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TWO STANDOUT STUDENTS RECEIVE GEORGE F. SORN SCHOLARSHIP

MAITLAND, Fla. (Sept. 21, 2010) – Citing the outstanding quality of this year’s applicants, the Florida Specialty Crop Foundation honored two students with the George F. Sorn Scholarship today at the Florida Fruit & Vegetable Association’s 67th Annual Convention in Palm Beach.

Xavier Vega and Ana Franco were each awarded \$1,500 annual scholarships for the next four years.

“We feel both are deserving individuals who have the potential to be successful in college and beyond,” said Lourdes Villanueva, scholarship committee chairwoman.

Vega graduated with honors from Plant City High School with a 5.73 weighted grade-point average. Currently a creative writing major at the University of South Florida, Xavier is involved with the Mexican American Student Association.

Franco graduated from Immokalee High School with a 4.2 GPA. She is pursuing her bachelor’s degree at the University of South Florida. She is involved with the Mexican American Student Association, the Latin American Student Association and Phi Eta Sigma Honor Society.

The scholarship is named for George F. Sorn, a respected agriculture industry veteran who has dedicated himself to improving the lives of Florida’s farmworkers and their children. The foundation instituted the scholarship in 2007 to benefit deserving high school graduates who are children of farmworkers in Florida’s specialty crop industry.

The Florida Specialty Crop Foundation was established in 1991 to address specialty crop growers’ scientific and knowledge needs in the production, marketing, transportation and consumption of fruits and vegetables. As a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation, the foundation operates to benefit the Florida specialty crops industry and society as a whole. Specialty crop producers provide oversight to the foundation.

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