



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
April 28, 2006

## **Students ‘Share The Dream’ At DFW International Airport’s Scholarship Awards Ceremony**

### **Students overcome obstacles to succeed; Airport recognizes ‘its future’**

DFW INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, Texas (April 28, 2006) — A total of twenty-four students got a chance to “Share the Dream” at DFW International Airport, receiving awards from the Airport’s Share the Dream scholarship awards program for their outstanding efforts to overcome life obstacles. Inaugurated in 2004 to commemorate the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of DFW, the scholarship is now in its third year supporting and encouraging students around North Texas to maintain their integrity and use their determination to succeed in school and life.

“DFW is one of the greatest Airports in the world, and a global transportation hub,” said Jan Collmer, DFW Board Chairman. “Our seven runways not only launch planes on a daily basis, but hopes and dreams with destinations still to be determined. DFW stands as a monument of dreams as the Airport founders sought fit to equip us with an outstanding facility with the ability to grow and expand as opportunities present themselves, just as these students are preparing their runways and running through their pre-flight checklist as they prepare to launch into life.”

A total for 41 essays were submitted to DFW for review and while all were deemed winners, 24 students received the \$200 scholarship. Every student will receive a “Share the Dream” awards medallion, backpack, “Share the Dream” cap, “Share the Dream” picture frame, personalized pen, and a *Dream* book of inspirations. Since the program’s inception in 2004, the Airport has awarded scholarships to 66 high school students who are striving to be the best they can be.

“These students join past winners in recognizing their untapped potential,” said Jeff Fegan, CEO of DFW. “Looking to explore the world of aviation these students sought out ways that their career plans could be explored at an Airport. A young woman who wants to be a nurse sought out programs throughout the country where nurses provide services to patients at airports. The imaginations and ambitions are great.”

-more-

DFW Public Affairs Department designed the "Share the Dream" program to be unique and to recognize students who have struggled in school and life and made great improvements toward their dreams. Educators nominate students in grades 9 through 12. Each student wrote a brief essay about his or her life and why it is important to stay in school and persevere. A committee of Airport employees selected the recipients.

Judges based their decisions on the students' integrity and determination to be the best, students struggling in school but still making improvements, outstanding effort to stay in school.

"The aviation community is looking for more 'greats' out there to take this and other Airports to the next plateau," said Lillie Biggins, DFW Airport Board Vice Chair. "We need great engineers, mechanics, pilots, ground handling agents, computer programmers, business analysts, public safety professionals in the fields of police, fire, EMS and nurses and doctors along with so much more."

The awards' theme is inspired by the "Share the Dream" sculpture standing at Founders Plaza, presented to the Airport by AMR/American Airlines Foundation to commemorate the Airport's 25th Anniversary. The sculpture, created by artist Dennis Smith, symbolizes the love of flight and the spirit of the original dream that became DFW Airport. It is dedicated to future generations with the hope that it may serve as a reminder that dreams can become reality. Depicting three children, the sculpture has an inscription that reads, "On a warm summer evening, on the open Texas prairie, children play with arms outstretched and dream of soaring among the clouds."

"What a great thrill it is for me to have a chance to meet these outstanding students," said Kevin Cox, chief operating officer of DFW. "I work with great professionals every day and I know what great people can dream of. And I know our employees take a lot of pride in reading these essays and giving back to the community."

-more-

The "Share the Dream" scholarship winners:

Kevin Amaya – International Newcomer Academy  
Maribel Cansino – International Newcomer Academy  
Juan Duran – Amon Carter Riverside High School  
Nydia Perez – Amon Carter Riverside High School  
Takeisha Smith – The Center for New Lives  
Ashley Campuzano – The Center for New Lives  
Vi Thuy Nguyen – Success High School  
Geovanni Barrenti – Success High School  
Randy Jones – Polytechnic High School  
Diana Jimenez – Polytechnic High School  
Inez Pitts – Yvonne A. Ewell Townview Center  
Adrienne Craine – Yvonne A. Ewell Townview Center  
Albert Hernandez – W. H. Adamson High School  
Juana Hernandez – W. H. Adamson High School  
Marlon David Rollins – Skyline High School  
LaShaila Mitchum – Skyline High School  
Brittany Cardona – Venture School  
Brittany Williams – Venture School  
Chase Crawford – Keys Learning Center  
Rebecca Raz – Keys Learning Center  
Cristal Taylor – Nimitz High School  
Randy Phillips – Nimitz High School  
Salvador Medrano – The Academy of Irving ISD  
Samuel Lamkin – The Acacemy of Irving ISD

### **About DFW International Airport**

Located halfway between the cities of Dallas and Fort Worth, Texas, DFW International Airport is the world's third busiest, offering nearly 1,900 flights per day and serving 59 million passengers a year. DFW International Airport provides non-stop service to 131 domestic and 36 international destinations worldwide. For the latest news, real-time flight information, parking availability or further details regarding the many services provided at DFW International Airport, log on to [www.dfwairport.com](http://www.dfwairport.com).

###