

## 2009 AWARDS:

### **Presidential Scholarship**

**Presented to:**

**Emily Wigle**

*2nd Year Recipient*

*The Presidential Scholarship was established in 2008 by the Burleson family and past FTBA Chairmen to honor FTBA President Bob Burleson and in recognition of his pride and commitment to the FTBA Scholarship program*

*Emily will receive a \$1500 Scholarship from FTBA for the next 4 years.*



**Emily Wigle:** “I am honored to be recognized by the FTBA scholarship board with this generous award. For the past four years, I attended Edgewater High School and graduated seventh in my class. I was a part of the Engineering, Science and Technology Magnet which, I believe, confirmed my interest in pursuing a career in engineering. I am starting school at the University of Florida this summer and plan to study Civil Engineering.

I have been involved in several clubs throughout my high school career such as National Honor Society, Rho Kappa Social Studies Honor Society and Spanish Honor Society to name a few; however, the club that I am most proud of my involvement in is Edgewater’s chapter of the Best Buddies International Program. Through this program, students are paired with students with intellectual disabilities in order to form friendships that improve awareness and encourage inclusion of these students within the school and community. As president of our school chapter, I learned so much from the program. From attending the International Leadership Conference last summer in Indiana, to simply eating lunch every Friday with my Buddy, Anna, I have found the program extremely rewarding. Anna has taught me so much about hard work, perseverance and the power of a smile.

Again, I would like to say how honored and excited I am to receive this scholarship. It means so much to me to be recognized for my hard work. Thank you FTBA for your confidence in me.”

**Attending:** University of Florida

**Parents:** Steven and Susan Wigle

**FTBA Member:** Parsons Brinckerhoff

*I see our scholarship winners past and present as:*

***Dreamers and Doers***

***Students who see solutions as easily as problems***

***Individuals who love history and aspire to make history***

***“Children” who love a silly joke but who are filled with heartfelt sentiment***

***Friends who are always receptive to an inspiring view***

***Each FTBA member who contributes to the scholarship fund should feel very proud. You are supporting students from our industry “family” who have the biggest hearts, the brightest ideas and are simply THE BEST OF THE BUNCH!***

**~ Beverly Burleson**

*The following students will receive a \$1000 Scholarship from FTBA for the next 4 years.*

**Bob's Barricades Scholarship  
In Memory of Don Humphrey**

**Presented to:**

**Kayli Kishel**

*3rd Year Recipient*



*Don served our industry for over 28 years as the Senior Vice President for Bob's Barricades, Inc. Don was a true ambassador for our industry when it came to maintenance of traffic and traffic safety. He served and was active on numerous committees that have shaped how traffic is maintained on construction zones today. He will always be remembered for his kindness and serviceability. He always went beyond the call of duty and then some.*



**Kayli Kishel:** "I am so honored and grateful to have received this scholarship. I plan to attend the University of Central Florida in the fall of 2009. I will major in Biology and then I hope to be accepted to medical school. This career and education path will take much dedication and effort but I am excited to challenge myself and see where I will go and what I can achieve.

I have played competitive soccer the past 11 years, which included competitive and varsity and I want to keep that up by playing intramurals in college. I spent many hours on the soccer field and was fortunate to be chosen to both the Hillsborough

County 1st and 2nd team in high school and in May 2008 our club team won the Florida state championship. As a member of Rho Kappa Honor Society, Beta Club, National Honor Society, and Student Council the past three years, I understand what a rigorous academic and extracurricular life is like and hope to keep that up at UCF. I graduated in the top 10 percent of my class and recently received the President's Academic Award of Excellence. I completed close to 150 volunteer hours and especially enjoyed my time at Give Kids the World. I was accepted into the LEAD Scholar program at UCF and so I look forward to volunteering as a Lead scholar and I intend to give more of myself to GKTW.

College will be a very exciting new chapter in my life and I am very grateful to the Florida Transportation Builders Association. The investment you have made in me will help me get through college and allow me to become the doctor I have always wanted to be. Thank you for your generous support."

**Attending:** University of Central Florida

**Parents:** Eric and Lori Kishel

**FTBA Member:** Johnson Bros.

***"Our FTBA scholarship applicants give a refreshing glimpse into the country's future possibilities. It was truly a pleasure to be part of the selection committee. I wish the best of luck to all applicants and congratulate each scholarship winner."***

***~ George Russell, Sr., Russell Engineering  
FTBA Chairman***

## Robert Nolen Scholarship

**Presented to:**  
**Shivaneeshanmugam**  
*2<sup>nd</sup> Year Recipient*



*A Florida native, Robert Nolen got his start in the asphalt business in 1946 with the purchase of four dump trucks. One of the most satisfying jobs that Robert completed was the paving of the Daytona International Speedway. The difficulty of paving on thirty-three degree banking was a real challenge. Robert had to devise ways to keep the equipment from sliding down the banking. Special equipment was designed to pave the two and one-half mile of track. Robert also traveled overseas to produce asphalt and was a world renowned expert in manufacturing and lay down of asphalt. The first foreign country he worked with was Abu Dhabi. He also did work and consulting for Kuwait, Haiti and Puerto Rico, in addition to designing and building a Cedar Rapids plant that was shipped to Saudi Arabia. In 1981, he formed Asphalt Production. He sold the company to The Middlesex Corp. in October, 1998 where he continued to manage and operate the facility until his passing in 2007. Mr. Nolen was a member of FTBA for over 30 years.*



The Middlesex Corporation is proud to sponsor  
this scholarship  
in memory of Robert L. Nolen

**Shivaneeshanmugam:** “I am graduating as rank number 10 in my class of 2009 at Stranahan High School in Ft. Lauderdale Florida. I will be attending the University of Florida in the fall of 2009 and will be majoring in chemistry as a pre-med student. Ever since I could imagine, I had been dreaming about one day becoming a

Cardiologist. My passion for the medical field has been the driving force to reaching my goals and successes. Over my past four years of high school I have been persistent in my community service as well as balancing my academic achievements. I was President of the Ecology club, President of Best Buddies, Secretary of the Medical Science Club, President of Mu Alpha Theta, and an active member of the National Honor Society, Key Club and the Health Occupations Student Association. I have volunteered a majority of my time to the Cleveland Clinic Hospital where I was deeply involved in the medical environment and participated in many medical forums. I have taken part in many walks for cancer patients of Leukemia and Diabetes.

I was chosen to attend the University of California, Berkeley in the summer of 2007 for a National Leadership Conference for Medicine. There I was able to conduct research at the laboratories of the Gladstone Institute of Technology. In the summer of 2008 I attended the University of Indiana to participate in a program for the intellectually disabled where we form one to one friendships with the disabled to better their lives. I have participated in many activities for the homeless shelters and the Joe DiMaggio Children's center in Miami. I also teach children at the South Florida Hindu Temple on my weekends.

