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STUDENT SHOWCASE OF FILMS AWARDS SCHOLARSHIPS TO OUTSTANDING STUDENT FILMMAKERS

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. (April X, 2008)—The Palm Beach County Film & Television Commission has named two exceptional student filmmakers from Alexander W. Dreyfoos School of the Arts (DSOA) as the winners of the Palm Beach International Film Festival Student Showcase of Films Burt Reynolds Scholarship Competition. The 2008 recipients were selected from a group of Palm Beach County high school seniors and were judged on examples of their work in media production, film and television industry goals, need for scholarship funds, extracurricular activities and academics.

Both seniors at DSOA, Emily Dyess and Daniel Satinoff will be honored with the \$5,000 scholarships at the Student Showcase of Films (SSOF) award ceremony beginning at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, Apr. 15 at the Duncan Theatre on Palm Beach Community College's Lake Worth campus. The highly acclaimed SSOF is the largest state-wide film competition for Florida students and each year, the juried statewide competition awards more than \$25,000 in cash and scholarships to high school and college students enrolled in film and television programs.

Scholarship winner Emily Dyess stood out among her peers with her creation of the Collaborative Film Project, a mentor program in which underclassmen and upperclassmen work together to produce a large-scale film. She organized the school-wide project in its entirety from the concept, to production, to the premiere. Not limited to filmmaking, Dyess is also a member of her debate team, editor-in-chief of her school's award-winning magazine, and she was chosen by faculty to sit on the Board of Directors for the Communications Honors Society. She hopes to continue filmmaking at Emerson College and on into the independent market, with plans to return to Palm Beach County at the end of her professional career to teach others in her hometown about the industry.

Dyess' fellow classmate and scholarship recipient, Daniel Satinoff, is not only a student in filmmaking; he also dedicates his time to teaching younger students about the industry. Satinoff works as a mentor and instructor teaching media arts to disadvantaged children in the after-school program at Conniston Middle School. He also serves as the teaching assistant for a freshman film production class and for DSOA's summer program. With top grades, high recommendations from teachers and his broad experience in film, Satinoff hopes to attend the University of Southern California's film program.

The Palm Beach International Film Festival (PBIFF) is one of the few film festivals in the world whose proceeds are channeled into film education. To date approximately one million dollars has been awarded in the form of cash awards, prizes and scholarships to individual students and schools. This program is funded by the PBIFF, the Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners, the Palm Beach County Economic Development Office and the Palm Beach County Film & Television Commission. For more information about the PBIFF please visit pbifilmfest.org.

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