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# PROGRAM



<b>Presentation of Colors .....</b>	<b>Hollywood Hills High School</b>
<b>Pledge of Allegiance</b>	Entrepreneur & Leadership Military Academy
<b>National Anthem</b>	Cadet First Class Kimberly Fernandez 1st Sergeant Manuel Valdez, Senior Army Instructor Lourdes Gonzalez, Principal
<b>Welcome .....</b>	<b>Nicole Perez</b> , Mistress of Ceremonies Anchor and Traffic Reporter, WPLG
<b>Opening Remarks .....</b>	<b>Nancy Botero</b> Vice President of Advancement, Broward College Executive Director, Broward College Foundation
<b>Greetings .....</b>	<b>Nora Rupert</b> , Chair The School Board of Broward County, Florida
<b>Remarks .....</b>	<b>Robert W. Runcie</b> Superintendent of Schools
<b>Nova High Cheerleaders .....</b>	<b>Nova High School</b> Natasha Ramsay, Coach Dr. John LaCasse, Principal
<b>Years of Service Awards .....</b>	<b>The School Board of Broward County, Florida</b>
<b>Walker Elementary School Chorus.....</b>	<b>Walker Elementary School</b> Laquasha Powell, Chorus Teacher Philip Bullock, Principal

# PROGRAM



- District Partnership Award** ..... **Tracy Clark**, Chief Public Information Officer  
BCPS Public Information Office
- School-Based Partnership Award** ..... **Ric Green**, President/CEO  
Greater Pompano Beach Chamber of Commerce
- Shea Ciriago**, Executive Director  
Broward Education Foundation
- Raider Jazz Band** ..... **Ramblewood Middle School**  
John D. Nista, Director  
Cory Ann Smith, Principal
- Family and Community Engagement Award** ..... **Nadia Clarke**, Assistant Director  
BCPS Office of Family and  
Community Engagement
- Outstanding Mentor Awards** ..... **Daniel Gohl**, Chief Academic Officer  
BCPS Office of Academics
- Walker Elementary** ..... **Walker Elementary School**  
**Dynamic Dance Theatre** ..... Safiyah Joseph-Francois, Dance Teacher  
Philip Bullock, Principal
- Outstanding Volunteer Awards** ..... **The School Board of Broward County, Florida**
- Band of Pride** ..... **Piper High School**  
Kervens Jackson, Director  
Angel Gomez, Principal

# COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT AWARDS MISTRESS OF CEREMONIES



## **Nicole Perez**

*Local 10 Reporter*



Nicole Perez joined the Local 10 News team in July 2016 as the morning traffic reporter. Nicole has a lifetime of experience with South Florida traffic. She was born and raised in Miami and graduated from Florida International University with a Bachelor of Science in journalism and mass communications.

She came to Local 10 with more than five years of production experience from WSVN 7 News, and four years of graphic design for the Miami Heat's television network, Heat TV. When she is not covering the roadways of South Florida, you can often find Nicole on the field covering stories for the noon and early evening newscasts. She

is also very involved with her community through volunteering, especially with programs that encourage youth health and fitness.

Nicole has run five half-marathons in various U.S. cities and won first place in a National Physique Committee women's figure competition.

Nicole is so grateful to be able to stay in South Florida and continue pursuing her on-air career.

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# SPECIAL THANKS



## **Hollywood Hills High School Entrepreneur & Leadership Military Academy**

The Entrepreneur & Leadership Military Academy is a 9th – 12th grade College Preparatory Magnet Program located at Hollywood Hills High School.



## **J.P. Taravella High School ProStart**

The ProStart class at J.P. Taravella High School in Coral Springs hosts one of the premiere culinary programs in Broward County. These talented and dedicated students won statewide recognition by achieving first place in Florida's Annual Prostart competition in 2014. Their success allowed them to compete nationally in Minnesota. Each year, they remain on top as one of the most decorated programs in Broward County Public Schools.

## **Nova High School Cheerleading Team**

The Nova High Cheerleading Team has been an important part of Nova High School for a number of years. The team consists of two teams Junior Varsity and Varsity. Varsity cheers/supports the Varsity football team and when that season is over they compete against different schools in the county as Competition Cheerleaders. While Varsity is competing, Junior Varsity is supporting the 2nd in the state Girl/Boys basketball teams. Both teams combined together make up the spirit of Nova High School.



## **Piper High School Band**

The Piper High School Band known as the "Band of Pride" is composed of talented 9th -12th grade students. The "Band of Pride" has received many Superior ratings as well as performed at various prestigious events such as the 2016 All State Sugar Bowl in New Orleans, Louisiana. This highly energetic group of musicians continue to excel in musicianship as well as academics by applying the "Band of Pride" motto "Hard Work and Dedication will take you to next Level."



## **Ramblewood Middle School Band**

The Ramblewood Middle School (RMS) Band consists of approximately 400 students, of which 75 students participate annually in the jazz program. The jazz program at Ramblewood consists of two bands that perform public concerts in our community and for the Florida Bandmaster's Districts Music Assessments. The RMS Raider Jazz Band has received Superior ratings at the Florida Bandmasters District Band evaluation the past 22 years.

