



2019 Scholarship Winners  
FTBA Convention  
August 8-11, 2019



THURSDAY, AUGUST 8, 2019 • SCHOLARSHIP DINNER





# ALISSA VUILLIER



**From:**  
Heathrow, FL

**Attending:**  
Stanford University

**Parents:**  
Stephane and Hebest Vuillier



I could not be more thankful and appreciative to have received the Bob Burleson Presidential Scholarship, which will greatly help ease the burden of paying for my college education. Every day, my parents inspire me with the sacrifices they make for me, so I strive to make them proud by working hard in everything I do. As my parents always taught me, with enough hard work and perseverance, anything is possible. Starting in the fall, I am fortunate to have the opportunity to continue my education at Stanford, where I hope to double major in computer science and international relations. Long-term, I aim to start my own company targeted at international development. I'm grateful to the FTBA for believing in me and bringing me closer to my dream.

**BOB BURLESON PRESIDENTIAL SCHOLARSHIP**



Words can't express deeply enough how much this scholarship means to me. Without this scholarship attending any college would've only been a dream. With the investment of Florida Transportation Builders' Association, Inc. I will be able to pursue my dream of being the first in my family to attend college not only as a business major but also as a student athlete on Ave Maria Men's Varsity Basketball Team. Thank you to Bonn-J Contracting and to FTBA.

**BONN-J CONTRACTING SCHOLARSHIP**



# CHOSEN LEVARITY



**From:**  
Tallahassee, FL

**Attending:**  
Ave Maria University

**Guardians:**  
Brad and Joanna Copenhaver



# CATE ALVARO



**From:**  
Northport, FL

**Attending:**  
George Washington University

**Parents:**  
Dennis and Christie Alvaro



I am honored that I was selected to receive the Philip Buenaventura Memorial Scholarship. This award will help me to pursue my studies in medicine and business at the George Washington University this fall. Medicine today is changing and advancing rapidly. I want to contribute to this movement and to give people the chance to experience a higher quality of life. As a doctor, I can continue to pursue my interest in anatomy and the physical sciences while providing service to my community. To have a career in which passion and purpose intersect would be the definition of success for me. Thank you so much for your support of my education and future.

PHILIP BUENAVENTURA MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP



Since a young age, I've always wanted to be an engineer. It was my dream to design and manage projects that leave a permanent mark on this landscape, to connect and foster communication, and to cultivate technological change. The Robert Nolen Memorial Scholarship has allowed me to achieve this dream by helping me fund my college education at the University of Central Florida. Legacy is not whether people remember your name, but instead the mark you make in the universe and the people you impact along the way. FTBA's legacy is their gifts to the future generations as they fund education as a means to success and change, and for their acts, I am extremely grateful. I am humbled to have been recognized for my hard work and perseverance and I want to thank FTBA from the bottom of my heart for the opportunity they have blessed me with. This scholarship means more than just funding, but rather it represents the ability to pursue my dreams and focus on my studies for a better future.

ROBERT NOLEN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP



# BRENNNA BOYLAN



**From:**  
Sorrento, FL

**Attending:**  
University of Central Florida

**Parents:**  
Stephan and Bonnie Boylan



# HUNTER BOOTH



**From:**  
Ocala, FL

**Attending:**  
Florida State University

**Parents:**  
Doug and Robin Booth



I am so grateful and honored to be a recipient of the Florida Transportation Builders Association Scholarship. This scholarship allows me to lighten the financial burdens college will place on my family and I will be able to further pursue my goals. I have always been fascinated with the stock market and all of its intricacies, as far as how little things happening in the far corners of the globe can have worldwide ramifications, leading me to major in finance at Florida State University. But, I realized through joining my high school's Mock Trial team that my real aspirations lay in the court room so to speak. With the help of this scholarship I plan on pursuing Law school after the completion of my undergraduate studies and focusing on Corporate Law. This would allow me to bring together my love of both the financial world and the Law. I would like to say thank you to the FTBA for selecting me as one of its scholarship recipients and all those that made this scholarship possible.

