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**DEBARTOLO FAMILY FOUNDATION HONORS  
26 AREA STUDENTS WITH COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS**

*Total of \$65,000 Awarded to Tampa Bay's Graduating Seniors*

**Tampa, Fla. (May 12, 2009)** – The DeBartolo Family Foundation announced today that 26 Tampa Bay area graduating seniors will each receive a \$2,500 college scholarship through the organization's annual high school scholarship program.

Since 2001, the DeBartolo Family Foundation has awarded \$450,000 to area seniors entering college who have achieved academic excellence despite certain financial and personal obstacles.

"The DeBartolo Family Foundation is proud to reward these students for their dedication and achievement in education," said Lisa DeBartolo, Executive Vice President of DeBartolo Holdings, LLC. "We are very impressed by the quality and enthusiasm of this year's scholarship class and look forward to following their future accomplishments. These students are the next generation of leaders in our communities."

More than 150 students applied for this year's scholarships totaling \$65,000. The 26 recipients, who may use the funds for any college-related expenses, include:

- Adam Christian, Wharton High School
- Imani Brianna Clark, Hillsborough High School
- Alanna Sharee Clemons, Largo High School
- Joshua Craig, East Bay High School
- Xavier Esteva, Lennard High School
- Marcus Graham, Lennard High School
- LaQuida Jennings, Thomas Jefferson High School
- Arielle Keith, Tampa Bay Tech
- Eun Mi Kim, King High School
- Kenneth Kendrick Martinez, Freedom High School
- Marco Padilla-Rodriguez, St. Petersburg Collegiate High School
- Arianna Isabel Penzo, Braulio Alonso High School
- Gabriela Pizano, Lennard High School
- Monika Poshkaite, St. Petersburg Collegiate High School
- Ellen Postlethwait, Zephyrhills High School

- Meredith Lee Rankin, Bloomingdale High School
- Victoria Paulina Romero, H.B. Plant High School
- Christopher Sampson, Gulf High School
- Dionne Melba Samuel, Gaither High School
- Dean Walker Small, Freedom High School
- Thomas James Smith, King High School
- Cody Andrew Stockin, Hillsborough High School
- April Joy Stratemeyer, Dunedin High School
- Jerushia Sullivan-Bass, Leto High School
- Stephanie Leah Thomas, Bloomingdale High School
- Juan P. Washington, Hillsborough High School

**IN OTHER FOUNDATION NEWS:** The DeBartolo Family Foundation is now accepting submissions online at [www.debartolofamilyfoundation.com](http://www.debartolofamilyfoundation.com) for the Spirit of Humanity Award. The award, a \$25,000 donation, honors non-profit corporations that provide extraordinary assistance to Tampa Bay residents with special needs.

***About the DeBartolo Family Foundation***

The DeBartolo Family Foundation is a not-for-profit corporation created by the members of the Edward J. DeBartolo, Jr. family to benefit local communities. The Foundation annually awards scholarships to high school students, provides grants to individuals and organizations with exceptional requirements, and presents the Spirit of Humanity Award, honoring non-profit, grass roots organizations that provide extraordinary assistance to Tampa Bay residents with special needs. For more information about the DeBartolo Family Foundation, please visit our Website at [www.debartolofamilyfoundation.com](http://www.debartolofamilyfoundation.com) or call the Foundation office at 813.964.8302.