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Food Brings Hope Celebrates FBHonors Program Graduates

Daytona Beach, FL, July 20, 2020 – Food Brings Hope was delighted to honor two of our FBHonors Program students on their recent graduations at a celebration dinner attended by Forough Hosseini; CEO and Founder of FBH, Judi Winch; Executive Director and Michelle Lone; VCan2020 Director plus other guests and FBHonors students. Jakyra McCloud and Sydney White were awarded diplomas with Honors from Mainland High at the school's commencement ceremony. Jakyra and Sydney have been FBHonors members since fourth grade when the program first started at Westside Elementary. FBHonors is an after school program that provides academic and personal enrichment opportunities for high achieving students in our KidsZone and TeenZone programs. It has been a remarkable journey to watch both girls progress and succeed through the 9 years of being FBHonors participants from Westside to Campbell MS and on to Mainland HS.

While at Mainland, Sydney's many interests and activities included The Academy of Hospitality and Culinary Arts and Boys' Basketball manager. Sydney will be attending Florida A&M University in the Fall, studying business.

Jakyra participated in The Academy of Scientific Inquiry and Medicine and Student Government while attending Mainland. Food Brings Hope is thrilled to share that Jakyra will be attending the University of Florida this Fall on a scholarship for her outstanding academic performance.

Food Brings Hope is extremely proud of both girls for their academic and personal achievements and for adhering to the Mission of FBHonors to strive to reach their full potential.

ATTACHED PHOTOS (2)

Picture 1 - FBHonors Dinner – Front Left to Right: Sydney White, Jakyra McLeod, **Back Left to Right:** Judi Winch, FBH Executive Director, Kehinde Ezekiel, Alexandria White, Forough Hosseini, FBH Founder & CEO, Nina Samuels, Malana Jackson, Johnny Fluitt

Picture 2 – Left to Right: Sydney White, Jakyra McLeod

About Food Brings Hope, Inc. & The Farshad Babazadeh Honors Program

Founded in 2007, Food Brings Hope, a not-for-profit organization, provides after-school programs and support at 27 schools in Volusia County and two in Flagler County. The programs provide at-risk students with opportunities to enrich their education and improve their grades, have fun together, and of course, receive nourishing food.

The Farshad Babazadeh Honors Initiative started in 2012 to increase academic and personal enrichment opportunities for targeted high-achieving students from low socioeconomic backgrounds. FBHonors focuses in STEM studies through rigorous, rich, and varied academic and non-academic programs, to help these high-achieving students reach their full potential.