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### **2004-2005 LeRoy Collins Memorial Scholars**

**Steve St. Amand, Barry University**  
**Erin M. Schaefer, Eckerd College**  
**Sophia Elaine Hogan, Edward Waters College**  
**Abby J. Zito, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University**  
**Jamison L. Sullivan, Flagler College**  
**Karel Crawford, Florida A & M University**  
**Michelle Sheikh, Florida Atlantic University**  
**Richard H. Scierka, Jr., Florida Southern College**  
**Rachel A. Stein, Florida State University**  
**Tai-I L. Adorno, Jacksonville University**  
**Jennifer E. Lawler, Palm Beach Atlantic University**  
**Christopher Colon, Ringling School of Art & Design**  
**Rogelio Ramos, St. Thomas University**  
**Nancy C. Sullivan, The University of Tampa**  
**Jeff Sharon, University of Central Florida**  
**Latria B. Graham, University of Florida**  
**Ana Maria Reyes, University of Miami**  
**Amanda L. Warford, University of North Florida**  
**Veronica M. Cintron, University of South Florida**  
**Christian E. Couch, University of West Florida**



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### **FLORIDA BROADCASTERS AWARDS SCHOLARSHIP TO STUDENT AT UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA**

DeLand, FL 12/8/04 – The Florida Association of Broadcasters has awarded a \$1,500 scholarship to Veronica M. Cintron. Veronica, a senior from Tampa, is majoring in Broadcast News at the University of South Florida in Tampa. This LeRoy Collins Memorial Scholar was selected by the University of South Florida based upon major and financial need. This program provides a \$1,500 scholarship to a senior student who is planning a career in broadcasting.

Veronica is currently President of RTNDA – USF Chapter and an active member of the National Honor Society of Collegiate Scholars and the Kappa Tau Alpha National Honor Society in Journalism and Mass Communications. In the spring of 2004, Veronica served as a news reporter for WBUL 1620 AM – USF. Her honors include the Geraldine Alexander Scholarship and the University of South Florida Provost Scholarship. She has also been named to the Dean’s List. After graduation, Veronica plans to pursue a career as a news reporter.

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### **FLORIDA BROADCASTERS AWARDS SCHOLARSHIP TO STUDENT AT FLORIDA SOUTHERN COLLEGE**

DeLand, FL 12/8/04 – The Florida Association of Broadcasters has awarded a \$1,500 scholarship to Richard H. Scierka, Jr. Richard, a senior from North Port, is majoring in Broadcast News at Florida Southern College in Lakeland. This LeRoy Collins Memorial Scholar was selected by Florida Southern College based upon major and financial need. This program provides a \$1,500 scholarship to a senior student who is planning a career in broadcasting.

Richard is currently an active member of the Intramural Advisory Council, the Roux Library Advisory Council, the Office of Student Activities Special Events, Habitat of Humanity, and the Boys and Girls Club of Lakeland, Christmas Present. He is also active with Relay for Life, the North American Food Drive, the Student Government Association, Lambda Chi Alpha Fraternity, and was a Red Cross shelter operator during Hurricane Ivan. His honors include the Academic Recognition Award, the Community Service Award, Bright Futures Award, Student Government Award, and Interfraternity Council Award. After graduation, Richard hopes to attend Stetson University, College of Law and specialize in Advocacy Law. Eventually, he plans to use both his degrees in communication and law by pursuing communication law and working in the area of copyrighting and issues pertaining to the communication field.

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### **FLORIDA BROADCASTERS AWARDS SCHOLARSHIP TO STUDENT AT FLAGLER COLLEGE**

DeLand, FL 12/8/04 – The Florida Association of Broadcasters has awarded a \$1,500 scholarship to Jamison L. Sullivan. Jamison, a senior from Fort Myers, is majoring in Broadcast Communications at Flagler College in St. Augustine. This LeRoy Collins Memorial Scholar was selected by Flagler College based upon major and financial need. This program provides a \$1,500 scholarship to a senior student who is planning a career in broadcasting.

Jamison currently serves as Production Director and disc jockey for WFCF 88.5 Flagler College Radio, assistant to the Communications Department Chair, and as Peer Ministry Counselor at Our Lady of Light Catholic Church. She is also an active member of the Student Government Association and has taught Religion for 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> graders at Our Lady of Light Catholic Church. Her honors include the Christian Leadership Award and the Religion Teacher of the Year Award. After graduation, Jamison plans to work in radio.

