

BROWARD COUNTY POLICE BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION



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Broward County Police Benevolent Association Awards Annual Scholarships

Fort Lauderdale, Florida – July 27, 2015 – The Broward County Police Benevolent Association, Inc. (BCPBA) presented awards to the winners of its annual essay contest at a quarterly board meeting held on July 21, 2015.

The organization awarded top scholarships for the 2015-2016 academic year to five students of the organization's law enforcement members.

This year's first place winner was Phillip Ximinies, Jr. of Pembroke Pines. Phillip received a \$1,200 scholarship which will be applied to his education at Missouri Valley College. The first place scholarship was sponsored by Matthew Oppedisano of the Wellington, Florida-based Law Enforcement Retirement Advisory Service.

The remaining winners each received scholarships in the amount \$500 from the BCPBA. The second place winner was Ryan Meyer of Boynton Beach. Ryan will be attending the University of Florida. In third place was Ryan Swanson of Coconut Creek. Ryan will be studying premed at the University of South Florida. Brendan Casey of Hollywood earned a fourth place award. Brendan will be attending Valencia College. In fifth place was Sean Allen of Cooper City. Sean will also be attending the University of Florida.

The BCPBA Annual Scholarship Award was begun in 2003 as part of The HOPE Fund's mission to assist the children of law enforcement members in their effort to attend

college. To be eligible for the scholarship, participants must be the son or daughter of a Broward County PBA member in good standing and plan to be a part-time or full-time student at an accredited two or four-year University. More information about the scholarship may be found at bcpba.org.

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The Broward County Police Benevolent Association is the largest law enforcement group serving Broward County. BCPBA is a non-profit organization providing labor relations assistance and collective bargaining services for its members. Our mission is to promote professionalism in law enforcement and to protect the rights and privileges of individual law enforcement officers and civilian employees, as well as to keep citizens informed of the challenges facing law enforcement today. We are active in community events including those that support and honor law enforcement.

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