



## **M&T Bank Offers 10th year Hispanic College Fund Scholarship**

(Buffalo, NY) - For the tenth consecutive year, M&T bank is awarding scholarships of up to \$5,000 to qualified, Hispanic college students or applicants.

The M&T program awards scholarships to undergraduate college students who are Hispanic or of Hispanic descent through the nationally recognized Hispanic College Fund (HCF). To be eligible, students must be pursuing degrees in business, finance, marketing, accounting or another business-related field, and must have demonstrated a notable level of academic success.

"We thank M&T for supporting this very important scholarship program. For the past 10 years, the Hispanic College Fund and the M&T Bank Scholars Program have awarded over \$150,000 in college scholarships," said Idalia Fernandez, President of the Hispanic College Fund. Students can apply online at [www.hispanicfund.org](http://www.hispanicfund.org). Complete eligibility requirements are available online and at local M&T bank branches. The deadline for application is March 15, 2008.

Thirteen students from New York, Virginia, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and Washington, DC were recipients of the 2007 scholarships and are now attending college at Penn State University, Boston University, University of Maryland, St. John's University, University of Virginia, University of Michigan, Pace University, College of New Jersey and RIT. "College tuition can be a huge burden for students and parents," Fern Barrueta, Chairman of the Hispanic College Fund, said. "This investment by M&T Bank and the Hispanic College Fund makes a significant impact on the lives of these students and their families."

M&T Bank is the principal bank subsidiary of Buffalo-based M&T Bank Corporation (NYSE:MTB), which has assets of over \$63.8 billion and is among the 20 largest bank holding companies in the country. M&T has nearly 700 branches in Pennsylvania, New York, New Jersey, Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia, Delaware and the District of Columbia.

The Hispanic College Fund (HCF) is a private non-profit organization dedicated to developing the next generation of Hispanic professionals in America. Since its founding in 1993, the Hispanic College Fund has supported the education of over 3,000 financially disadvantaged Hispanic students seeking careers in business, science, engineering and technology with more than \$9 million in grants. Through programs like the HCF Scholarship Program, Hispanic Youth Symposium, Latinos on the Fast Track (LOFT), HCF Connections and the HYP Leadership & Development Program, the Hispanic College Fund is enriching lives and building bridges for our future Hispanic leaders.

For more information on how to apply, visit [www.hispanicfund.org](http://www.hispanicfund.org) or call 1-800-644-4223.

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