

## Giving Back: South Intensive Transition School Collaborates With C.A.R.E To Announce 2013 Scholarship Recipients

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South Intensive Transition School teamed up with the Caribbean Educators' Association, Inc. (C.A.R.E), a non-profit organization that awards scholarships annually to eligible graduating seniors of the School District of Palm Beach County. Applicants are awarded scholarships based on a very rigorous application and interview process. The scholarships are announced through high school guidance counselors and a select committee processes the applications and conducts the interviews.

As a community service initiative, the scholarship interviews were held at South Intensive Transition School and coincided with a FCAT 2.0 Writing Boot Camp for 8<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> graders on Saturday, February 23, 2013. The SpringBoard Writing Workshop activities that were utilized during the FCAT 2.0 Writing Boot Camp offered teachers and students guided experiences in specific rhetorical and grammar and usage skills, emphasizing practice and mastery of specific writing modes. It provided additional direct writing instruction to support and extend mastery of the writing process and commonly assessed written products. Each workshop guides students through the writing of three separate texts in the specific mode being taught: one that is constructed as a class with direct guidance from the teacher, one that is peer constructed with teacher support, and one that is written independently.

"Students who attended received intensive instruction in the areas of planning, developing details and support, conventions, focus and organization. They were highly engaged, motivated and very successful in their efforts. I look forward to seeing the FCAT 2.0 Writing scores when the results are released!" said High School SpringBoard English Language Arts teacher Jacqueline Major.



C.A.R.E members conduct two major fundraisers each year: a *Taste of the Caribbean* and the scholarship event in March. This year's *Taste of the Caribbean* will be held on Saturday, December 7, 2013 at Lake Pavilion (located at 101 South Flagler Drive, West Palm Beach, FL 33401).

For the past eight years, C.A.R.E has awarded 60 scholarships to students who have pursued post-secondary studies at a variety of institutions ranging from vocational/technical programs to prestigious colleges and universities. The recipients of these scholarships have demonstrated impressive academic skills, have an outstanding Grade Point Average and have dedicated many hours to community service hours.

The mission of C.A.R.E is to make a positive difference in the lives of others through a supportive network of educators and other professionals. “The goals of C.A.R.E include continuously recruiting members to strengthen the network and to be a support system to fellow educators and other professionals,” said C.A.R.E Vice President Elsa Lubin.

The six recipients of the 2013 C.A.R.E scholarships are:

Student	School	College/University
Natalie Alfonso	Palm Beach Central High School	University of Central Florida
Jordana Douglas	Palm Beach Lakes High School	University of Florida
Courtney M. Gonzalez	Boynton Beach High School	University of Alabama
Retz-Nallie Michel	Glades Central High School	Valencia College
Zachary Savoury	Suncoast High School	Florida International University
Robin Wilks	Santaluces High School	Bethune-Cookman University



The recipients of the C.A.R.E scholarships pose with the Guest Speaker, Dr. Ronald Romear (center), at *An Evening of Elegance: The 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Celebration of Academic Excellence* at the West Palm Beach Marriott Hotel on Saturday, March 16, 2013. The graduating seniors were formally awarded the scholarships and a banquet was held in their honor.

**For more information about C.A.R.E, please** contact C.A.R.E President Sharon Burton at (561) 329-9835 or e-mail at [caribbeaneducatorsassociation@gmail.com](mailto:caribbeaneducatorsassociation@gmail.com).

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### **About South Intensive Transition School:**

*South Intensive Transition School officially opened its doors in 2007 as an alternative school with high expectations for exemplary achievement, serving students in Grades 6-12. South Intensive is the first alternative school in the School District of Palm Beach County to offer the rigorous SpringBoard® curriculum in English Language Arts and Mathematics to ensure that students are equipped to achieve success on the Common Core State Standards (CCSS) and become college and career ready. South Intensive effectively implements the research-based School-wide Positive Behavior Support (SwPBS) strategies to promote safety, civility, and demonstrate increases in student respectfulness, responsibility and motivation.*

*South Intensive has achieved the “Green School of Promise” recognition for taking a holistic approach to going green that incorporates school ground enhancement, resource conservation, curriculum connections, and community involvement with a school-wide commitment and focus on sustainability. Through collegial partnerships with Lynn University and several community agencies, students benefit from additional services to ensure academic and behavioral intervention success. For more information, visit our Edline page at [http://www.edline.net/pages/Intensive\\_Transition\\_South](http://www.edline.net/pages/Intensive_Transition_South)*

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