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Florida Virtual School® Student from Palm Bay Receives FLVS Foundation Scholarship

Orlando, FL (June 28, 2019) – The Florida Virtual School (FLVS) Foundation, the philanthropic arm of Florida Virtual School® (FLVS®), a statewide online public school district, is proud to announce that local Palm Bay resident, Kaitlin Arnold, is the recipient of the FLVS Foundation’s FLVS Full Time Bailey Brilliant Club Fellows Scholarship.

The \$1,000 FLVS Full Time Bailey Brilliant Club Fellows Scholarship is sponsored by international thought leader and author Simon T. Bailey, who also serves as a member of the FLVS Foundation Board of Directors. The scholarship recognizes the accomplishments and dedication of an FLVS Full Time club member and graduate. The scholarship honors FLVS club members because Bailey discovered his own talents as an orator, strategist and critical thinker through similar student activities.

“Through all of the opportunities that I have been given as an FLVS Full Time student, as well as the supportive staff members, instructors, and students, I have been able to get out of my shell and start doing things that I never thought I could do,” said Arnold. “Joining FLVS clubs showed me that I can lead and help others at any age. These clubs are what kept me feeling connected to my student body, instead of isolated. I can proudly say that FLVS Full Time and its offerings have helped me become a better communicator, student, and leader.”

Arnold, who was enrolled with FLVS Full Time for her four high school years, will continue her education by attending the University of Florida. She plans to major in Advertising with a minor in Non-profit Organizational Leadership. Arnold added, “I hope to start my own business that helps others through educational pursuits.”

Arnold initially chose FLVS Full Time for her education because she has anxiety. “I found that taking my courses in an online format helped me remain excited about my education. I continued to choose FLVS Full Time year after year because I was constantly surrounded by individuals that lead with promise and care.”

“We are so proud of Kaitlin Arnold and are honored to be able to recognize her accomplishments as a Florida Virtual School student,” said Shirley Range, Executive Director for the FLVS Foundation. “We are grateful to Simon T. Bailey for his generous sponsorship and we wish Kaitlin much success as she continues on her educational journey.”

The FLVS Foundation provided \$4,500 in donor-sponsored scholarships to three graduating seniors. In addition to the scholarship received by Arnold, FLVS Flex student Tabitha Jones received the FLVS Flex Simon T. Bailey Brilliant Club Fellows Scholarship of \$1,000, and FLVS Full Time student Michelle Roos received the \$2,500 College Smart Start Scholarship donated by The Gidel Family Foundation.

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Photo Caption: Kaitlin Arnold receives the FLVS Full Time Bailey Brilliant Club Fellows Scholarship at FLVS Full Time Graduation Ceremony. Pictured with Ken Henson, FLVS Full Time 9-12 Principal, and Dr. Dhyana Ziegler, FLVS Interim President & CEO.

About the FLVS Foundation

The FLVS Foundation, the philanthropic arm of Florida Virtual School, strives to ensure all students have access to world-class education and quality online learning opportunities that prepare them for a lifetime of success. The FLVS Foundation invests resources to award scholarships for academic achievement, provide support for clubs and events, and extend FLVS access to students who may not otherwise have the opportunity to benefit from online education. These resources will help in supporting research related to innovative initiatives impacting virtual learning, underserved students, and professional development for teachers and support staff.

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