

(FT. LAUDERDALE) ---- Congressman Allen West (R-FL) today presented \$5,000 scholarship checks to two local college students who received the awards from the Congressional Black Caucus (CBC) Spouse Education Scholarship. Bianca Meneses, 20, and Ricky LeBaron, 35, both of Boca Raton received their checks at the Fort Lauderdale congressional office. The recipients were selected by Dr. Angela Graham-West, wife of Congressman West.

To be eligible for the scholarship, students must be preparing to pursue an undergraduate or graduate degree full-time or be a current full-time student in good academic standing at an accredited college or university, have a minimum 2.5 GPA, exhibit leadership ability and participate in community service activities.

Meneses is currently studying to be a physician's assistant at Miami-Dade College. LeBaron is studying nursing at Broward College.

"There is no limit to what Americans can achieve when they apply themselves, work hard and focus on their goals," West said, "Bianca and Ricky are shining examples of the exceptionalism of our great nation, and it is an honor and privilege to present them these awards today."

The CBC Spouses Educational Scholarship is a national program that awards scholarships to academically talented and highly motivated students who intend to pursue full-time undergraduate, graduate or doctoral degrees. Recipients for this program are selected by spouses of CBC members and must reside in the Congressional Black Caucus member's district.