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2004 – 2005 United Parcel Service Scholars

**Natalie J. Jones, Barry University
Marianne D. Kriz, Clearwater Christian College
Ross S. Felsher, Eckerd College
Lemuel Morales, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University
Melissa A. Zwolinski, Flagler College
Rebecca K. Swearingen, Florida College
Maggie A. Cruz, Florida Hospital College of Health Science
Vincent R. Pigott, Florida Institute of Technology
Rebecca S. Parsons, Florida Southern College
Lisa A. Mead, International College
Anthony E. Parello, Jacksonville University
Damonique Donyell Duncan, Jacksonville University
Erika Waldfogel, Lynn University
Anna-Isabelle Muller, Nova Southeastern University
Alejandro H. Krause, Palm Beach Atlantic University
Claire G. Mojher, Ringling School of Art and Design
Meredith V. Gibboney, Rollins College
Scott M. Marsden, Saint Leo University
Kellie A. Coleman, Southeastern College
Erika Diaz, St. Thomas University
Bethany L. DeFrancesco, Stetson University
Beatrice N. Buckingham, The University of Tampa
Michael J. Campbell, Warner Southern College
Josh R. Dubay, Webber International University
Oscar O. Garcia, University of Miami**



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UPS AWARDS SCHOLARSHIP TO STUDENT AT FLORIDA COLLEGE

DeLand, FL 12/8/04 – The United Parcel Service has awarded a \$2,750 scholarship to Rebecca K. Swearingen. Rebecca, a freshman from Lufkin, TX, is majoring in Optometry at Florida College in Temple Terrace, FL. This UPS Scholar was nominated by her school.

During high school, Rebecca was active in Student Council, the National Honor Society and served as President of the President's Round Table and Drum Major in Band. She has also found the time to volunteer with the elderly and participate in the annual Highway Cleanup project. Her college honors include being named Secretary of the Freshman Class Council. After graduation, Rebecca plans to pursue a career as an optometrist.

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UPS AWARDS SCHOLARSHIP TO STUDENT AT FLORIDA SOUTHERN COLLEGE

DeLand, FL 12/8/04 – The United Parcel Service has awarded a \$2,750 scholarship to Rebecca S. Parsons. Rebecca, a senior from Henryville, PA, is majoring in Biology at Florida Southern College in Lakeland, FL. This UPS Scholar was nominated by her school.

Rebecca has been active in the Tri Beta Biology Society, Habitat for Humanities, and has served as a Vacation Bible School Leader. Her honors include the Lions Club Scholarship and Academic Award. After graduation, Rebecca plans to pursue a teaching career in science.

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UPS AWARDS SCHOLARSHIP TO STUDENT AT RINGLING SCHOOL OF ART AND DESIGN

DeLand, FL 12/8/04 – The United Parcel Service has awarded a \$2,750 scholarship to Claire G. Mojher. Claire, a sophomore from Maitland, FL, is majoring in Art/Illustration at Ringling School of Art and Design in Sarasota, FL. This UPS Scholar was nominated by her school.

Claire has been an active member of Circle K and Habitat for Humanity. Additionally, she has volunteered at the Orlando Museum of Art Summer Art Camp. Her honors include the Avant Guard Academic Excellence Scholarship, the Keating Gallery Exhibition 2004, Best of Ringling Juried Art show, and being named to the National Dean's List and the President's List. After graduation, Claire plans to pursue a career in illustration. She also hopes to write and illustrate books for young children and adults.

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UPS AWARDS SCHOLARSHIP TO STUDENT AT PALM BEACH ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY

DeLand, FL 12/8/04 – The United Parcel Service has awarded a \$2,750 scholarship to Alejandro H. Krause. Alejandro, a senior from Margate, FL, is majoring in Biology at Palm Beach Atlantic University in West Palm Beach, FL. This UPS Scholar was nominated by his school.

