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## **2006 – 2007 United Parcel Service Scholars**

<b>Shana V. Vollmar</b>	<b>Barry University</b>
<b>Jason A. Reid</b>	<b>Beacon College</b>
<b>Monique L. McKellum</b>	<b>Bethune-Cookman College</b>
<b>Joel W. Swearingen</b>	<b>Clearwater Christian College</b>
<b>Stephanie Garcia</b>	<b>Eckerd College</b>
<b>Robin Renee Bivins</b>	<b>Edward Waters College</b>
<b>Alyssa R. Nasto</b>	<b>Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University</b>
<b>Cole M. Distefano</b>	<b>Flagler College</b>
<b>Comfort E. Essiet</b>	<b>Florida College</b>
<b>Jessica C. Curry</b>	<b>Florida Hospital College of Health Science</b>
<b>Derek A. Brown</b>	<b>Florida Institute of Technology</b>
<b>Kaivon R. Thompson</b>	<b>Florida Memorial University</b>
<b>Alexandra T. Gauthier</b>	<b>Florida Southern College</b>
<b>Gary P. Obeldobel</b>	<b>International College</b>
<b>Richard B. Davenport</b>	<b>Jacksonville University</b>
<b>Stefanie J. Trovato</b>	<b>Lynn University</b>
<b>Melissa L. Dannacher</b>	<b>Nova Southeastern University</b>
<b>Valerie L. Connor</b>	<b>Palm Beach Atlantic University</b>
<b>Jose R. Torres</b>	<b>Ringling School of Art and Design</b>
<b>Jena L. Whitaker</b>	<b>Rollins College</b>
<b>Scott M. Marsden</b>	<b>Saint Leo University</b>
<b>Brittany C. Renz</b>	<b>Southeastern College</b>
<b>Milini Small</b>	<b>St. Thomas University</b>
<b>David Deaton</b>	<b>Stetson University</b>
<b>Bianca U. Hines</b>	<b>The University of Tampa</b>
<b>Zachary R. Smith</b>	<b>University of Miami</b>
<b>Bethany R. Underwood</b>	<b>Warner Southern College</b>
<b>Joshua E. Hudak</b>	<b>Webber International University</b>



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### **UPS AWARDS SCHOLARSHIP TO STUDENT AT FLORIDA COLLEGE**

DeLand, FL 1/29/07 – The United Parcel Service has awarded a \$2,750 scholarship to Comfort E. Essiet. Comfort, a sophomore from Temple Terrace, FL is majoring in Nursing at Florida College in Temple Terrace, FL. This UPS Scholar was nominated by her school.

Comfort serves as the Vice President of Phi Sigma Chi and is a member of CREST Coastal Clean-up. She also visits a local nursing home. Her honors include being named to the National Dean's List. After graduation, Comfort hopes to become a general physician and assist the needy.

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### **UPS AWARDS SCHOLARSHIP TO STUDENT AT BARRY UNIVERSITY**

DeLand, FL 1/29/07 – The United Parcel Service has awarded a \$2,750 scholarship to Shana V. Vollmar. Shana, a junior from Weston, OH is majoring in Graphic Design at Barry University in Miami Shores, FL. This UPS Scholar was nominated by her school.

Shana is an active member of the Psychology Club and the Crew Team and participates in various campus activities. Her honors include maintaining above a 3.0 GPA while at Barry. After graduation, Shana hopes to secure a career in art.

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### **UPS AWARDS SCHOLARSHIP TO STUDENT AT BEACON COLLEGE**

DeLand, FL 1/29/07 – The United Parcel Service has awarded a \$2,750 scholarship to Jason A. Reid. Jason, a junior from Dekalb, IL is majoring in Liberal Studies at Beacon College in Leesburg, FL. This UPS Scholar was nominated by his school.

Jason is active in the Beacon College community. His honors include the Gamma Beta Phi Honor Society and being named to the Academic Honors List. After graduation, Jason hopes to attend graduate school and become a pharmacist.

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### **UPS AWARDS SCHOLARSHIP TO STUDENT AT BETHUNE-COOKMAN COLLEGE**

DeLand, FL 1/29/07 – The United Parcel Service has awarded a \$2,750 scholarship to Monique L. McKellum. Monique, a junior from Lake City, FL is majoring in Nursing at Bethune-Cookman College in Daytona Beach, FL. This UPS Scholar was nominated by her school.