## **Walker Elementary Dynamic Dance Theatre**

Walker Elementary Dynamic Dance Theatre (WEDDT), located at Walker Elementary School, offers dance classes to students in grades K-5. The WEDDT provides students with an enriched and diverse dance curriculum that includes ballet, modern, African, lyrical, and hip-hop. Students are encouraged and guided to expand their own creativity and passion for dance. WEDDT has performed at various events throughout the District, such as the Above the Influence Festival and Red Ribbon Week Parade.

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Student Volunteer  
of the Year

**Rona Silber**



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# FAMILY AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT



Parents are a child's first and most important teachers. Whether children are in preschool, elementary, middle or high school, parent/family engagement plays a crucial role in students' academic success.

Through the Office of Family and Community Engagement within the Student Support Initiatives department, the District works to strengthen the home-family-school connection and create new ways to educate parents about how they can help their children achieve.

## **Family and Community Engagement Award**

The Office of Family and Community Engagement (FACE) supports the District's vision for improving the achievement levels of ALL children. Our goal is for families to be full partners with school staff and members of the community in the work of supporting and sustaining excellence in Broward County Public Schools. The Family and Community Engagement award recognizes schools that develop successful programs to promote parent, family and community engagement. Nominee submissions reflect innovative practices for recruitment, training and recognition of parents and families at the school level. These efforts may focus on removing barriers, communicating, volunteering, training, mentoring, decision-making and collaborating with the community. The school-level nominee selected as the District winner is eligible to compete for state recognition.

## **Online Resources for Family and Community Engagement**

The District's website, [browardschools.com](http://browardschools.com), includes a variety of resources for parents and families. Parents can access information and resources to help them stay informed about their child's academic progress, educational digital learning resources, details on how to get engaged in their child's school, and much more. This "one-stop shop" has everything families need to engage in their children's education. Take a look! Visit [browardschools.com](http://browardschools.com), and click the "Parents" tab. The Office of Family and Community Engagement's website, [facebrowardschools.com](http://facebrowardschools.com), provides resources and information that support BCPS families in becoming full partners in their children's education, while improving access to learning opportunities across Broward County via Community Connections.

## **Parents' Guide to Broward Schools**

The Parents' Guide to Broward Schools is a handy booklet that serves as a parent's roadmap to the District. This guide contains a comprehensive listing of topics of interest for parents, as well as contact information for each topic. Detailed information ranges from health immunization requirements to accommodations for military-dependent students. Available in four languages (English, Spanish, Haitian Creole and Portuguese), the guide is designed to foster a strong relationship between families and schools in an ongoing effort to increase student achievement.

**For more information about Family and Community Engagement programs, please contact the Office of Family and Community Engagement at 754-321-1599.**

# **FAMILY AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT INITIATIVES AWARD NOMINEES**



## **Family and Community Engagement Award Group Nominations**

### **Parent Teacher Association**

Tradewinds Elementary School

### **William Dandy Middle School's Family and Community Engagement Team**

William Dandy Middle School

## **Family and Community Engagement Award Individual Nominations**

### **Christine Lorber**

James S. Rickards Middle School

### **Beverly Douglas**

Thurgood Marshall Elementary School

### **Jessica Gandara**

Manatee Bay Elementary School

### **Soidemer Nunez**

Silver Lakes Elementary School

### **Cristalla Anjos**

Tradewinds Elementary School

### **Ilka Slater**

McNicol Middle School

# FAMILY AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AWARD - OUTSTANDING PERSON OF THE YEAR



**Soidemer Nunez**  
*Silver Lakes Elementary School*



In an effort to engage families in their children's education, Soidemer Nunez, the Varying Exceptionalities Teacher at Silver Lakes Elementary School, collaborated with local high school students and staff to create a fun, educational experience at Silver Lakes Elementary.

Ms. Nunez engaged families by planning and implementing a hands-on Family Science Night, in collaboration with Everglades High School Science Honor Society's student leaders and faculty advisor. The Family Science Night included ten hands-on, standards-based activities for the entire family. Families hypothesized, conducted experiments and discussed their findings. This annual event gives families the opportunity to use these activities to increase students' academic knowledge in science and learn an array of scientific theories. Trendy themes each year get the students excited about bringing their families to the event.

Each year, Ms. Nunez requests feedback from participants in order to improve the Family Science Night. Based on feedback from families, she creates new activities, eliminates activities that were not as engaging, and thoughtfully selects new themes to excite families. Ms. Nunez communicates with the faculty advisor and student leaders of the Science Honor Society at Everglades High School to ensure the success of each event. The high school students are an integral part of Science Family Night, leading and assisting with the development of the hands-on learning activities. Ms. Nunez communicates the event to families through flyers, the school's website, Parentlink messages, emails and posters. Students and families look forward to this yearly event.

# FAMILY AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AWARD - OUTSTANDING GROUP OF THE YEAR



## FAMILY AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT LEADERSHIP TEAM

*William Dandy Middle School*



William Dandy Middle School's Family and Community Engagement Leadership Team (WDMS FACE Team) collaborates with community, staff and families to strengthen the home-family-school connection and create new ways to educate parents so they can help their children achieve academic success. The team meets bi-weekly to brainstorm and develop ideas that will fully engage the community. The WDMS FACE Team shares all new initiatives with staff and creates committees for implementation. Their efforts have enhanced their collaboration with the Fort Lauderdale Police Department (Hoops for Harmony), local churches (Faith-based) and families (Curbside Coffee).