Alejandro is founder and president of the Bioethics Colloquium with Gilbert Meilaender's book, *Bioethics, A Primer for Christians*. He also serves as secretary of the Pre-Health Club and has led weekly health related research topics, performed 300 hours of community service at Northwest Medical Center, and volunteered with a youth group at Trinity United Methodist Church. His honors include the State Award for National Healthcare Issues and he is the recipient of the Church Related Vocation Scholarship, the Provost Scholarship, the Royal Poinciana Chapel Scholarship, the Sailfish Award, and the Hispanic Leadership Development Fund. After graduation, Alejandro plans to attend Palm Beach Atlantic's School of Pharmacy and receive a Pharm.D degree.

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UPS AWARDS SCHOLARSHIP TO STUDENT AT ROLLINS COLLEGE

DeLand, FL 12/8/04 – The United Parcel Service has awarded a \$2,750 scholarship to Meredith V. Gibboney. Meredith, a senior from Aspers, PA, is majoring in Psychology at Rollins College in Winter Park, FL. This UPS Scholar was nominated by her school.

Meredith has been an active member of the Women's Varsity Crew Team and the Kappa Delta Sorority, working with Girl Scouts through the sorority. Meredith also participates in a church Bible study program and volunteers for Habitat for Humanity. Her honors include being named to the Dean's List. After graduation, Meredith hopes to work in an area that improves the world.

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UPS AWARDS SCHOLARSHIP TO STUDENT AT THE UNIVERSITY OF TAMPA

DeLand, FL 12/8/04 – The United Parcel Service has awarded a \$2,750 scholarship to Beatrice N. Buckingham. Beatrice, a senior from Miramar, FL, is majoring in Biology at The University of Tampa in Tampa, FL. This UPS Scholar was nominated by her school.

Beatrice is a volunteer at Wildlife on EasyStreet. She serves as an Orientation Team Leader for The University of Tampa, and she is a member of Tri-Beta. Her honors include the Brace Scholarship, The University of Tampa's Presidential Scholarship, and the Florida Medallion Scholarship. She has also been named to the National Dean's List. After graduation, Beatrice hopes to earn a master's degree and become involved in wildlife and environmental protection and rehabilitation.

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UPS AWARDS SCHOLARSHIP TO STUDENT AT INTERNATIONAL COLLEGE

DeLand, FL 12/8/04 – The United Parcel Service has awarded a \$2,750 scholarship to Lisa A. Mead. Lisa, a junior from Naples, FL, is majoring in Interdisciplinary Studies at International College in Naples, FL. This UPS Scholar was nominated by her school.

Lisa is currently a member of International College Ambassadors, a student group focused on activities to serve International College and the greater community. She also runs a successful home-based preschool while raising a daughter. Her honors include being named to the Dean's List. After graduation, Lisa hopes to earn permanent teacher certification and become an Elementary Education teacher. She also plans to pursue a master's degree in either Interdisciplinary Studies or Psychology.

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DeLand, FL 12/8/04 – The United Parcel Service has awarded a \$2,750 scholarship to Ross S. Felsher. Ross, a junior from Seminole, FL, is majoring in Economics at Eckerd College in St. Petersburg, FL. This UPS Scholar was nominated by his school.

Ross is currently a member of the Eckerd College Pre-Law Club and a volunteer at the Florida Holocaust Museum and Free Clinic where he distributes food to the needy. His honors include the Frances Shaw Stavros Scholarship, the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship, and Honorable Mention in the Illiad Press Winter 2003 Awards Program. Ross is also a poet whose works have been published in Noble House' poetry collection, Theatre of the Mind, The Best Poems and Poets of 2003, and Vision Anthology and Impressions: Teen Magazine. After graduation, Ross plans to attend law school and pursue a career in corporate law.

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DeLand, FL 12/8/04 – The United Parcel Service has awarded a \$2,750 scholarship to Anthony E. Parelo. Anthony, a sophomore from Manahawkin, NJ, is majoring in Mathematics at Jacksonville University in Jacksonville, FL. This UPS Scholar was nominated by his school.

Anthony is currently a member of the Jacksonville University Drumline, a Disaster Services Volunteer for the American Red Cross, and does patent researching for a current optics/guidance invention. He has served as an Independent Software Beta Tester for Playnet Incorporated and is a former member of the Hoboken Volunteer Ambulance Corporation. His honors include being named one of the Top 40 Sophomores for Jacksonville University (Phi Kappa Phi) and asked to conduct research on an alternative energy project for the Physics Department Chair. After graduation, Anthony hopes to become an intelligence analyst and be involved in national security and intelligence agencies through the U.S. government.

