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### **2005 – 2006 LeRoy Collins Memorial Scholars**

<b>Anna J. Rivas</b>	<b>Barry University</b>
<b>Miya C. Cusic</b>	<b>Bethune-Cookman College</b>
<b>Jamie N. Custer</b>	<b>Eckerd College</b>
<b>Nathaniel S. Brown</b>	<b>Edward Waters College</b>
<b>Levi J. Jordan</b>	<b>Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University</b>
<b>Kelly P. Lambert</b>	<b>Flagler College</b>
<b>Karel J. Crawford</b>	<b>Florida A&amp;M University</b>
<b>Ashley F. Koester</b>	<b>Florida Atlantic University</b>
<b>Jaime M. Guardino</b>	<b>Florida Southern College</b>
<b>Michael D. Koolick</b>	<b>Florida State University</b>
<b>Leslie Blake Fennell</b>	<b>Jacksonville University</b>
<b>Shannon M. Jones</b>	<b>Lynn University</b>
<b>Laura Danielle Brown</b>	<b>Palm Beach Atlantic University</b>
<b>Kristafer S. Vale</b>	<b>Ringling School of Art and Design</b>
<b>Nancy C. Sullivan</b>	<b>The University of Tampa</b>
<b>Michael L. Murillo</b>	<b>University of Central Florida</b>
<b>Colleen S. Chen</b>	<b>University of Florida</b>
<b>Leonor Pancorbo</b>	<b>University of Miami</b>
<b>Paula N. Gonzalez</b>	<b>University of North Florida</b>
<b>Natasha E. Samreny</b>	<b>University of South Florida</b>
<b>Jonathan D. Hovell</b>	<b>University of West Florida</b>



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

DeLand, FL 3/1/06 – The Florida Association of Broadcasters has awarded a \$2,000 scholarship to Anna J. Rivas. Anna, 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 \$2,000 scholarship to a senior student who is planning a career in broadcasting.

Anna is a member of the Barry University Cheerleading Squad. The squad, active with several community service projects, is currently raising money for the Make a Wish Foundation and is getting involved with the Leukemia Lymphoma Society. Anna has also been active with local radio stations and produced a public affairs television show for PAX network. After graduation, Anna hopes to become a television director or producer.

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### **FLORIDA BROADCASTERS AWARDS SCHOLARSHIP TO STUDENT AT BETHUNE-COOKMAN COLLEGE**

DeLand, FL 3/1/06 – The Florida Association of Broadcasters has awarded a \$2,000 scholarship to Miya C. Cusic. Miya, a senior from Daytona Beach, is majoring in Mass Communications: Broadcast Journalism at Bethune-Cookman College. This LeRoy Collins Memorial Scholar was selected by Bethune-Cookman College based upon major and financial need. This program provides a \$2,000 scholarship to a senior student who is planning a career in broadcasting.

Miya currently serves as the News Director for WBCC-TV and disc jockey for WRWS FM radio station. She is also a member of the National Association of Black Journalists, Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. and the Sigma Alpha Iota Fraternity for Women. Her honors include being named to the National Dean's List. After graduation, Miya plans to become a news reporter and one day have a syndicated news show.

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

DeLand, FL 3/1/06 – The Florida Association of Broadcasters has awarded a \$2,000 scholarship to Jamie N. Custer. Jamie, a senior from Kissimmee, 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 \$2,000 scholarship to a senior student who is planning a career in broadcasting.

Jamie currently serves as a volunteer softball coach and a YMCA volunteer facilitator for youth sports and healthy living. She is also an active member of the Leatherback Turtle Rescue Program and the Green Team, and volunteers her time at homeless shelters and the Adopt a Highway street cleanup program. Her honors include the Glickman Communications and Broadcasting Scholarship, the Sunshine State Conference's Honor Roll Award, and a Florida Bright Futures Award. Jamie was also named captain of the Eckerd College varsity softball team and is an athletic varsity letter winner. After graduation, Jamie plans a career in communications and broadcasting.

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

DeLand, FL 3/1/06 – The Florida Association of Broadcasters has awarded a \$2,000 scholarship to Nathaniel S. Brown. Nathaniel, a senior from Jacksonville, is majoring in Communication 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 \$2,000 scholarship to a senior student who is planning a career in broadcasting.

Nathaniel currently serves as a coordinator for Team-Up and interns for PBS WJCT Channel 7. He also mentors middle school students. His honors include an Edward Waters College Student Appreciation Award and induction into the President National Fraternity, Iota Phi Theta. After graduation, Nathaniel plans to attend graduate school in the field of communications.