The Hoops for Harmony basketball event with the Fort Lauderdale Police Department improved relationships between students and law enforcement by engaging in a sociable manner. The WDMS FACE Team and staff also built and sustained relationships in the community by visiting seven local churches on a quarterly basis. During these visits, administrators spoke to the congregation about strategies families can use at home to support their children. In addition, staff invited parents and caregivers to volunteer and mentor at William Dandy Middle, affording the students the opportunity to meet people from the community. The Curbside Coffee initiative keeps parents informed about all school events and training opportunities for parents.

The Curbside Coffee and Faith-based initiatives are the tenets of effective communication with the parents, the community and all stakeholders. Collaborating and engaging the community allows both parties to develop a successful partnership and understand how each is dependent on the other to nurture a well-rounded student, who is able to contribute academically, as well as to become a global citizen.

The goal of the WDMS FACE Team is to create true partnerships that will adequately meet the needs of William Dandy Middle's students, families and community members. Additionally, the team supports high-quality instruction by getting the teachers involved in research-based strategies that help them work with parents as partners. Furthermore, these initiatives contribute to William Dandy Middle's continuous improvement plan by providing parents with an array of services that are available to support the students who are having trouble mastering the standards in the core classes (math, social studies, language arts and science).

# MENTORING ACROSS BROWARD



Mentoring is nationally recognized as an effective intervention strategy and students who meet regularly with mentors are much more likely to be successful in school and beyond.

Mentoring Across Broward, which operates within the Broward County Public Schools (BCPS) Office of Equity and Academic Attainment (EAA), utilizes a multi-tiered approach to leverage school and community-based mentoring resources to better serve the needs of students.

The District's Community Involvement Awards provides an opportunity for schools to highlight their mentoring efforts by nominating a Mentor of the Year or Outstanding Mentoring Program for consideration.

Mentoring Across Broward combines school-based mentoring, peer mentoring and community-based mentoring opportunities in an effort to ensure that every student who can benefit from a mentoring relationship has access to a caring and supportive mentor whether in school or in the student's home community. In addition, BCPS is mobilizing District staff to serve as mentors to some of our most fragile students including those at risk of dropping out of school and students who are enrolled in Department of Juvenile Justice educational programs.

Among the school-based mentoring programs providing mentoring services, support and in some cases, scholarship opportunities are:

## **5000 Role Models**

5000 Role models is a civic engagement program in which young males in elementary, middle and high school are paired with mentors from the community under the guidance and primary supervision of a school-based director. The site director, student and mentor focus on three general principles throughout the school year: to pinpoint progressive and successful men in the community to emulate; promote positive alternatives to self-destructive behaviors and societal pitfalls; and recognize that everyone must assume responsibility for preparing our youth to successfully face the challenges and struggles in today's society.

## **America Reads/America Counts at Nova Southeastern University and Broward College**

America Reads/America Counts focuses on improving children's reading and math skills. College students serving as mentor/tutors build the confidence of the children by encouraging them to become lifetime readers and learners. Mentors work one-on-one with elementary school students who are not performing at grade level in either math and/or reading. Selected schools work collaboratively with NSU and BC students to develop activities that stimulate learning and reward accomplishments.

## **Big Brothers – Big Sisters**

Big Brothers-Big Sisters - Bigs in Schools is a one-on-one mentoring opportunity for adults and college students to meet with a child for one hour a week during school hours or during aftercare hours. Mentors may help with homework, play games, have fun and be a friend. Big Brothers-Big Sisters also operates mentoring programs in select schools that target specific populations of students such as Mujeres Latinas at Indian Ridge Middle school which pairs professional immigrant women with young girls with similar cultural backgrounds as well as peer mentoring programs in selected schools.

# MENTORING ACROSS BROWARD



## **Latinos in Action**

Latinos in Action is a part of the District's ongoing commitment to meeting the needs of Broward's growing Latino community. This program focuses on providing Latino students with increased opportunities for educational, service, cultural and leadership experiences, while empowering them to complete their high school education and attend a college or university after graduation.

## **Mental Health Association Listen to Children**

Mental Health Association Listen to Children (LTC) mentoring program promotes mental health through active listening and prevention. LTC mentors serve as non-judgmental adult friends during weekly one-on-one meetings where they engage children through play and conversation. This program model helps enhance children's self-esteem, improve their communication skills and assist in teaching other skills such as decision making and problem solving.

## **Mentoring Tomorrow's Leaders**

Mentoring Tomorrow's Leaders (MTL) is a peer-to-peer mentoring and student leadership program that serves youth that are at-risk for not graduating and/or remaining in school. MTL aims to decrease dropout rates, particularly among minority males, to ensure successful school graduation based on the following five Pillars for Success: Academic Achievement, Mentoring, Family Involvement, Community Support and Student Incentives.

## **Reading Pals Mentoring and Early Literacy Program**

Reading Pals is a United Way of Broward County and Broward County Public Schools collaborative effort to increase student reading proficiency with the goal of ensuring that students are reading at grade level by third grade. Mentors work one on one with pre-K and early elementary students reading to/with them for ½ to 1 hour per week. Students participating in the program receive up to 16 books to take home in addition to summer reading kits.

## **Take Stock in Children Mentor and Scholarship Program**

Take Stock in Children's mission is to break the cycle of poverty for low income, academically qualified students by providing opportunities for post-secondary education. TSIC offers college scholarships to students who are matched with adult mentors who meet one-on-one with students in middle and high school providing support and guidance that prepares them for academic and personal success.

