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**Twenty Five BAY AREA STUDENTS receive  
TBWA COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS**

**TAMPA, FL – April 4, 2008** – Twenty-five Hillsborough County high school seniors will be awarded college scholarships from the Tampa Bay WorkForce Alliance (TBWA) at an award's reception on Thursday, April 17, 2008 at Maestro's at the Tampa Bay Performing Arts Center (1010 N.W.C. MacInnes Pl, Tampa, FL).

In keeping with its mission of developing workforce talent to foster economic development, TBWA prepares youth for an increasing demand of higher educated workers in the Tampa Bay region. For the past four years TBWA has invested in a total of 79 scholarships, valued at more than \$400,000.

In addition to providing financial support, the program helps to prepare the talent pipeline via workshops and access to mentoring, internship, and networking opportunities with local business leaders. Through alliances with local businesses, economic development organizations, community organizations, and individuals, TBWA links scholars with opportunities to enhance their preparation and increase their chances to join the workforce in our local region.

**2008 Tampa Bay WorkForce Alliance Scholars:**

Sapphire Johnson - Armwood High School  
Shambrey Oliver - Armwood High School

Pablo Rivera - Freedom High School  
Laura Zarrate - Freedom High School

Angielique Ramirez - Gaither High School

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Devin McNish - Hillsborough High School  
Shazia Mitha - Hillsborough High School  
Carlos Valdes - Hillsborough High School

Zumaly Dixon - King High School  
Andrea Reyes - King High School

Gleneda Joseph - Leto High School

Monique Parker - Middleton High School  
Sheena Smith - Middleton High School

Roderick Henderson- Plant City High School  
Aaron Driscoll - Plant City High School  
Phillip Ondrovic - Plant City High School  
Steven Mitchell - Plant City High School  
Eddie Emilut - Plant City High School

Jessica Ardon - Riverview High School  
Katelyn Randall - Riverview High School

Megan Hicklin - Robinson High School  
Ricardo Navarro - Robinson High School

Britany Kendrick – Tampa Bay Tech High School

Michael Martinez - Simmons Career Center

Veronica Maldonado -Wharton High School

#### About Tampa Bay WorkForce Alliance

TBWA works with businesses and job candidates to leverage the training, retraining and competitive opportunities of employees in the workforce. Nearly 100,000 job candidates annually access TBWA, the single largest source of job candidates in the region. Thousands of businesses annually access TBWA's wide range of services, including employee recruiting; customized training; targeted career fairs; workshops and business seminars; and retention support strategies. TBWA is a member of the Employ Florida network of workforce services and resources.

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