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

DeLand, FL 3/1/06 – The Florida Association of Broadcasters has awarded a \$2,000 scholarship to Levi J. Jordan. Levi, a senior from Daytona Beach, is majoring in Communications specializing in International Relations and Applied Meteorology 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 \$2,000 scholarship to a senior student who is planning a career in broadcasting.

Levi is currently active with the NAVY ROTC, Embry-Riddle Varsity Cycling, Embry-Riddle College Republicans, the Embry-Riddle Model United Nations, and The Avion, Embry-Riddle's newspaper. His honors include the Avion Reporter's Award. After graduation, Levi plans to become a meteorological and international broadcaster/journalist.

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

DeLand, FL 3/1/06 – The Florida Association of Broadcasters has awarded a \$2,000 scholarship to Kelly P. Lambert. Kelly, a senior from Spring Hill, is majoring in Communication at Flagler College. This LeRoy Collins Memorial Scholar was selected by Flagler College based upon major and financial need. This program provides a \$2,000 scholarship to a senior student who is planning a career in broadcasting.

Kelly currently volunteers for the Humane Society and Habitat for Humanity. Her honors include being named to the Dean's List. After graduation, Kelly plans to work in television broadcasting.

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### **FLORIDA BROADCASTERS AWARDS SCHOLARSHIP TO STUDENT AT FLORIDA A&M UNIVERSITY**

DeLand, FL 3/1/06 – The Florida Association of Broadcasters has awarded a \$2,000 scholarship to Karel J. Crawford. Karel, a senior from Miramar, is majoring in Broadcast Journalism at Florida A&M University (FAMU). This LeRoy Collins Memorial Scholar was selected by Florida A&M University based upon major and financial need. This program provides a \$2,000 scholarship to a senior student who is planning a career in broadcasting.

Karel is currently active on FAMU's campus through journalistic and improvement workshops and health seminars, and by tutoring fellow classmates in nonlinear editing and television graphics. She also served as a WTXL Commercial Production and Web Design Intern. Her honors include the Bright Futures Scholarship, the Gates Millennium Scholarship, and being named a Delta Sigma Theta Academic Excellence Honoree. Karel has also been named to the University Honor Roll and the White and Gold Honor Society. After graduation, Karel plans to become a videographer and/or editor, own a web design company, and eventually move into filmmaking.

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

DeLand, FL 4/1/06 – The Florida Association of Broadcasters has awarded a \$2,000 scholarship to Ashley F. Koester. Ashley, a senior from Jupiter, is majoring in Multimedia Journalism at Florida Atlantic University (FAU). This LeRoy Collins Memorial Scholar was selected by Florida Atlantic University based upon major and financial need. This program provides a \$2,000 scholarship to a student who is planning a career in broadcasting.

Ashley currently serves as Recording Secretary for the Alpha Xi Delta Sorority; Director of Public Relations for the FAU Dance Marathon; Circle K Secretary Panhellenic Committee Delegate; Public Relations Director of the FAU SAVI Office; and Manoff Residence Director of Public Relations. She is also active with the Human Rights Organization and is a volunteer for Choose Children Philanthropy. Her honors include the Highest GPA Award and being named to the President's List. Ashley has been published in the Jupiter Courier and the Sun-Sentinel and was selected by a Journalism professor to restructure his class syllabus. After graduation, Ashley plans to work as an editor or news anchor.

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

DeLand, FL 3/1/06 – The Florida Association of Broadcasters has awarded a \$2,000 scholarship to Jaime M. Guardino. Jaime, a senior from Lakeland, is majoring in Communications with a concentration in News Media at Florida Southern College. This LeRoy Collins Memorial Scholar was selected by Florida Southern College based upon major and financial need. This program provides a \$2,000 scholarship to a senior student who is planning a career in broadcasting.

Jaime is currently active with the Alpha Delta Pi Sorority, the Toastmaster's Florida Southern College meetings, and VISTE (Volunteers in Service to the Elderly). She also volunteered to complete a video documentary production for the Talbot House, Ministry for the Homeless in Lakeland. Her honors include being named Miss Lakeland in 2001. After graduation, Jaime plans to pursue a career in television production.

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

DeLand, FL 3/1/06 – The Florida Association of Broadcasters has awarded a \$2,000 scholarship to Michael D. Koolick. Michael, a senior from Palm City, is majoring in Meteorology at Florida State University (FSU). This LeRoy Collins Memorial Scholar was selected by Florida State University based upon major and financial need. This program provides a \$2,000 scholarship to a senior student who is planning a career in broadcasting.

