

LEE COUNTY/FLORIDA chapter spotlight 2018



Hyatt Coconut Point | Bonita Springs, FL
April 15, 2018

2018 New Scholars: **38**

2018 Recognized Scholars: **139**

Cumulative Florida Scholars: **546**

Highlights: The Florida Awards Banquet kicked off with a special performance by 2018 Carson Scholar Gabriela Carbone, who shared her gift of American Sign Language by signing *America the Beautiful*. CSF alumnus Austin Knipper shared with scholars that “the path to greatness lies in a belief that each step ahead is an opportunity to be seized”. U.S. Olympic speed skater Mia Manganello received the Power of Excellence Award and Robert Crown, former president and CEO of Crown Communications, accepted the Lifetime Achievement Award.

\$237,741.52* has been paid out to colleges on behalf of the scholars who won their awards in Lee County and throughout Florida.

**As of fiscal year 2018*



Commitment in Florida



Roosevelt Pinkard

2018 Carson Scholar
Diplomat Elementary School
Cape Coral, FL

Roosevelt is a self-driven student who consistently makes honor roll. He participates in extracurricular activities such as Odyssey of the Mind, a city basketball league called The Heat and the ELKS Youth Camp. Roosevelt also served as a news anchor for the Diplomat Elementary School Morning News Show and volunteered as a reading buddy, helping kindergarten students learn to love reading. In his spare time, Roosevelt enjoys playing video games and creating his own games on an app called Scratch.

Isabel is a soulful musician who enjoys practicing the violin for the Southwest Florida Youth Symphony Orchestra. She also delights in playing the piano. Isabel earned second place and multiple honorable mention awards for playing the piano at the Steinway Competition and an honorable mention award for the Bach Ensemble. Isabel’s hobbies include swimming, participating in math competitions, cooking and babysitting. She is a member of the swim team, Crotchet Club, Chess Club and Kumon.



Isabel Liu

2018 Carson Scholar
Allen Park Elementary School
Fort Myers, FL



Alexandra Polk

5-time Carson Scholar
Fort Myers High School
Fort Myers, FL

Alexandra is an avid ice skater and a member of the U.S. National Figure Skating Association. When she isn’t at the ice rink, she is working on saving the planet as she pursues her love of marine biology. As a counselor at Sanibel Sea School, she teaches campers about topics surrounding ocean life and participates in beach clean-ups and wildlife labeling. One day, Alexandra hopes to become a marine biologist specializing in penguins and conservation efforts. In her spare time, Alexandra volunteers with the National Honor Society, Save What’s Left Club, Salvation Army and is a member of her school’s student government.

“The Carson Scholars Fund has helped my child to understand that service to others matters.”

Parent of 2017 Carson Scholar