



Food Brings Hope and Campaign for Working Families present graduation certificates to Campbell Middle School **FBHonors** students

TOP ROW (L to R): Tyna Lynn Hilton (facilitator), DeVante Eberheart, Caleb Doblin, Johnny Fluitt, Kim Matthews (teacher), Shelia Jackson (United Way)

BOTTOM ROW: Anthony Sharper, John Ellis, Joseph Hopper, Zachary Scheuerman

Not Pictured: Keilan Johnson, Divya Sheth





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Campbell Middle School Students Complete Money Smart Banking Program Presented by Food Brings Hope and United Way of Volusia & Flagler Counties

Twelve Students Graduated Thursday, March 7, 2013

DAYTONA BEACH, March 18, 2013 -- Campbell Middle School celebrated the graduation of twelve of its students from the *Money Smart Banking Program* presented by Food Brings Home and the United Way of Volusia & Flagler Counties' "Campaign for Working Families."

Money Smart Banking is an interactive banking program designed to teach students how to budget, the importance of saving, how to use bank services to protect money, and how to be a smart shopper. The participating students were part of **Food Brings Hope's FBHonors** initiative, which provides enrichment opportunities for high achieving students in the Volusia County Schools which **Food Brings Hope** supports.

"At **Food Brings Hope**, we believe equipping young people in their formative years with the basics in financial education will give them the knowledge, skills, and confidence they will need in managing their money," said Forough B. Hosseini, founder and Chair of **Food Brings Hope**. "We thank the United Way's Campaign for Working Families, the teachers and administration at Campbell, and the financial experts who shared their knowledge with our students. And most importantly, we thank our students for their enthusiasm and eagerness to learn and congratulate them for completing the program."

Tyna Lynn Hilton, a Trained FDIC Money Smart Facilitator and a United Way of Volusia Flagler Counties Campaign for Working Families volunteer, taught the four class sessions.

"I'm really happy that our students are getting the opportunity to learn the importance of savings, how to write checks and balance their check books," said Craig Zablo, Campbell Principal. "These are life skills that will assist our students for the rest of their lives."

About **Food Brings Hope**:

Food Brings Hope provides collaborative solutions for families with children who experience hunger due to homelessness, poverty, or unfamiliarity with community resources. Among other services, **Food Brings Hope** offers school based programs that provide meals, tutoring and activities for at-risk students. Its **FBHonors** program goal is to provide enhancement activities for the high achieving students in these programs.

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FBHonors, an initiative of **Food Brings Hope**, is named in memory of Farshad Babazadeh who was killed in a car accident at the young age of 18. Farshad's parents, Mansour and Simin Babazadeh, fund the FBHonors Program with the goal of making sure these bright students are provided with many varied opportunities to ensure their success in life. The goal of the **FBHonors** program is to follow these students through their middle and high school years and help them to get into the best colleges and universities of their choice.

About the ***Campaign for Working Families***

The Campaign for Working Families is a prosperity campaign serving Volusia and Flagler Counties. Its objective is to change people's lives by giving low to moderate income families the tools they need to help their families gain financial stability they need to ensure a quality life for themselves and their children. The campaign provides free tax preparation services and financial education classes and encourages savings.

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