Monique is active with the Gospel choir and serves as a peer counselor and a tutor at local elementary schools. Her honors include the United Methodist Scholarship, the Federal Nursing Scholarship, and the Whitehead Scholarship. After graduation, Monique hopes to become a medical/surgical nurse.

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### **UPS AWARDS SCHOLARSHIP TO STUDENT AT CLEARWATER CHRISTIAN COLLEGE**

DeLand, FL 1/29/07 – The United Parcel Service has awarded a \$2,750 scholarship to Joel W. Swearingen. Joel, a senior from Rowlett, TX is majoring in Interdisciplinary Studies: Bible; English at Clearwater Christian College in Clearwater, FL. This UPS Scholar was nominated by his school.

Joel currently serves as Chaplain for Sigma Kappa Delta and Senior Class Chaplain. He also tutors students through Alpha Chi and volunteered to teach English during a three week college-sponsored trip to China. Joel is an active volunteer at the Florida Sheriff's Youth Ranch and at local elementary school festivals. His honors include being named to the President's Honor Roll and the Alpha Chi National Honor Society. After graduation, Joel plans to attend graduate school, live and teach in the Middle East, and eventually pursue a Ph.D. and teach in the United States.

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FLORIDA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY**

DeLand, FL 1/29/07 – The United Parcel Service has awarded a \$2,750 scholarship to Derek A. Brown. Derek, a junior from Fredericksburg, VA is majoring in Software Engineering at Florida Institute of Technology in Melbourne, FL. This UPS Scholar was nominated by his school.

Joel currently serves as a counselor for prospective students, staff writer for the Florida Tech Association for Computing Machinery and is active with Habitat for Humanity. His honors include being named Outstanding Sophomore and Junior in Software Engineering and a nomination for the Upsilon Pi Epsilon Dean's List. After graduation, Derek hopes to become a software tester.

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### **UPS AWARDS SCHOLARSHIP TO STUDENT AT STETSON UNIVERSITY**

DeLand, FL 1/29/07 – The United Parcel Service has awarded a \$2,750 scholarship to David Deaton. David, a freshman from Panama City, FL is majoring in International Studies at Stetson University in DeLand, FL. This UPS Scholar was nominated by his school.

David currently serves as a Stetson Ambassador and Assistant Coach for the DeLand High School Wrestling Team. He is also an active member of Phi Sigma Kappa and the SAFAC Committee. His honors include the Citizenship Award, the Presidential Scholarship, the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship, the Comcast Leadership Scholarship, and being named the Cambridge Scholar. After graduation, David hopes to work in the fields of Education, Public Services and International Relations.

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### **UPS AWARDS SCHOLARSHIP TO STUDENT AT ST. THOMAS UNIVERSITY**

DeLand, FL 1/29/07 – The United Parcel Service has awarded a \$2,750 scholarship to Milini Small. Milini, a sophomore from Palm Springs, FL is majoring in Political Science at St. Thomas University in Miami, FL. This UPS Scholar was nominated by her school.

Milini currently serves as the Vice President for the Black Student Union and as a Peer Mentor at St. Thomas University. Her honors include the St Thomas University Student Services Vice President's Award for Outstanding Service. After graduation, Milini hopes to become a family law attorney.

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### **UPS AWARDS SCHOLARSHIP TO STUDENT AT UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI**

DeLand, FL 1/29/07 – The United Parcel Service has awarded a \$2,750 scholarship to Zachary R. Smith. Zachary, a junior from Metairie, LA is majoring in Architecture at the University of Miami in Coral Gables, FL. This UPS Scholar was nominated by his school.

Zachary is an active member of Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity and the Preservation Resource Center which restores houses in New Orleans. His honors include the University of Miami Bowman Foster Ashe Scholarship. After graduation, Zachary hopes to become an architect, own an architectural firm, and enter politics.

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DeLand, FL 1/29/07 – The United Parcel Service has awarded a \$2,750 scholarship to Robin Renee Bivins. Robin, a junior from Jacksonville, FL is majoring in Elementary Education at Edward Waters College in Jacksonville, FL. This UPS Scholar was nominated by her school.