Aside from these activities, I also have a passion for dance. I have been an Indian classical dancer since the age of 7 and will like to one day open up my own school for dance. I am the recipient of the AP Scholar award, the Presidents Honor Roll award, the Silver Knight Nominee award in Science, and the Florida Academic Scholar Award. But one of the most honorable awards I am a recipient of is the Robert Nolen Scholarship rewarded to me by the FTBA Scholarship Program. I still remember receiving the letter that stated I was a finalist for the scholarship. Receiving that letter was already an honor to me and my family. I am very thankful for those members of the FTBA panel that saw the inspiration within me. I know that I will certainly make each and everyone of you proud of the decision you made in providing this scholarship to me. My aspirations are strong and my dedication is intact for my future. I will utilize this great scholarship to make me into someone that can make a difference in the future. I thank you again for this opportunity.”

**Attending:** University of Florida

**Parents:** Rajendran and Jemma Shanmugam

**FTBA Member:** URS Greiner



## **Philip Buenaventura Scholarship**

**Presented to:**  
**Valerie Greco**  
*3<sup>rd</sup> Year Recipient*

*The Philip Buenaventura Scholarship  
was established in 2007 by  
Lou and Barrie Buenaventura  
in memory of their son, Philip.*

*Philip was a caring and sensitive person, as well as a talented musician and writer. He enjoyed reading, philosophy, skateboarding and spending time with his friends.*

*Philip died in 2006 at the age of 19 and in honor of his memory, this scholarship was established to help others achieve their hopes and dreams.*



**Valerie Greco:** “The Florida Transportation Builders Association is a wonderful institution and I am honored to be awarded one of their scholarships. By receiving this scholarship, I recognize that all of my hard work and dedication over the past four years has literally paid off. These next four years will be less stressful having received this generous gift.

I graduated from Melbourne Central Catholic High School this past May and plan to attend the University of Central Florida this fall. Go Knights! Academic excellence, extracurricular activities, and community involvement have been my focuses throughout high school. I was ranked in the top 10 students of my graduating class, was an active member of the National and

Science Honor Societies, and was the Vice President of the Spanish Honor Society. I was also involved in numerous clubs such as the Math club, Spirit club, Chess club and Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

For the past two years, I have attended the Florida Spanish Conference, and last summer, I participated in the National Youth Leadership Forum on Medicine. I was a captain of my school’s dance team for the past three years as well as a volunteer at my local animal shelter and church. Ever since I was little, I have dreamed of becoming a doctor. Luckily, I have narrowed my dream down to becoming either a pediatrician or an anesthesiologist. Therefore, during college, I plan to major in Biology or Chemistry. Furthermore, medical school will be expensive and a huge investment, but with less to pay now, I am that much closer to achieving my dream. I would like to sincerely thank the FTBA for giving me this opportunity, but more importantly, I would like to thank my parents for seeing me through to where I am today.”

**Attending:** University of Central Florida

**Parents:** Vincent and Gwen Greco

**FTBA Member:** The Lane Construction Company



**Igor Flor:** “In about 2 months I'll be in the place I always wanted to be. I decided to study Economics in the University of Miami since I first got here and now the dream has come true. It's an achievement of which I'm extremely proud of and I can't wait to start studying what I plan to do for the rest of my life. It was difficult at the beginning, arriving in Miami and having a fresh new start. I didn't know anyone and never lived in the United States before but soon I found out how great Miami was and made a lot of new friends.

I got involved in my high school by starting the first year of the soccer program in school's history and volunteering for math and physics tutoring after

school. Besides volunteering in school, I received most of my community service hours by volunteering in the Mercy Hospital, which was a very rewarding experience. Out of the school environment, I also got my first job at Quiksilver in South Beach which taught me a great deal of responsibility and how to manage your own money. During senior the "college madness" started writing essay, applying to schools, taking SAT's and going after the school you wanted but in the end everything turned out just like I planned it.

I wanted to specially thank everyone with the FTBA that helped bring that dream even closer. The scholarship will help me fund my studies during 4 years and that is something that I can't express how much I appreciate it. It is an amazing job what Bob and everyone else involved does, giving us that extra push to a life of excellence through education. There's is so much potential out there and it is good to know that the FTBA is making an incredible investment for our future. Once again I wanted to thank everyone involved that gave me this chance and for all the support throughout the application process and interviews. I can promise that I won't let anyone down.”

**Attending:** University of Miami

**Parents:** Jairo and Marizete Flor

**FTBA Member:** Odebrecht



**Mario Sabi :** “I graduated at the top 10% of my class in high school, Archbishop McCarthy High School in Ft. Lauderdale. I was the Vice President of the Mu Alpha Theta club at my school. I was also a member of the National Honor Society and a Student Ambassador. For the first two years of high school I played quarterback for my school, but the last game of my sophomore season I was flipped over a linebacker and strained my rotator cuff. My love for the game of football wouldn't let me end my career like that. So I came back the following season to play tight end for the team. I plan to attend the University of Florida in the fall where I will study Civil Engineering.

Having this scholarship money will mean so much to me and my family. I come from a single parent household, but both my parents do everything they can to keep me in a comfortable lifestyle. Unfortunately, sometimes everything they can do is not enough. In terms of college money, there just isn't enough money to go around. This scholarship will help out with my off campus expenses, considering that I will be living off campus in an apartment with two of my friends as roommates.

I would like to thank the board for awarding me this scholarship. This is a great opportunity for me and one that I will do everything I can to keep.”

**Attending:** University of Florida

**Parents:** Mario Sabi and Alina Marin

**FTBA Member:** Bermello Ajamil Partners, Inc.



**Tex Widmer:** “As a recent graduate of Fort Lauderdale High School's Cambridge Program, I finished 16th overall in my graduating class of 316. While attending High School, I mixed academics with athletics and was proud to be named a Scholastic All- American. Swimming was my primary passion, as I was a 4-year varsity letterman; but, I also participated in water polo my senior year. I was fortunate to be named Fort Lauderdale High's Most Valuable Player for 2009 in both sports. In swimming, my best stroke is the breast and I placed 3rd in the State of Florida in this event and on a medley

relay team earlier this year in Orlando. Academically, I participated in several clubs over the four years of High School including National Honor Society, Mu Alpha Theta, Varsity Club and Environmental Club. Also, I won an AP Scholar with Distinction Award. Starting in August of 2009, I will be attending Florida State University where I hope to achieve a double major in both Engineering and Business Management (as well as continue my sports career).

Regarding the four year FTBA Scholarship, this is quite an honor for me and I believe that the following three words best describe my feelings pertaining to this matter: proud, humble, and confident. First, I am proud of the fact that it appears my current education has already begun to pay dividends. Without the abilities I have been fortunate to already develop in school, I likely would not have been able to either draft the initial essay to the FTBA (which got me short listed for the scholarship) or perform well enough at the interview to be selected for a four year scholarship. Second, I am humbled by the fact that of all the qualified students who participated in this years FTBA scholarship competition, I was one of the few whom received a four year grant. In this time of economic challenge for so many people around the world, it is with a great deal of gratitude that I receive the award.

