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**Jeb Bush Jr., Volunteer USA and ATI  
Present Miami Mother and Child College Scholarship**

*~ Partners Reward State's Most Deserving Students during Florida Literacy Month~*

**Palm Beach** – Lucy Delgado is on the way to achieving her college dreams and ultimately her chosen career. In addition, one of Delgado's children will receive a two-year Florida Prepaid college scholarship. The awards are the result of Volunteer USA's unique Family Literacy Initiative scholarship program, in partnership with the **Florida Association of Postsecondary Schools and Colleges (FAPSC)**, the **Florida Prepaid College Foundation**, corporate sponsor **Dollar General**, and **ATI Career Training**. The award was presented by Jeb Bush, Jr., an advocate of family literacy, to celebrate the achievement of a select group of students during an annual luncheon celebrating the accomplishments of parents involved in family literacy programs throughout South Florida.



The unique, family-friendly scholarship program was created to benefit both parents and children enrolled at Family Literacy Academies in Florida. The awards are presented each year to celebrate the achievement of a select group of parents who are selected based on their academic gains, attendance, GED exam status, a personal essay and reference letters.

Delgado has enrolled in the **ATI Career Training Center**, where she is studying the field of medical assisting technology. ATI, a member of FAPSC, generously provided the scholarship, which covers full tuition and fees.

“ATI is comprised of compassionate educators who take literacy one step further; we empower students with the ability to actually perform duties in their chosen field,” says Arthur Benjamin, Vice Chairman and CEO of ATI Schools & Colleges, and board member of the Florida Association of Private Schools and Colleges. “We empower people with the ability to positively change their lives through education and hard work.”

“We are active participants in helping the communities that we serve, and South Florida is a perfect example of this,” says Stephen Brewster, Vice President of Operations for ATI's Eastern Region. “As educators, September is an important month to support literacy and people who need that extra level of support.”

Delgado was previously a student at the FIU-FLASH Family Literacy Academy, where she excelled in her academic and parenting classes, paving the way to earn her G.E.D. certificate earlier this year and finally entrance into college.

“I’m very excited to receive this scholarship because this is the opportunity that I had hoped for to better myself and make my family proud of me,” Delgado said.

“I congratulate our scholarship winners who have worked so hard to reach this educational achievement. It is an enormous task to juggle their classes and jobs while raising young children,” said Liza McFadden, president of Volunteer USA. “These dedicated parents recognize, education is the key to a better life for their families and that’s why we created these family-friendly scholarships – as a way to help struggling parents break the cycle of illiteracy and become stronger role models to their children.”

In total, Volunteer USA and FAPSC member schools have awarded eight scholarships. In total, the awards are valued at \$175,000. The scholarships are being recognized this month as Florida celebrates Literacy Month and college classes get into full swing.

**Background:**

The **Florida Family Literacy Initiative** is administered by the Volunteer USA Foundation, which provides funding, training and technical assistance for literacy providers. The Foundation assists Family Literacy Academy sites in Florida. If you are interested in funding a scholarship for a child or an adult, see [www.volunteerusafoundation.org](http://www.volunteerusafoundation.org) for more information.

**The Florida Association of Postsecondary Schools and Colleges (FAPSC)** provides leadership, support and advocacy for quality career education. FAPSC represents the interests of over 800 licensed, private career colleges and schools that annually prepare more than 265,000 students in 200 occupations. [www.FAPSC.org](http://www.FAPSC.org)

**Dollar General** is a leading discount retailer with more than 8,300 neighborhood stores. The company has a longstanding tradition of supporting literacy and education. Since its inception in 1993, the Dollar General Literacy Foundation has awarded more than \$24.5 million in grants to nonprofit organizations, helping more than one million individuals take their first steps toward literacy, a general education diploma or English proficiency. [www.dollargeneral.com](http://www.dollargeneral.com).

The **Florida Prepaid College Foundation**, the non-profit direct support organization of the Florida Prepaid College Board, has awarded more than 27,100 scholarships to children throughout Florida since 1990. [www.floridaprepaidcollegefoundation.com](http://www.floridaprepaidcollegefoundation.com)

**ATI Career Training Center** For more than three decades, ATI has operated schools throughout Texas, Florida, New Mexico, Arizona, and Oklahoma with the primary objective of preparing its graduates for rewarding careers. With 24 locations and growing, ATI’s exciting employment training opportunities include such fields as health care, personal fitness and wellness, business technology, information technology, and occupational trades. [www.aticareertraining.edu](http://www.aticareertraining.edu).

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