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BROAD AND CASSEL DONATION TO HELP BROWARD COLLEGE STUDENTS THROUGH EMERGENCIES

Broward College Foundation Executive Director Nancy Botero announced today that [Gabriel Imperato](#), managing partner of the Broward office of the Florida-based firm [Broad and Cassel](#), has agreed to pledge \$1,000 toward the firm's existing scholarship fund to help students facing unexpected financial emergencies.

The *Broad and Cassel Health Sciences Help Scholarship: An Endowed Fund for Emergency Assistance* was established in 2003 to assist students in the college's health science program who face adversity and the prospect of dropping out. To date, the fund has provided more than \$6,000 to help 10 students through a number of emergency situations, ranging from illness to financial constraints.

Because recent market downturns and economic pressures have reduced earnings from the endowment, the firm has agreed to provide immediate funds to help students in need. Grants up to \$500 each will be awarded to qualified students each year.

"Broad and Cassel has stepped forward to supplement their endowment during one of the worst economic times facing our community as well as the college," said Botero. "Their efforts have and will continue to help deserving students achieve their

dreams of a college education. Already several students have been able to graduate because of assistance from this important scholarship fund.”

With more than 160 attorneys and 200 support personnel working in eight offices throughout Florida, Broad and Cassel, which was founded in 1946, offers full-service legal representation on a statewide basis. Imperato is a well-known legal expert in the health care field and has been instrumental in building the firm’s nationally recognized health law practice.

In addition to the Broward College Foundation, the Fort Lauderdale office also supports such organizations as Leadership Broward, the Broward Medical Society, Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, the Salvation Army, Legal Aid and the Museum of Discovery and Science.

“At Broad and Cassel, we believe that giving back to the community is good business,” said Imperato. “We are pleased to do our part in helping students pursue careers in such a valuable field as the health sciences.”

The mission of the Broward College Foundation is to transform lives through education by providing community awareness, advocacy and financial support to the college, its students and faculty. As a 501(c)3 organization, the foundation raises funds, conducts programs and practices stewardship that increases the effectiveness of the college in meeting community, student and faculty needs. Last year, the foundation provided \$3.5 million in direct support to the college, from assets totaling \$52.8 million.

Broward College is the first and largest institution of higher education in Broward County, providing residents with two-year university-transfer degrees, two-year career degrees, and baccalaureate degrees at nine locations throughout the county.

Among the 28 publicly supported community colleges in Florida, Broward College has the second largest college-level enrollment, serving more than 60,000 students annually. The mission of the college is to achieve student success by developing informed and creative students capable of contributing to a knowledge- and service-based global society. It is committed to fostering a learning-centered community that celebrates diversity and inclusion by empowering and engaging students, faculty, and staff.

About the Broward College Foundation

The Broward College Foundation awards more than \$2 million in scholarships annually to Broward College students and supports academic programs and awards for outstanding faculty. While the State of Florida funds approximately 62 percent of Broward College's operating budget, the balance must be raised from individuals, corporations and institutions. The mission of the Broward College Foundation is to support the college by providing community awareness, advocacy and financial support to the college, its students, faculty and staff.

Led by its Board of Directors, the foundation raises funds, conducts programs and practices stewardship that increases the effectiveness of the college in meeting community, student, faculty and staff needs.

The mission of Broward College is to achieve student success by developing informed and creative students capable of contributing to a knowledge- and service-based global society. As a public community college accredited to offer associate degrees, selected baccalaureate degrees, and certificate programs, the institution and its District Board of Trustees are committed to fostering a learning-centered community that celebrates diversity and inclusion by empowering and engaging students, faculty, and staff.