

## **BBEO 2011 SCHOLARS HEADED FOR STANFORD AND OTHER PRESTIGIOUS UNIVERSITIES**

### **Broward Black Elected Officials Award \$15,000 in Scholarships**

The recipients of the Broward Black Elected Officials 2011 scholarship were announced recently at a special ceremony at First Baptist Piney Grove Church of Lauderdale Lakes.

The BBEO 2011 Scholars will be attending such prestigious bastions of higher education as Stanford University and Brown University.

"We are gratified and honored to have such a diverse and elite group of students selected to receive scholarships from our organization," said State Rep. Hazelle P. Rogers, a longtime BBEO board member.

"They demonstrated through their scholastic achievements and community service that they were worthy of being accepted by some of the country's top colleges. These students are most deserving of any assistance we can give them as they seek to improve themselves and, ultimately, improve our communities as well-educated citizens," Rep. Rogers said.

BBEO board members State Rep. Gwyndolen Clarke-Reed, Lauderdale Commissioner Hayward J. Benson, Jr., Lauderdale Lakes Commissioner Levoyd Williams and Rep. Rogers welcomed more than 200 guests to the event.

Former Broward School Superintendent Jim Notter encouraged the college-bound students to mentor and inspire other younger students to aspire to college. "Our students need to know that their dreams are not impossible," he said.

Ten Broward County students were awarded \$1,000 scholarship grants for their miscellaneous college expenses. Two additional students who are pursuing engineering careers each received a \$2,500 scholarship through a partnership with the BBEO and Atkins Global (formerly PBS&J).

The BBEO Scholars program is funded partly through our annual Black History Month Gala. Since 2006, we have awarded nearly \$100,000 in student scholarships and direct grants to colleges.

The BBEO 2011 Scholars come from various schools and live in cities throughout Broward County. BBEO Scholars from Lauderdale Lakes: Malcolm

Sevalia (Blanche Ely High School) was accepted at Embry Riddle Aeronautical University of Daytona Beach; Tau Manigat Chatman (Dillard High School) will attend Norfolk State University, Norfolk, Virginia and Alycia Phillips (Plantation High School) was accepted at Florida Gulf Coast University.

Pembroke Pines' Natasha Hew (Pembroke Pines Charter High School) was accepted at Brown University, Providence, Rhode Island and Jessica Cook (Hollywood Hills High School) selected the University of Florida.

Davie's Michelle Pinargote (Nova High School) chose Purchase College, State University of New York in Purchase, New York. Sunrise's Jade McPherson (Dillard High School) plans to head to the University of Florida.

From Oakland Park, Juan Diaz (Northeast High School) selected Florida Gulf Coast University while Hollywood's Annalyssa Laney (South Broward High School) chose the University of Miami and Fort Lauderdale's Taylor Covington (Stranahan High School) plans to study at Broward College.

BBE0/Atkins engineering scholarship winner, Coconut Creek's Missa Abuzamel (Monarch High School), selected the University of Florida. The other BBE0/Atkins recipient was Lauderdale Lakes' Wayne Lyons (Dillard High School). He was accepted at Stanford University in Palo Alto, California.

The BBE0 scholarships are administered by the Baccalaureate Committee of Broward County. This year's co-chairs were Casandra D. Robinson, principal of William Dandy Middle School, and Laura B. Wilson, a longtime Broward County educator.