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## Longtime tennis volunteer wins Kiwanis scholarship

Almost a decade ago as a fifth-grade boy, **Thomas Burley** began volunteering with the Tennis for Fun program, helping teach handicapped kids and adults how to play the sport.

Now an 18-year-old senior at **Jesuit High School**, **Burley** recently received the Kiwanis Key Club Special Needs Awareness Program Scholarship for his eight years of volunteer work at the Brandon Sports and Aquatic Center. The scholarship is for \$1,000, which **Burley** plans to put toward books while attending the University of Florida.

"The scholarship was just an added bonus to working with the kids," said **Burley**, a Brandon resident. "It was like a cherry on top of a sundae, because I had done what I really liked and then realized I could get some money for college for doing it."

**Burley**, who plans to study chemical engineering at UF, was a staple in the program during the past eight years, said Lori Bukaweski, a spokeswoman at the recreation center. He has spent countless days on the tennis courts and has recruited other volunteers.

"He's very attached to those kids," she said. "He's consistently been out there for that length of a period of time, which for a high school senior is pretty remarkable."

The Tennis for Fun program always needs volunteers, especially with **Burley** leaving for college. Activities are 4 to 6 p.m. Fridays November through May. For information on volunteering next fall, call (813) 689-0908.

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