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\$75,000 IN SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED FOR COLLEGE BOUND STUDENTS

(Miami, January 22, 2014) – The South Florida Workforce Investment Board presented a check of \$75,000 in scholarships to the 5000 Role Models of Excellence Project at the 21 Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Unity Scholarship Breakfast at Jungle Island, 1111 Parrot Jungle Trail, Miami, FL 33132

The 5000 Role Models Excellence Project is lauded for providing youth from low-income families with the tools necessary to achieve excellence in all facets of their lives. These efforts extend beyond college, which include mentoring, early intervention, case management, and participation in social events. Students are awarded a fully-paid college tuition scholarship upon graduation from high school and successfully fulfilling their obligation to the program.

“The strength and vitality of our economy depends on how prepared young people are able to compete in today’s job market. Through our efforts, SFWIB is affording this opportunity for students to earn a post-secondary education, Rick Beasley, executive director for the South Florida Workforce Investment Board.

ABOUT 5,000 ROLE MODELS OF EXCELLENCE

5000 Role Models of Excellence Project is a dropout prevention intervention program for minority young boys "at-risk" of dropping out of school and/or choosing a life of crime. The program serves 6,792 students in 89 schools, which include approximately 23 elementary, 33 middle and 33 senior high schools in Miami-Dade County. The majority of students enters the program in middle school and continues activities throughout their high school and post-secondary education years.

ABOUT SOUTH FLORIDA WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD

South Florida Workforce is a public-private partnership that establishes state and federally funded workforce development and training policies for Miami-Dade and Monroe counties. South Florida Workforce’s services and resources are available to everyone at no cost through a network of career centers located throughout the region.

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