



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Contact:
Mike Carlton
Executive Director
Florida Specialty Crop Foundation
321-214-5200

HOMESTEAD HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT RECEIVES GEORGE F. SORN SCHOLARSHIP

MAITLAND, Fla. (Sept. 25, 2008) – Lupe Cisneros, who graduated among the top 25 in her senior class at Homestead High School, has been awarded the George F. Sorn Scholarship by the Florida Specialty Crop Foundation.

Lupe achieved a 4.864 grade point average and an impressive list of honors. The four-year honor roll student also took part in numerous community service activities during her high school career. She plans to attend the University of South Florida and major in nursing.

In her personal goals essay, Lupe cited her hard-working parents as her inspiration. “My wish is to make them extremely proud because my success will be their reward for all the long years of difficult labor and hardship,” she wrote.

Much of her community service has been as a volunteer for Barry University’s Early Start after-school program. “Lupe’s outstanding, caring personality, along with her upbeat willpower, will be an absolute asset and enhance any organization,” wrote program coordinator Naomi Cruz in recommending Lupe for the scholarship. Ultimately, Lupe wants to become a doctor and open her own practice in a community like hers. “I know where I came from, and I will come back to help those who need help just like I do,” she said.

The Sorn scholarship program also is assisting two additional students this year: Daniel Guillen, a graduate of Durant High School, and Reina Villegas, who is attending Edison Community College.

The scholarship is named for George F. Sorn, a respected agriculture industry veteran who has dedicated himself to improving the lives of Florida's farmworkers and their children. The foundation instituted the scholarship in 2007 to benefit deserving high school graduates who are children of farmworkers in Florida's specialty crop industry.

The Florida Specialty Crop Foundation was established in 1991 to address specialty crop growers' scientific and knowledge needs in the production, marketing, transportation and consumption of fruits and vegetables. As a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation, the foundation operates to benefit the Florida specialty crops industry and society as a whole. Specialty crop producers provide oversight to the foundation.

-30-

Editors note: Digital photos available 9/29/08 by e-mailing barbara.wunder@ffva.com.