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UPS AWARDS SCHOLARSHIP TO STUDENT AT WEBBER INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY

DeLand, FL 12/8/04 – The United Parcel Service has awarded a \$2,750 scholarship to Josh R. Dubay. Josh, a senior from Lake Wales, FL, is majoring in Sports Management at Webber International University in Babson Park, FL. This UPS Scholar was nominated by his school.

Josh is currently active with the College Baseball Youth Athletic Sport Camps and has worked at the YMCA assisting youth activities. His honors include making the All-State Baseball team his junior and senior year of high school and graduating from high school with honors. After graduation, Josh hopes to have a successful career in marketing and sales in the sports industry.

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DeLand, FL 12/8/04 – The United Parcel Service has awarded a \$2,750 scholarship to Bethany L. DeFrancesco. Bethany, a senior from Stormville, NY, is majoring in Biology at Stetson University in DeLand, FL. This UPS Scholar was nominated by her school.

Bethany is currently a member of the Beta Beta Beta Biology Honor Society, AMSA, and the America Reacts Program. Her honors include the Beta Beta Beta Award. After graduation, Bethany plans to become a pediatrician or clinical psychologist.

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UPS AWARDS SCHOLARSHIP TO STUDENT AT UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI

DeLand, FL 12/8/04 – The United Parcel Service has awarded a \$2,750 scholarship to Oscar O. Garcia. Oscar, a senior from Yonkers, NY, is double majoring in Film/Broadcasting and Economics at the University of Miami in Coral Gables, FL. This UPS Scholar was nominated by his school.

Oscar currently serves as Producer and a member of the Executive Board for UMTV-Canes Gone Crazy, a news show that documents the “hot spots” of South Florida which broadcasts on the UMTV network. He has worked as a Sacred Heart Youth Group Counselor and as a volunteer for the Catholic Home Bureau and the Tisch Talent Guild assisting students at the New York University Tisch School of Arts. In addition to this, Oscar has found the time to participate in Salsa Craze-University of Miami, the University of Miami’s 2004 Homecoming, and act as producer for a Latin music show, MUSICALISIMO. His honors include the University of Miami Hispanic Heritage Month Certificate of Achievement for Outstanding Academic Excellence. He was also named the 2002-2003 NYU Showcase Festival Finalist for his documentary on homelessness and was named to the University of Miami - School of Communications Dean’s List and the New York University - Tisch School of Arts Dean’s List. After graduation, Oscar hopes to work in broadcasting, aspiring to be a television producer, running his own programs and providing society with news and entertainment

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DeLand, FL 12/8/04 – The United Parcel Service has awarded a \$2,750 scholarship to Melissa A. Zwolinski. Melissa, a senior from Orlando, FL, is majoring in Elementary Education/Exceptional Education at Flagler College in St. Augustine, FL. This UPS Scholar was nominated by her school.

Melissa is currently a member of Kappa Delta Pi - Educational Honor Society and the Alpha Chi Honor Society. She also volunteers at Lake Como Elementary School in Orlando, tutors, and works at a summer camp and an outdoor guide. Her honors include being named Member of the Year - Kappa Delta Pi Educational Honor Society, Alpha Society Honor Society member, and Who's Who at Flagler College. After graduation, Melissa plans to teach exceptional education.

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UPS AWARDS SCHOLARSHIP TO STUDENT AT EMBRY-RIDDLE AERONAUTICAL UNIVERSITY

DeLand, FL 12/8/04 – The United Parcel Service has awarded a \$2,750 scholarship to Lemuel Morales. Lemuel, a freshman from Winter Park, FL, is majoring in Aeronautical Science at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in Daytona Beach, FL. This UPS Scholar was nominated by his school.

Lemuel currently serves as Captain, S-4 of JROTC and is an active member of INTERACT, SER de Puerto Rico Foundation, UNICEF, and a church group. He participates in fundraising and other activities for heart disease. His honors include the AMA JROTC Best Cadet Award, the JROTC Leadership Award, and the INTERACT Best Member Award. While in high school, Lemuel received the Best Dressed Award and was named to the Honor Roll. After graduation, Lemuel plans to become an airline or commercial pilot.

