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## **BBVA Compass and Roundtable Honor High School Student with Scholarship for Completing Financial Literacy Course**



*Left to Right: Cedric Buchanon, BBVA Compass Denver City President; Karla Flores; Justin Geddie, BBVA Compass Northern Colorado District Retail Executive; Marilena EchoHawk, BBVA Compass Thornton Branch Retail Executive*

Washington, D.C. – July 20, 2011 – The Financial Services Roundtable today announced that Karla Flores of Thornton, CO is a recipient of *The Financial Services Roundtable Financial Literacy Scholarship*.

Ms. Flores' scholarship was presented to her by BBVA Compass Denver City President Cedric Buchanon and Northern Colorado District Retail Executive Justin Geddie at a local BBVA Compass banking center in Thornton, CO.

“BBVA Compass is pleased to present Ms. Flores with The Financial Services Roundtable Financial Literacy Scholarship,” said Cedric Buchanon, Denver City President for BBVA Compass. “We know that encouraging financial education is essential to improving the lives and financial well-being of the people in the communities

we serve. We are proud that a young member of our Colorado community also recognizes this and desires to continue her financial and practical education through higher learning.”

A recent graduate of Skyview Academy High School in Thornton, Flores has plans to continue her education at the University of Colorado at Denver in the Fall, majoring in Law Enforcement.

*The Financial Services Roundtable Financial Literacy Scholarship* honors high school seniors who successfully completed a financial literacy course before entering college with a \$5,000 scholarship.

The Review Committee included representatives from the Roundtable’s non-profit partners:

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- NeighborWorks America
- Operation HOPE, Inc.
- Rebuilding Together
- SER-Jobs for Progress National Inc.
- Society for Financial Education and Professional Development
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- Women's Institute for a Secure Retirement
- WHF Foundation

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