Robin currently serves as a Girl Scout Leader and enjoys exercising. After graduation, Robin hopes to become a guidance counselor.

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DeLand, FL 1/29/07 – The United Parcel Service has awarded a \$2,750 scholarship to Kaivon R. Thompson. Kaivon, a senior from Nassau, Bahamas, is majoring in Criminal Justice/Pre-Law at Florida Memorial University (FMU) in Miami, FL. This UPS Scholar was nominated by her school.

Kaivon currently serves as the Vice President of the FMU Student Government Association and as an FMU Compact and Black Male tutor/counselor. She is also an active member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Delta Eta Chapter at FMU, First Lady's Ladies, and the Bahamian Connection Student Association. Her honors include the Resident Life Distinguished Resident Assistant Award, the Student Government Vice President's Award, and the FMU Compact Scholarship Award. Additionally, Kaivon was named Outstanding Head Tutor Counselor and was named to the President's List and the Dean's List. After graduation, Kaivon plans to pursue a law degree specializing in corporate law.

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DeLand, FL 1/29/07 – The United Parcel Service has awarded a \$2,750 scholarship to Alyssa R. Nasto. Alyssa, a junior from Port Allegany, PA, is majoring in Air Traffic Management at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University (ERAU) in Daytona Beach, FL. This UPS Scholar was nominated by her school.

Alyssa is currently active with Bella, Task Force One, The National Society for Collegiate Scholars, a Kickboxing club, and a culinary club. Her honors include The McKay ERAU Scholarship, the National Society of Collegiate Scholars, the Liberty Lodge 505 Scholarship, the North Tier League Scholarship, and being named to the Dean's List. After graduation, Alyssa hopes to be an Air Traffic Controller.

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DeLand, FL 1/29/07 – The United Parcel Service has awarded a \$2,750 scholarship to Bianca U. Hines. Bianca, a junior from Lithonia, GA is majoring in Biology at The University of Tampa in Tampa, FL. This UPS Scholar was nominated by her school.

Bianca is currently active with the NAACP, Black Student Union Community Service: Into the Streets, Boys and Girls Club, the Suncoast Foster Child Association, and the Lowry Park Zoo. Her awards include being named the most involved member of the Black Student Union and the NAACP. She has also been named to the Dean's List. After graduation, Bianca plans to further her education at the Medical College of Georgia and pursue a career as an OB/GYN.

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### **UPS AWARDS SCHOLARSHIP TO STUDENT AT PALM BEACH ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY**

DeLand, FL 1/29/07 – The United Parcel Service has awarded a \$2,750 scholarship to Valerie L. Connor. Valerie, a junior from Tampa, FL is majoring in Biology at Palm Beach Atlantic University in West Palm Beach, FL. This UPS Scholar was nominated by her school.

Valerie is currently active with the Leukemia and Lymphoma Cancer Walks and volunteers her time at nursing homes, a local science museum and church. She also participates in hurricane relief beach cleanups and has coached high school girls' soccer for the past three summers. Her honors include a nomination for Who's Who and being named the Defensive MVP for the Clearwater Christian College soccer team. After graduation, Valerie plans to attend the Springfield College physician assistant program in Massachusetts and one day work in an Orthopedic Sports Clinic.

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DeLand, FL 1/29/07 – The United Parcel Service has awarded a \$2,750 scholarship to Jena L. Whitaker. Jenna, a junior from Marmora, NJ is majoring in French and Music at Rollins College in Winter Park, FL. This UPS Scholar was nominated by her school.

Jena has been active with Habitat for Humanity and serves as a French tutor at the Rollins College Student Resource Center. Her honors include Rollins Concert Choir and Chamber Singers and being named to the President's List. After graduation, Jena plans to attend graduate school and become a French professor.

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### **UPS AWARDS SCHOLARSHIP TO STUDENT AT NOVA SOUTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY**

DeLand, FL 1/29/07 – The United Parcel Service has awarded a \$2,750 scholarship to Melissa L. Dannacher. Melissa, a junior from Plantation, FL is majoring in Psychology at Nova Southeastern University (NSU) in Fort Lauderdale, FL. This UPS Scholar was nominated by her school.

