

2014 All-Florida Academic Team

The Florida College System is pleased to announce the 2014 All-Florida Academic Team. These students will be recognized at an awards ceremony on April 24, 2014, at Walt Disney World Swan and Dolphin Resort. The All-Florida Academic Team recognizes outstanding students for their academic achievement, leadership and service to their communities. These students were nominated by their respective colleges to the All-USA Academic Team competition sponsored by USA Today and the Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) International Honor Society. This year's team is comprised of 109 students from the Florida College System.

New Century Scholar

Each year, the Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation distinguishes one student from each state who possesses the highest application score in his or her class and awards the student with a scholarship as a New Century Scholar. The 2014 Coca-Cola New Century Scholar representing Florida is Kayla Duchaine from Eastern Florida State College.

Kayla Duchaine, Eastern Florida State College

Kayla Duchaine, 20, is an honors student at Eastern Florida State College whose academic achievements and commitment to community service have made her a role model for others. She will receive her Associate in Arts degree in May and plans to transfer to Oral Roberts University for a bachelor's degree in biochemistry before attending medical school. In addition to working as a pediatrician in third-world countries, Kayla aspires to found a nonprofit that establishes medical clinics in the world's neediest areas.



Kayla is preparing for that career by serving as a leader both on campus and in the community. In the summer, she also participates in medical outreaches to remote villages in Africa, gaining first-hand experience in the medical mission field. At Eastern Florida, she has served as recording secretary in both the Student Government Association and Phi Theta Kappa. As part of her chapter's Honors in Action project, Kayla assumed a leadership position in fundraising efforts to purchase water purification systems for disaster-hit areas of the world. Through her dedication, the chapter raised \$28,000 and purchased a dozen systems that were distributed worldwide.

Off campus, she has accumulated 300 hours of community service, earning the distinction of Citizen Scholar from her college. As her main source of income, she works as a math tutor and children's music teacher. Additionally, she volunteers as a dance leader, children's school assistant and piano player at her Messianic Jewish synagogue.

Last summer, Kayla spent a month in Malawi where she traveled from village to village with a team providing free medical and eye-glass clinics. This summer, she plans to return to Africa for two months to continue her work as a medical assistant in Uganda and Zimbabwe.

Kayla has received many honors including Excellence in Math, Excellence in Communications, and Excellence in Leadership awards from Eastern Florida. Most recently, she received the 2014 Guistwhite scholarship.

Coca-Cola Scholars

In addition, a Coca-Cola Community College Academic Team is annually selected to recognize high-achieving college students who demonstrate academic excellence combined with leadership and service that extends their education beyond the classroom. This year, seven students from the Florida College System will be awarded scholarships from Coca-Cola.

Coca-Cola Gold Scholars

Wendi Jennings, Florida Gateway College
Donald Rimel, State College of Florida, Manatee-Sarasota
Melisa Seda, Miami Dade College
Olivia Sims, Indian River State College

Coca-Cola Silver Scholars

Valerie Hurtado, Broward College

Coca-Cola Bronze Scholars

Olga Klippert Blue, State College of Florida, Manatee-Sarasota
Dylan Wolfgram, South Florida State College

2014 All-Florida Academic Team

First Team

Jose Alvarez, Miami Dade College
Jesus Bohorquez, Miami Dade College
Ebonee Carpenter, Hillsborough Community College
Kayla Duchaine, Eastern Florida State College
Caitlin Hardwick, St. Petersburg College
Valerie Hurtado, Broward College (S)
Tuyet Ngan Huynh, Edison State College
Tam Huynh, St. Petersburg College
Wendi Jennings, Florida Gateway College (G)
Kayanna Johnson, Indian River State College
Christian Keen, Santa Fe College
Olga Klippert Blue, SCF, Manatee-Sarasota* (B)
Matthew Lipphardt, Eastern Florida State College
Sherin Mathew, Valencia College
Tyler McLennan, Miami Dade College
Kristin Nolton, Santa Fe College
Heather Pennick, St. Johns River State College
Lisa Puddu, Palm Beach State College
Donald Rimel, SCF, Manatee-Sarasota* (G)
Amber Saunders, Florida Keys Community College
Melisa Seda, Miami Dade College (G)
Olivia Sims, Indian River State College (G)
Sorany Son, St. Petersburg College
Michael Wilt, Hillsborough Community College
Dylan Wolfgram, South Florida State College (B)

