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## **DBCC Awards 12 Scholarships During Multicultural Awareness Day**

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(DBCC) awarded 12-\$250 scholarships to high school students in attendance at the Eighteenth Annual Multicultural Awareness Day held on the DBCC Daytona Beach Campus on April 4.

The event, co-hosted by DBCC and Bethune-Cookman College (BCC), is held each year to give junior and senior students at public high schools in Volusia and Flagler counties the opportunity to recognize the importance of an education on their economic, social, ethical and moral development.

Throughout the event, more than 300 students from 12 schools received information about the post secondary education and financial aid opportunities available. Students also received advice and guidance about their chosen educational and career fields.

The keynote speaker for this year's event, Angela Halaufia, endeavored to inspire and motivate the students to continue their education and develop a strong self-confidence. Halaufia, a professional modeling/acting instructor and a motivational speaker, grew up in upstate New York, and now resides in the Tampa Bay area. Angela's mother, Anna was born and raised in Ukraine and her father, Tui, was born and raised in Tonga. Being a first generation American, she appreciates the freedom and opportunities we have in this country and strives to be a positive example to everyone she knows and loves.

This year's program was held in memory of Rose Marie Bryon, the founder of Children's Crusade for Christ. Today, the mission of the organization continues under its new name, The Rose Marie Bryon Children's Center, as a tribute to its founder. She was a foster mother to more than 30 children, with one daughter of her own. As a teacher with the Volusia County school system for 42 years, Mrs. Bryon was an advocate of equal rights and agreed to be named in a class-action suit against Florida school authorities that won equal pay for black teachers. In addition, she was one of the first black women ordained by the African Methodist Episcopal Church.

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