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

**WEST PALM BEACH** - The 31<sup>ST</sup> Annual Governor's Hurricane Conference®, being held this week at the Palm Beach County Convention Center has announced its annual conference scholarships, provided to college students across the state.

"This is our seventh year for the program, and we are very proud to welcome these six exceptional students from across Florida," said Helene 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."

2017 Scholarship recipients:

Andrea Geisler	The Florida State University
Charles Palocy	Barry University
Benjamin Redifer	The Florida State University
Arrash Shekari	Embry Riddle Aeronautical University
Layley Stutson	The Florida State University
Alonna Vinson	The Florida State University

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 make presentations and hear from professionals in the field of emergency management, and have the opportunity to be mentored by professional emergency managers. 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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