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### **FLORIDA BROADCASTERS AWARDS SCHOLARSHIP TO STUDENT AT UNIVERSITY OF NORTH FLORIDA**

DeLand, FL 12/8/04 – The Florida Association of Broadcasters has awarded a \$1,500 scholarship to Amanda L. Warford. Amanda, a senior from Ponte Vedra Beach, is majoring in Broadcasting at the University of North Florida. This LeRoy Collins Memorial Scholar was selected by the University of North Florida based upon major and financial need. This program provides a \$1,500 scholarship to a senior student who is planning a career in broadcasting.

Amanda currently serves as Unit Producer and Host of “In Tune with Jacksonville,” a public affairs show through UNF and the local WB station. She also serves as a volunteer for the UNF Leadership Program. During the last year, Amanda has completed an independent internship with NFL Films and participated in WOSP Osprey Radio at the University of North Florida and Clear Channel’s WFXJ 930 The Fox. Her honors include the UNF Leadership Development Scholarship and the Sawgrass Marriott employee award. After graduation, Amanda plans to attend film school for production and focus on documentary film making.

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### **FLORIDA BROADCASTERS AWARDS SCHOLARSHIP TO STUDENT AT UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL FLORIDA**

DeLand, FL 12/8/04 – The Florida Association of Broadcasters has awarded a \$1,500 scholarship to Jeff Sharon. Jeff, a senior from Winter Park, is majoring in Radio-Television at the University of Central Florida. This LeRoy Collins Memorial Scholar was selected by the University of Central Florida based upon major and financial need. This program provides a \$1,500 scholarship to a senior student who is planning a career in broadcasting.

Jeff currently serves as Symposium Team Leader for the Burnett Honors College and as a Peer Ambassador and Student Advisor for the University of Central Florida. He has also served as a member of the Golden Key Honor Society, the Honors Congress, the American Sportscasters Association, and Kappa Tau Alpha, National Journalism Honor Society. His honors include the Advanced Placement National Scholar Award, the UCF Superior Academic Achievement Scholarship, the Florida Merit Scholarship, and the Provost's Scholarship. Additionally, Jeff was named the Founder's Day Scholar for 2003 and has been named to the President's List, the Dean's List, and Who's Who at the University of Central Florida. After graduation, Jeff plans to work in sports broadcasting. His ultimate goal is to work his way toward being an executive producer, and eventually management, at a regional or national sports network.

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### **FLORIDA BROADCASTERS AWARDS SCHOLARSHIP TO STUDENT AT UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI**

DeLand, FL 12/8/04 – The Florida Association of Broadcasters has awarded a \$1,500 scholarship to Ana Maria Reyes. Ana Maria, a senior from Miami Lakes, is majoring in Broadcast Journalism at the University of Miami. This LeRoy Collins Memorial Scholar was selected by the University of Miami based upon major and financial need. This program provides a \$1,500 scholarship to a senior student who is planning a career in broadcasting.

Ana Maria currently serves as Vice President for the National Broadcasting Society, is active with the University of Miami Television/Comcast Cable 96 and has over three years of live television experience. She is Anchor for News Vision, a live, weekly, student produced newscast, Anchor for Midday Report, an afternoon news program, and serves as Host and reporter for Unimiami – Spanish Newsmagazine program. Ana Maria also writes, conducts interviews, shoots, edits, and produces packages and has used her fluency in Spanish to her benefit writing, reporting, and anchoring. Not letting this keep her too busy, Ana Maria is also an active member of the Alpha Epsilon Rho Broadcasting Honor Society and Alpha Lambda Delta Collegiate Honor Society, and volunteers with the University of Miami Center for Autism and Related Disabilities. Additionally, she had a hand in conducting interviews and putting together packages for UMTV “Special Reports” on the first Presidential Debate at the University of Miami and the Dalai Lama’s visit to the University of Miami. Her honors include the UM Alumni Scholarship, the Florida Medallion Scholarship, and the Florida Access Grant. Ana Maria has also been named to the Provost Honor Roll and the Dean’s List. After graduation, Ana Maria hopes to become a successful broadcaster and have her own television talk show, entertainment show, or variety program.

