition Program Scholar | Digital & Press Intern for U.S. Congresswoman | 1st in Florida and 4th nationally, Legal Eagle Bee | 1st Place, Broward College Read Writing Contest | Legal Research Internship at Nova Southeastern University | Organized a Veterans Day Donation Drive | Participated in Key Club Service Initiatives | Presented interdisciplinary research through the Brown University Pre-College Program | BC President's List | Served as a 7Cups Mental Health Listener | Volunteered as an Elementary Classroom Assistant | Full-tuition scholarship to Boston University

Aliza Enver

Nova Southeastern University

Major: Biology



AA Highest Honors | Dean's List | Created a non-profit and recruited 200+ volunteers for community events and initiatives | JA South Florida Career Bound Intern | Most Dedicated Volunteer 2026, Islamic Relief USA (Southeast Region) | | Hosted an Interfaith Picnic | Outstanding Community Participation 2026, Muslim Volunteer Opportunities | Outstanding Leader, Muslim Student Association of Broward County | Partnered with 7+ local and international humanitarian organizations to aid communities globally | Admitted, NSU Dual Enrollment Program for Dental School | Volunteered 2,000+ hours

Carolina "Max" Fajardo Martinez

Florida International University

Major: Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies



AA Highest Honors | President's List 4x | The Observer Writer | Cambridge Diploma with Merit | College Board National Recognition | Girl Scouts Ambassador | Hosted origami donation for children's hospital through NHS | Broward Public Defender's Office Summer Justice Intern | Entertainment Law Firm Intern (Fall 2026) | Nova Southeastern University Law Research Intern | NHS Tutor | Outstanding Criminal Justice Student of the Year, 2026 | Seal of Biliteracy | 670+ service hours | 2-time Mountain Biking State Champion | Volunteer repairing mountain biking trails at Markham Park

Mariyah Flynn

Florida State University

Major: Nursing



AA Highest Honors | Presidents List 4x | Illuminate Scholars Program- FSU | Medical Research with the University of Miami & Jackson Health System | Accepted into Florida State University's accelerated 16-month nursing school program straight into college

Chai Footman

Franklin & Marshall College

Major: Economics, Data Science, & Applied Mathematics



AA Highest Honors | Dean's List 2x, President's List 2x | Class President (9th–10th) | CNN Featured Guest | First-Generation College Student | Thomas Legal Litigation Intern (4 years) | Mentored Youth in Math, STEM, Financial Literacy | Principal's Advisory Executive Board | BC Student Government Finance Senator | NHS Vice President | POSSE Foundation Scholar | Omega Psi Phi Scholarship Winner | 100 Black Men Young Leader (6–12th), Mentee of the Year 2026

Distinguished Scholars

Daniel Garcia

Pomona College

Major: Economics & Mathematics



AA Highest Honors | Dean's List | College Board First-Generation Recognition | Academic Recognition Award in Mathematics | NHS Outstanding Peer Mentor | Posse Scholar | Principal's Honor Roll | Seahawk Marketplace Food Pantry (150 hrs) | Harvest of Hope Volunteer | Summer Ignite Internship, Universal Technical Institute

Jordyn Green

Pomona College

Major: Chemistry, Minor in Media Studies



AA Highest Honors | Broward Health Hospital Volunteer (Cardiac Ward) | JA Career Bound Fellow | FLOW Film Festival Intern | Posse Scholar | Poetry Contest National Runner-Up | VP Touch of Hope

Samantha Hosoomel

Franklin & Marshall College

Major: Chemistry



AA Highest Honors | Academic Recognition Award in Mathematics | JA Career Bound Fellow | Broward Health Intern | Track & Field Athlete, (9–12) | Private tutor | Principal's Advisory Board | POSSE Foundation Scholar

