

# The Speakers Assembly of Southwest Florida

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## Congratulations to our 2016-2017 scholarship recipients!



**Jared Fleishman** is an accomplished pianist and a senior in the Fort Myers High School IB program. His awards for music performance are only outnumbered by his volunteer trips, which have included food-packing in Atlanta, building homes in Peru and serving food in a Washington, D.C. soup kitchen. Jared will attend Purdue University in the fall to study aerospace engineering.

***“Ultimately, I would like to contribute to the engineering world in a way that propels it to greater heights.”***

**Makenna Lutz** is dedicated to being a strong leader and businesswoman. On top of her scholarly accolades as a dual-enrolled student at Florida SouthWestern State College - Women’s LEAD Conference participant, National Honors Society member and National Beta Club member - Makenna is also involved with the performing arts. She enjoys participating in school musicals and Chamber Chorale. In the fall, Makenna will attend the University of South Florida to study marketing and international studies.



***“I want to be in a career that will help me to make contacts all over the world.”***



Not many high school students dabble in physics, finance, cooking, government and tennis - but Fort Myers High School student **Jash Patel** does. The diverse high school senior has volunteered across the community, from processing visitors at Lee Health, to cooking for the Soup Kitchen, to acting as a head counselor at the Edison Ford Inventor’s Summer Camp. Patel is looking forward to studying biomedical science at the University of Florida and becoming an orthopedic surgeon.

***“I have always been inspired that science and technology allows mankind to progress and learn about the intricate workings of the universe.”***

**Jennyfer Gerrero Torres** is the valedictorian of Immokalee High School’s class of 2017 and she enjoys working with people. Between tutoring second-grade children after school, teaching English to immigrants through Literacy Council Gulf Coast and volunteering with the Harry Chapin Food Bank, Jennyfer has spent more than 100 hours in hands-on volunteering roles during the last four years. She will decide soon whether to go to Harvard University or Yale University in the fall to pursue her ultimate goal of becoming a pediatric surgeon.



***“All my mother ever wanted for me was that I do more for myself than she could for me. I fulfilled my promise to her throughout high school by getting straight A’s, volunteering, and becoming the valedictorian of my graduating class.”***