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Blood Bank Awards Scholarships
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Suncoast Communities Blood Bank has awarded \$10,000 in scholarships to outstanding graduating high school students from seven area high schools. Scholarship winners are selected for their academic excellence, commitment to the community through support of the Blood Bank, and participation at their school's blood drives throughout the school year. The applicants do not have to be blood donors. A committee of Blood Bank Board Members and employees meet to determine the recipients. The scholarship funds are divided among the high schools according to the percentage of blood donations at each school compared to the number of seniors enrolled. The high schools are divided into two categories: those with 300 seniors or more and those with enrollment of fewer than 300 seniors. 31 students from nine participating high schools applied for scholarships.

The 2005 scholarship winners are:

Category 1

(Schools with 300 or more seniors)

North Port High School:

1 st Place	\$2,000	Amanda Tatko
Honorable Mention	\$500	Danielle Dimick

Sarasota High School:

2 nd Place	\$1,500	Nicole Vaughan
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Riverview High School:

3 rd Place	\$1,000	Guillermo Hidalgo
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Venice High School

4 th Place	\$500	Elizabeth Herrera
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Category 2

(Schools with fewer than 300 seniors)

Cardinal Mooney 1 st Place	\$2,000	Aubrey Pendleton
Booker High School: 2 nd Place	\$1,500	Elizabeth Chioccarelli
DeSoto High School 3 rd Place	\$1,000	Brandon Davis

*Pine View and Sarasota Christian Schools also participated in school blood drive promotions but had no scholarship applicants.

High school blood drives contributed 669 units of blood to the community this year. This number of blood donations equals to 2007 lives touched by compassionate students, faculty and staff (one blood donation can help three people). The Blood Bank invests considerable effort in recruiting 17 year olds at high school blood drives because they have a lifetime of blood donation opportunities ahead of them. Congratulations to the scholarship winners. Suncoast Communities Blood Bank is very thankful for the ongoing support from the Sarasota County School District, its school administrators and staff.

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