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### **FLORIDA BROADCASTERS AWARDS SCHOLARSHIP TO STUDENT AT FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY**

DeLand, FL 12/8/04 – The Florida Association of Broadcasters has awarded a \$1,500 scholarship to Rachel A. Stein. Rachel, a senior from Tallahassee, is majoring in Meteorology at Florida State University. This LeRoy Collins Memorial Scholar was selected by Florida State University based upon major and financial need. This program provides a \$1,500 scholarship to a senior student who is planning a career in broadcasting.

Rachel currently serves as team leader for FSU Weather on Comcast Cable channel 4 and as a member of Arnold Air Society. She has also served as Director of Operations and Public Affairs and volunteers her time with the Habitat for Humanity, the United Way, and Downtown Get Down. Her honors include the 2002 National Award for Service as AAS Director of Operations. After graduation, Rachel plans to work as a broadcast meteorologist in the southeast U.S. and develop her own website for weather forecasts. As she gains experience, Rachel hopes to become chief meteorologist in one of the larger markets.

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### **FLORIDA BROADCASTERS AWARDS SCHOLARSHIP TO STUDENT AT ECKERD COLLEGE**

DeLand, FL 12/8/04 – The Florida Association of Broadcasters has awarded a \$1,500 scholarship to Erin M. Schaefer. Erin, a senior from Tarpon Springs, is majoring in Communications at Eckerd College. This LeRoy Collins Memorial Scholar was selected by Eckerd College based upon major and financial need. This program provides a \$1,500 scholarship to a senior student who is planning a career in broadcasting.

Erin currently serves as Concert Director with Palmetto Productions at Eckerd College, booking musicians to play on campus, and volunteers her time with Big Brothers Big Sisters of Pinellas. She also hosts a radio show on Eckerd's campus radio station, WEEX. Her honors include the Eckerd College Honors Scholarship and the First United Methodist Church of Clearwater Scholarship. After graduation, Erin hopes to own her own record label, radio station, music venue, or management agency.

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### **FLORIDA BROADCASTERS AWARDS SCHOLARSHIP TO STUDENT AT JACKSONVILLE UNIVERSITY**

DeLand, FL 12/8/04 – The Florida Association of Broadcasters has awarded a \$1,500 scholarship to Tai-I L. Adorno. Tai-I, a senior from Jacksonville, is majoring in Mass Communications at Jacksonville University. This LeRoy Collins Memorial Scholar was selected by Jacksonville University based upon major and financial need. This program provides a \$1,500 scholarship to a senior student who is planning a career in broadcasting.

Tai-I currently serves as the Treasurer of Lambda Pi Eta, the Communications Honors Fraternity. She volunteers her time at a local library, a local pet hospital, and with HabiJax, the Jacksonville Chapter of Habitat for Humanity. Her honors include the Ventures Scholar Award and the Hispanic Academic Achievement Award from the University of North Florida. Tai-I has also been named to the Dean's List and been published in *Who's Who Among American High School and College Students*. After graduation, Tai-I plans to pursue a career in broadcasting and photojournalism.

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### **FLORIDA BROADCASTERS AWARDS SCHOLARSHIP TO STUDENT AT RINGLING SCHOOL OF ART AND DESIGN**

DeLand, FL 12/8/04 – The Florida Association of Broadcasters has awarded a \$1,500 scholarship to Christopher Colon. Christopher, a senior from Winter Park, is majoring in Computer Animation at Ringling School of Art and Design. This LeRoy Collins Memorial Scholar was selected by Ringling School of Art and Design based upon major and financial need. This program provides a \$1,500 scholarship to a senior student who is planning a career in broadcasting.

Christopher is currently active with various community services activities through NJROTC, Habitat for Humanity, and the American Heart Walk. He also enjoys participating in holiday parades. His honors include Best of Show in the Winter Park Art Festival and the Maitland Art Festival. After graduation, Christopher hopes to obtain employment that allows him to exemplify morality, ethics, and strong commitment in his chosen field and be committed to creating quality work with a positive message.