PAUL TURNER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP



I am honored to be chosen as the recipient of the Bob's Barricades/Don Humphrey Memorial Scholarship. Throughout high school, I strived to do my best with the hope that, despite the difficulties, my hard work would pay off in the end. By receiving this scholarship, I am able to shift my focus off of the financial burdens of college and onto furthering my education. I am grateful for the opportunity afforded to me by the FTBA and will continue to pursue excellence worthy of this recognition.

BOB'S BARRICADES/DON HUMPHREY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP



# ASHTEN SCARPO



**From:**  
Thonotosassa, FL

**Attending:**  
University of South Florida

**Parents:**  
James and Sylvia Scarpo



# ANDREW SIBLEY



**From:**  
Sanford, FL

**Attending:**  
Auburn University

**Parents:**  
Russell and Robin Sibley



Receiving the Skanska USA Civil Southeast Scholarship means so much to both my family and me. The scholarship will help to lessen the burden that comes from out of state college tuition. The scholarship will also help me to achieve my lifelong dream of becoming an aerospace engineer. Outside of my own dreams, I will be bringing pride to both my father and stepmother, as I will be the first in my family to attend college.

SKANSKA USA CIVIL SOUTHEAST SCHOLARSHIP



I first want to give honor to God, and thank Him for such a wonderful blessing, and allowing the Florida Transportation Builders' Association Scholarship Fund be an opportunity for assistance for students like myself! I am beyond thankful to the FTBA for selecting me as a winner of this scholarship, and finding my qualifications to be acceptable of such a prestigious award. Throughout my senior year at Marianna High School, I contemplated if I should continue my education by going into the field of Architecture. I knew I didn't have the funds to pay for my education, and I didn't want a student loan, nor was I thrilled about joining the military just as an option to fund my college education. Once I was informed of being selected as a winner of the scholarship, I became overjoyed. This scholarship means so much to me, because not only will it help pay for tuition, books, and lab fees, it will also give way to more opportunities and new experiences for me. I will be attending Chipola College in the Fall. Thank you for investing in my education!

FTBA SCHOLARSHIP

# EZEKIEL BLOUNT



**From:**  
Marianna, FL

**Attending:**  
Chipola College

**Parents:**  
Andrell and Tammie Blount





# ALEXANDRA RUBIO



**From:**  
Miami, FL

**Attending:**  
The Honors College at  
Miami-Dade

**Parent:**  
Maria Isabel Villeda



Receiving this FTBA scholarship, I am so immensely grateful knowing that the hard work I've put into my education all these years was worth it in the end and that I am recognized for my achievements. This scholarship motivates me to excel more in everything I do and allows me to focus on my academics rather than struggle with the financial burden of paying for school. With it, I'm able to continue my educational journey towards becoming a nurse which is something I had always wanted to be since I was a little girl. I am just one step closer with the help of people who see the potential I have in making a difference in others' lives. I want to thank everybody part of the FTBA, Condotte America Inc., and my mom for making it happen. I am excited to be attending The Honors College at Miami Dade and cannot wait to show everyone what I achieve in the upcoming years. Thank you again!

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I will be attending Florida State University starting this Fall. To me, the FTBA Scholarship is something that I can use to help further my education at Florida State University by helping me pay for my tuition. It will be used to help me figure out who I will be in this world and how I can help make it a better place. Thank you for choosing me as a recipient for this prestigious award.