Michael currently serves as an on-camera weathercaster for the FSU Weather Show and supervisor for weekly student weathercasting workshops. He also works for WCTV Channel 6 as a fill-in weathercaster and weather producer and on occasion, works the assignment desk. After graduation, Michael plans to become a weathercaster and combine his education tools to inform and educate the public and prospective science students.

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DeLand, FL 3/1/06 – The Florida Association of Broadcasters has awarded a \$2,000 scholarship to Leslie Blake Fennell. Leslie, a senior from Jacksonville, is majoring in Broadcasting at Jacksonville University (JU). This LeRoy Collins Memorial Scholar was selected by Jacksonville University based upon major and financial need. This program provides a \$2,000 scholarship to a senior student who is planning a career in broadcasting.

Leslie currently serves as Executive Producer of the JU Dolphin TV Channel, Vice President of Gamma Phi Beta, staff writer for JU's newspaper, the Navigator, staff member of Dolphin Productions, and Vice President for the JU chapter of the Florida Public Relations Society. She is also a published writer for JU's literary magazine, the Aquarian, a Green Key Member of the Leadership Honor Society and a member of Lambda Pi Eta Communications Honor Society. Her honors include induction into Phi Kappa Chi, being named Phi Kappa Phi's Top Sophomore, and being named to the President's Honor Roll and the Dean's List. After graduation, Leslie plans to become a broadcast journalist and eventually a meteorologist.

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

DeLand, FL 3/1/06 – The Florida Association of Broadcasters has awarded a \$2,000 scholarship to Shannon M. Jones. Shannon, a senior from Sunrise, is majoring in Journalism and Mass Communications with a concentration in Broadcasting at Lynn University. This LeRoy Collins Memorial Scholar was selected by Lynn University based upon major and financial need. This program provides a \$2,000 scholarship to a senior student who is planning a career in broadcasting.

Shannon is active with the National Thespian Society for Acting, has spent the last two years doing voiceover talent, and enjoys acting and singing. Her honors include Superior Rating at a state singing competition and Best Portfolio Award at the Art Institute of Fort Lauderdale. Shannon has also been named to the Dean's List. After graduation, Shannon plans to work as a broadcast reporter.

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DeLand, FL 3/1/06 – The Florida Association of Broadcasters has awarded a \$2,000 scholarship to Laura Danielle Brown. Laura, a senior from Saint Cloud, is majoring in Communications – 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 \$2,000 scholarship to a senior student who is planning a career in broadcasting.

Laura currently serves as Assistant Youth Leader at Faith United Methodist Church of Boynton Beach and volunteers for the daycare program at the First Baptist Church of West Palm Beach. She also works as Office and Programming Assistant for WAYfm (88.1) and as an apprentice and Station Manager for Sailfish Radio at Palm Beach Atlantic University. Laura's passion is radio and after graduation, she hopes to own her own station and reach the world through the microphone.

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

DeLand, FL 3/1/06 – The Florida Association of Broadcasters has awarded a \$2,000 scholarship to Kristafer S. Vale. Kristafer, a senior from Sarasota, 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 \$2,000 scholarship to a senior student who is planning a career in broadcasting.

Kristafer is currently a resident assistant and takes notes for students with disabilities. His honors include the Best of the Ringling 2002 Ringling Endowment Scholarship. After graduation, Kristafer plans to work as an animator in the field of Communications.

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DeLand, FL 3/1/06 – The Florida Association of Broadcasters has awarded a \$2,000 scholarship to Nancy C. Sullivan. Nancy, a senior 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 \$2,000 scholarship to a senior student who is planning a career in broadcasting.

Nancy is currently an active member of the Alpha Chi Omega Sorority. She also works as a Remote Project Intern for the Tampa Bay Community Network setting up and breaking down remote production equipment and operating cameras, graphic programs and audio. Her honors include being named to the Dean's List. After graduation, Nancy plans to work for a production company as an editor, producer, or director, earn a doctorate degree in Communications and teach at the college level. One day she hopes to use her communication skills and knowledge of the deaf community and create a channel for deaf programming.

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DeLand, FL 3/1/06 – The Florida Association of Broadcasters has awarded a \$2,000 scholarship to Michael L. Murillo. Michael, a senior from Melbourne, 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 \$2,000 scholarship to a senior student who is planning a career in broadcasting.