## **Women of Tomorrow Mentor and Scholarship Program**

Women of Tomorrow is about women helping women and its program model is unique and effective. Highly accomplished professional women meet with small groups of at-risk girls in public high schools once a month to discuss ways to overcome obstacles and provide skills for success. Participating students are encouraged to apply for scholarships provided through Women of Tomorrow.

Broward County Public Schools is committed to providing youth with access to quality mentoring programs both in school and in the community. Below is a selection of our approved community mentoring programs:

- **Jason Taylor Foundation (The Omari Hardwick bluapple Poetry Program)**
- **Jewels Foundation**
- **100 Black Men of Greater Fort Lauderdale**
- **Recognizing Our Youth's Ability to Lead Throughout Their Years**
- **Florida All Star Youth, Inc.**
- **Girls Leading Our World, Inc.**
- **Opportunity Knocks for Aspiring Youth Institute**
- **Girls of Transformation Mentoring Program**

# OUTSTANDING MENTOR OF THE YEAR NOMINEES



Apollo Middle School .....	Pastor David Rosa & Marcia Garcia
Apollo Middle School .....	Mike Merritt & Maxwell Role
Bennett Elementary School .....	Sheila Young & Helen Leitch
Coconut Creek Elementary School .....	Karen Rockey
Cooper City High School .....	Road to Success
Davie Elementary School.....	Latinos in Action
Deerfield Beach High School .....	Eugene Roy
Everglades Elementary School .....	Camila Gutierrez
Fort Lauderdale High School .....	Linda Giambattista
Glades Middle School .....	Brian Addison
Hallandale High School .....	Chrisdon Hargrett
Hollywood Hills High School .....	Raquel Martinez
Lyons Creek Middle School .....	Rick Dunn
Martin Luther King Elementary School .....	Theresa Taylor
Meadowbrook Elementary School .....	Al Hibbert
Miramar High School .....	Mentoring Tomorrow's Leaders
Mirror Lake Elementary School .....	Nicolas Meade
New River Middle School .....	Denise Duffus & Charlene Ambroise
North Side Elementary School .....	Judi Kreitzer
Panther Run Elementary School.....	Nicole Roulhac
Park Lakes Elementary School.....	Mentoring Tomorrow's Leaders
Pines Middle School.....	Lighthouse Community Church
Plantation Elementary School .....	Vinson D. Jones
Plantation High School .....	Joseph Randy Scott & Layten Rorie
Ramblewood Middle School .....	Mentoring Tomorrow's Leaders
Rickards Middle School .....	Washington B. Collado
Sheridan Technical College and High School .....	Marisa Santana
Silver Lakes Elementary School .....	Silver Lakes Elementary School Teachers
Silver Lakes Middle School .....	Sophonie Gaspard
South Plantation High School .....	Dr. Brian Benscoter
Stephen Foster Elementary School .....	Rochelle Milrad
Sunrise Middle School .....	Glinda Townsley
Taravella, J.P. High School .....	Mentoring Tomorrow's Leaders
Whiddon Rogers Education Center.....	Deborah Nesbit



# OUTSTANDING MENTOR OF THE YEAR AWARDS



## OUTSTANDING MENTOR PROGRAM OF THE YEAR



### **Caring Teachers Caring Students Teachers Mentoring Program**

*Silver Lakes Elementary School*

When the staff at Silver Lakes Elementary School was searching for solutions to improve students' academic and behavioral outcomes, they did not have to look beyond the school's front door! More than six years ago the teachers at the school decided to create a mentoring program to serve at risk students in a loving, nurturing setting within the school building. This program has been extremely successful, resulting in significantly lower behavioral referrals, increased levels of school connectedness by students and their families, and improvements in attendance rates among participating students. Silver Lakes Elementary is particularly proud of the commitment of school staff to the students and the program, which has more than 90% of teachers currently participating in their expanded roles as caring teacher mentors. Teachers meet with their mentee once a week to offer support and a listening ear. Teachers often eat lunch with the student, invite the mentee to come to their classroom or meet with the student upon their arrival at school. In addition to weekly meetings, mentors and mentees participate in special events throughout the year such as arts and crafts, games, food, music and more activities to provide additional bonding opportunities. The winning combination for student success at Silver Lakes Elementary is Caring Students and Caring Teachers!

## OUTSTANDING MENTOR OF THE YEAR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL LEVEL



### **Nicole Roulhac Kids in C.A.P.E.S.**

*Panther Run Elementary School*

In a school covered in superhero decorations, the faculty and staff at Panther Run Elementary School are teaching students how to live like superheroes inside and outside of the classroom. Gifted teacher Ms. Nicole Roulhac has incorporated service learning into her classroom curriculum through a program called Kids in C.A.P.E.S. (Community Action Projects Executed by Students). Through this service learning initiative, students participate in a variety of community service activities. One powerful example is a program called "Super Buddies" where the students visit the schools' autism cluster classrooms weekly and spend time playing board games and doing puzzles to help improve the autistic students' sensory and social skills. With a focus on promoting early literacy, Ms. Roulhac's students also created "Paw Packs" composed of storybooks, puzzles, flashcards and sight workbooks that were donated to the day care center at West Broward High School. And, in the true meaning of the term superhero, Ms. Roulhac and her students do good deeds not for recognition, but to improve the lives of others through community action and support.

