

Law firm's scholarship program nearly triples awards

The Manatee County-based law firm of Kallins, Little & Delgado honored their 2007 scholarship recipients at a dinner reception May 9 hosted by the firm's attorneys. At the dinner, one student was awarded \$3,000, two students won \$2,000, and each finalist was guaranteed a minimum \$1,000 scholarship.

In 2006, Kallins, Little & Delgado launched a program open to any high school senior living in Manatee County and awarded five \$1,000 scholarships to be used toward college expenses. Because of the quality of the applicants, Kallins, Little & Delgado significantly increased the scholarship values in 2007, offering \$13,000 to nine deserving seniors.

"We are very committed

both to this program and to the students of Manatee County," said Melton Little, partner at Kallins, Little & Delgado. "Last year we had 35 applicants, we had over 90 applicants this year. It was very difficult to select the winners as all of the applicants are very strong students who are actively involved in their schools and the community."

The 2007 scholarship winners were:

■ Joanne Brown of Bradenton has a 3.94 GPA at the Manatee School for the Arts, where she is the Student Government president. Joanne is the daughter of Van and Susan Brown of Bradenton. She received a \$1,000 scholarship.

■ Caitlin Connolly is the daughter of Mark and Peggy

Connolly of Bradenton. Caitlin attends Manatee High, where she has a 3.88 GPA and is the founder of Prom for Dreams program, which provides prom necessities for girls in foster care. She received a \$1,000 scholarship.

■ Daniella Corcuera attends Saint Stephen's Episcopal School and is the daughter of Luis and Luz Corcuera of Bradenton. Daniella has a GPA of 3.74 and is a National Merit Scholarship Finalist. She received a \$2,000 scholarship.

■ Stephanie Covey is the daughter of Stephen and Sherri Covey of Bradenton. Stephanie attends Bayshore High, where she maintains a 3.91 GPA and is a forensics district and state winner. She received a \$1,000 scholarship.

■ Brian Frey is the son of Brian and Jennifer Frey of Bradenton. Brian attends Lakewood Ranch High, where he maintains a 4.0 GPA and is a National Merit Scholarship Finalist. He received a \$3,000 scholarship.

■ Quinn Martin attends Palmetto High and is the son of James and Lee Ann Martin of Parrish. Quinn has a 3.98 GPA and is the Student Government president. He received a \$1,000 scholarship.

■ Nicholas McDuffee is the son of Jim and Vicky McDuffee of Bradenton and attends Bayshore High. Nicholas has a 3.96 GPA and was captain of both the basketball and swim teams and National Honor Society member. He received a \$2,000 scholarship.

■ Mark Zeller attends

Southeast High and is the son of Kirk and Kathy Zeller of Bradenton. Mark has a GPA of 4.0 and is a National Merit Scholarship Finalist. He received a \$1,000 scholarship.

■ David Guisart of the Sarasota Military Academy is the son of Oscar and Lisa Guisart of Sarasota. David has a GPA of 3.71 while excelling in all aspects of military and leadership training through JROTC. He received a \$1,000 scholarship.

■ Nicole McDowell attends Bayshore High School and is the daughter of Pam McDowell. Nicole has a GPA of 3.76 and is a member of the National Honor Society, Mu Alpha Theta (National Math Honor Society) and Quill and Scroll. She received a \$1,000 scholarship.