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**FTBA Awards College Scholarships to 24 High School Graduates**  
*~Florida's voice of transportation building furthers students' higher education endeavors~*

**Tallahassee, FL** – Today, the Florida Transportation Builders' Association (FTBA) announced the recipients of their annual college scholarship awards. This year, eight Florida high school students, whose parent or legal guardian is an employee of a FTBA member, were presented with four-year scholarships. FTBA also awarded an additional four students with two-year \$1000 scholarships and another 12 students with one-time \$500 scholarships. Established in 1998, FTBA's Scholarship Program has donated more than \$444,000 in educational grants to 166 dedicated students with an interest in Florida's transportation infrastructure system.

"Today's students will be the leaders of the next generation," said FTBA President Bob Burleson. "Through a careful selection process, students are chosen based on their application, current grade standings and standardized testing scores. Our association is proud to assist these outstanding young adults as they set off to advance their scholastic careers and work toward their future goals."

Noted as the program's most prestigious award, the Bob Burleson Presidential Scholarship was awarded to Rana Raid of Orlando. Raid, valedictorian of a thousand-strong graduating class at Timber Creek High School, will receive a \$1500 annual scholarship over the course of four years. Expected to attend University of Central Florida, Raid plans on majoring in civil and environmental engineering at the university's Burnett Honors College.

"I am so grateful to be chosen for such a generous award," said Raid in commenting on the FTBA Presidential Scholarship. "My inspiration for becoming an engineer is my father who made me realize how important this profession is to our community."

In addition to the Presidential Scholarship, FTBA will award \$1000 scholarship annually for four years to each of the following students:

- **Jimena Calleja (Miami):** Recipient of the Philip Buenaventura Scholarship, Current High School - Our Lady of Lourdes Academy, College - Florida International University
- **Ernest Duffo (Miami):** Current High School - Belen Jesuit Preparatory, College - University of Central Florida.
- **Shelby Frantz (Valrico):** Recipient of the Bob's Barricades Scholarship, Current High School - Academy of the Holy Names, College - University of Florida
- **Alex Hart (St. Cloud):** Recipient of the G. Paul Turner Scholarship, Current High School - Harmony High School, College - University of Florida

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- **Rebehak Havanec (Orlando):** Recipient of the Bonn-J Contracting Scholarship, Current High School – Cypress Creek Senior High, College - The University of Central Florida.
- **Josh Herrera (Miami Lakes):** Recipient of the Robert Nolen Memorial Scholarship, Current High School - Monsignor Edward Pace High School, College - Florida State University
- **Latanya Linton (Brandon):** Current High School – King Senior High School, College - Florida State University

For more than 75 years, FTBA has been the voice of the road and bridge building industry in Florida. The nonprofit organization consists of businesses and individuals actively engaged in the construction of transportation infrastructure or the furnishing of materials, equipment or services for such construction. Visit [www.FTBA.com](http://www.FTBA.com) for more information.

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