

## News from FUTURES Foundation for Volusia County Public Schools



### Celebrating 26 Years of Support for Volusia County Public Schools

May, 2011

## Caribbean Party: What a Great Time!

Dear FUTURES Supporter,

FUTURES eighth annual Caribbean Party was an evening to remember. We'd like to thank our event sponsors for their support:

Bank of America, Brown & Brown, Cobb Cole, Command Medical Products, Consolidated Tomoka Land Co., Cottage Row Counseling, Daytona Beach Women's Center, Daytona International Speedway, Daytona State College Foundation, Inc., Doran, Sims, Wolfe, Ansay & Kundid, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Fifth Third Bank, Fletch Ed Services, Inc., Florida Health Care Plans, Florida Hospital Fish Memorial, Florida Power & Light, Giles Electric Company, Inc., Jon Hall Chevrolet, Inc., LPGA, Progress Energy, Reames Employee Benefits Solutions, Inc., Rice & Rose Law Firm, Root Company, The Daytona Beach News Journal, USTA, and Weston & Gregory, PA.

This year's event celebrated 26 years of FUTURES support for Volusia County public schools through scholarships for students; dropout prevention programs; grants for the classroom; and teacher, student and staff recognition. There were over 300 in attendance at the party, which netted \$26,994. We would also like to thank the staff and volunteers at Weston & Gregory, PA who worked many tireless hours to construct over 43 theme baskets for the Caribbean Party Raffle.

## FIRST YEAR TEACHER AWARD 2011



Established in 1985 to increase business and community involvement in public schools and to provide programs and activities beyond the financial capabilities of the school district, the nonprofit foundation is the only organization that provides assistance to all public schools in Volusia County.

[futuresvolusia.org](http://futuresvolusia.org)

### Volusia County Schools



### Upcoming Events

May 14 - TSIC contract signing/graduation

May 18 - FUTURES Board Meeting

May 25 - Turn-Around Program

May 27 - Last day of school for students

For details, visit [futuresvolusia.org](http://futuresvolusia.org)



**FUTURES thanks our Chancellor's Club Members**



**FUTURES thanks our Deans Club Members**

Rotary Club of Daytona Beach

### **License for Learning**

The License for Learning auto tag is available for purchase at all local Volusia County tag offices. The cost of the tag for the first year is \$22 or \$32 (depending upon when you are scheduled to receive a new plate from DMV) above the usual license fee, and \$22 above the renewal fee in subsequent years. FUTURES receives \$20 from each purchase. Put Volusia County students on the road to success - buy a License for Learning tag!

How do you buy or renew the License for Learning?

1. Go to [www.FutureesVolusia.org](http://www.FutureesVolusia.org)
2. Select Fundraising Events - go to the bottom of the License for Learning page and click on [www.license4learning.com](http://www.license4learning.com) link.
3. Simply select the option to purchase a tag on the webpage "How to Buy the Plate".

**Christopher Bishop, teacher at Osceola Elementary School, and Kamesha Payne, teacher at Woodward Avenue Elementary School were chosen as the First Year Elementary Teacher recipients.**



**Emily Kirn, First Year Secondary Teacher recipient from Southwestern Middle School.**

The FUTURES First Year Teacher Award program recognizes beginning teachers who exceed district expectations. All nominees were honored at a reception followed by recognition at a School Board meeting on April 26th and each received a certificate of achievement. This year there were 26 nominees.

## **FUTURES Turn-A-Round Program**

Spring forward and Turn Around! Last month FUTURES selected their Turn Around recipients. As part of Volusia County School's drop-out prevention program, the Turn Around program recognizes middle and high school students who have demonstrated a marked improvement in school involvement and citizenship.

The principal of each school, with the input of guidance counselors and teachers, recommended three students per grade level. A FUTURES committee reviewed the written recommendations and selected one student per grade per school for recognition.

All winners and their parents are invited to the Turn Around Awards ceremony at Jackie Robinson Stadium, followed by a Daytona Cubs game on May 25th. Congratulations to this year's winners:

### **High Schools**

**Atlantic High School:** Jamescia Berry, Demonte Kemp, Vincent Wilhite and Joseph Guarneri

**Community Learning Center East:** Thomas Gross

**DeLand High School:** Katherine Kaiser, Gerald Odom, II, Nicholas Metrowsky and Christopher Carpenter

**Deltona High School:** Shawn Asbury, Erick Gonzalez, Jr., Chance Smith and Hannah Brady

**Mainland High School:** Shivam Kashan, Chequest Gray, Karena Carpenter and Izell Hendrieth

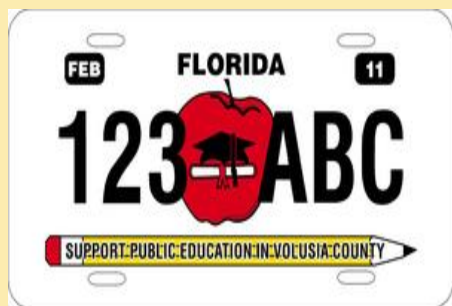
**New Smyrna Beach High School:** Ashlyn Esclavon, Madison Vega, Ryan Vinyard and Daniel Jolly