**OUTSTANDING MENTOR  
OF THE YEAR  
MIDDLE SCHOOL LEVEL**



**Glinda Townsley**  
**OKAY Institute**

*Sunrise Middle School*

The mission of the OKAY Institute is to encourage and empower at-risk youth to excel academically, engage in real-world experiences that will lead to the accomplishment of personal goals, and equip them with the tools necessary to envision and act upon the vast opportunities that are available to them. Needless to say, when Sunrise Middle School was contacted by Ms. Glinda Townsley, President and CEO of the OKAY Institute, the school staff was excited to have her implement the program on campus. Utilizing lessons and workshops on leadership and life skills, character traits, and college and career readiness, Ms. Townsley has been instrumental in helping the participating students shift their thinking beyond what is happening today and begin to plan for their futures. In addition, students in the program develop and complete community service projects and participate in real life experiences such as field trips and job shadowing. Sunrise Middle is proud to highlight the success of this amazing program, which delivers lessons and workshops that address the academic as well as social emotional learning needs of students.

**OUTSTANDING MENTOR  
OF THE YEAR  
HIGH SCHOOL LEVEL**



**Linda Giambattista**  
**Bloom**

*Fort Lauderdale High School*

With the current national focus on women's empowerment, Fort Lauderdale High School is at the forefront of this effort with Bloom, a student-led after school program for girls. The idea for Bloom evolved from Taylor's Closet, a program started by the daughter of Mentor of the Year Linda Giambattista to provide clothing for those in need. Ms. Giambattista has a background in the fashion industry and sees clothing as another way for girls to express themselves. She is well aware of the teasing and self-consciousness that girls who can't afford to shop at trendy outlets face. By combining leadership development with personal confidence building strategies, Bloom aims to train and encourage female student leaders to maximize their potential and lead their peers. Ms. Giambattista's vision is to create a community where girls are empowered to live happy, healthy, and productive lives by helping them realize their inherent destinies within the halls of the high school campus. Through Bloom, Ms. Giambattista is very successful igniting a passion for learning and a commitment to exhibiting positive behaviors in all interactions. Among the many opportunities provided in the program, each Monday Bloom's mobile store drives up to the school and gives the girls the opportunity to shop for new clothing and accessories free of charge. Thanks to Ms. Giambattista the Bloom Girls at Ft. Lauderdale High can feel good about themselves and their futures and look good too!



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# OUTSTANDING VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARDS



## Volunteer Services

**Broward County Public Schools**

Volunteer Services, a part of the Public Information Office, supports and assists school volunteer programs throughout Broward County. From the many outstanding volunteer nominations received from schools, volunteers were selected in the categories of Outstanding Volunteer – Elementary Level, Outstanding Volunteer – Secondary Level, Outstanding Student Volunteer, Outstanding Program Organizer Volunteer and Outstanding Senior Volunteer.

In selecting the Volunteers of the Year, the selection committee considers individuals who have made valuable contributions toward the growth and development of BCPS students and have shown outstanding dedication and commitment toward the enrichment of the quality of education offered at our District schools and the furtherance of the District's Strategic Plan.

The following Districtwide volunteer initiatives are a few of the programs managed by Volunteer Services.

- Five Star Award
- Golden and Silver School Award
- Hours of Service Award
- Meet the Masters Art Appreciation Program
- Outstanding Volunteer Awards

**For more information about school volunteer programs, contact:  
the Public Information Office at 754-321-2300 or visit  
[browardschools.com/volunteers](http://browardschools.com/volunteers).**

# OUTSTANDING VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR NOMINEES



## ADULT VOLUNTEER - ELEMENTARY SCHOOL LEVEL NOMINEES

Beachside Montessori Village .....	Dr. Amoy Reid
Bethune, Mary M. Elementary School .....	Mitzi Wright
Boulevard Heights Elementary School.....	Gaelle Jolicoeur
Broadview Elementary School.....	Donald White
Central Park Elementary School.....	Melissa Kwavnick
Coconut Creek Elementary School .....	Judith Steiner
Coral Cove Elementary School.....	Veronica Lam Lee
Country Hills Elementary School .....	Astrid Suradipraja
Country Isles Elementary School .....	Stuart Slutsky
Crethaven Elementary School.....	Jessica Beckett
Dania Elementary School .....	Nicole Odom
Dolphin Bay Elementary School .....	Jessica Ann Shuman
Dolphin Bay Elementary School .....	Danielle Ward
Eagle Point Elementary School .....	Elaine Caetano Pio Nunes
Eagle Ridge Elementary School .....	Suzanne Dunn
Embassy Creek Elementary School .....	Uli Petroianu
Flamingo Elementary School .....	Kara Smith
Floranada Elementary School .....	Brecken Nipp
Griffin Elementary School .....	Samantha Balanovich
Harbordale Elementary School .....	Kat Gray
Hollywood Central Elementary School .....	Lisa Max
Hollywood Hills Elementary School.....	Nina Martinez
Indian Trace Elementary School .....	Kelly Kookan
Liberty Elementary School.....	Angelica Dubanewicz
Liberty Elementary School .....	Josephine Nigro
Liberty Elementary School.....	Ivette Rodriguez-Caggino
Liberty Elementary School .....	Eugenie Whyte
Manatee Bay Elementary School .....	Steve Romero
Maplewood Elementary School .....	Bach Todaro
McNab Elementary School .....	Michael Perlin
Meadowbrook Elementary School .....	Joanne Felix
Mirror Lake Elementary School .....	Jenifer Rivera
Nob Hill Elementary School.....	Sheryl Scheer
North Andrews Gardens Elementary School .....	Christine Ferwerda
Nova Blanche Forman Elementary School .....	Robbin Simmons
Oakridge Elementary School .....	Shamila Hanooman
Orange Brook Elementary School.....	Antiquenette Eaford

