

## ACHIEVERS

# Tyree Library wins \$100K grant for financial programs

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The Lawrence W. Tyree Library at Santa Fe College has been awarded a \$100,000 grant from the American Library Association and the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, or FINRA, Investor Education Foundation as part of the nationwide Smart Investing at Your Library program.

The grant will allow the school to launch the program, giving the community access to better financial and investor information and educational programs.

The L.W. Tyree Library was one of 17 libraries nationwide chosen for the grant and is the only academic library to be awarded a grant.

With the funding, Santa Fe College will focus on increasing financial literacy among the underserved populations in the community, including veterans, first-generation college-goers, financial aid recipients and displaced homemakers. The initiative will give special attention to building financial self-sufficiency and making sound, informed decisions about paying for college.

Established in 1876, the American Library Association is the oldest and largest library association in the world. The FINRA Investor Education Foundation supports innovative research and educational projects that give underserved Americans the knowledge, skills and tools necessary for financial success throughout life.

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Gainesville resident Armando Mercado was named to the dean's list for the fall semester at Cecil College in North East, Md. Mercado earned a grade point average of 3.50 to 3.74.

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Young Marines Master Gunnery Sgt. Emily Kidwell, member of the Milton Lewis Young Marines in Gainesville, is one of 20 members of the Young Marines youth organization selected to participate in a conference hosted by the United Nations Office of the Commission on the Status of Women.

The conference was held March 8-10 in New York. The Young Marines is a national youth organization with more than 300 units with 10,000 youth and 3,000 adult volunteers.

The organization focuses on instilling the values of leadership, teamwork and self-discipline.

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University of Florida business students participated in "Startup Weekend," a

business competition held recently in Jacksonville.

The UF students received third place for ReStartup.com, a subscription based platform where an entrepreneur can post a startup that he/she no longer wants and another entrepreneur can apply to take ownership of the startup.

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The UF Health Shands Hospital inpatient unit is

among seven medical-surgical units nationally to receive a gold level Beacon Award for Excellence from the American Association of Critical-Care Nurses.

This is the first time a medical-surgical unit at Shands has received the gold level nursing honor. The 5 West Trauma/Lung Transplant Unit is one of only five gold level winners among 20 current Beacon Award units in Florida and the only medical-surgical unit in North Central Florida with this distinction.

The association has also honored the hospital's Post Anesthesia Care Unit with a bronze-level Beacon Award — making it the first PACU in the nation to receive a Beacon Award.

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