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Students get \$1,000 scholarships from Commission for Women

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Miami-Dade County Commission for Women awarded \$1,000 scholarships to **Ashley Garcell, Elba Garcia, and Isis Rollins** of the **Young Women's Preparatory Academy** during the June commission meeting. The Miami-Dade County Commission for Women, created in 1971, holds a partnership with the magnet school to offer annual scholarships to alumni. Ashley will be attending **Florida State University**; Isis will be attending the **University of South Florida**, and Elba will be attending the Honors College at **Miami-Dade College**. The scholarships were donated by North Miami Mayor Smith Joseph and a host of commissioners, including Barbara Jordan, Audrey Edmonson, Rebeca Sosa, Daniella Levine Cava, Dennis Moss, Javier Souto, Jose Diaz, and Former County Commissioner



The Miami-Dade County Commission for Women, pictured, awarded \$1,000 scholarships to Ashley Garcell, Elba Garcia, and Isis Rollins, center, of the Young Women's Preparatory Academy in Miami.

Bruno Barreir. For information, call Laura Morilla at 305-375-4967.

2018 BOB NOVACK MUSIC AWARDS

Several Miami-Dade County music students were recognized as **2018 Bob Novack Music Award** winners, sponsored by **1308 Productions**, for their talent and dedication to music. Bob Novack was a Florida-based musician that

performed with famous bands like the Glenn Miller Band and led the Bob Novack Orchestra in South Florida for four decades. The organization, **1308 Productions**, was created to honor talented music students in memory of Novack. This year's winners included **Alyssa Gutierrez** of **Nautilus Middle School**, and **Kimberlee Cortiella** and **Aitor Cazalis**

of **Ruth Broad Bay Harbor K-8 Center**. Each winner received a \$150 gift card, information about the award's history, a trophy and certificate, and their names were inscribed on plaques and records. The organization also gave special recognition and a \$25 gift card to **Nautilus Middle School** students **Amanda Oren-Rivas** and **Dario Curapic**.

Also, **Kelmerz Jimenez of Miami Beach High School** was awarded the \$500 Carole Taran Award for Performing Arts.

BIG BROTHERS, BIG SISTERS OF GREATER MIAMI
The **Big Brothers Big**

Sisters of Miami recently hosted their Miami Public Defender's Summer Scholars Program to teach students about careers in the criminal justice system.

Scholars and mentors

met at the Miami Public Defender's Office early last week to participate in presentations taught by several speakers in the industry, including State Representative

Kionne McGhee. Students

also relearned about getting involved in their local government and participated in a courtroom and therapeutic art sessions.