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Governor Charlie Crist Names Allison Vega of Tallahassee as Point of Light for Hispanic Heritage Month

TALLAHASSEE — Governor Charlie Crist today recognized Allison Vega of Tallahassee as this week's Point of Light for exemplary volunteerism. The active Florida State University senior serves her community in many volunteer capacities. Allison is the final of four Points of Light selected from Florida's Hispanic community, in celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month.

"Allison is an inspiring example to her peers and all Floridians," said Governor Crist. "Through tireless service, she continually reaches out and enhances the lives of others in her community."

As vice-president of Florida State University's student volunteer group Caring and Helping in Community Service, Allison helps coordinate service activities for student volunteers. Through leadership and example, she encourages her peers to participate in volunteer opportunities such as the Leon County Humane Society dog wash, Relay for Life, Dance Marathon and the WFSU Pledge Drive. Allison additionally taught children at a pre-school in Costa Rica, volunteered at the Frenchtown Boys and Girls Club, and spent her spring break clearing nature trails with Alternative Break Core. Currently, Allison is also an active member of Oxfam International student chapter and an intern with Guardian ad Litem.

During Hispanic Heritage Month, the Points of Light award has recognized outstanding members of the Hispanic community dedicated to public service in Florida. Hispanic Heritage Month is celebrated nationwide and runs September 15 through October 15. Additional information about Florida's Hispanic Heritage Month celebrations is available on the Web site www.FloridaHispanicHeritage.com.

The Governor's Points of Light Award, sponsored by Royal Caribbean International and Celebrity Cruises, recognizes a Florida resident or organization that demonstrates exemplary service to the community. Award recipients are announced weekly. A panel of judges comprised of leaders in the areas of volunteerism and service evaluate all nominations and make recommendations to the Governor. The Volunteer Florida Foundation manages the program. For more information, or to nominate, go to www.VolunteerFloridaFoundation.org.

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