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(Shhh! It's a surprise) MEDIA ADVISORY FOR WEDNESDAY, MAY 13

**Student ACES to honor local high schoolers
with surprise Champions of Character caravan in Belle Glade**

With the pandemic making the Student ACES' annual awards ceremony impossible, community bands together to recognize inspiring student athletes in a unique way

WHAT: On Wednesday, May 13, the Student ACES nonprofit, sponsored by Florida Power & Light Company (FPL), will coordinate a caravan to celebrate local Belle Glade Champions of Character honorees at the Student ACES Center. A caravan of 15-20 vehicles, including an FPL bucket truck and cars driven by local officials, will parade past the center to celebrate the four Belle Glade high school seniors being recognized this year.

Each year through this program, in front of hundreds of community leaders, residents and the students' families, Student ACES recognizes high school student athletes before they go off to college. These students are chosen as Champions of Character because they have shown they are role models both on and off the field and who have distinguished themselves as leaders and role models in their schools and communities. In lieu of the traditional awards ceremony, Student ACES is hosting this caravan so the community can still show their support for these students. In total, ACES is honoring 12 students with caravans, with the Belle Glade surprise being the first.

VISUALS:

- Caravan of 15-20 vehicles driving by the Student ACES Center in Belle Glade, including an FPL bucket truck
- Students receiving gift baskets with college-prep items
- Interviews available with Student ACES President and Founder Buck Martinez and ACES Champions of Character honorees

WHEN: Wednesday, May 13 at 2:15 p.m.
Media are encouraged to arrive at the Student ACES center by 1:45 p.m. to set up shots

WHERE: Student ACES center
915 S. Main St.
Belle Glade, Fla. 33430

WHY: Student ACES, based in Palm Beach County but serving all of South Florida, is a nonprofit with a goal to inspire and develop high school student athletes to become men and women of character. FPL has supported this organization for years as part of its commitment to helping create the next generation of engineers and entrepreneurs in Florida through education.

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Please take into consideration that for your safety and the safety of participants, we will be practicing social distancing and limiting the number of attendees. We request that all attending media please maintain social distancing and wear face covering as directed by CDC guidelines. Thank you.

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