Melissa is currently an active member of the Psychology Psi Chi Honor Society and is active in on-campus fundraisers, clubs, and student affairs. She also performs charity work through Psi Chi and reads to underprivileged children at Sunrise Library. Her honors include acceptance into the Dual Admissions program at NSU, the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship, and the NSU Honors Award. After graduation, Melissa hopes to become a Forensic Psychologist working in Criminal Law.

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### **UPS AWARDS SCHOLARSHIP TO STUDENT AT LYNN UNIVERSITY**

DeLand, FL 1/29/07 – The United Parcel Service has awarded a \$2,750 scholarship to Stefanie J. Trovato. Stefanie, a junior from Cranberry Town, PA is majoring in Business Administration in Fashion Management at Lynn University in Boca Raton, FL. This UPS Scholar was nominated by her school.

Stefanie is currently active with the Drama Club and the Student Activities Department. Her awards include the Academic Honor Society. After graduation, Stefanie hopes to work in the fashion industry.

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### **UPS AWARDS SCHOLARSHIP TO STUDENT AT JACKSONVILLE UNIVERSITY**

DeLand, FL 1/29/07 – The United Parcel Service has awarded a \$2,750 scholarship to Richard B. Davenport. Richard, a freshman from St. Petersburg, FL, is majoring in Computer Information Technology at Jacksonville University in Jacksonville, FL. This UPS Scholar was nominated by his school.

Richard has been an active volunteer for a men's homeless shelter and a local hospice. His honors include the Johnny Ruth Clarke Award, Ebony Scholars, Who's Who Among Americans and the National Honor Roll. After graduation, Richard plans to pursue a master's degree and work for a fortune five hundred company in their IT department.

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

DeLand, FL 1/29/07 – The United Parcel Service has awarded a \$2,750 scholarship to Jessica C. Curry. Jessica, a sophomore from Ocoee, FL, is majoring in Nursing at Florida Hospital College of Health Sciences in Orlando, FL. This UPS Scholar was nominated by her school.

Jessica participates in fundraising for the Leukemia Lymphoma Society and running marathons for charity groups. After graduation, Jessica plans to become a nurse to help people.

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### **UPS AWARDS SCHOLARSHIP TO STUDENT AT SOUTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY**

DeLand, FL 1/29/07 – The United Parcel Service has awarded a \$2,750 scholarship to Brittany C. Renz. Brittany, a senior from Lakeland, FL, is majoring in Elementary Education at Southeastern University in Lakeland, FL. This UPS Scholar was nominated by her school.

Brittany teaches children, ages 3 to 5 years, at church and is a tutor. Her honors include the Southeastern University Dean's scholarship. After graduation, Brittany hopes to travel overseas and teach underprivileged children providing them with a better future.

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### **UPS AWARDS SCHOLARSHIP TO STUDENT AT INTERNATIONAL COLLEGE**

DeLand, FL 1/29/07 – The United Parcel Service has awarded a \$2,750 scholarship to Gary P. Obeldobel. Gary, a junior from Fort Myers, FL, is majoring in Legal Studies at International College in Naples, FL. This UPS Scholar was nominated by his school.

Gary is currently active with the Ambassadors Club and the International College Tutoring Program. He also works with children in theatre at the Bonita Springs Art League. His honors include being named to the Dean's List. After graduation, Gary plans to attend Law School with a future in the legal profession.

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

DeLand, FL 1/29/07 – The United Parcel Service has awarded a \$2,750 scholarship to Jose R. Torres. Jose, a junior from Providence, RI, is majoring in Illustration at Ringling School of Art and Design in Sarasota, FL. This UPS Scholar was nominated by his school.

Jose has served as Vice President of the Junior Latin American Student Organization, Student Council Representative and Secretary, Teaching and Learning Officer for the Student Government, Hope High School Arts Community Representative, and Salvation Army volunteer. He also co-founded the Hope High School's Martial Arts Club and served as a martial Arts instructor and student. His honors include recognition for academic achievement and citizenship. After graduation, Jose hopes to travel to Europe illustrating album covers and posters for metal bands.

