

best *in class*

**More valedictorians (16)
from our community
chose FIU than any other
university in the country.**

Valedictorian

What it took to be the best in my class:

It took a lot of dedication and time. Yep...a lot of time. My high school career started off really rough. In my sophomore year, I finally realized that education is important. From that point on, I focused all of my attention on my studies.

On starting college at FIU:

I'm excited to start college at FIU. I don't know how to explain it. I love the environment, the people, the whole feeling.

Where I see myself in five years:

I hope to be working on my master's degree in accounting. I love math, I love crunching numbers. I plan to become a CPA.

My dream:

I'm from a really good family – I'm blessed. But my parents have been through a lot, so I would like to give back to them because they have given me and my sister so much. I would love to buy a home for my parents since they've never owned one. That would be really nice.



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“FIU was my first choice and my only choice.”



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