Kayla Howell

Florida A&M University

Major: Broadcast Journalism, Minor in Political Science



AA Highest Honors |1st Place Dance (Lauderhill Talent Show) |1st Place Monologue, 1st Place Poetry, 1st Place Step - Crowd's Choice, 2nd Place Dance (Black Heritage Weekend) | 2x Dean's List, 2x President's List | Essay Awards | JA South Florida Business Case Challenge Winner, 2025 | JA South Florida Youth of the Year & Laureate | EM Consulting Group Marketing Intern | National League of Cities Youth Delegate | Zeta D.O.V.E Service Award

Lusianna Huertas Johnson

Wellesley College

Major: Economics and International Relations



AA Highest Honors | 2026 Hispanic Scholarship Fund Finalist | AICE Diploma with Merit | Bayar Fellow | Best Seeds Volunteer (280 hrs) | BC Dean's List, President's List | CA Café Club Leader | Academic Recognition Award in English | College Board First-Generation Scholar | ELKS MVS Quarterfinalist | Outstanding Cambridge Learner | Peer Mentor (100 hrs) | QuestBridge Prep Scholar | QuestBridge Match Scholar | BC Honors College Symposium Presenter | Silver Knight Nominee, Digital & Interactive Media | NAMI Unsung Hero Award

Maria Jose Alzate Florez

Nova Southeastern University

Major: Business Administration & Entrepreneurship



AA Highest Honors | Bilingual (English & Spanish) | Dean's List and President's List | Academic Recognition Award in English | College Board First-Generation College Student Recognition | Founder, Crave It Creation | Hispanic Scholarship Fund Finalist (2026) | Hispanic Scholarship Fund Youth Leadership Institute Scholar (2025) | BC Honors College Symposium Presenter | Silver Knight Nominee, Vocational Technical | Epilepsy Alliance Florida Youth Advocacy Council | Youth Worship Volunteer

Distinguished Scholars

Madison Jones
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University
Major: Air Traffic Management



AA Highest Honors | BRACE Cadet | Teams in Mission Evangelism | T.I.M.E (Volunteer Service 5yrs+) | 19 days spent each summer, travelling to different international countries while serving with a drama team that performed in schools, orphanages, and community centers, presenting to youth programs | BC Fit Leader

Andres Martinez
University of Florida
Major: Civil Engineering



AA Highest Honors | Designed and donated a custom handmade guitar for a church fundraiser | Founder and President, BC Engineering Club | NHS VP and Hours Coordinator | Technology Ministry Volunteer

Matthew Meaux
University of Florida
Major: Computer Science



AA Highest Honors | BC President's List | Academic Recognition Award in Mathematics | Academic Excellence Awards (Computer Science, Cybersecurity, Pre-Chemistry) | College Board National Hispanic Recognition Program Scholar | College Board National School Recognition Award | BC Pluto Hacks Winner | Cleveland Clinic Hospital Volunteer | Developed Emergency Preparedness Device | NHS Tutor | Math Club VP | Varsity Swimmer (Regional & District Champion) | Varsity Water Polo Player | National Merit Commended Scholar | University of Florida Presidential Scholarship

Qis Miller
University of Central Florida
Major: Computer Science



AA Highest Honors | BC Dean's List | AP Scholar | Academic Recognition Award in English | Engineering Club Secretary, Broward College | FarmBot Project; presented at Tamarac Sustainability Seminar 2026 | Honor Roll | Broward College Black Student Union Secretary | Take Stock In Children Scholar, Top 5 BCPS Student Achievers | Volunteer, Boyd Anderson High School

Gabriel Moy
University of Florida
Major: Biology



AA Highest Honors | Academic Recognition Award in Mathematics | NHS Tutoring Coordinator | AI in Oncology Research Internship, Nova Southeastern University | National College Board Recognition | President's List x5 | Total Scholarships: $64,000+ and Florida International University Presidential Scholarship (100% Cost of Attendance)

Guillermo Munoz
Syracuse University
Major: Mechanical Engineering



AA Highest Honors | Broward College National Recognition Award for First Generation Students | BRACE Cadet (College Readiness Workshop Facilitator) | Dominion Energy Careers in Energy Conference Participant (2025) | NHS Vice President | POSSE Foundation Scholar | SkillsUSA Additive Manufacturing State 5th Place (2024) | POSSE Foundation Full-Tuition Scholarship

