

# NEWS ALERT



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## **THIRTY-TWO MIAMI-DADE HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS AWARDED 4-YEAR SCHOLARSHIPS FROM POSSE FOUNDATION**

Thirty-two Miami-Dade high public school seniors were chosen from among 900 nominees to receive nearly \$4.5 million in four-year, full-tuition scholarships and leadership awards from the Posse Foundation to attend Hamilton College, Mount Holyoke College, and the University of Pennsylvania, next fall. The awards ceremony to honor the students was held at the J.W. Marriott Hotel on Brickell Avenue.

Miami-Dade Schools Superintendent Alberto M. Carvalho, a strong supporter of the Posse foundation and the 2010 *Community Star* honoree, delivered the keynote address to the scholarship recipients and guests. With his support, the District's and Florida Department of Education's, the Posse program has secured 100 percent participation from Miami-Dade public high schools, in the last two years.

The students were selected based on their academic and leadership potential. Following is a list of all the students, their senior high school (SHS) and the college or university they will attend:

### HAMILTON COLLEGE

Anthony Jackson, Coral Reef SHS  
Ines Santana, North Miami Beach SHS  
Jose Vazquez, Academy for Adv. Academics  
Kevin Kim, School for Advanced Studies-So.  
Sean Smith, Robert Morgan Educational Center

Christopher Labora, Design & Architecture SHS  
Joret Joseph, North Miami Beach SHS  
Kassandra Zaila, American SHS  
Sahyli Febles, Southwest Miami SHS  
Teresa Viteri, Coral Gables SHS

### MOUNT HOLYOKE COLLEGE

Ariadna Rodriguez, G. Holmes Braddock SHS  
Grether Barbon, G. Holmes Braddock SHS  
Kala Jones, School for Advanced Studies-No.  
Marielena Lima, Miami Coral Park SHS  
Shani Mensing, Miami Beach SHS  
Stephanie Maitre, New World School of the Arts

Dominique Mortimer, Coral Reef SHS  
Kimberlyn Fong, Miami Palmetto SHS  
Maria Sellanes, North Miami Beach SHS  
Niani Tolbert, School for Advanced Studies-No.  
Sharon Matamoros, MAST Academy

### UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA

Adrian Lievano, Coral Reef SHS  
Alex-Sandra Del Canal, School for Advanced Studies  
Daniel Brooks, Miami Palmetto SHS  
Melanie White, Miami SHS  
Nathalie Figueroa, Coral Reef SHS  
Tan Chan, Barbara Goleman SHS

Alexander Rafi, Design & Architecture SHS  
Bryan Cam, North Miami Beach SHS  
Ernesto Arrocha, Academy for Adv. Academics  
Melissa Espinal, North Miami Beach SHS  
Rolando Lyles, School for Advanced Studies-No.

Founded in 1989, the Posse Foundation recruits and trains outstanding young people from urban high schools and sends them to partner colleges and universities as part of supportive, multicultural teams—or "Posses"—of 10 students.

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