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### **FLORIDA BROADCASTERS AWARDS SCHOLARSHIP TO STUDENT AT EDWARD WATERS COLLEGE**

DeLand, FL 12/8/04 – The Florida Association of Broadcasters has awarded a \$1,500 scholarship to Sophia Elaine Hogan. Sophia, a senior from Jacksonville, is majoring in Mass Communications (Broadcasting) at Edward Waters College. This LeRoy Collins Memorial Scholar was selected by Edward Waters College based upon major and financial need. This program provides a \$1,500 scholarship to a senior student who is planning a career in broadcasting.

Sophia currently services as Youth Choir Director for the Shiloh Baptist Church and is active with the Edward Waters College Concert and Chamber Choirs. Her honors include the 2004 Mass Communication Tiger Student Award of Excellence. She was also selected as one of the top 10 finalists in the country for the 2001 Talent Showcase held in Columbus, Ohio and sponsored by 1400, the Light Radio Station. After graduation, Sophia plans to pursue her master's degree in broadcasting.

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DeLand, FL 12/8/04 – The Florida Association of Broadcasters has awarded a \$1,500 scholarship to Steve St. Amand. Steve, a senior from Miami, is majoring in Broadcast Communications at Barry University. This LeRoy Collins Memorial Scholar was selected by Barry University based upon major and financial need. This program provides a \$1,500 scholarship to a senior student who is planning a career in broadcasting.

Steve currently serves as a volunteer with the Multiple Sclerosis Foundation and has been with the foundation for 4 years. His honors include being a five time contributor and rider in the Multiple Sclerosis 150 Mile Bike Ride. After graduation, Steve plans to use his degree in the field of broadcast communication.

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DeLand, FL 12/8/04 – The Florida Association of Broadcasters has awarded a \$1,500 scholarship to Jennifer E. Lawler. Jennifer, a senior from West Palm Beach, is majoring in Radio and Television News at Palm Beach Atlantic University. This LeRoy Collins Memorial Scholar was selected by Palm Beach Atlantic University based upon major and financial need. This program provides a \$1,500 scholarship to a senior student who is planning a career in broadcasting.

Jennifer is currently active with the Big Brother, Big Sisters Mentoring Program and the Youth for Christ-Jam Club. Her honors include the 2002-2003 Community Service Award with Palm Beach Atlantic University's Workshop Program. After graduation, Jennifer plans to become an on-air newscaster.

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### **FLORIDA BROADCASTERS AWARDS SCHOLARSHIP TO STUDENT AT EMBRY-RIDDLE AERONAUTICAL UNIVERSITY**

DeLand, FL 12/8/04 – The Florida Association of Broadcasters has awarded a \$1,500 scholarship to Abby J. Zito. Abby, a senior from Gulf Breeze, is majoring in Communications at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University. This LeRoy Collins Memorial Scholar was selected by Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University based upon major and financial need. This program provides a \$1,500 scholarship to a senior student who is planning a career in broadcasting.

Abby currently serves as Vice President for The Fellowship of Christian Athletes and is an active member of The Flock (Athletic Supporter Club) and the Varsity Women's Soccer Program. She also volunteers with the S.P.A.R.K. Organization. Her honors include The Florida Bright Futures Award and Who's Who Among College Students. She was also named to the Honor Roll and the Dean's List. After graduation, Abby plans to work in broadcasting for a news or radio station and in the advertising industry through broadcasting.

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DeLand, FL 12/8/04 – The Florida Association of Broadcasters has awarded a \$1,500 scholarship to Latria B. Graham. Latria, a senior from Jacksonville, is majoring in Telecommunications News/Sports Management at the University of Florida. This LeRoy Collins Memorial Scholar was selected by the University of Florida based upon major and financial need. This program provides a \$1,500 scholarship to a senior student who is planning a career in broadcasting.

Latria currently serves as Director of the Black Female Extravaganza and is an active member of the Association of Black Communicators, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., and the Black Student Union. She is also an ESPN Sports Radio intern, a UAA Gatorzone volunteer, and a Fashion X-clusive Model. Her awards include the National Society of Collegiate Scholars and Beta Eta Sigma Black Honor Society. After graduation, Latria hopes to host her own entertainment show or become a sports anchor for ESPN.

