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### **Florida Virtual School® Student from Pensacola Receives FLVS Foundation Scholarship**

**Orlando, FL (June 28, 2019)** – The Florida Virtual School (FLVS) Foundation, the philanthropic arm of Florida Virtual School® (FLVS®), a statewide online public school district, is proud to announce that local Pensacola area resident, Tabitha Jones, is the recipient of the FLVS Foundation’s FLVS Flex Bailey Brilliant Club Fellows Scholarship.

The \$1,000 FLVS Flex Bailey Brilliant Club Fellows Scholarship is sponsored by international thought leader and author Simon T. Bailey, who also serves as a member of the FLVS Foundation Board of Directors. The scholarship recognizes the accomplishments and dedication of an FLVS Flex club member and graduate. The scholarship honors FLVS club members because Bailey discovered his own talents as an orator, strategist and critical thinker through similar student activities.

“The education [at FLVS] itself was excellent, but beyond that, the relationships that I built with my teachers, club sponsors, and fellow students were incredible,” said Jones. “I know that being able to take extra courses and higher-level courses, all on a flexible schedule, has prepared me to excel in college. Then add the clubs to the ‘package deal’ of FLVS Flex, and it becomes exponentially more amazing. The clubs prepare you for your future goals, whatever they may be. If you simply want to be a member or go all the way and become an officer, the clubs with FLVS Flex will benefit you.”

Jones, who was enrolled with FLVS Flex for three of her high school years, will continue her education by attending Belhaven University. She plans to major in Global Psychology and do mission work within the job field of psychology. Jones added, “I want to impact the world, and FLVS helped me reach the next steps to that goal.”

Jones initially chose FLVS Flex for her education because it was a way to meet two course requirements, but she found it offered more. “After those courses were completed, I knew more about FLVS and the opportunities it had. My mom and I decided to keep going with courses in FLVS. Then I heard about clubs and got involved there. Overall, we chose FLVS Flex (for the long run) because it is an amazing place and way to get an education. But more than just getting an education, it was an amazing place with incredible people and opportunities.”

“We are so proud of Tabitha Jones and are honored to be able to recognize her accomplishments as a Florida Virtual School student,” said Shirley Range, Executive Director for the FLVS Foundation. “We are grateful to Simon T. Bailey for his generous sponsorship and we wish Tabitha much success as she continues on her educational journey.”

The FLVS Foundation provided \$4,500 in donor-sponsored scholarships to three graduating seniors. In addition to the scholarship received by Jones, FLVS Full Time student Kaitlin Arnold received the FLVS Full Time Simon T. Bailey Brilliant Club Fellows Scholarship of \$1,000, and FLVS Full Time student Michelle Roos received the \$2,500 College Smart Start Scholarship donated by The Gidel Family Foundation.

For more information on the FLVS Foundation, please visit [www.flvsfoundation.org](http://www.flvsfoundation.org).

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**About the FLVS Foundation**

The FLVS Foundation, the philanthropic arm of Florida Virtual School, strives to ensure all students have access to world-class education and quality online learning opportunities that prepare them for a lifetime of success. The FLVS Foundation invests resources to award scholarships for academic achievement, provide support for clubs and events, and extend FLVS access to students who may not otherwise have the opportunity to benefit from online education. These resources will help in supporting research related to innovative initiatives impacting virtual learning, underserved students, and professional development for teachers and support staff.

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