FTBA SCHOLARSHIP



# JAKE MORETZ



**From:**  
Wellington, FL

**Attending:**  
Florida State University

**Parents:**  
James and Meghan Moretz



# BRYCE PRESSIMONE



**From:**  
Longwood, FL

**Attending:**  
University of North Florida

**Parents:**  
Glenn and Melissa Pressimone



This scholarship means so much more to me than just a check, it's an affirmation of the hard work that I have put in throughout the years. This scholarship will help provide me with the means to continue my success as I begin to pursue my interests entering this new chapter of my life. Starting this fall I plan to attend the University of North Florida and continue to work hard on my studies so that I may take the next step towards a career in environmental engineering. While I do not know where this path may lead me, I do know that the path I've chosen will provide me with the opportunity to make a difference. So once more, I would like to thank FTBA for believing in me and helping me to make a difference.

# KAYLEE REECY



**From:**  
Tallahassee, FL

**Attending:**  
University of South Florida

**Parents:**  
Steven and Karen Lee Reecy



I am so thankful to the scholarship committee and the FTBA for selecting me as a recipient of the FTBA scholarship. This scholarship makes it possible to attend the University of South Florida, which is my first choice school for my chosen career as a Pharmacist. While there are good colleges in my hometown, the University of South Florida offers a 6-year pharmacy program and this scholarship will allow me to attend an out-of-town research college. Throughout my life I have struggled with an autoimmune disorder that provided insight into the medical profession at places like Shands Children's Hospital and the clinics in my hometown, Tallahassee, FL. During this time I gained a great appreciation for the hard-working medical professionals who helped me and they have inspired me to enter the medical profession as a Pharmacist so I can help others. With this scholarship, this dream will become a reality. Again, I am very thankful and humbled by your generosity. Thank you!



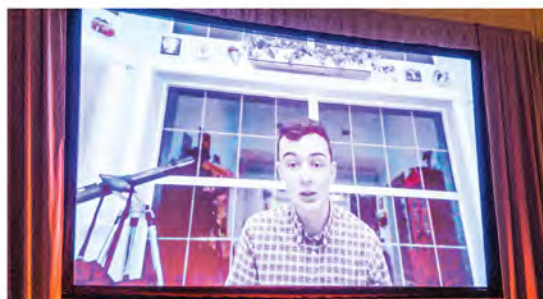
# NOAH REID



**From:**  
Port Charlotte, FL

**Attending:**  
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University

**Parent:**  
David and Heather Reid



I am incredibly grateful to receive the Dave Fons Memorial scholarship. I will be attending Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University as a Midshipmen in the US Navy, double-majoring in Engineering Physics and Aerospace Engineering. I couldn't have made it this far without my parents, a few of my teachers, and my friends. Receiving the FTBA scholarship is like driving a freshly re-paved road, I no longer have to worry about the financially hazardous potholes and can continue my journey with ease, with no need to divert my course to avoid them. Thank you to the FTBA, all those who donate generously to the program, and to the Dave Fons Memorial Fund for your help supporting my college adventure.

THE DAVE FONS MEMORIAL FUND SCHOLARSHIP

JOHNSON BROS., A SOUTHLAND COMPANY SCHOLARSHIP

# HUNTER RAGSDALE-TOMIMATSU



**From:**  
Lake City, FL

**Attending:**  
University of Florida

**Parents:**  
Joseph and Kristin DonAruma

I am truly grateful for not only the sizable monetary value that the FTBA scholarship holds but also the notable emotional value that it possesses. Applying and interviewing for the scholarship was incredibly fun, and when I found out that I won, I was filled with a sense of pride and accomplishment. I am excited to attend the University of Florida where I will be majoring in Criminology, an important milestone in my life that will lead me towards my goal of becoming a lawyer and ultimately a judge. I would like to thank both the FTBA for offering me the chance to receive this scholarship and my family for supporting me throughout the process.

This scholarship means a lot to me, being that I was one of the chosen ones among many other bright seniors. This scholarship will go a long way, helping my parents and I afford the expenses of college. I am very thankful to everyone who is apart of the FTBA for offering me this award. I plan on attending the University of South Florida.

FTBA SCHOLARSHIP

# RYAN SHEA



**From:**  
Port St. Lucie, FL

**Attending:**  
University of South Florida

**Parents:**  
Edward and Lucinda Shea



