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Governor's Hurricane Conference® **Awards 12 Student Scholarships** *~ Emergency Management a Focus~*

ORLANDO - The 30th Annual Governor's Hurricane Conference®, being held this week at the Rosen Shingle Creek in Orlando has announced its annual conference scholarships, provided to college students across the state.

"This is our sixth year for the program, and we are very proud to welcome these 12 exceptional students from across Florida," said Helena Wetherington, Chair, Governor's Hurricane Conference® Student Scholarship Program. "Each year we receive many outstanding applications from students striving to further their education and knowledge of the many facets of emergency management. The Governor's Hurricane Conference will continue to work diligently to be able to offer this important scholarship program to students for many years to come."

2016 Scholarship recipients:

Lilliana Pascuzzi	University of Central Florida
Bridget Joyner	The Florida State University
Kendall Cappadora	University of South Florida
Tyler Nolen	Embry Riddle Aeronautical University
Taylor Haywood	University of Central Florida
Desirae Brown	The Florida State University
Megan Orlando	University of South Florida
Mariah Frison	University of Central Florida
Alexis Bailey	The Florida State University
Tiffany Islam	University of Central Florida



Brittany Johnson	The Florida State University
Clark Ries	St. Petersburg College

To gain eligibility, scholarship applicants must be enrolled in a public or private institution of higher education at the graduate or undergraduate level, and have taken or are taking emergency management-related courses as part of their academic program. While a student's major or minor concentration of study need not be "emergency management" specifically, they are asked to demonstrate that their field of study has a direct impact to overall emergency preparedness, response, recovery and/or mitigation.

While at the conference this week, scholarship recipients are participating in courses and workshops, a roundtable discussion where they will hear from professionals in the field of emergency management, and have the opportunity to be mentored by a professional emergency manager. In addition, all recipients must commit to volunteer 12 hours as a room monitor for the conference or take on other duties as needed. A special reception was held in the students' honor last evening.

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