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Two students receive Stetson University's prestigious Edmunds Scholarship

DeLand – Jillian Masucci of Port Orange, Fla., and Dane Moran of Morpeth, Australia, have been awarded Stetson University's prestigious J. Ollie Edmunds Distinguished Scholarship starting with the 2008-09 academic year. Edmunds Scholars receive full tuition, fees, room, board and books for four years.

Masucci, daughter of Arthur Masucci and Barbara McGann-Masucci of Port Orange, plans to major in finance at Stetson. She is a graduate of the International Baccalaureate program at Spruce Creek High School.

At Spruce Creek, Masucci competed and placed in math and Spanish regional competitions. An avid athlete, she was captain of Spruce Creek's bowling and softball teams and was named Offensive Player of the Year for softball. She was a member of the Business Professionals of America, serving as treasurer and vice president and placing first in the state and 15th in the nation during one of the organization's competitions. She was a member of the Academy of Finance, Spanish Honors Society, BETA Club and Math Honor Society. She was a 2008 recipient of the prestigious Daytona Beach News-Journal Medallion of Excellence Award.

Moran, son of Dennis and Rhonda Moran of Morpeth, Australia, plans to study integrative health science at Stetson. He was valedictorian of his high school, All Saints College.

During his senior year, he received an overall Academic Excellence Award and was named Athletic Player of the Year. He also earned awards in English,

mathematics, chemistry, tennis and cross country. He served in his church, as a Peer Support Leader in student government and as a tutor. He was an active participant in the World Youth Day Celebration and Clean up Australia Day. He enjoys flag football, hockey and debate.

The J. Ollie Edmunds Distinguished Scholarship Program is a competitive merit-based college scholarship program designed to attract top student scholars with leadership potential to Stetson University. Scholars are selected based on a combination of their intellectual excellence, personality and leadership. Established in 1996, the program is supported by the family of the late Dr. J. Ollie Edmunds to honor his character, charismatic personality, integrity, vision and leadership. Edmunds was associated with Stetson for 60 years, from 1921 when enrolled as an undergraduate student until the day he retired as chancellor. He served Stetson for more than 50 years in the capacities of trustee, president and chancellor.

Founded in 1883, Stetson University in Central Florida is an independent, private university in the liberal arts tradition. The university's College of Arts & Sciences, School of Business Administration and School of Music are housed on the historic main campus in DeLand. The university also includes the Stetson University Center at Celebration, and two Stetson University College of Law campuses in Tampa Bay. For more information, visit www.stetson.edu or call 386-822-8920.