30 Florida students receive business scholarships

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It's almost that time of the year again, when the Jacki Tuckfield Memorial Graduate Business Scholarships will be awarded to 30 deserving graduate students. The scholarship award was established in 1997 by Gloria and Jack Tuckfield to honor the memory of their daughter Jacki, who was a devoted member of their family. She died of unknown causes. She had only recently graduated (class of 1996) with an MBA from Nova Southeastern University with a 3.96 grade point average.

This year, with the awarding of 30 scholarships, the scholarship fund will celebrate $261,000 in funded graduate business tuition scholarships. The recipients for 2008 will be awarded in a ceremony at 7 p.m. on Aug. 11 at the Biscayne Bay Marriott Hotel, 1633 N. Bay Shore Drive.

They are Anna P. Foster-McKnight and Sharice Dee-Ann Francis, both of Barry University's Andreas School of Business; John Van Hinson, Jr., Ashli LaShaun Mona Stevenson, all of Florida A & M University's School of Business and Industry; Jeffrey Emilson Damisse, Brandon DeWitt Duncombe, Munair R. Insang, Bridget Joy Jackson, David Joseph Johnson, Guirlande Pierre Jones, Veena Looknanan-Brown and Alzeth Juanita Robinson, of F Business; Marion O'Neal Greenwood, of Florida International University's Alvah H. Chapman Jr. Graduate School of Business; Keisha Alexander, Jef Memorial University's School of Business; Kai Tahari Blackman, Laurence Bourjolly, Carlton Alexander Cunningham, Eluzanne Etienne, Lauren Jenn Elizabeth Tomlinson, of Nova Southeastern University's H. Wayne Huizenga School of Business and Entrepreneurship; Sophia Andrea Footman and Tiffany Ayana Faublas, of the University of Central Florida's College of Business Administration.

SCHOOL BENEFIT

St. Francis Xavier School, established in 1935 by members of Overtown's black community who viewed a Catholic school as a vehicle of deep, lasting social change, is currently struggling to remain open. The reason, according to the Rev. John Cox, is lack of money to sustain the school.

Cox, who is pastor of both St. Francis Xavier and Holy Redeemer Catholic in Liberty City, said: "Over the years the school has become increasingly r...

However, he said, the members of the church, teachers, parents, students and friends in the community continue to believe in the mission of the school. On Saturday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., the community is invited to a special gathering to examine the situation of the school, to identify current needs of the school and the community. Everyone who has an interest in seeing the school survive is invited to the meeting at the church, 1682 NW Fourth Ave in Overtown. Lunch will be provided.

For more information and to register your attendance, contact Cox at 305-691-1701.

Also, the school is registering children for the 2008-2009 school year. Call 305-573-8532.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOLS Miami Springs Baptist Church at 378 Westward Dr. in Miami Springs, will have a free Vacation Bible School from 6 to 9 p.m. at the church. The theme is "Living God's Unshakable Truth!" and will be taught through worship, missions, crafts, games and recreations.

To pre-register go online to www.miamispringsbaptist.org. For more information, call the church at 305-888-1538. Children ages 3 to 12, are invited to attend from 9 a.m. til noon, July 14 through July 18 at Palm Springs United Methodist Church, 5700 W. 12th Ave., in Hialeah.

The theme is "Beach Party: Surfin' Through the Scriptures" and is geared to be a "... celebration of God's love and a chance for children to learn new Bible stories.

Each lesson will be supported with Bible stories, science, activities, songs, crafts, games and snacks.

For more information and to register, call Kathy at 305-733-6754.

ART AT ST. JOHNS

It's been a great season for the Arts at St. Johns, but now its coming to a close.

But don't despair -- there are a few events left for the rest of this season, such as a free reading of the play Summer Brave by William Inge and an art...