



A Not-For-Profit Community-Supported Blood Bank

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## Scholarship Winners

**Sarasota-** Suncoast Communities Blood Bank has awarded over \$10,000 to outstanding graduating high school students and current college/technical school students for 2006. Scholarship winners were selected by a committee based on participation in their school's blood drives, academic excellence, commitment to the community, and support of the Blood Bank. Building on a tradition of support to high school students, 2006 is the first year that colleges/technical schools have been considered in the application process. Awards were given to 26 students in increments ranging from \$200 to \$500, and thirteen schools participated in the scholarship program. The program for 2007 will be launched in the fall of 2006 and it is expected that more schools will participate in the coming year.

The 2006 winners are:

### High School

Tara Lacey  
James Fredrick Medley  
Tina Maceri  
Sharon Burns  
Whitney Vosick  
Ana Maria Bejarano  
Danielle Padgett  
Christine Sciarrino  
Chelsea Rence  
Linda Suen

Venice High School  
North Port High School  
North Port High School  
North Port High School  
Sarasota Military Academy  
Riverview High School  
Riverview High School  
Pine View  
Sarasota High School  
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Adrienne Dahlberg	Sarasota High School
Jashira Ruperto	Sarasota High School
Brooke Garriott	Sarasota High School
Laurin Pletzke	Sarasota High School
Brett Ruane	Sarasota High School
Bryant Hall	DeSoto High School
Brooke Weston	Booker High School
Sarah DeHaven	Sarasota Christian School
Katrin Hale	Sarasota Christian School

### **High School Special Volunteer Award**

Hong Ting Chiu	Sarasota High School
Max Behrman	Sarasota High School
Naimish Patel	Sarasota High School

### **College/Technical**

Danielle Bechtel	Sarasota County Technical Institute
Tara Dorsey	Ringling School of Art and Design
Aubrey Pendleton	Ringling School of Art and Design
Erica Schoon	New College

The Blood Bank invests considerable effort in recruiting young adults at high school and college/technical school blood drives because they have a lifetime of blood donation opportunities ahead of them. Congratulations to each of these hard working and dedicated students! The Blood Bank also appreciates the support of many private and public schools, the Desoto County and Sarasota County School Districts, and school administrators and staff who support blood drives at participating private and public schools. Thank you!

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