Finally, being accepted by the FTBA is a real confidence booster. The FTBA is comprised of some of the brightest folks in the transportation industry. It is among this crowd that I aspire to associate with in the future; so, being recognized now by representatives of the FTBA gives me confidence that I am on the right track. Further, I derive a great deal of confidence from the fact that by winning this prestigious award I have contributed toward the cost of my education. Being able to offer financial relief to my family for the cost of my education is one additional step toward becoming an independent and responsible adult, who proudly, humbly and confidently contributes to society.”

**Attending:** Florida State University

**Parents:** Michael and Ella Nardone

**FTBA Member:** URS

*“It is such a privilege and honor to be a part of the process to hear the incredible achievement of extraordinary young leaders to achieve their career dreams. With the overwhelming challenge to deal with our current national economy, each and every one of our young candidates displayed outstanding leadership, positive attitudes, and anxious personalities to achieve their goals.*”

*Congratulations to all of you and may you continue to strive for excellence as "you" will make a difference in the career of your choice.”*

**-- Bonnie Rimel, Bonn-J Contracting, Inc. of Florida  
FTBA Vice Chairman**

## **2009 \$1000 SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS**

### **Monica Arellano**

**Attending:** Florida State University

**Parent:** Juan Arellano

**FTBA Member:** Cemex USA

### **Stewart Harvey**

**Attending:** University of Florida

**Parents:** Steven Harvey and Jean Parrish

**FTBA Member:** John Carlo, Inc.

### **Andrew Suellentrop**

**Attending:** Florida State University

**Parents:** Paul and Eve Suellentrop

**FTBA Member:** Community Asphalt Corp.

### **Zachery Ryan**

**Attending:** University of Florida

**Parents:** Joseph and Shelley Ryan

**FTBA Member:** Balfour Beatty

### **Christopher Villani**

**Attending:** University of Central Florida

**Parents:** David and Tina Villani

**FTBA Member:** Ennis Paint

### **Nicholas Villani**

**Attending:** University of Central Florida

**Parents:** David and Tina Villani

**FTBA Member:** Ennis Paint

### **Victoria Zimmerman**

**Attending:** University of Florida

**Parents:** Iris Zimmerman

**FTBA Member:** APAC

## **1998 AWARDS (1<sup>st</sup> FTBA Scholarship Recipients)**

**Charles Hussey** graduated Shorter College in Rome, Georgia in May 2002. He obtained a B.A. in Biology with a minor in Chemistry.

**FTBA Member:** Kelly Tractor

**Heather Taylor Mnayarji** graduated Florida State University, with honors, April 2002. She received a Bachelor in Human Science.

**FTBA Member:** Linder Industrial Machinery

**Lindsey Poston Diley** graduated from the University of Florida in May 2002 with a degree in Animal Science. She received her D.V.M in 2007.

**FTBA Member:** Hardrives, Inc.

## **1999 AWARDS:**

**Lisa Behrend** graduated from the University of Tampa in May 2002 (1 year early) and received a B.A. in Psychology.

**FTBA Member:** Southern Culvert

**Yadira De Jesus** graduated Summa Cum Laude from the University of Central Florida in May 2003 with a B.S. in Athletic Training/Sports Medicine.

**Anthony Martinelli** graduated May 2004 from the University of Florida with a Master of Science in Accounting, Cum Laude, and Bachelor of Science in Accounting.

**FTBA Member:** The Murphy Construction Company

**Saman Mowzoon** attended the University of Miami, seeking a Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology, with a minor of Chemistry.

**FTBA Member:** Odebrecht Contracting

## **2000 AWARDS:**

**John Heim** graduated Cum Laude from Vanderbilt University in May 2004. His degree is in Mechanical Engineering with a minor in Management of Technology.

**FTBA Member:** Ajax Paving Industries, Inc.

**Kristin Laneri** graduated Cum Laude, in May 2004 from the University of Florida with a Bachelor of Science in Business Management.

**FTBA Member:** Superior Construction

**Dan Maguire** graduated Notre Dame with a degree in English in 2004.

**FTBA Member:** Ringhaver Equipment Co.

**Petra Risco-Adams** graduated Magna Cum Laude with a B.A. degree in English in May 2004.

**FTBA Member:** Aon

**Elizabeth Sieg** attended Stetson University and graduated May 2003 with a degree in Computer Information Systems.

**FTBA Member:** Sieg and Son

## **2001 AWARDS:**

**Danny Halley** earned a Bachelor's of Science Degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Notre Dame.

**FTBA Member:** Community Asphalt Corp.

**Elizabeth Hendrix** graduated Summa Cum Laude (with a 4.0 GPA) in December 2004 from the University of Central Florida with a degree in sports and fitness.

**FTBA Member:** U.S. Concrete Pipe Company

**Britney Poston:** “I am still in school for radiology. One year down and one more to go. I am absolutely loving it. I am at the top of my class. I really didn't know what I was getting myself into, but it is so rewarding I wouldn't change anything. Once I am done with radiology school this time next year, I would like to continue my education with MRI school.”

**FTBA Member:** Hardrives, Inc.

**Danielle Whitlock** graduated May 1, 2004 from the University of Florida with a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and Economics.

**FTBA Member:** APAC – Sarasota Division

**Natalie Whitney** graduated from the University of Florida with a Bachelor's Degree in Exercise Physiology. She graduated with Highest Honors.

**FTBA Member:** United Rentals

## **2002 AWARDS:**

**Richard Bennett** graduated in May 2007 from the University of South Florida.

**FTBA Member:** Cemex, Inc.

**Erin Carter** graduated from the University of Florida with a Bachelor's of Science.

**FTBA Member:** Universal Engineering Sciences

**Amy Elmore** graduated from the University of Florida in the Unified Elementary Proteach Program.

**FTBA Member:** Hardrives, Inc.

**Jeanny Cruz** graduated from the University of Florida with a Bachelor's degree in Sociology.

**FTBA Member:** M.D. Moody & Sons

**Megan Jerabek** graduated May 2007, Summa Cum Laude from the University of Florida, earning herself a degree in Civil Engineering.

**FTBA Member:** The Lane Corporation

**Jason Malucci** graduated from Florida State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Biological Science, May 2006.

**FTBA Member:** WRS Infrastructure and Environmental

**David Wang** graduated from University of Florida with a GPA of 4.0 and a B.S. degree in Interdisciplinary Studies in Biomedical Sciences in May 2006.

**FTBA Member:** Cemex, Inc.

## **2003 AWARDS:**

**Erica Basso** graduated August 2007 from the University of Central Florida with a Bachelors degree in Health Services Administration.

**FTBA Member:** Russell Engineering, Inc.

**Laura Boyle** graduated May 2006 from the University of Tampa with a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Digital Arts. Laura completed her degree in 3 years.

**FTBA Member:** Granite Construction Company

**Carlee Cone** graduated from Western Carolina University in August 2007 with a degree in Recreational Therapy.

**FTBA Member:** ARC Construction Services

**Michael Halley** graduated from the University of Florida in December 2007 with a Bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering.

