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# math students win 50 awards



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any Charter earned 50 awards at the Mu Alpha Theta State Math Convention in verall, the highest by any Miami-Dade County school.

The program identifies students nationwide who have scored above the 95 percentile on a grade-level test. The selected students then take a college entrance exam to learn more about their academic abilities, and the top scorers are honored at a ceremony. Juliana and Matthew are both members of the National Junior Honor Society and participate in community service initiatives at their school. Juliana is also vice president of the school's student body, and Matthew is a member of a robotics competition team and soccer team.

**HECK HILLEL COMMUNITY SCHOOL**  
Matt Levine of Sheck Hillel Community school earned an excellent rating for his snare drum



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Carolina Richardson, Daniella Cancel, David Holmes, Shannar O'Connor and Kaitlyn Fuson won scholarships from The Villagers. They are with scholarship chair Victoria Champion.

solo performance in the Florida Bandmasters Association's State Solo and

Ensemble Adjudication. He also earned the John Philip Sousa Award from his

school, the top national award for band students.

Since age 7, Matt has been playing the drums. He later expanded his music education to include different genres and instruments. He also is active in his community with organizations like The Friendship Circle and became a leader of the organization's North Miami chapter as a sophomore.

Matt plans to study legal studies and business at the University of Miami after spending a year in Israel.

## THE VILLAGERS SCHOLARSHIP COMPETITION

Local students from the University of Miami, Florida International University, and Design and Architecture Senior High were among 10 students to win scholarships from **The Villagers**, an organization dedicated to the restoration and preservation of historic sites in Miami-Dade County.

Recipients from the University of Miami received \$4,500 scholarships, and they are **David Holmes** and **Shannar O'Connor**. **Daniella Cancel** received a \$4,000 scholarship.

Recipients from Florida International University were **Carolina Richardson**, \$4,000, and **Kaitlyn Fuson**, \$4,500.

Winners from DASH included **Chloe Castillo** and **Sheridan Posschelle** with \$1,200 and **Theo Neil Blones** with \$1,600.

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