Michael is currently a Lions Club member and volunteers at radio station fundraising events and a local television access channel in Melbourne. His honors include a Silver Mic Award for the Return to Space Promo and being named to the Dean's List. After graduation, Michael plans to work in television broadcasting, producing documentaries and traveling to bring unique stories to the United States.

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

DeLand, FL 3/1/06 – The Florida Association of Broadcasters has awarded a \$2,000 scholarship to Colleen S. Chen. Colleen, a senior from Gainesville, is majoring in Telecommunications: News 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 \$2,000 scholarship to a senior student who is planning a career in broadcasting.

Colleen currently serves as the Journalism and Communications Ambassador for the University of Florida, President of the Association of Asian Communicators, and Student Member of the Asian American Journalists Association. She also works as a reporter for WUFT-TV News 5 in Gainesville. Her honors include the Associated Press Individual Achievement Award for Professional Journalists, the Asian American Journalist Association Student Grant, and being named among the Top Ten in the William Randolph Hearst competition. Colleen also received 1<sup>st</sup> place for general reporting, 2<sup>nd</sup> place for hurricane coverage, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place for feature reporting from the Society of Professional Journalists Florida Chapter. After graduation, Colleen plans to work as a general assignment television reporter and one day work as an investigative reporter and work for a national news programs like Dateline or Primetime.

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

DeLand, FL 3/1/06 – The Florida Association of Broadcasters has awarded a \$2,000 scholarship to Leonor Pancorbo. Leonor, a senior from Coral Gables, 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 \$2,000 scholarship to a senior student who is planning a career in broadcasting.

Leonor currently volunteers for the University of Miami Television, interns at the Univision Network, and is Assistant Producer at Diva Digital Pictures. Her honors include being named to the Dean's List. After graduation, Leonor hopes to become a reporter, travel the world covering important events and one day become an anchor for one of the top networks.

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

DeLand, FL 3/1/06 – The Florida Association of Broadcasters has awarded a \$2,000 scholarship to Paula N. Gonzalez. Paula, a senior from Jacksonville, 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 \$2,000 scholarship to a senior student who is planning a career in broadcasting.

Paula currently volunteers with the Children's Miracle Network production crew and participates in United Way fund drives. She also works in the engineering department at WJXT-Channel 4 in Jacksonville and for WB-17 in Jacksonville producing a monthly 30-minute news and public affairs show in conjunction with the University of North Florida. Past projects for Paula include a promotional video and a 30-second public service announcement for the local chapter of Best Buddies. Her honors include induction into Phi Theta Kappa and Phi Kappa Phi. After graduation, Paula plans to continue her education and teach others the joy and art of broadcasting. She also hopes to work for NFL Films or The Walt Disney Company.

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

DeLand, FL 3/1/06 – The Florida Association of Broadcasters has awarded a \$2,000 scholarship to Natasha E. Samreny. Natasha, a senior from Lithia, is majoring in Mass Communications/Telecommunications News at the University of South Florida (USF). This LeRoy Collins Memorial Scholar was selected by the University of South Florida based upon major and financial need. This program provides a \$2,000 scholarship to a senior student who is planning a career in broadcasting.

Natasha currently serves as President of the Latter Day Saint Student Association. She is a television broadcast intern for Univision and a member of the Disaster Action Team-American Red Cross. Her honors include the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship, the USF Hispanic Scholarship, the USF Presidential Scholarship, the Legislative Internship Scholarship, and the Retired Officers Association Scholarship. Paula has also been named to the USF Honors College. After graduation, Paula plans to work as a radio or TV journalist and freelance print travel writer in a Latin American country to improve her Spanish language skills. One day she hopes to pursue a graduate degree in Middle Eastern studies or creative writing, live and work in Lebanon and improve her Arabic language skills, report as a trilingual correspondent, and obtain a doctorate degree.

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

DeLand, FL 3/1/06 – The Florida Association of Broadcasters has awarded a \$2,000 scholarship to Jonathan D. Hovell. Jonathan, a senior from Pensacola, is majoring in Communication Arts; Television and Film 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 \$2,000 scholarship to a senior student who is planning a career in broadcasting.

Jonathan is the proud father of a baby girl and enjoys movies, photography and writing. His honors include the being named a Florida Undergraduate Scholar and being named to the National Dean's List and the President's List. After graduation, Jonathan is planning a career in film production with a concentration in film editing, cinematography, and directing.

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