Distinguished Scholars

Annabelle Nuttall

Florida State University

Major: Business Management



AA Highest Honors | Common Knowledge Scholarship Foundation Internship (Project Manager, AI-focused teams) | National Merit Commended Scholar | College Board National Top School Recognition | BCPS Outstanding Senior Leader | Silver Knight Nominee, General Scholarship | First Place, Emerald Society of Broward County Essay Contest | Vires Scholarship, Florida State University | $288,500+ in scholarship offers

Faith Price

Hamilton College

Major: Psychology & Chemistry



AA Highest Honors | BC Dean's List and President's List | 300+ Service Hours | Assistant Teacher Volunteer for Children with Autism | Camp Counselor, Vacation Bible School | College Board African American Recognition Award | Digital Content Creator, Bridge2Life | Junior Achievement South Florida Career Bound Fellow | SOS Children's Village Intern | Junior Achievement South Florida Career Bound Business Challenge Winner | POSSE Foundation Scholar

Harmoni Rachel

University of South Florida

Major: Biology



AA Highest Honors | Silver Knight Winner, Mathematics | Advanced Placement Scholar Award | BCPS Outstanding Student Leader | Outstanding Leader and Commitment Scholarship, Broward County Public Schools | BC President's List 4x | Facilitator of Annual Veterans Day Drives | Hospital Volunteer Service | Youth Tutor, Community Outreach Initiatives | NHS Co-President | University of South Florida Presidential Award Scholarship

James Ramos

University of Florida

Major: Electrical Engineering



AA Highest Honors | BC President's List | Created a fully functional smartwatch with Bluetooth and GPS and an automatic plant growth system | Math Club President | School Duel Captain and winner 2x | Junior Achievement Fellows Program | NHS Historian | Motorola Internship, 2025 | Self-taught in robotics and electronics through independent projects | QuestBridge College Prep Scholar and National College Match Finalist

Rushan Rashid

University of Florida

Major: Biology & Neuroscience



AA Highest Honors | Bright Futures Scholarship | BC Muslim Student Association Co-President | FBLA Co-VP | College Board First-Generation Student Recognition | President's List 2x, Dean's List 3x | NHS Parliamentarian | Organized meal-packing event serving 21,850 meals | Fundraised for war-affected families and domestic violence shelter initiatives

Ethan Rodriguez

Yale University

Major: Ethics, Politics, & Economics



AA Highest Honors | BC President's List 1x, Dean's List 4x | Community Service Silver Cord Recipient | Harvest of Hope Volunteer Manager (110+ volunteers) | Turnaround Tutoring | FBLA President | FBLA 2x State Champion, National Top 5 in Supply Chain Management | AICE Diploma Recipient | Academic Recognition Award in Mathematics | Gates Scholarship Finalist | National Merit Commended Scholar | Questbridge Prep Scholar | Questbridge Scholar | $889,548 in scholarship offers

Distinguished Scholars

Ayesha Sadiq

Florida International University

Major: Psychology



AA Highest Honors | BC Dean's List | College Board National First-Generation Recognition | Co-organized Miami Daydream Hackathon | Memorial Hospital West Volunteer and Patient Assistant (180+ hours, 2 years) | BC Pre-Med Club President and Mentor | Office Manager and Volunteer Leader, Nur-ul-Islam Mosque Sunday School (400+ hours, 4 years) | Research Intern, Nova Southeastern University/Common Knowledge Scholarship Foundation (AI in Medicine) | Regeneron Biomedical Sciences Award (research on secondhand smoke)

Djy-Anne Senecal

Boston University

Major: Business Administration



AA Highest Honors | Founder of a business in Haiti supporting youth development through soccer initiatives | Honor Roll (9th–10th grade) | BCPS Outstanding Senior Leader | Academic Recognition Award in Mathematics | Academic Excellence Awards (AP World History, Spanish II, and Biology) | Special Events Intern, Haitian American Chamber of Commerce of Broward | QuestBridge National College Match Scholar

