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Priscilla Doctor Sets a Precedent

... she's Broward Junior College's only Seminole.

Seminole Girl to Be First Of Tribe in Public College

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FORT LAUDERDALE — Priscilla Doctor is all set to be a pioneer.

The snappy-eyed 18-year-old is the first Seminole girl from the Dania Reservation to enroll in a public college. She will be a freshman at Broward Junior College when classes begin in September.

She is also believed to be the first Seminole in Florida to complete all 12 grades in public school before entering a non-Indian college.

Many Seminole students attend government reservation schools out of state, Priscilla explains.

The June graduate of McArthur High School at West Hollywood was urged by the Frances Broward Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution to set a precedent by attending a Florida college.

The chapter is sponsoring Priscilla at the new junior college.

"We think Priscilla's enrolling at Broward Junior College will be an opening for the future," DAR member Mrs. Jean Winter says.

Mrs. Winter's mother, Mrs. O. H. Abbey, is well known locally for her work with Seminole Indians. She helped outfit Priscilla for school when the

girl began the first grade 12 years ago.

Priscilla plans a two-year study of business administration at the college. Her DAR scholarship will pay for school supplies and tuition.

Her parents are proud of her decision to enter college in Florida, Priscilla says.

She is the daughter of Mrs. Charlotte Osceola and the stepdaughter of the Rev. Billy Osceola of Dania.

"I've always gone to school with some other Seminole students," Priscilla says. "I'm just a little afraid about being the only Indian at junior college."