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DeLand, FL 12/8/04 – The Florida Association of Broadcasters has awarded a \$1,500 scholarship to Karel Crawford. Karel, a junior from Miramar, is majoring in Broadcast Journalism at Florida A&M University. This LeRoy Collins Memorial Scholar was selected by the University of Florida based upon major and financial need. This program provides a \$1,500 scholarship to a student who is planning a career in broadcasting.

Karel is currently active with the Tallahassee Big Bend Boys and Girls Club and has volunteered at FAMU TV-20. Her awards include the Bright Futures Scholarship, Academic Excellence Scholarship, and the Gates Millennium United Negro College Fund. Karel has also been named to the University Honor Roll. After graduation, Karel plans to become an evening news producer.

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### **FLORIDA BROADCASTERS AWARDS SCHOLARSHIP TO STUDENT AT ST. THOMAS UNIVERSITY**

DeLand, FL 3/10/05 – The Florida Association of Broadcasters has awarded a \$1,500 scholarship to Rogelio Ramos. Rogelio, a senior from Florida City, is majoring in Communication Arts at St. Thomas University. This LeRoy Collins Memorial Scholar was selected by St. Thomas University based upon major and financial need. This program provides a \$1,500 scholarship to a senior student who is planning a career in broadcasting.

Rogelio is currently employed as Night Team Editor for WSVN, Channel 7 News and volunteers with the Miami Latin Film Festival. His awards include induction into the National Scholastic Honor Society and Delta Epsilon Sigma. He has also been named to the Dean's List. After graduation, Rogelio plans to become a broadcaster.

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### **FLORIDA BROADCASTERS AWARDS SCHOLARSHIP TO STUDENT AT UNIVERSITY OF WEST FLORIDA**

DeLand, FL 3/10/05 – The Florida Association of Broadcasters has awarded a \$1,500 scholarship to Christian E. Couch. Christian, a senior from Pensacola, is majoring in Communication Arts/Telecommunications at the University of West Florida. This LeRoy Collins Memorial Scholar was selected by the University of West Florida based upon major and financial need. This program provides a \$1,500 scholarship to a senior student who is planning a career in broadcasting.

Christian performs community service hours with the University of West Florida Career Services office and prepares soldier care packages for soldiers stationed in Iraq. Her awards include being named to the Dean's List and induction into the Alpha Sigma Lambda National Honor Society – The Delta Chapter of the University of West Florida. After graduation, Christian hopes to work at a sports broadcasting company like ESPN.

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### **FLORIDA BROADCASTERS AWARDS SCHOLARSHIP TO STUDENT AT THE UNIVERSITY OF TAMPA**

DeLand, FL 3/30/05 – The Florida Association of Broadcasters has awarded a \$1,500 scholarship to Nancy C. Sullivan. Nancy, a junior from Tampa, is majoring in Communications at The University of Tampa. This LeRoy Collins Memorial Scholar was selected by The University of Tampa based upon major and financial need. This program provides a \$1,500 scholarship to a student who is planning a career in broadcasting.

Nancy is currently an active member of the Alpha Chi Omega Sorority and has worked as a programming intern at WSUN 97.1 FM and a Remote Project Intern for Tampa Bay Community Network. Her honors include being named to the Freshman Honor Society and the Dean's List. After graduation, Nancy plans to earn a doctorate degree in Communications and teach at the college level. She also hopes to open her own production company and produce and direct her own show to be broadcasted on television.

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### **FLORIDA BROADCASTERS AWARDS SCHOLARSHIP TO STUDENT AT FLORIDA ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY**

DeLand, FL 4/15/05 – The Florida Association of Broadcasters has awarded a \$1,500 scholarship to Michelle Sheikh. Michelle, a senior from West Palm Beach, is majoring in Multimedia Journalism at Florida Atlantic University. This LeRoy Collins Memorial Scholar was selected by Florida Atlantic University based upon major and financial need. This program provides a \$1,500 scholarship to a senior student who is planning a career in broadcasting.

Michelle is currently co-organizing an Adopt-A-Road Program on the McArthur Campus of Florida Atlantic University to prevent littering. Her honors include the Palm Beach Community College Reading Essay Award and Palm Beach Community College Honors. After graduation, Michelle hopes to work as a news reporter and eventually attend law school and focus on media law.

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