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# FBHonors End of the Year Banquet 2016

~Students and teachers gather to celebrate another successful year~

DAYTONA BEACH – To celebrate another year of student successes, Food Brings Hope Founder and Chair, Forough B. Hosseini, invited FBHonors students to a formal dinner and awards presentation held in the ballroom area of the Mori Hosseini Center at Daytona State College.

“FBHonors students were honored at their annual banquet where they received awards celebrating their achievements in STEM,” said Aimee Shank, FBHonors Director. “They also received an etiquette lesson. They were able to use what was learned during the fine dining experience at the Mori Hosseini Center. We are grateful to Food Brings Hope for providing the enriching opportunity for our students.”

After the 33 members of the FBHonors program were seated, they received a warm welcome and a few words of encouragement as they prepare to start their summer break and advancement into the next grade by Food Brings Hope Founder and Chair, Forough B. Hosseini and Food Brings Hope Executive Director, Judi Winch.

Dinner consisted of a hot meal prepared and served by Sodexo Campus Services and was served just after a presentation on etiquette by Judi Boone, personal trainer and nutrition coach. Following dinner, students were presented trophies and certificates for exemplary performance throughout the year.

“The FBHonors program is specially designed to intellectually challenge our highest achieving FBH students,” said Forough B. Hosseini. “The program’s members dedicate a substantial amount of their time afterschool each day to further their education goals. Food Brings Hope is proud of their endless willingness to learn and more than happy to reward them for their hard work and dedication.”

The FBHonors program was instituted in 2012 in honor of Farshad Babazadeh, who tragically died in a car accident. Heavily centered on STEM programming, the program meets everyday afterschool for three-hours and is designed to help the highest achieving FBH students reach their fullest potential. FBHonors consists of students from Westside Elementary Campbell Middle, and Mainland High.

### Awards:

Lillian Bagshaw, Most Responsible and Citizenship of the Year; Tyja Beans, Reader Extraordinaire; Noel Butts, Most Genuine; Lakota Gibbs, Future Humanitarian; Brian Harris, Most Courteous; Trynity James, Master Gardener; Alexis Johnson, Super Scientist; DeJuan Mitchell, Most Helpful; Jesse Ramos, Future Engineer; Trinity Sessoms, Role Model of the Year; Zachary Urban, Creative Problem Solver; Damien Walden, Mathematician; Keyara Wallace, Literary Scholar; Ke-Ni Cleary, Most Respectful; Charles Fluitt, Most Unique; Douglas Cunningham, Independent Thinker; Alysia Green, Most Improved; Corey Hill, Most Courageous; Danae Hubbert, Most Compassionate; Ariel McCoy, Best Problem Solver; Jayeden Oliver, Best Listener and Citizenship of the Year; Amariona Parker, Most Caring; Karmia Nelson, Most Inquisitive; Leilani Snowden, Most Determined; Jordyn Williams, All Around Scholar; Johnny Fluitt, Most Tech Savvy and Citizenship of the Year; Malana Jackson, Most Compassionate and Citizenship of the Year; Brandon James, Most Athletic; Kakyra McCloud, All Around Scholar; Nina Samuel, Most Musical; Alexandria White, The Debater; Sydney White, The Literacy Master.

### About Food Brings Hope:

**Food Brings Hope (FBH)** is a 501(c)(3) Public Charity that provides collaborative solutions for families with children who experience hunger due to homelessness, poverty, or unfamiliarity with community resources. Our mission is to nurture the mind, body and spirit of underprivileged children in our community. Among other services, **FBH** offers school based programs (termed "Kids Zone" in elementary schools and "Teen Zone" in the upper grades) that provide meals, tutoring and activities for at-risk students. It also facilitates enrichment activities such as Nutrition Days and Hands On Banking Programs along with field trips to local educational destinations and events. At FBH, 100% of all donations go directly to these programs that support students in need in Volusia County.

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