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FiSCA AWARDS \$82,000 IN SCHOLARSHIPS TO 41 OUTSTANDING COLLEGE-BOUND STUDENTS

*Program Has Awarded \$816,500 to 368 Deserving Students
From Across the Country Over the Past Fourteen Years*

(Washington, D.C., September, 16, 2013) – For the fourteenth consecutive year, the Financial Service Centers of America (FiSCA) has awarded scholarships to college-bound seniors from communities across the United States. This year’s program provided a total of \$82,000 in cash grants to students-\$2,000 per student-in areas that are serviced by FiSCA members.

The competition was intense with more than 2,500 high school seniors applying for the program. All applications undergo a rigorous scholarship review process, first being ranked by a regional then a national review committee. The criteria for the scholarships include:

- Commitment to community service;
- Perseverance in the face of significant obstacles;
- Display of leadership skills in school;
- Academic achievement; and
- An original essay written specifically for the competition.

New this year, Rich Kelsky of TellerMetrix, a long-time affiliate member company that supports many of FiSCA members’ POS needs, graciously provided a laptop computer to the top student award winner from each of the five regions represented in the scholarship program.

“The scholarship program not only represents a worthy cause, it is a tangible expression of the underlying community commitment of the members of FiSCA, of which I am very proud to be a part,” Kelsky stated.

Since its inception in 1999, FiSCA has awarded \$816,500 in college grants to 368 deserving students across the country. The scholarship program is funded by the voluntary contributions of FiSCA members and affiliate members, as well as national cosponsors MoneyGram International and Western Union. This year’s program included generous donations from ACE Cash Express, Amscot Financial, Community Choice Financial, PLS Financial, and industry associations in California and Illinois, among many others.

“FiSCA’s members are committed to serving as positive role models, and this scholarship program is a primary means of giving back to those communities where we live and work,” said Sanford Herman, Chairman of the FiSCA Scholarship Program. “Giving these students a chance to continue their education is an honor for us.”

The winners of the 2013 FiSCA Scholarship Program include:

<u>Student's Name</u>	<u>High School</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>State</u>
EAST			
Victoria Prizzi	New Dorp High School	Brooklyn	NY
Meghan Gilmore	Granby Memorial High School	North Granby	CT
Victoria Hale	Mother Seton Regional High School	Newark	NJ
Natasha Pineiros	Hackensack High School	Hackensack	NJ
Tawndalaya DaRoza	Fenway High School	Roxbury	MA
Kevin Teel	Don Bosco Preparatory High School	Monroe	NY
Lauren Antonucci	Red Bank Catholic High School	West Long Branch	NJ
Humza Jamil	White Plains Senior High School	White Plains	NY
SOUTHEAST			
Petra Fiel	Nature Coast Technical High School	Spring Hill	FL
Emily Hansford	Bob Sears High School	Watkinsville	GA
Kabrea Jones	St. Martin High School	Ocean Springs	MS
Daniela Castro	John A. Ferguson High School	Miami	FL
Ashli Hodges	Chamblee Charter High School	Stone Mountain	GA
Brigitte Passman	Henry County High School	Springville	TN
MIDWEST			
Rebecca Pozen	Pork High School	Racine	WI
Brinnae Bent	Neenah High School	Neenah	WI
Karli Gormley	North Branch High School	Attica	MI
Callie Chappell	Travers City Central High School	Traverse City	MI
Angela Sun	Canton High School	Canton	MI
Samuel LoBianco	Wahlert Catholic High School	Dubuque	IA
Cassie Wang	Olathe Northwest High School	Lenexa	KS
SOUTHWEST			
Kevin Campos	Thomas Jefferson High School	San Antonio	TX
Mirella Torres	Claudia Taylor Johnson High School	San Antonio	TX
Akhrysta Anderson	Lake High School	Dallas	TX
Steven Cisneros	Stratford High School	Houston	TX
Audranna Pennamon	Summer Creek High School	Houston	TX
Lillana Chavez	Middle College High School	Desoto	TX

WEST

R. Christopher Read	The Meadows School	Las Vegas	NV
Camille Garnsey	Bozeman High School	Bozeman	MT
Zachary Rivera	Patrick Henry High School	San Diego	CA
Christina Gibbs	Downey High School	Pico Rivera	CA
Jessica Nesis	Issaquah High School	Bellevue	WA
Fazalath Sadiq Batcha	Cesar A. Chavez High School	San Diego	CA
Alan Grusky	Granby Memorial High School	Los Angeles	CA
Katarina Stapleford	Del Notre High School	San Diego	CA
Claire Williams	Amador Valley High School	Pleasanton	CA
Bethany Morrow	River Valley High School	Yuba City	CA
Irene Hong	Lynbrook High School	San Jose	CA
Katarina Bethel	Mayfield Senior High	Glendale	CA
Luccerito Gutierrez	Southwest High School	San Diego	CA
Rafael Cubillo Jr.	James A. Garfield High School	Los Angeles	CA

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FiSCA, founded in 1987, is the national trade association for more than 6,500 individual financial service centers across the United States. FiSCA members provide a wide variety of financial services and products to their communities, including check cashing, money orders, money transfers, and electronic bill payment services, automatic teller machine access, government benefit and payroll payments, small dollar short-term loans, electronic tax preparation, prepaid debit cards, deposit acceptance services, public transportation fare and token sales, motor vehicle license plate and title distribution, postage stamp sales and numerous other services. For more information, please visit fisca.org.