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### **UPS AWARDS SCHOLARSHIP TO STUDENT AT WEBBER INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY**

DeLand, FL 1/29/07 – The United Parcel Service has awarded a \$2,750 scholarship to Joshua E. Hudak. Joshua, a junior from Palm Bay, FL, is majoring in Marketing at Webber International University in Babson Park, FL. This UPS Scholar was nominated by his school.

Joshua is a Commercial Diver and certified instructor. He is also active with the Melbourne Beach Clean-up and with an organized group for school. After graduation, Joshua hopes to own either a restaurant or sports bar.

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### **UPS AWARDS SCHOLARSHIP TO STUDENT AT FLAGLER COLLEGE**

DeLand, FL 1/29/07 – The United Parcel Service has awarded a \$2,750 scholarship to Cole M. Distefano. Cole, a sophomore from Higganum, CT is majoring in Accounting at Flagler College in St. Augustine, FL. This UPS Scholar was nominated by his school.

Cole is an active member of the Flagler College Cross Country Team and serves as an ocean lifeguard for St. John's County Marine/Fire rescue. His honors include The National Honor Society Business Award and being named to the President's List and the Dean's List. After graduation, Cole hopes to become a certified public account.

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### **UPS AWARDS SCHOLARSHIP TO STUDENT AT WARNER SOUTHERN COLLEGE**

DeLand, FL 1/29/07 – The United Parcel Service has awarded a \$2,750 scholarship to Bethany R. Underwood. Bethany, a senior from Colorado Springs, CO is majoring in Biology and Psychology at Warner Southern College in Lake Wales, FL. This UPS Scholar was nominated by her school.

Bethany is an active member of the Student Government Association and the Camarada Women's Club. Her honors include induction into Phi Gamma Mu, Alpha Lambda Delta, and Alpha Chi. After graduation, Bethany hopes to get her D.O. and become a forensic pathologist.

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

DeLand, FL 1/29/07 – The United Parcel Service has awarded a \$2,750 scholarship to Alexandra T. Gauthier. Alexandra, a sophomore from Freeport, Bahamas is majoring in Communication at Florida Southern College in Lakeland, FL. This UPS Scholar was nominated by her school.

Alexandra is an active member of Habitat for Humanity and the Church Bell Choir, serves as a staff writer for The Southern, Florida's Southern College's newspaper, and is a blood donor. Her honors include being named to the Dean's List and a published essay in Elder and Leemaur Publisher's *Authors of Tomorrow*. After graduation, Alexandra hopes to work for her hometown newspaper, The Freeport News and eventually begin an editorial to compel Bahamians to think about and change social ills.

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**UPS AWARDS SCHOLARSHIP TO STUDENT AT  
SAINT LEO UNIVERSITY**

DeLand, FL 1/29/07 – The United Parcel Service has awarded a \$2,750 scholarship to Scott M. Marsden. Scott, a senior from Inverness, FL is majoring in Criminology with a minor in Political Science at Saint Leo University in Saint Leo, FL. This UPS Scholar was nominated by his school.

Scott currently serves as Secretary and Dean of Intake of the Rho Xi Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity and as Treasurer for Best Buddies International. He is also an active member of BSU, Circle K, Big Brother, Big Sister, the Saint Leo University Quiz Bowl, and the Political Science Association. His honors include the John F. West Memorial Scholarship, the Key Club Scholarship, the Kiwanis Scholarship, and a Saint Leo Academic Scholarship. Scott was also 3<sup>rd</sup> place winner in the Saint Leo University Quiz Bowl and a participant in the Florida Federation of Alpha Chapters District Scholars Bowl. After graduation, Scott hopes to attain a career working for the U.S. government specializing in aspects of intelligence and international relations.

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### **UPS AWARDS SCHOLARSHIP TO STUDENT AT ECKERD COLLEGE**

DeLand, FL 1/29/07 – The United Parcel Service has awarded a \$2,750 scholarship to Stephanie Garcia. Stephanie, a junior from Lennox, CA is majoring in Human Development at Eckerd College in St. Petersburg, FL. This UPS Scholar was nominated by her school.

Stephanie is currently active with St. Agatha's Church and serves as a Mary Kay Beauty consultant. Her honors include the Eckerd College Honors. After graduation, Stephanie hopes to pursue a career in filmmaking as a producer and in psychology working with individuals with low socioeconomic status, children and the disabled.

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