**FTBA Member:** Community Asphalt Corp.

**Ashley Hussey Solan** graduated in December 2007 from Flagler College with a B.A. in both Psychology and Fine Art.

**FTBA Member:** Kelly Tractor Company

**Ty McKnight** graduated in 2008 from the University of South Florida from the College of Mechanical Engineering.

**FTBA Member:** APAC Florida, Inc.

## **2004 AWARDS:**

**Dylan Alexander** graduated from the University of Florida with a B.S. in Aerospace Engineering in May 2008.

**FTBA Member:** Ardaman & Associates, Inc.

**Colin Dean** received a bachelor's of science degree in public relations from the University of Florida College of Journalism and Communications in May 2008. He is attending the University of Alabama School of Law on a full academic scholarship.”

**FTBA Member:** Rinker Materials/Hydro Conduit

**Celeste Ebershardt** received a Bachelor of Arts in Communication and graduated Magna Cum Laude from Florida State University in May 2008.

**FTBA Member:** Cemex

**Caitlin Levens** graduated in May 2008 with an Advertising Communications BA from Florida State University.

**FTBA Member:** Cone and Graham, Inc.

**Joey Restino** graduated in December 2008 with a BA in Finance from the University of South Florida.

**FTBA Member:** Better Roads

**Anna Slagle** in May 2008, she completed her undergraduate degree with a double major in math and finance and a minor in computers and also completed a masters of science in Finance. She attended the University of Alabama.

**FTBA Member:** Rinker Materials Corporation

**Stephanie Yoder Foraker** received her Bachelor’s degree from University of North Florida in May 2008.

**FTBA Member:** Ranger Construction Industries

## **2005 AWARDS:**

**Moana Britt:** “I can't believe how fast time flew by. The last four years have been the most incredible years of my life. I graduated from the University of Florida with a major in Business Finance and minor in Leadership. I stayed busy throughout the year with student activities and my part-time job. Thank you so much to the Florida Transportation Builder's Association for helping me out over the last four years. The scholarship has helped me get through the growing expenses of attending the University of Florida. I start working for Bank of America at the end of June as a stock broker/ financial advisor. I'm so excited to enter the "real world" and use what I have learned over the last four years. Thank you again. Go Gators!”

**FTBA Member:** M. D. Moody and Sons, Inc.

**Sara Brown:** “I have graduated from the University of South Florida with a B.A. in Business Marketing. I am currently working in Atlanta, Georgia at the law office of Hall, Booth, Smith and Slover doing some work in their Human Resources department and their Marketing department. I hope to continue a career in Marketing and look forward to new challenges and opportunities that will arise. Thank you again for helping me on this journey.”

**FTBA Member:** Hubbard Construction Company

**Andrea Caby:** “After four amazing years, I have graduated from the University of Florida and earned my Bachelors of Science in Advertising, cum laude. I can not believe my days at UF are over, but I am excited to begin a new chapter in life. At the end of May, I began a summer internship working at United Landmark Associates, an advertising agency in Tampa. I hope to continue my career there into fall. I am so grateful to the FTBA for such a generous scholarship. Without it, my experience at the University of Florida would not have been the same. Thank you so much. GO GATORS! ”

**FTBA Member:** Zurich North America Surety

**Alex Halley:** “In the blink of an eye four years have now gone by for me at the University of Florida. Every one of them memorable in their own respect. I am rapidly approaching graduation this fall and it excites me to see what lies ahead in the future. This past year was once again an amazing experience as the Gators brought home their 3rd NCAA Football National Championship. As for my academics, I am on pace to graduate Magna Cum Laude with a Bachelor's of Science in Civil Engineering this December. So with only one more semester left in my college career, I look forward to making the most of the little time I have left in Gainesville. This summer I will be headed to Spain to further my studies, and I will take this time to travel through Europe. I would like to thank the FTBA for their continued support over the past four years. Their scholarship has allowed me to fully enjoy my college experience while alleviating some of my financial stresses. I am truly thankful for everything that the FTBA has provided me with and as always, GO GATORS!”

**FTBA Member:** Community Asphalt Corporation

**Matthew Hoover:** “I am planning on graduating in May 2010 with a degree in Chemical Engineering. My graduation date is a year later than expected because I have been working as a co-op for the Dow Chemical Company. I am currently in my second term with Dow and am working as a run-plant engineer in Texas City, TX. After I graduate in the spring, I will either work full-time for Dow or attend graduate school and get a PhD. Thank you FTBA for everything.”

**FTBA Member:** Ardaman & Associates, Inc.

**Andrew Horan:** “I graduated from Georgia Tech on August 1st with a B.S. in Earth and Atmospheric Sciences. I'm heading back to the University of Florida in the fall for a Master's degree in fluvial geomorphology under the department of Geography. I will be working with Dr. Joann Mossa on river restoration and floodplain control on broad geographic scales. The program is 2 years and I will graduate from there in Spring 2011. I want to thank everyone at FTBA again for the scholarship as I've had an excellent undergrad education and the financial help was very appreciated.”

**FTBA Member:** Ajax Paving Industries, Inc. of Florida

**Matthew Horan:** “I am now entering my fifth year at Georgia Tech and will be graduating this December with a degree in civil engineering. I will be looking and applying for jobs this summer and fall. I have specialized in heavy civil construction. I am ready to get out into the real world but I do not want to leave the college lifestyle. I guess taking classes for a living isn't so bad after all. It is exciting to see what I have accomplished and how I want to live my life after college is over. The next few months will be very stressful in looking for work and making decisions on a career path. Thanks again to FTBA for providing this scholarship for myself and past winners. It is something that means a lot to me and I'm sure every other winner. Congratulations to all of the 2009 winners and best of luck in the future.”

**FTBA Member:** Ajax Paving Industries, Inc. of Florida

**Ashley Peter:** “I recently graduated from Point Park University with a B.A. in dance, and a minor in Journalism and Mass Communications. I will be returning to the Broadway Theatre Project this summer as an apprentice, where I will have the opportunity to study with major Broadway, movie, and TV stars. In August I will be attending Thodos Dance Chicago's summer intensive on full scholarship. Depending on the outcome of upcoming auditions, I could be dancing in Walt Disney World's Christmas shows, or cruising the seas while working as a dancer/performer on Royal Caribbean Cruise Lines. In the near future, depending on auditions and job opportunities, I will be either moving to Chicago to pursue concert dance, or New York City to pursue musical theatre and commercial dance. I am so thankful for this scholarship; it has helped give me the opportunity to study my craft at one of the most prestigious conservatory's in the country. Now I can pursue my performing career with confidence!”

**FTBA Member:** Granite Construction Co. of California

**Courtney Poston:** “I graduated May 9th, 2009 with a B.A. in Musical Theatre from Palm Beach Atlantic University. My first show after graduation was with FAU for their summer (May-July) production of the musical "Company," which got me signed up for the Actor's Equity Membership Program (EMC - the actor's union). Right now, my plans are to continue going to as many auditions as I can, including cruise ships because I would love to travel! What better way to do so than to be getting paid for it! Aside from trying to dive into my career, I am also volunteering as a youth leader for the high school girls at a church in Gardens. I am thoroughly enjoying being able to pour into these young women, and have them teach me a few things, too. Ultimately, I am doing my best to walk in faith because I know that God has plans for my life, and He will guide me every step of the way.”

