



Media Contact: Madelene Skinner  
E-mail: [madelene.skinner@madfab-media.com](mailto:madelene.skinner@madfab-media.com)  
Phone: (904) 346-1118

## **First Coast Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Helps Hispanic Students Achieve their Dreams**

JACKSONVILLE, FL.(September 24, 2015) – The First Coast Hispanic Chamber of Commerce (FCHCC) awards 16 deserving college students of Hispanic descent with Achieving the Dream Scholarships. This program is designed to help Hispanic students in Northeast Florida to achieve their dreams and earn a college degree. Students will be honored at the 2015 Achieving the Dream Scholarships Luncheon presented by Winn-Dixie on Friday, October 16, 2015, from 12:00pm – 1:30pm. This collegiate recognition takes place at the Omni Hotel and Resorts located at 245 Water Street, Jacksonville, FL. This year's guest speaker is Dr. Nikolai Vitti, superintendent of Duval County Public Schools.

The funds for the scholarships are provided by support from local and national organizations like AT&T who has funded a \$25,000 grant specifically for Achieving the Dream Scholarships. The net proceeds from the annual awards luncheon also go directly to the scholarship fund. The application process for the 2015 Scholarship Period opened in April 2015 and awarded the recipients in July. The application process for 2016 will be announced later this year.

"Education is truly the key to achieving the American Dream. Through education, we can ensure that more opportunities are available where we can share our talents, contribute to the community in a meaningful way and be able to compete in the workforce", said Maribel Hernandez, FCHCC President and CEO.

Visit the FCHCC website ([www.fchcc.com](http://www.fchcc.com)) for tickets and more information about sponsorship opportunities at the Achieving the Dream Luncheon.

###

### **About the First Coast Hispanic Chamber of Commerce**

The First Coast Hispanic Chamber of Commerce (FCHCC) was created to encourage and promote sound, ethical and successful business practices in the Hispanic community and to further the recognition of Hispanic heritage and culture through educational endeavors. The mission of the FCHCC is to positively impact the regional economy by creating value, promoting and facilitating the success of Hispanic-owned businesses and by engaging the community at large.