**Pine Ridge High School:** Tiara Rodriguez, Abigail Ramso, Rhianna Lewis and Zoe Chasteen

**Riverview Learning Center:** Marcus Brown

**Seabreeze High School:** Antonio Wats, Devin Collins and Kelly Begnoche

**Spruce Creek High School:** Kendall Beach, Quayshawn Murphy, David (D.J.) Baker, and Mary Palumbo



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**FUTURES GOALS:**

- *To motivate and encourage creative and innovative educational programs*
- *To assist students in preparing for the workforce of tomorrow*
- *To encourage and increase business and civic involvement with the school system*
- *To recognize outstanding achievement by students, teachers, and support staff*
- *To assist in the recruitment and*

*Taylor Middle-High School:* Kevisha Harris, Jonathan Latulip, Jahtyria Dillard and Joedeci Shelton

*University High School:* Edward Peck and Colin Kranz

**Middle Schools**

*Campbell Middle School:* Darrin Godwin, Kaxaphia Carn and Patricia Nuzzi

*Community Learning Center East:* Michael Booker and Sarah Williams

*Creekside Middle School:* Justin Bayona, Jacques Thomas and Gina Incardone

*DeLand Middle School:* Jarius Cook, Stefon Duncan and Brittany Hughes

*Euclid Learning Center:* Russell Gortzig

*Galaxy Middle School:* Lance Thomas, Garrett Stanley and Brittany Courtney

*Heritage Middle School:* Noah Bieganowski, Cassandra Olan and Kasey Toma

*Hinson Middle School:* Sy Kierra Randle, Sabrina Blue and Elexus Smith

*Holly Hill Middle School:* Kiara Jones, Corrie Terry and Maya Williams

*New Smyrna Beach Middle:* Kimberly Burroughs, Doreen Devin and Britta Freimiller

*Ormond Beach Middle School:* Olivia Pippio, Tyler Wiese and Nate Williams

*River Springs Middle School:* Austin Zaccour, Taylor Tefft and Andrew Ribaud

*Riverview Learning Center:* Melinda Williams

*Silver Sands Middle School:* Randalyn Fisher, Raekwon Sloan and Michael Noviello

*Southwestern Middle School:* Daquane Byrd, Jose Ocampo and Michael Dixon

*Taylor Middle-High School:* Cody McElroy, Taylor Becerra and Tereasa Padilla



**Take Stock in Children**

Take Stock In Children would like to honor the commitment of our 11 graduating students and sponsors this spring.

We will be honoring our seniors and their sponsors who provided their scholarships at a year end banquet to be held at Daytona International Speedway on May 14th.

Graduating students were selected to participate in the Take Stock program at the end of their 8th grade year. Each student signed a contract prior to entering high school in which they committed to staying drug and crime free, maintaining at least a 3.0 GPA and meeting with a mentor. Now, having met all program requirements, our students are receiving a FUTURES/Take Stock college tuition scholarship. Take Stock In Children's Class of 2011's scholarships are worth approximately \$12,000 each.

Our Take Stock In Children's scholarship sponsors are truly committed to helping to make higher education a priority within our communities. We at TSIC would like to say THANK YOU to

*development of the highest quality teachers*

- *To raise the level of public understanding and support through improved communication and distribution of information*



**FUTURES has once again received funding in the amount of \$30K for the 2011-2012 school year from Progress Energy:**

- **(\$15,000) To support mini-grants that involves comparison of activities on the quality, costs, problems, and benefits of different sources of energy. Examples include electricity and weather, motion forces and energy and circuits and energy transfer.**
- **(\$15,000) To support student transportation to environmental field sites, substitutes for teachers with large classes, educational supplies, technology and equipment for students in the VCS Environmental Project. The focus this year will relate to transformation of potential to kinetic energy.**

the following community organizations for their continued support of Take Stock In Children and Volusia County Schools: American Association of University Women of Daytona, Bank of America, City of Deltona, DeLand Rotary, DeLand Kiwanis, DeLand Breakfast Rotary, Junior Service Leagues of DeLand and Daytona Beach, Orange City Rotary, Ormond Beach Kiwanis, People for Drug Free Youth of New Smyrna Beach, Sierra Club and Wells Fargo Foundation.

### Mini-Grant Update

Tiffany Blushiy, art teacher at Freedom Elementary School presented "Modern Masters: A Study of 20th Century Art and 3/D Visual Illusions in the Dark Art Show" on May 4th. Art students in kindergarten through fifth grade learned about the major art movements of the twentieth century through the integration of math, science, and technology. Students explored various art forms over a period of four months and created original paintings in the likeness of the masters. Some examples include: Picasso's Cubist portraits (fractions and geometry), Kandinsky Optical illusions, Escher Tessellations, and Warhol's computer altered self portraits (ratio and proportion). These art projects reinforced the state standards taught in the classroom, provided practical demonstrations and applications of mathematical principals, and prepared students for future math classes. Students also learned the exciting science behind visual illusion art. Optical illusions and spiraling fractal designs were on display as part of the "3/D Visual Illusions in The Dark Show." The art room was aglow with black lights illuminating student art work created with fluorescent paints.

Funding for this project was provided by a FUTURES Mini-Grant.



### FUTURES Survey

In May, all FUTURES e-newsletter recipients will be asked to fill out a short survey. The FUTURES board will use the input to provide direction to ensure that FUTURES programs and services are meeting our stakeholders needs.