**FTBA Member:** Hardrives, Inc.

**Ankit Shah** graduated from the University of Florida in May 2008, with highest honors, and earned a Bachelors of Science degree in interdisciplinary biology in only 3 years.

**FTBA Member:** Washington Group International

**Adam Tiller:** “As I enter my last year at the University of Florida, I look forward to graduating after the spring or summer term, dual majoring in Geomatics and Business. Looking forward, I plan on continuing my education by earning a master’s degree, and have narrowed it down to three areas of study; Environmental Management, Geographic Information Systems, or Hydrography. After completion of master’s courses, ideally I will join an agency such as the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and create a system of mapping for prevention of casualties due to hurricanes and other natural disasters. Lastly, I would like to thank the Florida Transportation Builders’ Association for helping in my educational journey.”

**FTBA Member:** Anderson Columbia Co., Inc.

## **2006 AWARDS:**

**Danielle Bradley:** “This past year has been wonderful! I have been blessed academically and athletically. This year has been the most challenging academically. As a Pre-med major, my classes have become increasingly more difficult, but more interesting. In combination with a time consuming athletic schedule, I was still able to maintain a 3.6 GPA. In the fall, I was voted to be co-captain of the Baylor Cross Country Team. We had a successful season, competing at the NCAA Championships for the sixth consecutive year. In the winter, I competed in Indoor Track finishing third at the Big XII Championships in the mile. I also competed at the NCAA championship in the distance medley relay. Currently I am competing in outdoor track. This season I have been successful in the steeplechase finishing second at the Big XII conference meet behind US Olympian, Jenny Barringer. Lord willing, my goals for the end of the season are to earn All-American honors in the steeplechase by finishing in the top eight at nationals and to compete at the USA meet. Aside from academics and athletics, I have been concerned with running a different race, a spiritual race. A few days after Christmas, I went on a mission trip to Galeana, Mexico with a handful of other Baylor athletes, as well as a doctor and a few dentists. While in Mexico, we visited several villages spreading the Gospel of Christ through medical services, Vacation Bible School, sports, and showing the Jesus movie. As a result of the trip, I became friends with the Baylor sports chaplain and, together, we formed a ministry called 10:17. It is based on Romans 10:17 that says that faith comes through hearing the Word of God. It is designed for all athletic teams at Baylor. It is designed to last 10 weeks for 17 minutes a week, in which small groups meet to read and answer questions regarding various truths of scripture. Many teams, including football, track and field, baseball and equestrian, have been blessed by this ministry. I am grateful for the year the Lord has given me, and I look forward to even more in the future. “

**FTBA Member:** Vecellio Group/Ranger Construction

**Carly Burt** is an International Studies major (English and Spanish minors) at Louisiana State University, where she is in the top 10 percentile of her graduating class with a 3.923 G.P.A. She received Sophomore Honors Distinction this past year and she also spent the summer studying abroad in Argentina. She has two part time jobs and volunteers on the weekend with Habitat for Humanity. Carly is involved in Apollo's Lyre Honors Publication as well as the Delta Undergraduate Literary Journal. She is involved in the L.S.U. Service-Learning Program where she receives course credit for taking the skills she has learned in the classroom to a neighboring elementary school, spending several hours per week tutoring fifth-graders. Carly enjoys L.S.U. and plans to attend Graduate School after receiving her B.A.

**FTBA Member:** Hewitt Contracting Company

**Tracy Cheung:** “My junior year at Cornell University has been amazing! I have met many new people and strengthened my existing friendships. I am still majoring in Biological and Environmental Engineering and minoring in Biomedical Engineering. I also continue to be an active subteam leader on the Cornell University Autonomous Underwater Vehicle (CUAUV) Engineering Project Team. During this past year, I have been working as an undergraduate researcher in Professor Reinhart-King’s Biomedical Engineering lab. The research I have participated in there has been both exciting and rewarding, and has given me great insight into my future plans. This year, my research was selected for an oral presentation at the Institute of Biological Engineers’ (IBE) Regional Conference. I also competed in two poster sessions – one at Cornell’s BioExpo and one at the National IBE Conference. I placed 2<sup>nd</sup> and 1<sup>st</sup> in the two competitions, respectively. I also received two grants for the research project. It has been very exciting to be acknowledged for my efforts in the laboratory and I cannot wait to stay in Ithaca this summer to continue working on it. I would like to thank the FTBA again for their generous contribution to my college education. It really means a lot to me. Congratulations to all the new scholarship recipients!”

**FTBA Member:** Ardaman & Associates, Inc.

**Stephanie Everett:** “This past year I have had numerous opportunities to travel through my education. I spent the fall semester in Australia studying at the University of Sydney. I returned to Duke University in the spring to continue with my major in civil and environmental engineering with an emphasis on structures and my minor in religion. Upon returning to campus, I also resumed my activity in the pep band and Westminster Fellowship. Through Westminster I was able to go to Nicaragua over spring break with other Presbyterian Campus Ministries from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and East Carolina University. Our team spent time in the capital city as well as working on a farm. I am currently in College Station, Texas for the summer working for the Texas Transportation Institute at Texas A & M University as a participant in their Undergraduate Transportation Scholars Program. My research focuses on in-lane pavement markings to help motorists make decisions at freeway interchanges. At the end of the summer I look forward to heading back to Duke for my senior year to earn my Bachelors of Science in Engineering degree. Thank you again to FTBA and the scholarship committee for supporting me in my academic pursuits both at home and abroad.”

**FTBA Member:** URS Corp.

**Maria Garcia:** “I am in my last year of college and I am very excited that I am going to graduate soon with a double major in Accounting and Finance. I had a wonderful experience in Florida International University. I want to thank this program for all the help it has provided me throughout these past 3 years and for this next one coming up. I also want to thank all those people that keep supporting this program even in this difficult time for our economy. I hope to be one of you in the future and support those students who are willing to reach a higher education and are in need of a program like this one.”

**FTBA Member:** Ardaman & Associates, Inc.

**Emily Martin:** “This past year has been awesome! I cannot believe I am entering into my fourth year of college; it feels like it has flown by! I have just completed my Bachelor’s degree requirements in Business Administration with a minor in education, and am currently working towards my Masters Degree in Education during my fourth year at the University of Florida. My hope is to eventually become an elementary school teacher. This past year, I have continued to stay involved in my sorority, Alpha Delta Pi, which has been a great experience. I was also chosen to be a mentor for the Florida Leadership Academy; a leadership development program for the top 100 business sophomores in the Warrington College of Business. Additionally, I served as the Director of Social Enrichment for the Network of Enlightened Women, a conservative women’s group on campus. I continue to stay very involved in Campus Crusade for Christ, and volunteer at a local elementary school. I’d like to thank FTBA again for this scholarship and your ongoing support! I appreciate it very much and I am truly grateful for it! Go Gators!”

