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# HAPPY NEW YEAR

## Viner Scholars Foundation welcomes new board member!

### Dr. David I. Lubetkin



Dr. Lubetkin is a graduate of Johns Hopkins University and Albert Einstein College of Medicine. He completed his residency in Obstetrics and Gynecology at North Shore University Hospital, Cornell University Medical Center in Manhasset, NY. He has been in private practice in Boca Raton, FL since 1996. He has served as Chief of Staff at West Boca Medical Center and President of the Palm Beach County Ob/Gyn Society, He served as the Chairman of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at Boca Raton Regional Hospital. Dr. Lubetkin also serves as an Affiliate Assistant Professor of Clinical Biomedical Science at the Charles E. Schmidt College of Medicine at Florida Atlantic University. Dr. Lubetkin is board certified by the American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology and is a Fellow of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists. Dr. Lubetkin was named the Obstetrics and Gynecology Preceptor of the Year by the students and faculty of the Charles E. Schmidt College of Medicine at Florida Atlantic University.

**ATTENTION  
SCHOLARS:  
PLEASE DON'T FORGET  
TO EMAIL YOUR  
JANUARY MONTHLY  
MENTOR CONTACT BY  
2/5/18**

Have any accomplishments or achievements you'd like to share?



Let us know!  
Email  
[info@vinerscholars.org](mailto:info@vinerscholars.org)

## What's New? Act Now. No Time to Waste!

We have teamed up with SSF to provide our Viner's Scholars another great opportunity to insure a successful and wonderful college experience. Please take advantage of this amazing opportunity.

Southern Scholarship Foundation provides **rent-free, cooperative living housing** for qualified incoming or current undergraduate and graduate students demonstrating academic achievement (with a minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA), financial need (as identified on the FAFSA), and good character. **With SSF's scholarship, students save an average of \$13,000 per year on the cost of living while away from home.** SSF accepts applicants in any year of their undergraduate or graduate degree programs. Southern Scholarship Foundation provides scholarship opportunities for students attending or planning to attend:  
*Flagler College - Tallahassee*  
*Florida State University*  
*Florida A & M University*  
*University of Florida*  
*Florida Gulf Coast University*  
*Tallahassee Community College*  
*Santa Fe College*

SSF operates 27 scholarship houses for 470 students. Students cover the cost of food and services (utilities, wi-fi, etc.), **on average \$950 per semester**, and share in cooking, cleaning and managing their house. SSF accepts applications year-round! The sooner you submit a completed application, the better! **The priority deadline for the Fall semester is March 1<sup>st</sup>.**

Our website is also a great source for information: [www.southern scholarship.org](http://www.southern scholarship.org). Should you have any questions or concerns, please, feel free to contact us. Our Admissions Team would be happy to assist you in any way: email [admissions@southern scholarship.org](mailto:admissions@southern scholarship.org) or call [850-222-3833](tel:850-222-3833).

### On Campus Volunteer Opportunities



Join the Office of Diversity and Multicultural Affairs Street Team! They spread awareness of the resources and services on campus while promoting a climate of inclusion and diversity to the FAU community. Visit the Office of Diversity and Multicultural Affairs to find out more details.



Join Volunteer UCF at the Mennello Museum of American Art for the fourth annual Indie-Folkfest! This festival brings the community together to showcase local, national and regional art, music and culinary talent. Volunteers will be aiding vendors/musicians in emptying vehicles, assist in setting up vendor and museum tables, help ease traffic flow, and running arts booths etc.



The Disability Resource Center IU student volunteers to work with our office in meeting the service needs of students with disabilities in the academic setting. As a DRC volunteer you will be trained to provide different types of academic supports that we offer to students with disabilities. Visit [www.studentaffairs.fiu.edu/get-support/disability-resourcecenter/volunteer/index.php](http://www.studentaffairs.fiu.edu/get-support/disability-resourcecenter/volunteer/index.php) for more info.

  
**KEEP CALM**  
it's a  
**NEW TERM**

## Days in January

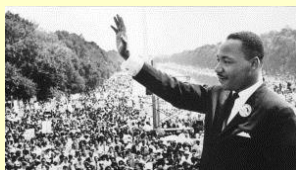
### 01/01: Happy New Year!



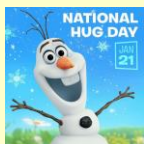
### 01/03: Get Organized Month!



### 01/15: Martin Luther King Jr. Day



### 01/21: National Hugging Day



### 01/31: National Hot Chocolate Day

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## 5 ways to start off spring semester right!

