

Photography student wins scholarship from youth awareness program

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The Ormond Beach Senior Games Executive Board honored Lesline Tilfert, a student at Daytona State College majoring in photography with a certificate of appreciation and a \$100 scholarship following her volunteer work at the Senior Games held in October.

The Senior Games is an annual event of sports and activities where athletes vie to compete in the Florida Senior Games.

Tilfert also was awarded a matching scholarship from Team Hardnotts University Youth Awareness Program Inc. by Duane C. Fernandez Sr., founder and president.

Tilfert volunteered her time with Fernandez' program "Teaching Youth to Shoot With Cameras Not Guns," a program designed to demonstrate the possibility of achieving positive goals in life when evolving out of a negative environment. She jumped at the opportunity to volunteer at the Senior Games although her camera equipment was stolen in 2010.

"We chose Lesline because it's special to us that she came out even though she didn't have equipment. That touched me. She also volunteers with my program and I volunteered to match the \$100 that the Ormond Beach Senior Games of Florida awarded her," said Fernandez.

"I asked if she'd gotten her camera and she said no, but I was able to let her use mine. I thought it was special that someone who didn't have what they needed to get the job done would still volunteer to get the job done."

In addition to awarding scholarships, Fernandez' organization, a 501 (3) c not-for-profit is actively seeking students who are interested in learning more about photography and participating in various events around the county.

For more information, call 386-756-9504 or visit www.hardnottsuniversity.com.

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Team Hardnotts University founder Duane C. Fernandez Sr. is shown with scholarship recipient, Daytona State College student Lesline Tilfert.