



EDUCATION

Credit union awards 15 four-year, full-tuition scholarships

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The South Florida Educational Federal Credit Union recently awarded 15 four-year, full-tuition scholarships to local students during the 23rd annual Hubert O. Sibley Scholarship Ceremony.

Scholarship applications are available each year in February and, since 1995, the credit union has awarded more than \$3 million in scholarships to about 300 students.

The scholarships were presented by South Florida Educational Federal Credit Union President and CEO Mike DiBenedetto, scholarship committee chair Olga Botero and Miami-Dade County School Board member Lawrence Feldman. Winners included Ashley Aguiar, Matthew Bishop-Raphael, Johab Cezaire, Gino Chaviano, Amanda Freund, Sydney Kramer, Delanie Maier, Kara Mckinney, Alejandro Mendez-Ruiz, Faith Miller, Yeilin Montes, Trelvin Payne Jr., Victoria Pressley, Anabella Vazquez and Carla Vazquez.

For information on the scholarship program, visit sfefcu.org/scholarships.

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School for Advanced Studies

Rocio Olivia, a graduate of the School for Advanced Studies, received a Fulbright Research and Open Study Fellowship in Art History and will host a symposium in Peru to promote the study of art this November.

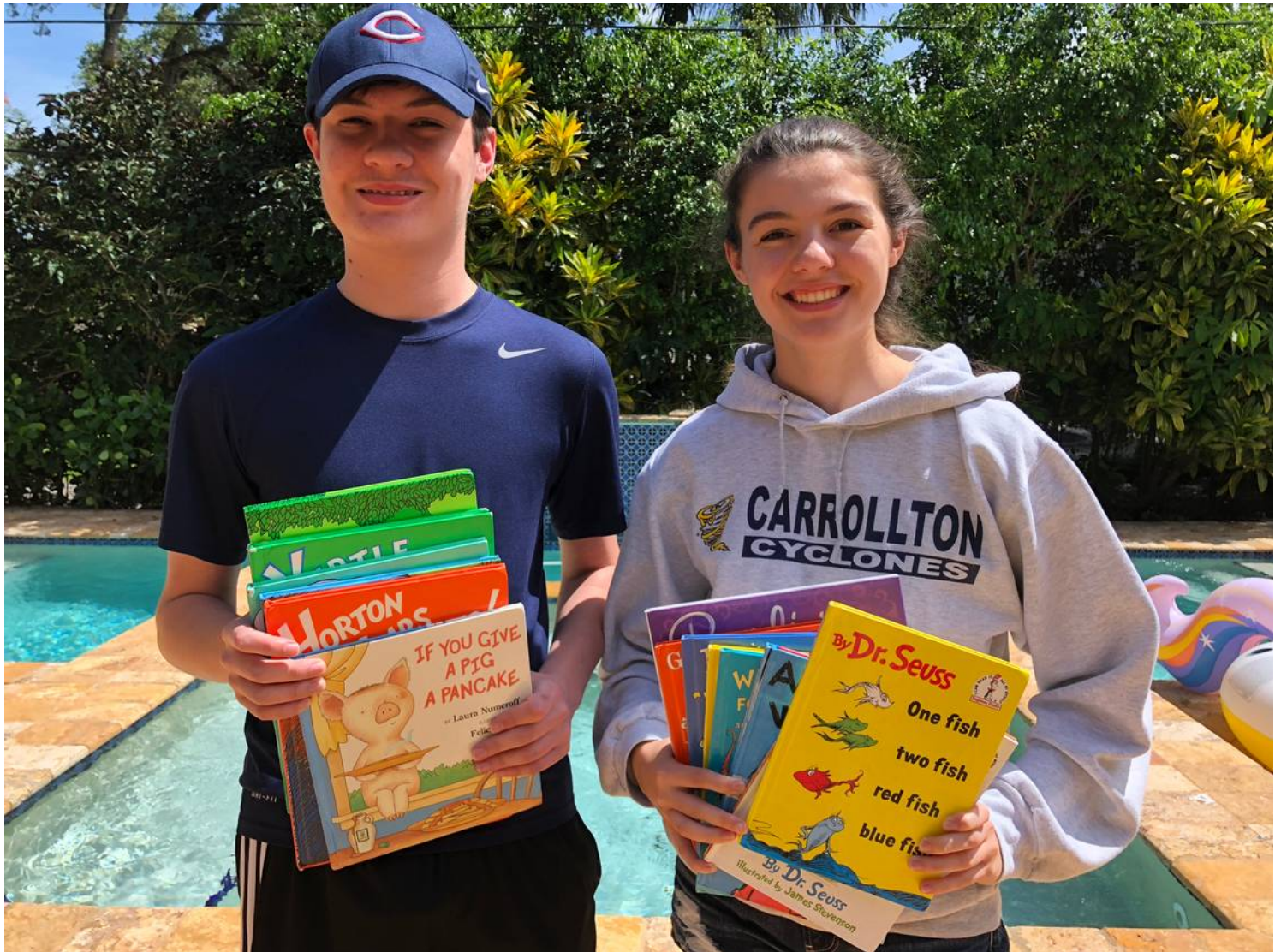


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In addition to co-founding the Peruvian Center for Research in Art and Cultural Heritage, based in Cusco, Olivia plans to publish a series of articles on female contemporary art. She also plans to pursue a masters of human nutrition from Columbia University this fall and apply to medical schools for 2019.

Read to Learn Books for Free

Miami-Dade County students joined forces with The Children's Trust and the Miami Book Fair to participate in Read to Learn Books for Free, a literacy initiative that was created to ensure local students have free access to books.



Andrew and Catherine Zurfluh of Coral Gables recently collected more than 1,000 books for the Read to Learn Books for Free initiative, which was created by The Children's Trust and the Miami Book Fair to ensure all local children have free access to books.

Student volunteers were from various Miami-Dade schools, including Ben Gamia Charter School, Carrollton School of the Sacred Heart, Casa dei Bambini, Christopher Columbus High School, Coral Reef High School, Dave and Mary Alper JCC, Doral Academy Preparatory School, Gulliver Schools, Immaculata La Salle High School, Leewood K-8 Center, Mater Academy and Miami Country Day School, and collected 9,000 books during the 2017-18 school year.

For Juliette Reichert of Doral Preparatory School, organizing a school-wide book drive with the help of classmates and teachers was one way to give back to her community. In total, 1,400 books were collected in support of the literacy initiative.

“I’m surrounded by books...I can check them out at the library; I can buy them. It makes me sad to think that books and reading are a luxury,” said Juliette. “I wanted to share my love of reading and books with others.”

For information or to donate, visit MiamiBookFair.com/ReadtoLearn or email agiust@miamibookfair.com.

The New World Symphony

The New World Symphony orchestral academy is partnering with Carnegie Hall to host the National Youth Orchestra Summer Residency Program, July 16–21, at the New World Center in Miami Beach.

The program, NYO2, is an extension of Carnegie Hall’s National Youth Orchestra of the USA, for ages 16 to 19, and will offer a group of underserved classical music students, ages 14 to 17, the chance to train alongside fellows and alumni at Purchase College in New York before coming to Miami to train at the New World Center. While in Miami, NYO2 members will volunteer with student musicians from the Greater Miami Youth Symphony’s Camp at Ponce de Leon Middle School and perform at the New World Center at 8:30 p.m. on July 21.

The concert will be live streamed on the screen at SoundScape Park, 400 17th St., Miami Beach, and is open to the community. For information or to purchase indoor tickets, visit nws.edu or call 305-902-6856.

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