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### **Scholarships Totaling \$20,500 Awarded To College Goal Sunday Participants**

*~ All Students Completing the FAFSA On-Site Were Eligible To Receive A \$250 Scholarship ~*

**Tampa, FL-** Over \$20,000 in scholarships were awarded today to eighty-two Florida high school seniors who participated in College Goal Sunday Florida and completed the Free Application for Federal Student Aid during the statewide event. Earlier this year, high school seniors throughout Florida were invited to attend College Goal Sunday to receive free help with completing the federal financial aid form known as the FAFSA. A completed [FAFSA application](#) is required by the U.S. Department of Education and many higher education institutions to determine student eligibility for need-based financial aid. Students attending and completing the forms became eligible to enter into a \$250 scholarship drawing sponsored by [USA Funds](#). Ultimately, 82 student names were drawn awarding each with a \$250 scholarship totaling \$20,500 in scholarships awarded. “College Goal Sunday is an important step for many students and their families in making college education a reality,” said Kyle Malone, Senior Program Officer for USA Funds. Higher education leaders, community-based organizations, and financial aid experts throughout Florida partnered to host the annual event serving approximately 2,300 people with 1,300 students completing the FAFSA during the one-day event. “Countless volunteers, including community organizations and financial aid administrators from the Florida Student Association of Financial Aid Administrators (FASFAA), worked at 45 sites,” said Brenda Brown, Director of Financial Aid for the University Of Miami School Of Law. “It is our hope that we can continue to collaborate with Florida CAN, FASFAA and other community-based organizations to touch even more lives in the years to come,” said Brown. College Goal Sunday Florida is coordinated by Florida C.A.N.! in partnership with the [National YMCA](#), [Lumina Foundation for Education](#), and [USA Funds](#).

### **About Florida College Access Network**

Florida College Access Network (formerly ENLACE Florida) engages communities for higher education promoting college-readiness, access, and success for limited-income, first generation, and underrepresented students through research, communication, advocacy, and community support. Our Big Goal is to increase the proportion of working adults in Florida who hold a quality postsecondary degree or credential to 60% by 2025. For more information, visit [www.floridacollegeaccess.org](http://www.floridacollegeaccess.org)

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