Orange Brook Elementary School .....	John Hernandez
Palm Cove Elementary School .....	Victor Escalera
Park Springs Elementary School .....	Susan D'Aries
Pembroke Lakes Elementary School .....	Sharon Karch
Pines Lakes Elementary School.....	Lisa Brightenfield
Pines Lakes Elementary School.....	Susan Sweetland
Plantation Elementary School .....	Aleen Miller
Quiet Waters Elementary School.....	Saba Aamir
Ramblewood Elementary School .....	Christina Powell
Riverside Elementary School.....	Martha Foster
Sandpiper Elementary School.....	Jolyn Nicholas
Sheridan Hills Elementary School.....	Debra Bialor
Silver Palms Elementary School .....	Kimberly Rodriguez
Stirling Elementary School .....	Yoleine Louis
Sunset Lakes Elementary .....	Melanie Rivera Ayala
Stoneman Douglas, Marjory High School.....	Kim Gill Potanovic
Tradewinds Elementary School .....	Maria Akkasha
Westchester Elementary School.....	Deanna O'Connor
Wilton Manors Elementary School.....	Fred Sykes
Winston Park Elementary School.....	Anne Ockman
Young, Virginia S. Montessori Magnet Elementary School.....	Lynda Davey
Young, Virginia S. Montessori Magnet Elementary School.....	Helene Palmer
Young, Virginia S. Montessori Magnet Elementary School.....	Kimberly Rozenberg

## **ADULT VOLUNTEER-SECONDARY SCHOOL LEVEL NOMINEES**

Apollo Middle School .....	Earlyn Barton-Oden
Cooper City High School.....	Melissa Quinones-Brown
Coral Springs Middle School.....	Concetta D'Auria
Crystal Lake Middle School.....	Burton Miller
Deerfield Beach High School.....	Sharleen Chang
Deerfield Beach High School.....	John Francis
Everglades High School.....	Daylet Yanes-Casuso
Falcon Cove Middle School .....	Laura Decker
Falcon Cove Middle School .....	Kathryn Dunbar
Forest Glen Middle School .....	Meridith Hawkins
Fort Lauderdale High School .....	Carmen Bryce-Ash
Glades Middle School .....	Yamile Benitez-Torviso
Glades Middle School .....	Sonia Betancourt-Garcia
Glades Middle School .....	Claudia Campos
Glades Middle School .....	Viviana Castillo
Glades Middle School .....	Margie Demolina
Glades Middle School .....	Anna Denis
Glades Middle School .....	Vuliette Denis
Glades Middle School .....	Rhonda Finkel
Glades Middle School .....	Particia Forbes
Glades Middle School .....	Ivette Frick

Glades Middle School .....	Enette Henderson
Glades Middle School .....	Elizabeth Morejon
Glades Middle School .....	MariCarmen Rodriguez
Glades Middle School .....	Nidia Ruiz
Glades Middle School .....	Jess Shuman
Glades Middle School .....	William Tharp
Glades Middle School .....	Daylet Yanes-Casuso
Hollywood Hills High School .....	Ginger Garcia
Pioneer Middle School .....	Gregory Brunt
Piper High School .....	Mr. Desmond Cook
Plantation High School .....	Juliette Archibald
Pompano Beach Middle School.....	Heather Murphy
Ramblewood Middle School.....	Thomas Carracino
Rickards, James S. Middle School .....	Carolyn Nobles
Seminole Middle School.....	Melanie Hanson
Seminole Middle School.....	Sylvia Jones
Seminole Middle School.....	Jodi Swirsky
Silver Trail Middle School.....	Brandi Ippoliti
Silver Trail Middle School.....	Julie Rosen
South Broward High School.....	Maria Grampa
Stranahan High School.....	Sharon LaBeau
Tequesta Trace Middle School .....	Shvawn Baker
West Broward High School .....	Laura Burgos
Westglades Middle School.....	Chanda James
Young, Walter C. Middle School.....	Tara Issenberg

## **PROGRAM ORGANIZER VOLUNTEER NOMINEES**

Beachside Montessori Village.....	Alissa Alfonso
Central Park Elementary School.....	Kristen Gravina-Leith
Cooper City Elementary School.....	Ivey Kaprow
Coral Springs High School .....	Ana Ardilla
Coral Springs High School .....	Charles Fedderwitz
Coral Springs High School .....	Chris Fedderwitz
Coral Springs High School .....	Doreen Shipe
Coral Springs Middle School.....	Wendy Shepard
Country Hills Elementary School.....	Casandra Bixler
Dania Elementary School.....	Danielle Bohenstiel
Davie Elementary School.....	Genevieve Nazario
Eagle Ridge Elementary School.....	Nancy Foley
Embassy Creek Elementary School.....	Lesia Wenglowczyk
Glades Middle School .....	Katerine Alvarez-Tobon
Griffin Elementary School.....	Lisa Hatcher
Hollywood Central Elementary School.....	Stephanie Levac
Hollywood Hills Elementary School.....	Cristina Filippelli
King, Jr., Dr. Martin Luther Montessori Academy .....	Lakesha Gary
Manatee Bay Elementary School .....	Meg McClinton

