



## MASERGY ANNOUNCES 2017 STEM COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP FUND AWARD WINNER

### *University of Florida's Samantha Garcia Receives Company's Second STEM Award*

Dallas — September 25, 2017 — [Masergy](#), a leading provider of [global software defined networking](#), [managed security](#) and [cloud communications](#) solutions, today announced University of Florida student, Samantha Garcia, as its latest [STEM \(Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics\) College Scholarship Fund](#) winner. The Computer Science major was selected from hundreds of applications submitted, due in part to her research that raises awareness for students with dyslexia and her work to help treat symptoms through the implementation of artificial intelligence (AI) and virtual reality (VR).

Now in its second year, Masergy's STEM scholarship program continues to increase in popularity -- this year realizing 20% more applicants over the 2016 submissions. This year's \$5,000 recipient, Samantha Garcia, will use the funds to aid her ground-breaking developmental and physical disabilities studies.

"I am truly grateful to have received this prestigious award from Masergy," Garcia said. "The scholarship funds will help me focus on my studies as I develop new applications that will contribute to my future in the STEM industry as a programmer."

Ms. Garcia sees many ways in which the STEM field can be applied in the healthcare industry. Upon graduation, she would like to leverage AI, VR and video game experiences to reduce stress, enhance hand-eye coordination as well as improve reflexes and problem-solving skills for physically disabled individuals, in ways that could not have been previously possible.

"At a young age, Samantha Garcia is embarking upon research that could one day have a major, positive impact for those suffering from developmental and physical disabilities," said Chris MacFarland, CEO, Masergy. "We are inspired by her passion, impressed by her forward thinking and proud that our scholarship is helping to decrease the financial burden of the higher education."

Due to the popularity of the annual STEM scholarship program, Masergy is considering expanding the program to add a spring semester opportunity and possibly a competitive internship component.

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