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**FSCNY ANNOUNCES 19<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS – HISTORIC AMOUNT AWARDED TO STUDENTS ACROSS NEW YORK CITY AND THE SURROUNDING COUNTIES**

*Westchester County Student Awarded \$7,500 and a Laptop for Leadership and Academic Excellence*

**(BROOKLYN, NY) May 12, 2015** – Today, the Financial Service Centers of New York (FSCNY) announced their 19<sup>th</sup> annual scholarship award winners. Ten students from across the Boroughs, Westchester and Long Island received more than \$35,000 in scholarship money and prizes. FSCNY has given almost three quarters of a million dollars since the program began to students across New York City and the surrounding counties who have shown a high level of academic achievement or improvement and demonstrated leadership in their school and involvement in their community.

Each of the selected students will receive a cash grant, including \$7,500 to Jazz Munitz, the grand prize winner, to be applied towards their freshman year of studies at a college or university of their choice. Each year since its inception in 1996, the FSCNY/MoneyGram International Scholarship Program has recognized New York high school students for their academic achievements and community service. Additionally, Richard Kelsky, President of FSCNY member TellerMetrix, generously donated a laptop to the grand prize and first place winners. The scholarship program is generously supported between a wide range of FSCNY members and MoneyGram International.

“For so many students their only obstacle to a college education is funding. FSCNY is dedicated to the communities we work in and we are proud to announce that this year we are able to help ten students with more than \$35,000 in scholarships and prizes reach their dream of a college education.” said Roman Vaccari, Executive Director of the Financial Service Centers of New York.

“I am so excited to be a part of the FSCNY family of scholarship winners, who have gone on to do much amazing things in their careers and communities!” emailed Jazz Munitz, Grand prize winner of this year’s scholarship.

**WINNERS:**

One (1) Grand Prize Winner:

Jazz Munitz, Hendrick Hudson High School - Westchester

Five (5) First Place Winners:

Anjed Eloued, Bronx International High School - Bronx

Austin Diaz, Susan E. Wagner High School - Staten Island  
Christopher Sperrazza, Aviation High School - Queens  
Sara Donnelly, Putnam Valley High School - Putnam Valley  
Mohamed Samoura, Bronx International High School - Bronx

Four (4) Second Prize Winners:

Anisa Branch, Frank Sinatra School of the Arts - Queens  
Thomas Kouttron, Huntington High School - Long Island  
Daniel Winogradoff, Mahopac High School - Westchester  
Muibat Ajomagberin, Bronx School for Law, Government & Justice - Bronx

**About FSCNY (Financial Service Centers of New York):**

The Financial Service Centers of New York is the industry's leading voice on legislative, regulatory, and business issues and the leading advocate for the rights of consumers to access basic financial services in New York. The New York check cashing industry consists of approximately 560 check cashing locations, which employ nearly 4,000 New York residents. The industry cashes nearly 20 million checks annually with a face value of nearly \$11 billion. New York's check cashing fee cap of 2.01% is among the lowest in the nation. Learn more at [www.fscny.org](http://www.fscny.org).

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