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DeLand, FL 12/8/04 – The United Parcel Service has awarded a \$2,750 scholarship to Scott M. Marsden. Scott, a freshman from Inverness, FL, is majoring in Criminal Justice at Saint Leo University in St. Leo, FL. This UPS Scholar was nominated by his school.

Scott is currently a member of the Alpha Phi Fraternity and is an active volunteer serving over 200 community services hours with Morningstar Fisherman, Samaritans, Habitat of Humanity, and programs that teach youths about issues such as sex, sexually transmitted diseases, and teenage pregnancy. His honors include the John F. West Scholarship, the Key Club Scholarship, the Cash for Canes Scholarship, and a Saint Leo Academic Scholarship. He also received the Hurricane Award for Outstanding Sportsmanship and was named Treasurer of Rho Xi Chapter of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity. After graduation, Scott hopes to attend graduate school and pursue a career working with the Federal Government, possibly the FBI or DEA.

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Natalie is currently completing field experience hours in a Kindergarten class at Hubert O. Sibley Elementary School and works for the Vice President of Student Services at Barry University. Her honors include being named to the Dean's List in the School of Education at Barry University. After graduation, Natalie plans to teach while completing her master's degree. She then hopes to apply for an assistant principal position and eventually open her own school or daycare center.

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UPS AWARDS SCHOLARSHIP TO STUDENT AT NOVA SOUTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY

DeLand, FL 04/11/05 – The United Parcel Service has awarded a \$2,750 scholarship to Anna-Isabelle Muller. Anna-Isabelle, a junior from Margate, FL, is majoring in Computer Information Systems at Nova Southeastern University in Fort Lauderdale, FL. This UPS Scholar was nominated by her school.

Anna-Isabelle is currently a member of Phi Theta Kappa and the Honors Institute at Broward Community College. She is also active in raising breast cancer awareness by distributing brochures, educating students and working to procure donations for research on cures for breast cancer. Anna-Isabelle also assisted in the inauguration of the periodic table on Science Day at Broward Community College North Campus. Her honors include being named to the Dean's List and the President's List. While in high school, she won four MVP Medals in basketball, the "Student Always in a Good Mood" Award and an award for excelling in natural sciences. After graduation, Anna-Isabelle would like to pursue a master's degree in MIS or CIS and become a business or systems information analyst.

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UPS AWARDS SCHOLARSHIP TO STUDENT AT CLEARWATER CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

DeLand, FL 12/8/04 – The United Parcel Service has awarded a \$2,750 scholarship to Marianne D. Kriz. Marianne, a senior from Baltimore, MD, is majoring in Information Systems Management at Clearwater Christian College in Clearwater, FL. This UPS Scholar was nominated by her school.

Marianne is an active volunteer in her church and works as a Help Desk Attendant for the Computer Lab and a teacher's assistant. Her honors include being named her High School Salutatorian. After graduation, Marianne plans to work in retail, Marketing, or e-business and eventually establish her own business.

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UPS AWARDS SCHOLARSHIP TO STUDENT AT SOUTHEASTERN COLLEGE

DeLand, FL 12/8/04 – The United Parcel Service has awarded a \$2,750 scholarship to Kellie A. Coleman. Kellie, a senior from Vinemont, AL, is majoring in Elementary Education at Southeastern College in Lakeland, FL. This UPS Scholar was nominated by her school.

Kellie currently serves as Secretary for Reach for the Stars and is an active member of the Honor Society. She also volunteers in public schools, is a stats keeper for boys basketball, and sings at funerals and weddings. Her honors include Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges, the Kappi Delti Pi – Honors Society while in high school, and a Certificate of Achievement in the Cullman High School concert choir. After graduation, Kellie plans to teach at an inner-city school in order to make a positive difference in the lives of young people.

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UPS AWARDS SCHOLARSHIP TO STUDENT AT LYNN UNIVERSITY

DeLand, FL 12/8/04 – The United Parcel Service has awarded a \$2,750 scholarship to Erika Waldfoegel. Erika, a senior from Parkland, FL, is majoring in Elementary Education at Lynn University in Boca Raton, FL. This UPS Scholar was nominated by her school.