**FTBA Member:** Parsons Brinckerhoff

**Sarah Quilan:** "My junior year at William and Mary was the best it could have been! I was accepted into the Mason School of Business and chose to major in Marketing, with an Accounting concentration. I was selected as the Social Events Leader for the Business School, as well as a Student Mentor. On the field, my favorite moment of the season was when I scored the game-winning goal in overtime against the University of Delaware, as we not only won the game - that was my coach's 300th win! This summer, I have an internship with University Directories, in which I speak with local business owners every day to sell them advertising space, with the goal of reaching the college community and increasing the amount of business they receive from The College. It's hard to believe that I only have one more year left of undergrad!"

**FTBA Member:** Cherry Hill Construction

**Aladdin Riad:** “This year has been very busy for me at the University of Central Florida. I take the MCAT medical schools admission test May 2009 and begin the process of applying to medical schools from there. I am fortunate to be in an accelerated medical program with the UCF Burnett Honors College and the University of South Florida Medical School, so that takes a lot of stress off medical schools applications this year, as I am guaranteed a seat in the Fall 2010 medical school class at USF. This year has been very busy between classes, shadowing a medical doctor at the Veteran’s hospital in Orlando, and working part time at Ardaman & Associates. I am very excited to begin medical school as I have taken many classes such as human anatomy, human physiology, endocrinology, and so on, which give me a taste of what is to come. So if all goes well, this time next year I will not be preparing for just another year at college, I will be getting ready for medical school and all the studying and hard work that comes with that.”

**FTBA Member:** Ardaman & Associates, Inc.

**Jehan Shah:** “First, I would like to thank the committee for the scholarship. This scholarship, especially given the current state of economy, will be very useful. Junior year at the University of Florida was interesting. I explored new educational aspects at UF. I decided to add another major, Nutritional Sciences, to my current Biology major. Nutritional classes are interesting as the subject material is different from normal science classes and I find the material very stimulating. I am still the director of Get Carded, an organization for raising organ donation awareness. In addition, I also received a scholarship to do research at UF in the University Scholars Program. I am excited to start this research over the summer and hope for meaningful results. I will be very busy this summer as I will be applying to medical schools. I am also taking some summer classes and will be volunteering at the Habitat for Humanity. I will also be undergoing training to become a personal trainer over the summer. Senior year at UF, I hope is full of interviews to medical schools.”

**FTBA Member:** Parsons Brinckerhoff

**Margherita Sherman:** “Over the past two semesters I have completed my two minors in dance and leadership while working on my finance major. This past year I have taken business classes including managerial economics, business statistics, and business law. This past semester I have also received the Walgreen’s Certificate in Retail Leadership. In addition to being a committee member in the Student Finance Group, I am also an active member of the Women in Business Club and Business Administration College Council, along with participating in intramural volleyball. Finally, this summer I am an intern at Nordstrom in Aventura, focusing on management, fashion, and retail leadership.” Rita attends the University of Florida.

**FTBA Member:** URS Corporation

**Brittany Spradlin:** “I am still loving every second at Florida State! I was accepted into the Nursing Program at FSU this past semester. I will start nursing school in the fall, and I am so happy to be able to stay at Florida State for another two years. I continue to appreciate the scholarship money from FTBA, especially now that I have a ton of books, scrubs, and nursing supplies to buy for this year! My life has gotten quite busy at school, now that I have really made a second home in Tallahassee and have started to get involved in many things on campus. I stay busy with my classes, being a member of Lady Spirithunters (an all girls spirit club), and enjoying the wonderful town of Tallahassee. Thank you again, FTBA!”

**FTBA Member:** J. E. Hill Contractor

**Hailey Waddell:** “I am entering my final year of college! I will graduate in Spring 2010 with a major in Psychology and a minor in Disabilities Sciences. This past year I have begun a position in the National Institute of Health Psychology lab on campus, working with my professor in experiments on the visual system as related to human fear response. It has been the most interesting and exciting part of my college career to date, and I will continue to work in the lab this upcoming year on my own Honors Thesis, also related to the visual system and emotion. The Psychology program of University of Florida has proven to be an expansive and informative place to be trained in the Psychological Neurosciences and I am forever grateful for the opportunity to attend. In the next few years I plan to attend graduate school in the

Psychological Neurosciences and eventually work in research, possibly expanding on my undergraduate thesis but also experiencing different areas of the neurosciences. As always, I am extremely grateful for the help of the FTBA scholarship and the opportunities that the University of Florida has given me. It has been a once-in-a-lifetime experience and I look forward to what the future holds.”

**FTBA Member:** Martin Marietta Aggregates

## **2007 AWARDS:**

**Kevin Cheung:** “I have just completed an outstanding sophomore year at the University of Rhode Island with a GPA of 3.94. I just finished the pre-professional phase of a six-year Doctorate of Pharmacy program and I am about to enter the professional phase of the program beginning this fall. During this past year, I have taken many courses to fulfill the pre-professional requirements of the program, and have made the Dean’s List again. Outside the classroom, I am an active member of the Asian Student Association as well as the College Chapter of the American Pharmacists Association. I have just received my Florida Pharmacist Intern License and plan to work as a Pharmacist Intern this summer back home in Orlando, Florida. Again, I would like to thank the FTBA for the scholarship and the continued support of my education.”

**FTBA Member:** Ardaman & Associates, Inc.

***“Our company has been contributing money to the FTBA scholarship fund for years. This, however, was my first year to be part of the selection committee. It has truly been a blessing and a privilege to interview such dedicated, intelligent and bright young men and women. They deserve and most definitely have earned these scholarships. I have no doubt we will one day see and benefit from their wonderful accomplishments.”***

***George Roberts, C. W. Roberts Contracting, Inc.  
FTBA Secretary/Treasurer***

**Hailey Cooper:** “Phenomenal experiences inside and outside the classroom have extensively broadened my understanding of life and the real world. My college education has become much more important to me than it was at the start when I was just out of high school. I have learned to be independent and am on my way to become an even better person. Everyday I try and improve myself no matter how hard it might be. A new passion has struck me, I decided I would like to double major in history. Ever since I took one class in ancient near east culture, history has absolutely fascinated me. The way I look at it now is that you can better understand the present and the future by knowing the past. In addition to this I am currently in the process of looking at some colleges overseas. I would like to travel to Europe and have the opportunity do some archaeological work while continuing my studies nearby. I am still planning to continue on to medical school and now, perhaps graduate school for History. I know that which ever path I endure, the journey will be well worth its while. I want to leave more than footprints, I want to leave tomorrow a better place for everybody and I will endure anything to make my dreams come true. FTBA has really made this college experience possible, and all my experiences could not have been possible if it weren't for people that know education is the key to success. Thank you for helping my lifetime dream come true.” Hailey attends Stetson University.

**FTBA Member:** Ardaman & Associates, Inc.

**Joseph Creighton** is attending the University of South Florida and studying nursing. His father died recently and his family is dealing with their loss. We wish the best for his family and hope to hear from Joseph next year.

