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Florida Green Building Coalition Announces First Scholarship Winner

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. – The Florida Green Building Coalition (FGBC), the leading certifier of green construction projects and a cornerstone of sustainability efforts in Florida, has announced that Ashantae Green is the recipient of the inaugural FGBC Scholarship for post-secondary education.

Green is a student at Florida State College at Jacksonville. In addition to her own studies, Green has mentored local high school students through the Architecture, Construction & Engineering (ACE) Mentoring program for seven years. She is the founder of Sickle Cell & Sustainability, a community group created to raise awareness and sponsor events on the topics of Sickle Cell disease and living a healthy, sustainable lifestyle. The group was formed to honor her 2-year-old son who has Sickle Cell disease.

Green will be recognized during the annual GreenTrends Conference Oct. 20-21, 2016 in Hollywood, Fla. She also will receive a complimentary one-year FGBC membership allowing her to take part in all FGBC activities, including serving on committees, participating in the leadership elections, and contributing to the certification standards development process.

FGBC launched the statewide scholarship program for students pursuing careers in green building or related sustainability disciplines. Scholarships can be renewed for up to four years. The next call for applications will open in March 2017 for the 2017-2018 academic year.

About the Florida Green Building Coalition

The Florida Green Building Coalition is the leading certifier of green projects in Florida. To date it has 12,500 residential, over 22 million s.f. of commercial and high-rise space, 60 land developments, and 81 local governments participating in its certification programs. FGBC certification programs are the only standards developed with climate specific criteria to address issues caused by Florida's hot-humid environment and natural disasters.

The Florida Green Building Coalition (FGBC) is a nonprofit 501(C)3 Florida corporation founded in 2000 dedicated to improving the built environment. Its mission is "to lead and promote

sustainability with environmental, economic, and social benefits through regional education and certification programs." For more information about the FGBC "Florida Green" certification programs visit www.floridagreenbuilding.org.

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