Erika has worked with autistic children for the past four years. In addition to her work with children, she has assisted in fund-raising activities for Israel. Her honors include being named to the Dean's List. After graduation, Erika hopes to become a special education teacher.

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UPS AWARDS SCHOLARSHIP TO STUDENT AT WARNER SOUTHERN COLLEGE

DeLand, FL 12/8/04 – The United Parcel Service has awarded a \$2,750 scholarship to Michael J. Campbell. Michael, a junior from Churchville, VA, is majoring in Church Ministry at Warner Southern College in Lake Wales, FL. This UPS Scholar was nominated by his school.

Michael is currently active with his church and occasionally speaks at the Harbor Retirement Community Center. His honors include being nominated to Who's Who. After graduation, Michael plans to pursue Ministry.

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UPS AWARDS SCHOLARSHIP TO STUDENT AT FLORIDA HOSPITAL COLLEGE OF HEALTH SCIENCES

DeLand, FL 12/8/04 – The United Parcel Service has awarded a \$2,750 scholarship to Maggie A. Cruz. Maggie, a sophomore from Winter Springs, FL, is majoring in Nursing at Florida Hospital College of Health Sciences in Orlando, FL. This UPS Scholar was nominated by her school.

Maggie currently serves as President Elect of the Florida Hospital College of Health Sciences Student Association and Editor of the FHCHS Chapter of the NSA Newsletter. She is also an active member of the Student Faculty Committee, the Nursing Forum, and the Coalition for Homelessness. Her honors include being named to the Dean's List. After graduation, Maggie plans to pursue a master's degree in nursing and possibly teach nursing.

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UPS AWARDS SCHOLARSHIP TO STUDENT AT FLORIDA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

DeLand, FL 12/8/04 – The United Parcel Service has awarded a \$2,750 scholarship to Vincent R. Pigott. Vincent, a freshman from Norfolk, VA, is majoring in Computer Science at Florida Institute of Technology in Melbourne, FL. This UPS Scholar was nominated by his school.

Vincent currently serves as President of the National Honor Society and served as Team Manager in charge of design and inventory for NORSTAR, a program at Norfolk Technical Vocational Center. He was also a participant in the First Competition and organized fundraisers and activities to induct new members into the National Honor Society. His honors include induction into the National Honor Society and the Spanish Honor Society. Vincent also received the 200+ Men Award and the Alpha Phi Sigma Sorority Award for Academic Excellence. While in high school, he was honored by the English, Science, Math, and Music Departments in an Honors Banquet. After graduation, Vincent plans to pursue a master's degree in Computer Science and design video games, write code/engineer software to help facilitate human-computer interface, and write professional music.

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UPS AWARDS SCHOLARSHIP TO STUDENT AT ST. THOMAS UNIVERSITY

DeLand, FL 2/7/05 – The United Parcel Service has awarded a \$2,750 scholarship to Erika Diaz. Erika, a sophomore from Miami, FL, is majoring in Biology at St. Thomas University in Miami, FL. This UPS Scholar was nominated by her school.

In the summer of 2003, Erika participated in a Minority Medical Education Program at the University of Washington and has also completed community service hours at a local hospital. Her honors include being named to the Dean's List. After graduation, Erika plans to attend medical school at the University of Miami and become a doctor.

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UPS AWARDS SCHOLARSHIP TO STUDENT AT JACKSONVILLE UNIVERSITY

DeLand, FL 4/15/05 – The United Parcel Service has awarded a scholarship to Damonique Donyell Duncan. Damonique, a freshman from Covington, LA, is majoring in Business Management at Jacksonville University in Jacksonville, FL. This UPS Scholar was nominated by her school.

Damonique is currently secretary of the Resident Hall Government and is an active member of the Black Student Union Club, the Beta Club, and the Mentor Program. She is also a volunteer for the Junior Deputy Explorer Program and Habijax for Women. Her honors include graduating from high school with a 3.5 GPA and being named to the National Honor Society. After graduation, Damonique hopes to own her own business and offer people the opportunity to improve their job skills.

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