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### **NCBFAA Awards Florida HS Senior \$5,000 Scholarship**

**Washington DC:** The National Customs Brokers and Forwarders Association of America, Inc. (NCBFAA) is pleased to announce that the winner of the 2016 \$5,000 Annual Scholarship is Jordan Abisch. Jordan is a high school senior at The Hotchkiss School in Lakeville, Connecticut, planning to study customs law with a specialty in international trade law. He is the son of John Abisch, President of Econocaribe Consolidators in Miami, Florida.

"I am tremendously honored to be this year's NCBFAA scholarship recipient," Jordan told NCBFAA. "This award proves to me that there are opportunities waiting for anyone who is willing to think critically about the emerging issues facing both our world and the field of International Trade."

As the scholarship winner, Jordan is invited to join the NCBFAA members at their Annual Conference at the JW Marriott Starr Pass in Tucson, AZ where a representative of Scholarship-sponsor Roanoke Trade will present him with the award during the Conference Opening Breakfast on April 18.

To qualify for the award, he submitted an essay on the topic, "Wage Inequality and Trade - Data indicates a growing gap between the wages for skilled and unskilled labor. What role has trade and immigration played in this process? What policies, if any, should the U.S. take to offset this trend?" which was judged by an NCBFAA panel of experts to be the winner.

This is the 23rd year that the NCBFAA has promoted this scholarship competition as a way to further education in our industry. By helping students defray the cost of learning about the customs broker and forwarder businesses, the NCBFAA scholarship program contributes to the increasing professionalism of our industry and encourages those seeking a career in international trade and commerce.

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preferred provider of the NCBFAA and is an advocate in setting quality insurance standards in the industry for its members.

Headquartered in Washington, DC, the NCBFAA represents more than 1,000 member companies with 100,000 employees in international trade - the nation's leading freight forwarders, customs brokers, ocean transportation intermediaries (OTIs), NVOCCs and air cargo agents, serving more than 250,000 importers and exporters. Established in 1897 in New York, NCBFAA is considered the national voice of the industry. Through its various committees, counsel and representatives, the Association maintains a close watch over legislative and regulatory issues that affect its members. It keeps them informed of these and other related issues through its weekly Monday Morning eBriefing and various meetings as well as conferences throughout the year.

With this 2016 Scholarship, the NCBFAA and Roanoke Trade are proud to continue to facilitate youthful engagement in this industry.

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**PS:** If your beat or your publication focus on the transportation logistics industry, its participants, its challenges, or any aspect of its commercial activity, then chances are very good that you will find many newsworthy issues to share with your readers at the 2016 NCBFAA Annual Conference in Tucson, AZ. If you agree, why not join us there to hear the news firsthand. As a representative of the press, you will enjoy a free pass to all the sessions (unless restricted), and social events, as well as access to speakers, leadership, and guests. Contact Tom Mathers at [comm@ncbfaa.org](mailto:comm@ncbfaa.org) or 202-466-0222 with questions or to register.