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**KURT & BRENDA WARNER & FIRST THINGS FIRST TEAMS WITH
UNIVERSITY OF PHOENIX TO GIVE GIFT OF HIGHER EDUCATION
-- Young Man from Sunshine Ministries Receives Sixth Scholarship for Bachelor's Degree --**

ST. LOUIS, Mo, March 18, 2010 – The impact of Kurt and Brenda Warner and their First Things First Foundation continues to flourish in the St. Louis community where Kurt quarterbacked the St. Louis Rams to three years of NFL prominence and city pride. Thanks to a tremendous partnership between First Things First and the University of Phoenix, First Things First was recently able to bless a young man who the Warners have known since their foundation's inception in 2001 through their work with Sunshine Ministries.

Ramon Mitchell is the latest recipient of the First Things First Scholarship Program, which rewards deserving individuals from pre-selected partner organizations with a scholarship to the University of Phoenix to earn their bachelor's degree. After being an active participant in the youth program of Sunshine Ministries since the age of 8 years old, Ramon graduated high school with a dream of becoming a doctor and briefly attended Southeast Missouri State, but dropped out due to financial hardship. His dedication led him to acquire his RMA from Missouri College, but this scholarship from University of Phoenix and First Things First will enable him to take one step closer to fulfilling his ultimate goal.

“Our clients at Sunshine Ministries often feel trapped in a world of poverty and discouragement. They need someone to believe in their potential, give them the confidence to believe in themselves, and offer them a hand up to a brighter future,” said Carol Clarkson of Sunshine Ministries. “The recipients of this generous four year scholarship are given the opportunity to discover their God-given gifts and use them to prepare for a new life of personal achievement, self-esteem and hope!”

First Things First and University of Phoenix have teamed up for the First Things First Scholarship Program to give six deserving individuals annually at pre-selected partner organizations in Phoenix, Cedar Rapids and St. Louis the opportunity to receive an education, and prepare for a better future. Ramon is the third recipient from Sunshine Ministries and the sixth recipient overall since the program's inception in 2009. Ramon's mother Kim was selected as a recipient last year.

“We are thrilled to join forces with University of Phoenix to give individuals like Ramon the boost he needs to reach his dream,” said Brenda Warner. “I obviously know from experience that when preparation meets opportunity anything is possible,” added Kurt Warner. “Ramon has proven he is prepared to take full advantage of this blessing.”

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Ramon, top right, participated in the First Things First Ticket Program as a teenager. Here he looks with Kurt and Brenda as another teen helps feed the Warners' daughter Jada at a dinner in St. Louis in 2001.

About University of Phoenix

University of Phoenix is constantly innovating to help students balance education and life in a rapidly changing world. Through flexible schedules, challenging courses and interactive learning, students achieve personal and career aspirations without putting their lives on hold. During the quarter ending November 30, 2009, 455,600 students were enrolled at University of Phoenix, the largest private university in North America. University of Phoenix serves a diverse student population, offering associate's, bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degree programs from campuses and learning centers across the U.S. as well as online throughout the world.

About the Kurt Warner First Things First Foundation

Established in 2001, the Kurt Warner First Things First Foundation is a 501(c)3 public charity serving as a vehicle for Kurt Warner and his wife Brenda to reach out to the community and share their blessings with those in need. The First Things First Foundation is dedicated to impacting lives by promoting Christian values, sharing experiences and providing opportunities to encourage everyone that all things are possible when people seek to put "first things first." Additional information is available at www.kurtwarner.org.

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