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Florida Virtual School® Student from Clearwater 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 Clearwater resident, Michelle Roos, is the recipient of the FLVS Foundation’s College Smart Start Scholarship.

The \$2,500 College Smart Start Scholarship is donated by The Gidel Family Foundation. Started two years ago, the scholarship recognizes an FLVS Full Time graduate who has overcome adversity while maintaining good grades and demonstrating determination, courage, resilience, and character.

“I am extremely appreciative of the profound role that FLVS has played in shaping my educational journey,” said Roos. “The flexibility that online learning provides enabled me to become more involved in numerous extracurricular activities, including honor societies, student council, and volunteering, and to compete in academic competitions at both the state and national level. I am also grateful for the immense support that I received from my many incredible teachers, who were always there to answer any questions and guide me to success.”

Roos, who was enrolled with FLVS Full Time for three of her high school years, will continue her education by attending the Kilachand Honors College within Boston University. She plans to major in Neuroscience on a pre-medicine track, with the goal of attending medical school to become a surgeon. Roos added, “I am looking forward to beginning the next stage of my life as a student at Boston University. I hope to continue to volunteer and become involved in many different student organizations.”

Roos chose FLVS Full Time for her education as she “wanted a flexible learning experience that would allow me to challenge myself, while also giving me greater independence and autonomy over my individualized education.”

“We are so proud of Michelle Roos 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 The Gidel Family Foundation for their generous donation and we wish Michelle 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 Roos, FLVS Full Time student Kaitlin Arnold and FLVS Flex student Tabitha Jones received the Simon T. Bailey Brilliant Club Fellows Scholarship of \$1,000 each.

For more information on the FLVS Foundation, please visit www.flvsfoundation.org.

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Photo Caption: Michelle Roos receives College Smart Start 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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