Second Team

Rashaan Ahmad, Broward College
Ali Akbaritorkamani, Seminole State College of Florida
Melissa Almeida, Palm Beach State College
Amir Antonios, St. Johns River State College
Claudia Arbona Aguirre, Valencia College
Scott Bartel, Indian River State College
Crystal Bazzel, College of Central Florida
Adam Blackstock, Lake-Sumter State College
Danielle Bowen, Daytona State College
Nicholas Boyce, Daytona State College
Amy Brownfield, Florida State College at Jacksonville
Joshua Burgin, Hillsborough Community College
Cheryl Campbell, Palm Beach State College
Ana Chambers, Pasco-Hernando State College
Alison Chrapczynski, Hillsborough Community College
Amy Covell, Eastern Florida State College
Brandon Crotchett, Polk State College
Corey Culbertson, SCF, Manatee-Sarasota*
Nathan DeCorte, St. Petersburg College
Jessica Ebanks, Indian River State College
Michael Ensmann, Indian River State College
Melissa Espinosa, Pasco-Hernando State College
Anthony Evans, South Florida State College
Jennifer Freijomel, Polk State College
Jasmine Frey, Pasco-Hernando State College
Danielle Fritts, Daytona State College
Yohei Fujita, Miami Dade College
Rachel Gibbons, Pensacola State College

Second Team Continued

Brian Green, Palm Beach State College
Joshua Griffiths, Northwest Florida State College
Barbara Hartley, College of Central Florida
Kristine Hawkins, Indian River State College
Hector Hernandez, St. Petersburg College
Alexandria Hoyes, Florida Keys Community College
Thamara Jean, Broward College
Devin Justice, Pensacola State College
Sarah Kelton, Indian River State College
Jill Knazur, Daytona State College
Debra Kowalczyk, Eastern Florida State College
Sandra Kruschke, Indian River State College
Cheri Kuenn, St. Petersburg College
Luis Lavieri, Valencia College
Meagan Lewsadder, Indian River State College
Roudy Louis, Broward College
Hongyan Lu, Pasco-Hernando State College
Sheri Lynch, Valencia College
Hillary MacDonald, Northwest Florida State College
Rita Maldonado, Valencia College
Leanore Masi, Pasco-Hernando State College
Tonya Mason, Pasco-Hernando State College
Tammie McFarland, Hillsborough Community College
Gina- Lou McKinney, Polk State College
Jourdan McKinnis, SCF, Manatee-Sarasota*
Lisa McNeil, Daytona State College
Kasfia Mehnaj, Miami Dade College
Tahjna Miles, Daytona State College
Stefanie Moses, Miami Dade College
Kathleen Newman, Daytona State College
Gary Nicholas, College of Central Florida
Hannah Nowers, Northwest Florida State College
Timilehin Opapeju, St. Petersburg College
David Paly, Florida State College at Jacksonville
Trevor Pearson, South Florida State College
Heydi Perez, Miami Dade College
Xiomara Polanco, Miami Dade College
Christine Putt, Hillsborough Community College
Hellen Rivas, Miami Dade College
Megan Salzlein, Northwest Florida State College
Arabel Severe, Valencia College
Rachel Shapiro, Broward College
Sarah Smith, Lake-Sumter State College
Tait Sorenson, St. Petersburg College
Marcus Spanolios, St. Petersburg College
Jeffrey Spreng, Palm Beach State College
Sasha Stanek, Pasco-Hernando State College
Matthew Stratton, Hillsborough Community College
Candace Tibbetts, Tallahassee Community College
Daren Karl Tiburcio, College of Central Florida
Thuy Tran, North Florida Community College
Smit Vadvala, Seminole State College of Florida
Anders Viane, Palm Beach State College
Natalie von Cieminski, Broward College
Michael Wilson, Pasco-Hernando State College
Jennifer Young, Miami Dade College