

CITY OF GREENACRES
Council Agenda Memorandum
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TO: Mayor and City Council
FROM: Susy Diaz, Deputy Mayor
RE: **2025 Educational Scholarship Awards Presentation**
DATE: June 2, 2025

I am honored to announce that at the May 19th City Council meeting the City Council approved the ratification of the Education Advisory Boards Scholarship Committee's recommendation for eleven (11) \$1,500 Educational Scholarships. This year the city was very fortunate to have a resident step up and provide a \$1,500 donation for a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) award.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the Education Advisory Committee for their dedication and service to the amazing students residing in our community; Chair Cassius Johnson, Vice-Chair Martiza Sime, Ms. Patty Persichilli, Ms. Laurie Kuntz, and Ms. Bree Lukosavich. I would also like to acknowledge and thank our two (2) student liaisons, Ms. Melissa Valdes-Rodriquez, SGA President at John I. Leonard High School, and Ms. Leliani Sanchez, Youth Programs - Cool Zone participant and student at L.C. Swain Middle School.

I would also like to thank the city's Education Advisory Committee representative, Ms. Tiana Garcia, and Administrative Services Coordinator, Ms. Marise Aviles from the Community & Recreation Services Department.

It is now my honor and privilege to announce the 2025 Educational Scholarship award recipients:

Jahmyah Gayle – John I. Leonard High School
Denise Padgett Memorial Scholarship Award - Athletic Excellence

Brianda Olguin Salas – John I. Leonard High School
Norman Rose Memorial Scholarship Award – Outstanding Community Service

Carolyn Lucky - North Broward Preparatory School
New STEM Award

Samuel Rojas Molano – Suncoast High School
Youth Programs Award

Harea Arapi
John I. Leonard High School

Yocelin Santiso
John I. Leonard High School

Brandon Butzberger
Palm Beach Atlantic

Jenea Dieujuste
John I. Leonard High School

Elaine Rodriguez
Florida Atlantic University

Jose Escalante Diaz
Palm Beach State College

Perla Tavira-Cruz
University of Florida



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