Ishita Sharma

University of Florida

Major: Chemistry



AA Highest Honors | Academic Recognition Award in English | Academic Excellence Awards (Studio Art 1) | NHS Tutoring Lead | Model UN Regional Recognition | Tutoring volunteer for orphanage in India | College Board National Recognition Program Scholar | Cleveland Clinic Intern | Featured artist in Youth Arts Month Exhibition | National Merit Commended Scholar

Yihe "Mar" Tang

Stanford University

Major: Mathematical and Computational Sciences



AA Highest Honors | BC Dean's List | National Merit Commended Scholar | Community Service Silver Cord Recipient | Color Guard staff, 2nd place internationally | Principal's Advisory Executive Board | Take Stock In Children Scholar, Top 5 BCPS Student Achievers | Questbridge Match Scholar

Anaelle Tony

University of Chicago

Major: Economics and Data Science



AA Highest Honors | College Board National Recognition Program | AP Scholar | President's List x 3, Dean's List x2 | Founder and Co-President of Her Future Club | BCPS World Language 1st Place (French) Yearbook Editor | Drill Team Captain/Instructor | Integrity Consult Solutions Business Admin Intern | Gold Coast Leader FL Adventist Youth | Music Summer Camp Counselor

CONGRATULATIONS

The College Academy at Broward College

Miami Herald Silver Knight Nominees

Class of 2026



Maria Jose Alzate Florez
Vocational Technical



Alina Caravello
Athletics



David Carrera
Science



Antonella Contreras Arteta
Social Science



John Curl
Music & Dance



Valeria De Miguel Melo
Journalism



Ryan Earley
English & Literature



Mia Feichtl
Drama



Sarah Gorokhovsky
Speech



Ayaan Hemani
Business

Honorable Mention



Lusianna Huertas Johnson
Digital & Interactive Media



Annabelle Nuttall
General Scholarship



Harmoni Rachel
Mathematics

Winner



Rushan Rashid
World Languages



Ishita Sharma
Art

SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS

Shadeed Anwar
Valedictorian
University of Florida

Abdul Nini
Salutatorian
Florida International University



Elias Waite
National Merit Scholar
University of Florida
Benacquisto Scholar

National Merit Commended Scholars

Mackenzie Allen
Florida State University

Kevin Alzugaray
University of Central Florida

Shadeed Anwar
University of Florida

Abbygail Chang
University of Florida

Thiago Gaspar
University of Florida

Isaac Greene
University of Florida

Benjamin Herman
University of Florida

Montahar Katha
University of Miami

Mia Mahan-Sassi
Florida State University

Logan Mualem
Florida State University

Annabelle Nuttall
Florida State University

Joshua Sexto
Florida International University

Catalina Shanks
University of Florida

Ishita Sharma
University of Florida

Yihe "Mar" Tang
Stanford University

COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES

Boston University, MA
Broward College, FL
Dartmouth College, NH
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, FL
Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University, FL
Florida Atlantic University, FL
Florida Gulf Coast University, FL
Florida International University, FL
Florida State University, FL
Franklin & Marshall College, PA
Hamilton College, NY
Liberty University, VA
Lynn University, FL
Macalester College, MN
Northeastern University, MA
Nova Southeastern University, FL
Pomona College, CA
Rice University, TX
Rochester Institute of Technology, NY
Stanford University, CA
Syracuse University, NY
Tallahassee State College, FL
The Art Institute of Chicago, IL
University of Central Florida, FL
University of Chicago, IL
University of Florida, FL
University of Miami, FL
University of South Florida, FL
Wellesley College, MA
Whittier College, CA
Yale University, CT



Senior Send-Off




FLORIDA
Grad






UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI
FIU
Panthers
Virginia
DARTMOUTH
BLUE
POMONA COLLEGE
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EMORY


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Florida
NOVA SOUTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY


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Kevin and Daniel

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