**FTBA Member:** Cemex

**Kathleen Foy:** “What a year I have had! It has been filled with numerous opportunities of new challenges to the joys and surprises life brings every day. I am a full-time college student and I have taken on multiple jobs as a result my life has become a balancing act. I have entered into the real world! It has provided me with several lessons, such as, multi-tasking and time management. Combined with the trails of countless lessons I have learned in the previous year it is no doubt this year has been a true blessing.

Last August, I began my second and last year at Northwest Florida State College. Choosing a college closer at home gave me the chance to concentrate on my studies and grow closer to my family and friends. I decided to take a different path from medicine to choosing a career in education. I have absolutely loved my decision and I haven't looked back since. On May 5th, I graduated with my Associate's degree with honors from Northwest Florida State College. My next move is to spend the next two years at the University of West Florida. I have entered into the Teacher Education program where I will complete my Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education. I am extremely excited about the recent change in my life and I look forward to the next two years.

Away from the time I spend at school, I have held multiple jobs through the year. It has been a learning experience so far. For the last two years, I have held a position as the four-year old art teacher and one of the two-year old teachers at the First Baptist Church Preschool. My days have been filled with brilliant laughter and sweet lunch time prayers. Working with these children has been a wonderful experience and one I will cherish and miss. Besides working at the preschool, I serve as a nanny for two families. Their family and children have grown to be a part of my daily life and each hold a special part in my heart. At church, I am teaching the three and four year olds about God's work in Children's Church. It has played an important role and working alongside my sister has been a true blessing. Each job has presented me with different responsibilities and a gift of valuable knowledge and experience.

With all the activities I have going on; I have remained true to myself. I am determined in achieving my goals and my dream of becoming a teacher. My love for children and learning will be a great asset for my career. Once again, I would like FTBA and the scholarship committee for continuing to support in my future endeavors and pursuing my educational dreams. ”

**FTBA Member:** Cemex

**Angela Halley:** “I’m proud to say that I am no longer a little “wo”man on campus! My Sophomore year has come to an end, and I am officially a Junior. I am still studying Health Sciences, Pre-Clinical Allied Health at the University of Central Florida. I have high hopes of turning my Undergraduate Degree into a Doctorate for Physical Therapy. This year I faced many difficult classes, but I was able to prosper with great grades. I am truly enjoying my time up in the University of Central Florida, and it has beyond doubt made me grow as a person. I moved off of campus this year, and I don’t think I have ever been more grateful for this scholarship! I never believed bills would be such a burden, but thanks to the FTBA’s scholarship those burdens were alleviated. Thank you again to the FTBA for this scholarship, it truly is a blessing.”

**FTBA Member:** Community Asphalt Corp.

**Kjerstin Kishel:** “I have recently completed my sophomore year at the University of Central Florida and find myself wondering where the time has gone! I am majoring in Accounting with a minor in Finance and couldn't be happier. I have been very busy this last year being actively involved in my sorority, Alpha Delta Pi, College Republicans, and Young Women's Leadership Program as a facilitator and mentor. I am also an Ambassador and Administrative Assistant for Give Kids the World and have logged over 100 volunteer hours there since December. I have fallen in love with the organization's mission and spending time with the staff, volunteers, and visitors to the property. I also played for two intramural soccer teams and have been training for a half marathon in October to keep myself in shape. I will be traveling to Spain this summer to complete a "Post Leadership University for Graduates" to follow up on my last Business Leadership University and couldn't be more excited. I would like to thank the Florida Transportation Builder's Association once again for their continuing support of my college career. I feel so fortunate to have such an amazing group of people stand behind me and my education.”

**FTBA Member:** Johnson Bros.

**Lauren McGuffin:** “I have just finished my first year at Florida State University. I am in the competitive elementary education program, which only accepts twenty five students each fall. I love Florida State and the whole college life. I instantly made new friends, found a wonderful church, and got involved in the elementary education program. During my two semesters at Florida State, I earned a 4.0 and was placed on the President’s List, the highest academic honor at Florida State University. This fall I will begin my second year at Florida State University. I will continue to work towards my bachelor’s degree in elementary education. When I graduate I will not only be certified to teach, but I will also be reading endorsed and ESOL certified, giving me many options all over the world. The FTBA scholarship has greatly helped me in my endeavors as it has eased my parents concerns since they have a second child, my brother, leaving for college this fall. I am thoroughly grateful and appreciative.”

**FTBA Member:** GAC Contractors

**Megan Williams:** “Entering my third year at the University of Florida, I am still majoring in Criminology/Law and have maintained a good GPA. This past year I have joined a sorority entitled Pi Beta Phi of the Florida Delta Chapter. I have participated in many philanthropies (charity events) for my chapter as well as other sororities and fraternities chapters. I took part in Greek Service Day and helped clean up the plants at the Ronald McDonald House in Gainesville. I raised money for Children’s Miracle Network and our philanthropy Down N` Dirty which is a flag football game that benefits children and literacy. With the money we raise it helps build libraries in places like Alaska, who can not afford to fund them themselves. I have also participated in our program called “Read Across America” where we go and read to kids at elementary schools and give them a workbook to do during the week. At the end of the week we throw them a party and award all of them metals for their hard work. This next year I hope to be even more involved in the campus life.

Go Gators!”

**FTBA Member:** Cemex

## **2008 AWARDS:**

**Nikole Stephens:** “I have completed my first year at the University of Florida, and it was fantastic. I was able to get involved in so many ways and meet so many new people. Some organizations I became involved with are the Murphree Area Council, Sigma Lambda Gamma, Premed AMSA, and the Hispanic Student Association. During the second semester, I ran for student senate with the Orange and Blue Party, but unfortunately I was not elected. During Spring break, I went on a mission trip to St. Croix where we volunteered at an orphanage, a home for physically and mentally handicapped adults, and a teen clinic. At the end of the year, the Murphree Area Council submitted a bid for Area Government of the Year to the Inter-residence Hall Association. We created a video entitled the “Murphather”, a spoof of the Godfather, to showcase our personality and close family like bond, wrote a twenty page summary of all that we did for the year, and were interviewed by the Housing Department directors. Three other councils submitted bids, but we were the area government that was chosen as the Area Government of the Year. All in all, this year has allowed me to make lifelong friends, and none of it would have been possible without the support of the FTBA. Thank you.”

**FTBA Member:** Ardaman & Associates

**Mercedes Machado:** “My first year at the University of Florida was phenomenal and I completed it with a 3.8 grade point average. Through the year I became the Public Relations Director for the Hispanic Student Association, the Hispanic Heritage Month Director of Soccer Tournament, a mentor to first year minority students, a writer for the school newspaper, and a student facilitator for a leadership diversity training called Gatorship. I also just received the honor to be Multi-Cultural Director for UF's student government cabinet next year. I am continuously grateful for the FTBA scholarship and it has certainly aided me in being successful this year. Thank you and Go Gators!”

