

SCHOOL SCENE

County's National Merit scholars named

These students were semifinalists in the 2010 National Merit Scholarships program:

Natalie Asorey, Caroline Mitchell, Melissa Perez, Andres Rivero and Alice Shen, Coral Gables High School; **Gabriel Campo, Anthony Martin, Marco Peraza**, Belen Jesuit Preparatory School; **Danielle Cosio**, Carrollton Sacred Heart School; **Michael Cisneros, Lisa David, Evan Hechtman, Jennifer McCord, Gabriel Rodriguez, Keilani Rodriguez, Matthew Westlund**, Coral Reef High School; **Walter Latimer**, Design and Architecture School; **Nicholas Estevez**, Florida Christian School; **Carlos Perea**, Barbara Goleman High School; **Alexander Ades, Michael Elgart, Yuto Ezure, Laura Groenendaal, Alexandra Hernandez, Emily Martinez-Lanza, Matthew Mutch, Lauren Traitz**, Gul-

liver Preparatory School; **William Scheinman**, Ben Lipson Hillel Community School; **Ethan Addicott, Nikita Bodoukhin, Matthew Hershoff, Jose Montero**, Dr. Michael M. Krop High School; **Tosca Lichtenheld, Philip Ordonez**, MAST Academy; **Tara Gavcovich, Shahil Mehta, Matthew Murawski, Emerson Rosenthal**, Miami Country Day School; **Brandon Zamudio**, Killian High School; **Jennifer Dimino, Elizabeth Kobert, Molly Niedbala, Elaine Zuo**, Palmetto High School; **Cristina Brea, Alexandra Henriques, Our Lady of Lourdes Academy; Ali Nili**, School of Advanced Studies South; **Jenna Samuel**, South Miami High School; **Sarah Dominguez**, St. Brendan High School; **Ian Ergui**, Miami Beach High School; **Chana Goodnic**, Beth Jacob High School; **Jacob Entin**, Yeshiva Toras

Chaim, and homeschooled **Matthew Stevenson**.

CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS HIGH SCHOOL

Five teams in the robotics club recently competed during the national BotsIQ Robotics Competition in Vallejo, Calif. All five teams won matches and two of the 15-pound battling robots made it to the top 10 final rounds.

Seniors **Michael Bustamante, Alex Irastorza, Christian Rodriguez** and **Andres Valcarcel** placed fourth in the nation with their robot, Senioritis.

The sophomore team of **Federico Almonte, Frank Carpio** and **Rafael Ortiz** placed ninth with, Angry Turtle.

The CCHS team was moderated by Marta Bustamante and Eileen Irastorza under the direction of robotics instructor Bill Garcia.

