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### State Association Awards Honor Outstanding Graduate, Excellence in Service to Career Schools

TALLAHASSEE, FL – Aug. 17, 2015 – Awards for the 2015 Graduate of the Year as well as outstanding school, faculty member, administrators and leaders from Florida’s career schools were announced by the Florida Association of Postsecondary Schools and Colleges (FAPSC) at their annual conference .

Among the highest honors from the state association representing career schools is the Graduate of the Year, which was presented this year to Valencia Bromell, an inspiring U.S. veteran who excelled at Full Sail University in Central Florida.

School of the Year honors were given to the Sanford Brown College in Orlando for its innovative academic approach with an increased focus on student learning outcomes by immersing students with industry relevant projects in the classroom and community.

The 2015 awards were selected by a panel and presented at an awards ceremony during the conference, which was attended by educators and business leaders.

“It is an honor for FAPSC to annually recognize outstanding individuals who make a difference in higher education every day,” said Curtis Austin, executive director of FAPSC. “These award winners truly exemplify the best of the best in our sector.”

The complete list of 2015 winners:

- Graduate of the Year – Valencia Bromell of Full Sail University
- School of the Year – Sanford Brown College – Orlando campus
- Administrator of the Year – Dr. Luis Burgos of Sistema Universitario, Ana G. Mendez
- Career Services Administrator of the Year – Celeste Blackwell of Florida Career College, West Palm Beach
- Education Administrator of the Year – David Franko of Full Sail University
- Gail Benjamin Student Services Administrator of the Year – Teshanne Phillip of Florida Career College in Margate
- Faculty Member of the Year – Heather Torres of Full Sail University

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- Spirit of FAPSC – Sanford Brown College’s Mark Page, Online and Jay Frank and Matthew Pummel, Orlando campus
- FAPSC Member of the Year – Nancy Rodriguez of Miami Media School
- FAPSC Associate Member of the Year – Dr. Susan F. Schulz of Schulz School Advisors

FAPSC has been the voice of Florida’s career schools since 1956. The association of more than 250 members works on behalf of the more 1,000 licensed private career schools and colleges in Florida that prepare students each year for employment in more than 200 occupational fields by offering degree programs, certification and training.

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