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Nina Mendes is the Lee County Recipient of the 2021 Florida Supervisors of Elections Scholarship

Lee County, FL (June 18, 2021) Lee County Supervisor of Elections Tommy Doyle is pleased to announce that Nina Mendes of Florida Gulf Coast University is a recipient of the “Dorothy Walker Ruggles Scholarship” awarded by the Florida Supervisors of Elections (FSE) Scholarship Foundation on Wednesday, June 16, at the 2021 Annual FSE Summer Conference

Each year, the FSE awards \$1,200.00 scholarships to three or more deserving Florida undergraduate students. A student must be enrolled or accepted as a full-time student in a senior college or university in Florida, and must be a Political Science, Public Administration, Business Administration, Journalism, or Mass Media Communications major.

Mendes, a Journalism major, was the sole applicant from Lee County and received the highest score from the Scholarship Committee for her academic achievements and civic engagement.

“Receiving this scholarship is a huge honor, and I’m incredibly thankful for this opportunity. Thank you

to Supervisor Doyle and everyone involved in making this decision. I was proud to accept this achievement and represent Southwest Florida at this year's FSE Conference.”

Nina works in the Communications Department at Valerie’s House, a Southwest Florida-based nonprofit dedicated to helping children grieve the loss of a parent or sibling. Her current role involves interviewing and writing articles about the families the organization supports. Nina is “passionate about sharing their stories and allowing their voices to be heard.” She plans to continue working with Valerie’s House after graduating next spring.

Supervisor Doyle wishes Nina much success in her future endeavors and he is “proud to have a Lee County student be the recipient of the scholarship!”

About the FSE Scholarship Foundation

The FSE Scholarship honors three former Supervisors of Elections: Escambia County's Joe Oldmixon, Highland County's Jimmy Whitehouse, and Pinellas County's Dorothy Walker Ruggles. All of Florida’s 67 counties may participate. Each County Supervisor reviews applications received and selects one finalist to send to the FSE Scholarship Committee.



Secretary of State Laurel Lee, Nina Mendes, and Lee SOE Tommy Doyle