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Two seniors earn the U.S. Presidential Scholar Award for acting skills

HIGHLIGHTS

Miami's Big Brothers Big Sisters gives \$35,000 in scholarships

Booker T. Washington Alumni award scholarships to 32 seniors

Miami Killian High awards first \$1,000 Lorraine Silverstein scholarship



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Katerina McCrimmon and **Sean Stack** of the **New World School of the Arts** were awarded the United States Presidential Scholar in the Arts award, presented by the president of the United States that recognizes high school students with great potential in the arts.

Both seniors will get to choose one of their teachers to join them on their trip to the White House next month to receive their awards.

Katerina has had roles in *Fiddler on the Roof*, *Children of Eden*, and *John and Jen*. She has also had two of her playwrights featured during her school's New Playwright's Festival, and is the winner of the \$1,000 Jack Zink Memorial Carbonell Award for theatre.

Katerina will attend **Florida State University** in fall to study music theatre.

Sean has had leading roles in *Once on this Island*, *Cabaret*, *The Skin of Our Teeth*, as well as *Fiddler on the Roof*. He will be playing Jesus in the upcoming production *O Beautiful*, directed by Stuart Meltzer, a professor at New World. He was also a YoungArts scholar, a talent-based scholarship program.

Sean will attend the **University of North Carolina School of the Arts** to study acting.

BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS

The women's committee of Miami's **Big Brothers Big Sisters**, a mentor program, awarded several \$2,500 and \$5,000 Lori Brener scholarships during the program's largest high school graduation, a total of 334 seniors, earlier this month.

Big Brothers Big Sisters resources end once a mentee turns 18, so the Lori Brener scholarship, created in honor of committee member Miriam Salazar's daughter, aims to help graduating youths succeed in college and beyond.

The \$2,500 scholarship winners: **Jerry Pierre**, **Mycah Richardson** and **Beverline Laguerre**.

The \$5,000 scholarship winners: **Ifeoma Duru**, **Levonna Barwick**, **Aaniyah Sellers** and **Lillian Obando**.

Lucia Solano received a renewal scholarship after a successful first year as a pre-med student at the University of Florida.

Scholars will attend Florida International University, University of Florida, University of Western Florida, and Miami Dade College in fall to study medicine, finance and hospitality.

On Sept. 10 at the Private Key Club in Wynwood, the women's committee will host a fund raising event for next year's scholarships. For information, call Marisol Garcia at 305-644-7060 or email her at mgarcia@bbbsmiami.org.

BOOKER T. WASHINGTON HIGH SCHOOL

Booker T. Washington's Alumni Foundation and Alumni Association awarded scholarships to 32 **Booker T. Washington High School** seniors.

Amounts included \$500, \$1,500, \$2,000, \$2,100, and \$2,500 scholarships. Awards were presented during an assembly, followed by a scholarship brunch.

Crystal Thomas was the winner of the \$500 book award.

Recipients of the \$1,500 scholarship were **Quadrell Brown, Olga Ruiz, Essence Watson, Mycah Richardson, Khania McKnight, Zankebo Henry, Ta’Kia Ragin, Jaidah Moses, Shakyra Jones, Traneisha Spencer, Wadney Henri, Vickey Dilbert, DeAundre Lundy, Alexis Gabriel, Branden Tobar, Aron Willis, Malik St. Louis, Christine Altidor, Dayeashia Viel, Viviana Acevedo, Jalen McMillian, Shakira Walden, Nicole Arline, Nataly Cubas, Camila Mijares, Shawn Palmer, Victor Rodriguez and G’Von Wyche Jr.**

Kayla Saintagne was the \$2,000 scholarship winner; **Uniqye Prentice** was the \$2,100 scholarship winner; and **Jaimesha Taylor** was the \$2,500 scholarship winner.

MIAMI KILLIAN HIGH SCHOOL

Miami Killian High School in partnership with Panter, Panter and Sampedro, a local law firm, introduced the \$1,000 Lorraine Silverstein Law Related Scholarship for the school’s law students.

Lorraine Silverstein was a law studies teacher at Killian High for 17 years before moving to Maryland, where she died in March. Silverstein was active in preparing students for local and state Mock trials and We the People competitions.

Pedro Zerpa was awarded the scholarship for actively participating in the law program, and for volunteering to mentor incoming law students.



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