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Note from the President

The end of another school year is upon us and with it all the exciting flurry of activities. You'll read below about many of them. I want to give a personal thanks to all who made the inaugural Apple Appeal - Casino Royale event at Centro such a success. The entire downstairs was converted and used for some of the same activities that the Centro Español organization hosted 99 years ago! It was a great time and quite an experience.

We were thrilled to have over 300 students, family members, and donors at the Citi facility to award more than \$1.4 million worth of scholarships. This is a record amount, made possible through our recent partnership with Tampa Bay Workforce Alliance. Our thanks go out to them for their confidence in our ability to administer these scholarships.

Our Business Partnership Awards also demonstrate the impact of working together to support our schools. Congratulations to our award winners. We appreciate your commitment to our students, teachers and schools.

Casino Royale Relives Glory Days of Centro

Let the good times roll! Our new home at Centro Español became a casino for the Apple Appeal - Casino Royale at Centro. Guests tried their luck playing the slots, craps, roulette, cards and prize drawings, enjoyed hand-rolled cigars and got a glimpse into the Centro's days as a social and community center.

Thanks to our presenting sponsor, the Rays Baseball Foundation, and our additional sponsors. This year's event raised more than \$62,000 for the Foundation.

[Click here](#) to see a video of the Apple Appeal - Casino Royale at Centro.



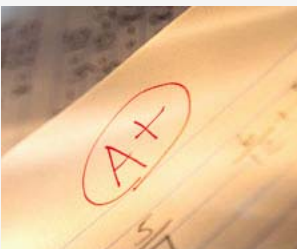
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Success Story



Hats off to our Scholarship Recipients!

Hillsborough's scholarship recipients were honored for their achievements during the Foundation's annual Scholarship Reception. Through its partnerships with local individuals, corporations, civic and charitable organizations, the Foundation awarded scholarships valued at \$1.4 million.

St. Petersburg Times columnist Ernest Hooper was our master of ceremonies. Steve Klovekorn, President of the Citi Center Tampa Campus, shared some encouraging words with the students. Scholarship recipient Monte Hobley spoke about the impact his mentor, Norm Rocco, had on his life. [Click here](#) to see Monte's speech.



Monte Hobley

Thank you to our host, Citi for your generous contributions towards this year's reception.

Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much.
- *Helen Keller*

Sincerely,

Bill Hoffman
President
Hillsborough Education Foundation



Scholarship Winner Monte

Monte, one of our 2011 scholarship winners, considers his mentor, Norman Rocco, a father figure and friend. Monte will be attending Bethune-Cookman University on a Friends of Military Families LLC/Grow Financial Credit Union scholarship and hopes to one day be one of the donors awarding scholarships.

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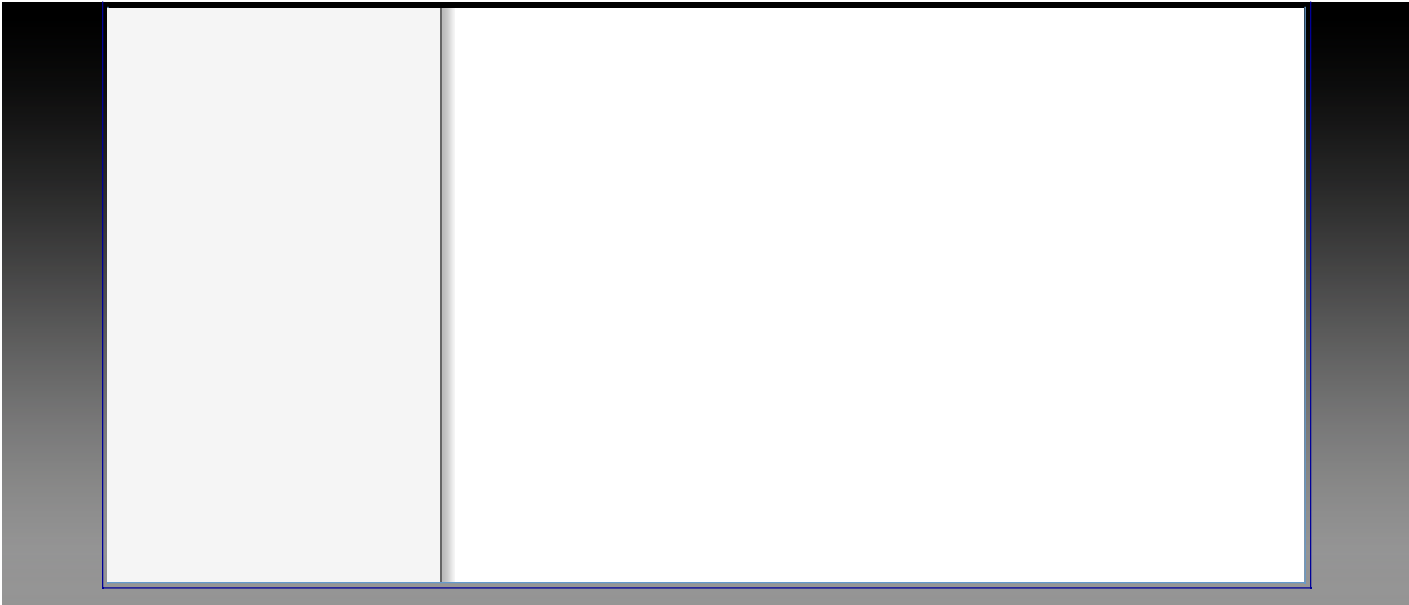
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