



Rebecca Barnhart Receives Scholarship from FLVS Foundation

Orlando, FL—Rebecca Barnhart, senior at Lincoln High School in Tallahassee, received the first annual Diane Hernandez Torchbearer Scholarship from the Florida Virtual School. The \$500 scholarship will support Barnhart’s plans to attend the University of West Florida.

“FLVS has boosted my GPA and has provided me with an excellent educational experience,” said Barnhart. “I am honored to be the first recipient of this award!”

Created in honor of Diane Hernandez, a former FLVS teacher, the scholarship challenges students to write about a person who provided inspiration to achieve goals and exceed expectations. Hernandez was a trailblazer among her peers. An AP Language and English instructor at FLVS, she founded the first virtual chapter of the National English Honor Society—Cyberscholars—and created a peer tutoring group with the NEHS students.

“Diane Hernandez believed in paving new paths and giving students the support they needed to overcome adversity and reach their dreams,” said Larry Banks, Director of the FLVS Foundation. “We are delighted to award this scholarship to Ms. Barnhart and wish her luck and much prosperity in her college career.”

The FLVS Foundation exists to broaden online learning opportunities to every student. No matter what their address or status, students now have an unprecedented access to the best teachers in the world.

About Florida Virtual School

Florida Virtual School (www.flvs.net) is a nationally recognized e-Learning model for developing and providing virtual K-12 education solutions to students throughout the country. Founded in 1997 as a pilot project, FLVS began course development with limited enrollment, pioneering Florida’s first Internet-based, public high school—complete with online middle and high school curriculum.