

Local students receive PB Chamber scholarships

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Once again, this year's winners of Palm Beach Chamber Foundation scholarships were so impressive that Paul Leone, president of The Breakers Palm Beach, asked them not to leave the premises without filling out a job application.

"If you don't have a summer job, come and see us. We want you to go out into the world, but we want you to come back," Leone said, after numerous speakers lauded the students' accomplishments at the May 18 presentation at The Breakers.

Helin Siris, Boston College, and Elliott Crockam, University of Florida, received the Neiman Marcus Awards of Excellence. Beth Pine, vice president/general manager of Neiman Marcus in Palm Beach, presented the grants.

Crockam is "a gentleman of a caliber seldom seen in one so young," Pine said. He is preparing for a career in as a public health dentist.

Siris has a double major in communications/film studies and a minor in Hispanic studies. "A dedicated young woman of integrity," she volunteers in a supportive housing project and at a mental health clinic for the elderly, Pine said.

Stefan Richter, co-owner of Richters of Palm Beach, introduced Brittany Herring, a senior at the Dreyfoos School of the Arts and the winner of his firm's grant.

Richter cited a few of Herring's accomplishments: the National Honor Society and other honor societies; best overall speaker in the Lincoln Douglas debate at the Florida Winter Springs Invitational; and first place in the National Science, Engineering, Communication, Mathematics Education Essay Competition.

Herring will study pre-pharmacy and chemistry at Florida A&M University and wants to be a pediatric neurosurgeon.

Herring and Tiffany Goff, Cleveland Institute of Music, received scholarships from the MLKA Foundation. Goff, who played a piano solo, volunteers at homes for the elderly.

"I was knocked out by Joanna Suarez" and her writing, said Jimmy Zisson, as he introduced the winner of the Anita and Jimmy Zisson Award. Suarez, a senior at the Dreyfoos school, will major in broadcast journalism at the University of Miami

Denita Jones, a Dreyfoos student on her way to the University of Central Florida, received the Bruce Gendelman Award. She will major in public administration and plans to go to law school.

The Laura & Lee Munder Award and the H. Loy Anderson Jr. Family Scholarship Award went to Diondra Burney, a senior at Suncoast High School who will attend Villanova University. Burney will study biology and biochemistry and hopes to become a physician/pediatric neuroscientist.

Armaad Morman, who will attend Morehouse College, received The Breakers/Weitz Co. scholarship, a memorial to the late Jack Doran, a construction superintendent for The Weitz Co. who oversaw projects at the resort for 13 years.

Doran's wife, Leslie, said her husband would approve of Morman's intent to "help keep Belle Glade the best of the west."

The James E. "Jake" Morgan Jr. Scholarship went to Melissa Wallach, a junior in the Palm Beach Atlantic University Rinker School of Business.