**FTBA Member:** Vecellio Group

**Emily Porteus:** “I have survived my freshman year at the University of Florida. Words cannot express how thankful I am to have received this scholarship. When I received my award at the convention last year, I had no idea the doors that it would open for me when I started at UF. This scholarship made it possible for me to focus all of my energy on my education and not be burdened with a job at the same time. When I spoke to my classmates whose grades were suffering because their jobs took too much time, I felt so grateful to this organization.

This past year proved to be a bit stressful, getting accustom to college life and being able to manage my time on my own, a very different experience than being home and having the support of the family. I managed to stay focused on my studies and volunteer work, while at the same time keeping my social life. After volunteering in an eighth-grade science class throughout the year, I have become even more confident in my decision to major in Secondary Education. If all goes as planned, by entering the ProTeach program, I plan on having my Master’s Degree in Education in 4 more years. I have become involved in Campus Crusade for Christ, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, and Florida Education Association and plan to be even more involved in the Gator Nation next year.

I would like to take this opportunity and again thank all of the members of FTBA for awarding me this honorable scholarship. I will continue to put forth my best efforts to succeed and make a difference. Go Gators!”

**FTBA Member:** Ring Power Corporation

**Ben Hurst:** I am currently enrolled in 3 classes this summer and plan on enrolling in another 4-6 this coming fall. Hopefully with the completion of these classes I will have my AA degree after this coming fall. I still haven't fully decided on what I want to finalize my degree in, its still up in the air on Computer Engineering or Computer Graphic Design. I would like to take this time to once again thank everyone at the FTBA for awarding me this scholarship and awarding me a chance at a bright future.”

**FTBA Member:** APAC-Southeast, Inc.

**Drew Chung:** “After much deliberation and constant conversation with my peers and academic advisors I have chosen to change my major to history with aspirations of becoming a professor at the University of Florida or UCLA. I have been taking many courses that are both interesting and challenging such as Introduction to Buddhism. This particular course led to my decision to become a minor in religion. I hope that this along with a minor in Italian will make me a well-rounded person ready to engage with various cultures. University of Florida has also provided many clubs for me to express myself such as Poets Ink and intramural basketball. In Poets Ink, we meet monthly to share our poems and/or songs. Intramural basketball has probably been the best extracurricular activity that I chose because of the amount of people that I've gained as friends and the enjoyable exercise it provides. Overall, the best part of the University of Florida is that I have only begun the adventure.”

**FTBA Member:** Hardrives

**Robert “Bo” Idsardi, Jr.,** “I have just completed my first school year at the University of Florida. It has been both challenging and memorable. I have learned to be more independent and have matured a lot since graduating high school. While it was hard to be apart from my high school friends and family for so long I made many new friendships that will last a lifetime. I’m studying industrial engineering and am eager to take more courses in my professional field this year. I am active in the Baptist Collegiate Ministries on campus and will be teaching a freshman Bible study this upcoming year. I would like to thank the FTBA again for their support.”

**FTBA Member:** Cemex

**Dale Parsan:** "My first year at Florida International University has been nothing short of spectacular, both socially and academically. I have accomplished many achievements including the maintaining of a 3.47 GPA and the tackling of nearly 45 credits in only my first year. Though it may sound as though I could only have time to focus on my academics, somehow I find the time to become involved on campus.

It is very important, in my opinion, for students to be well-rounded and experience life in as many ways as possible, not only through a text book. I have become a member of the Indian Student Association and a promising member of the FIU Cultural Dance Team, competing in North Florida. I have become involved in my university's Honors College, Alumni Association, and I am looking forward to hopefully writing for my university's newspaper in the fall. I was a member of our Relay for Life volunteer committee as well as various money-raising programs across our campus. My final life experience has to be my most immense to-date. I am now a proud new member of the Beta Theta Pi Fraternity, holding positions on the recruitment committee.

I look forward to leaving my mark on Florida International University and thanks to the FTBA; I am one step closer to accomplishing my dreams."

**FTBA Member:** Atlas T.M.S.

**Danielle Walden:** “To begin, I would like to thank the Florida Transportation and Builders’ Association again, for the opportunity for this scholarship. It has been a year since I attended the convention last summer and everything has been going great. I am now a sophomore at the University of Central Florida and still a member of the cheerleading team. I finished my freshman year making the Dean’s List for the school of nursing. I still plan on going into the field of nursing and working with children. Currently I have started working as a nursing assistant at a rehab and long term care facility to get experience. This job has just enforced my passion for going into the field of nursing by being able to help people. This scholarship has really been able to take a burden off of some of my finances for college, and we all know how expensive college is getting these days, so again I would like to thank for this opportunity and I look forward to writing to you to share more of my experiences in the year to come. “

**FTBA Member:** Cemex

**NAMED SCHOLARSHIPS:**

**Presidential Scholarship**

Nikole Stephens, *1<sup>st</sup> Year Recipient*  
Emily Wigle, *2<sup>nd</sup> Year Recipient*

**Bob's Barricades Scholarship**

*In Memory of Don Humphrey*  
Angela Halley, *1<sup>st</sup> Year Recipient*  
Mercedes Machado, *2<sup>nd</sup> Year Recipient*  
Kayli Kishel, *3<sup>rd</sup> Year Recipient*

**Philip Buenaventura Scholarship**

Joseph Creighton, *1<sup>st</sup> Year Recipient*  
Ben Hurst, *2<sup>nd</sup> Year Recipient*  
Valerie Greco, *3<sup>rd</sup> Year Recipient*

**Robert Nolen Scholarship**

Emily Porteus, *1<sup>st</sup> Year Recipient*  
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**2000 \$500 Scholarship Awarded to:**

Drew Erickson  
Karen Franz  
Samudra Gupta  
Desiree Houghton  
Darly Lanker  
Kathleen O'Reardon

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Jessica Carter  
Nicole Paul  
Nishan Shah

**2002 \$500 Scholarship Awarded to:**

Jessica Scott  
Todd Shepard  
Jason Valeria

**2003 \$1000 Scholarship Awarded to:**

Allison Hartwig  
Patricia Smith

**2004 \$1000 Scholarship Awarded to:**

Katherine Francis  
Jordan Hoover  
John Miseroy  
Samantha Smith

**2005 \$1000 Scholarship Awarded to:**

Keegan Jerabek  
Matthew Johnson  
Trace Linder  
Kenneth Peter  
Courtney Rayburn  
Anthony Restino  
Craig Runyon  
Andrew Updegrave  
Nathan Xanders

**2006 \$2000 Scholarship Awarded to:**

Erin Campbell  
Shannon Cavucci  
Gregory Lennartz  
Jayleen Nazario  
Kyle Sligh  
Julia Treverton  
Joseph Zwick

**2007 \$1000 Scholarship Awarded to:**

Amit Dudhat  
Matthew Hardin  
Ryan Lynch  
Natasha Medina  
Thomas Murray, IV  
Kristoffer Pernsteiner

**2008 \$1000 Scholarship Awarded to:**

Jonathan Geiger  
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Latoya Munford  
Ross Papitto  
Natasha Rosales  
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