



Pembroke Pines: Charter school graduates entire senior class

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A charter high school in Pembroke Pines did something few schools can boast about — had 100 percent of the senior class graduate and earn more than \$1.1 million in scholarships.

All 105 seniors at Somerset Academy Charter High School will attend colleges across the country this fall, including Rutgers, Duke and Boston universities. Students earned \$1,121,874 in scholarships from Florida's Bright Futures program as well as academic awards from schools.

Senior Mariana Valbuena received the prestigious Congress-Bundestag Youth Exchange Scholarship, which allows her to attend school in Germany for a year. It is awarded to 250 seniors nationwide. Valbuena also received a \$150,000 scholarship to attend Duke University.