By Valeria Munoz

- **Eat healthy:** Granted 8AM classes don't leave a lot of room for an elaborate breakfast but try to make healthier choices. Fuel your body with snacks that energize you such as fruit rather than make you sluggish.
- **Wake up early:** Give yourself an extra hour to get ready. Whether it's listening to music, preparing breakfast, or watching a morning show, set aside time to relax. After all how you begin your morning sets the tone for the rest of the day. Avoid rolling out of bed and rushing to class.
- **Visit advising services:** Stay on top of your graduation and major requirements by paying a visit to your colleges' advising services. From career and internship tips to help with class registration, they offer a variety of valuable resources. Take the time to familiarize yourself with the different departments; it will definitely benefit you in the long run.
- **FaceTime your family:** Keep in touch with your family. With hectic schedules and extracurricular activities, college can get pretty stressful. A phone call or FaceTime with your relatives may just be the encouragement you need.
- **Don't procrastinate:** This one is pretty self-explanatory. Don't procrastinate. Just Don't.

## BENEFACTORS

We want to thank our generous benefactors who have graciously donated to create scholarships for our Viner Scholars.

Ondina Felipe Barkin  
& Richard Barkin

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**Have a change of address?**



**New cell phone number?**



**New email address?**



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**SCHOLARS:**

**To make an appointment with our Community partners  
Please send email to [info@vinerscholars.org](mailto:info@vinerscholars.org)**

**We welcome any feedback or new ideas you may have to help improve and enhance the Newsletter.**



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## **Community Partners & Resources**

Please visit our wonderful resources below who have generously partnered with us to provide services for our Viner Scholars.

**American Association of Caregiving Youth**

Supports our Caregiving Scholars through specialized counseling and in-home visits and support.

**Dr. Peter T. Blumenthal, DMD**

Provides free dental cleanings, x-rays and dental exams for the students.

**Boca Raton Regional Hospital**

Provides free physical exams & inoculations prior to attending college.

**Boca West Community Charitable Foundation**

Providing 2 new scholarships each year for 4 years, commencing 2016.

**Boys & Girls Clubs of Palm Beach County**

Promotes the educational, vocational, health leadership, and character of boys and girls in a safe, nurturing environment. The thirteen Boys & Girls Clubs throughout Palm Beach County serve more than 8,000 children ages 6 - 18.

**Broad & Cassel**

Offers free legal guidance and advice when needed to our Scholars and their families.

**Eye Associates of Boca Raton**

Provides free eye exams and discounts on eye glasses.

**Direct Primary Care**

Rachel Huerta ARNP. Provides primary care services to our scholars.

**Southern Scholarship Foundation**

Dr. Shawn Woodin, President/CEO. Provides our scholars with on campus housing for FSU, FAMU, UF, and Gold Coast.

**Faulk Center for Counseling**

Provides no-cost counseling services (group or individual) to the students and families.

**Konig Family Dental**

Provides free dental cleanings and x-rays to our Scholars.

**Levis JCC**

Provides complimentary family memberships to Health & Wellness facilities, community service opportunities, vouchers for Thrift Shop, and job opportunities for scholars.

**Propel**

Provides after-school programming, community involvement and enrichment activities, job placement support.

**Rotary Club Downtown Boca Raton**

Offers job placement and internships, as well as mentoring.

**Ruth & Norman Rales Jewish Family Services**

Provides our Scholars and their families with services including food, financial, counseling, mental health, career and employment. Also provides book scholarship for new scholars each year.

**Urban League of Palm Beach County**

Offers youth & education programs including financial tools and services.

## **MENTORS NEEDED!**

The Viner Scholarship program prides itself in offering our scholars, amazing mentors who aid them throughout their college years. From the transition between high school and college to their busy senior year, mentors and their mentees interact weekly and develop significant friendships. We are approaching our new season of the Viner Scholarship program and are in need of qualified mentors to participate. If you can recommend a mentor candidate, please send email to [info@vinerscholars.org](mailto:info@vinerscholars.org)



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# MENTOR'S



**Mentor Dr. N'Quavah Velazquez:** "On behalf of Achievement Heights Academy, it is an honor to serve as a mentor to FIU college student, Casandra with the Eda & Cliff Viner Community Scholars Foundation, Inc. program in Boca Raton, Florida. I met Casandra for lunch and discussed her beaming success in the fall semester and how she can prepare for her future."

In a research project with

**Mentor Stacey Packer:** "The mentoring experience is not only rewarding for me but deeply important. We take it for granted that in the midst of excitement surrounding attending college, our students desperately need the friendship and loyal support of an adult whose sole purpose in the relationship is to be an advocate and rock for the student. The mentor in essence is often the personal lifeline for the student. The support is often more profound than the financial assistance."



Scholar Sofia, Mentor Stacey Packer, and Scholar Gabriela

## Mentors:

If you would like to interview future Viner Scholars, please call us at **561-544-4436**. The interviews would occur in April. Recommendations for future mentors are also welcome.