Manatee Bay Elementary School .....	Jeri Wheeler
Maplewood Elementary School.....	Karla Gary Orange
McNab Elementary School.....	Rita Mackenberg
Nob Hill Elementary School.....	Sheryl Scheer
Nova Blanche Forman Elementary School.....	Cindy McCord
Panther Run Elementary School.....	Rachel Steffenson
Piper High School .....	Nick Ferreiro & "The Wave at CBG"
Ramblewood Middle School.....	Tonya Upp
Riverglades Elementary School.....	Pamela Ofstein
Sandpiper Elementary School .....	Michelle Ellis
Silver Lakes Elementary School.....	Aimee Whitesfield
Silver Trail Middle School.....	June Marie Rahim
Tequesta Trace Middle School .....	Linda DiGennaro
Westchester Elementary School.....	Laura Luzniak
Westwood Heights Elementary School.....	Toney Osborne
Young, Virginia S. Montessori Magnet Elementary School.....	Lynda Davey

## **SENIOR VOLUNTEER NOMINEES**

Beachside Montessori Village.....	Kimber Newhouse
Broadview Elementary School.....	Barbara Hagans
Central Park Elementary School.....	Carol Chess
Coconut Creek Elementary School .....	Rebecca Fleischman
Cooper City Elementary School.....	Joyce Brombacher
Coral Glades High School.....	Robert Beeman
Coral Springs Middle School .....	Debra Streit
Country Hills Elementary School .....	Linda Jackson
Country Isles Elementary School .....	Herbert Cohen
Cresthaven Elementary School.....	Linda Stark
Dania Elementary School.....	Pamela Lumppp
Davie Elementary School.....	Gladys Caban
Discovery Elementary School .....	Alfreda Smith
Eagle Point Elementary School.....	Sindy Alvarez
Eagle Ridge Elementary School.....	Carmen Arteca
Embassy Creek Elementary School.....	Terry Ficara
Flamingo Elementary School .....	Mary Mannarino
Fort Lauderdale High School .....	Dr. Gary G. Gilbert
Glades Middle School .....	Allan Brack
Griffin Elementary School .....	Erica Pecci
Harbordale Elementary School .....	Sandy Toledo
Hollywood Central Elementary School.....	Ellen Suppa
Hollywood Hills Elementary School.....	Marilyn Coffey
Indian Trace Elementary School.....	Marianne Scott
Maplewood Elementary School.....	Dennis Kline
McArthur High School.....	Frank Martin
McNab Elementary School.....	Kay Wollert



Mirror Lake Elementary School .....	Flora Costanzo
North Andrews Gardens Elementary School .....	Mary Ravey
Nova Blanche Forman Elementary School.....	Juanita Marold
Nova Eisenhower, Dwight D. Elementary School .....	Leslie Deckelbaum
Nova Eisenhower, Dwight D. Elementary School .....	Barbara Goldman
Oakridge Elementary School.....	Dr. Daniel Collins
Orange Brook Elementary School.....	Gladys Fan
Orange Brook Elementary School.....	Josefa Landress
Pembroke Lakes Elementary School .....	Sylda Hutt
Peters Elementary School.....	Morton Berger
Pines Lakes Elementary School.....	David Bell
Pompano Beach Middle School.....	Gladys Emerick
Quiet Waters Elementary School.....	Julia Ruiz
Riverside Elementary School.....	Janet Stone
Sea Castle Elementary School .....	Rebeca Travieso
Seminole Middle School.....	Dr. Miles Glasser
Silver Palms Elementary School .....	Ethel Vanterpool
Tequesta Trace Middle School .....	Philomena Irwin
Tradewinds Elementary School .....	Jane Vergona
West Broward High School .....	Mary Sanchez
Westchester Elementary School.....	Joann Calabrese
Wingate Oaks Center.....	Ora Lee Greene
Young, Virginia S. Montessori Magnet Elementary School.....	Helene Palmer

## **STUDENT VOLUNTEER NOMINEES**

Cooper City High School.....	Kitana Rojas
Country Hills Elementary School .....	Richie Perez
Cresthaven Elementary School.....	Christian Bonilla
Embassy Creek Elementary School.....	Alex Lamourt
Fort Lauderdale High School .....	Max Michel
Glades Middle School .....	Valentina Porras
Hollywood Hills High School .....	Maddisson Pham
Hollywood Hills High School .....	Rona Silber
McNab Elementary School.....	Alexander Degelsmith
Nova Blanche Forman Elementary School.....	Joseph Thiel
Pines Lakes Elementary School.....	Zoe Alfonso
Sheridan Park Elementary School .....	Samuel Weisberg
Tequesta Trace Middle School .....	Brett Baldwin
Tradewinds Elementary School .....	Andrew Putney
West Broward High School .....	Conrad Awve

# OUTSTANDING VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR



## OUTSTANDING VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR ELEMENTARY LEVEL



**Saba Aamir**

*Quiet Waters Elementary School*

Saba Aamir has volunteered at Quiet Waters Elementary School for more than ten years. Her involvement began with the Parent Teacher Association and has expanded to other school programs and initiatives such as the Robotics Team. Ms. Aamir assists the Team with setting realistic goals, facilitating meetings and coordinating team activities. The activities enforce the importance of doing well and succeeding in school, as well as challenging our students to think and create like scientists and engineers. Ms. Aamir helps the students design, build, test and program their robots, apply real-world math and science concepts, and learn critical thinking, team-building, and presentation skills. Research at the school level has shown that 87% of 8-11-year-old students involved in the Robotics program are more interested in doing well in school, 84% plan to take more challenging math and science classes, and 88% are more interested in continuing their robotics experience as far as the college level. Ms. Aamir also works with the Quiet Waters Elementary's debate team. Every Tuesday afternoon Ms. Aamir works with the speech and debate students, helping them conduct research, apply logic, organize ideas, manipulate language, assess the audience, and engage in world events. Whether it is at school or in the community, the students are unfailingly happy to see Ms. Aamir, an intrinsic part of Quiet Waters Elementary.

## OUTSTANDING VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR SECONDARY LEVEL



**Earlyn Barton-Oden**

*Apollo Middle School*

The success of many of Apollo Middle School's incentive and academic programs rests heavily on the support and dedication of volunteers like Earlyn Barton-Oden. The efforts of Ms. Barton-Oden and the Parent Teacher Association (PTA) have permitted Apollo Middle's students to attend field trips to the ballet, opera and nationally-recognized competitions as well as sponsoring students who compete in extracurricular activities, including the Reflections Literary Competition and National Debate Competitions. Ms. Oden also works diligently at the District level to help the students achieve. She voted and approved the purchase of calculators for the geometry students and supported the biology and advanced ELA and math tutoring initiatives. Ms. Barton-Oden is a major fundraiser for Apollo Middle and through her efforts, the school is realizing its School Improvement Plan goal of increasing parent involvement by 34%. Ms. Barton-Oden has built relationships with local community and business partners, which has secured school equipment such as a color printer and poster maker. Ms. Barton-Oden's involvement, support of staff and students send a clear message to students that they indeed have an extended family who cares for them a great deal.

## OUTSTANDING PROGRAM ORGANIZER VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR



**Linda DiGennaro**

*Tequesta Trace Middle School*

Keeping volunteers engaged at the middle school level can sometimes become challenging and recognizing this, Linda Di Gennaro is a great advocate for volunteer engagement. She has been a Broward County Public Schools volunteer for more than 10 years, with involvement at Indian Trace Elementary School, Tequesta Trace Middle School and Western High School. Her active involvement in school activities such as the annual Book Fair has allowed her to directly contribute to the academic, social and emotional success of all the students of Tequesta Trace Middle. As the Fair's chair, her dedication, energy and enthusiasm, coupled with the school's advocacy for literacy and reading, ensures that students have access to great books. The Book Fair creates a positive learning environment for students, allowing them to gain knowledge and skills that can be useful in the future, as well as have fun, meaningful and fulfilling educational experiences inside and outside the classroom. Each year, Ms. Di Gennaro develops new ways to improve and enhance the Fair, such as the inclusion of Spanish books. In addition, she works closely with the volunteer coordinator to recruit parents who speak different languages to assist students with their book selection. Volunteer contribution at Ms. Di Gennaro's level makes school-based programs more appealing to students and parents, engaging them not only on a school level but on a community level as well.

## OUTSTANDING SENIOR VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR



**Ora Lee Greene**

*Wingate Oaks Center*

Forty years ago, Ora Lee Greene began volunteering in her local school in New Jersey, and after moving to Florida in 1992, she contacted Broward's Foster Grandparents Program so she could continue her work with children here. Since 1994 she has worked at Wingate Oaks Center with students who have multiple disabilities, including significant cognitive impairments, physical disabilities, and hearing or vision loss. Child by child she has changed their lives by providing guidance, coaching, and a heavy dose of love as they learn and grow. As a member of her classroom team she emphasizes the importance of developing communication skills, which are prerequisites for all other aspects of learning. This ties directly to Wingate Oaks' school improvement goals to increase effective communication.

At 94 years old, Grandma Ora Lee, as she is affectionately called, continues to be a vital part of her classroom team, and she assists all the students in the learning process. She works with the students individually to support acquisition of communication skills, often with assistive technology, sitting next to children who have difficulty redirecting themselves and helping them throughout both content area lessons and group Speech Therapy. When Grandma Ora Lee started working as a Foster Grandparent, she wanted to "be able to make a difference in the life of one child." Supporting a child's ability to use vision to recognize their parents, or communicate with others, does not just make a difference in the life of a child. It changes their whole world!

## **OUTSTANDING STUDENT VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR**



**Rona Silber**

*Hollywood Hills High School*

Rona Silber is a self-starter who is committed to making a name for Hollywood Hills High School. Her greatest impact has been her involvement with Spartan TV (STV), where she has revolutionized

STV's student programming, essentially connecting students with activities, sports and clubs at the school. Acting as a metaphorical megaphone, Ms. Silber diligently attends all school functions during and after school to film and interview attendees. Ms. Silber additionally engages the school community through Kidz 4 A Cure, a nonprofit organization she started with her friends and their parents, to support children diagnosed with HIV and AIDS, through fundraising for the annual AIDS Walk and annual Toy Delivery. As a member of the Parent Teacher Student Organization, Ms. Silber has successfully lobbied for several programs and clubs which meet the academic needs of her peers. Whether she is chasing the action on the field and stage, delivering food donations to the local homeless shelter, fundraising for a cause, or creating new school projects, Ms. Silber is always in the background to provide a good structure and be a role model for the next class to keep improving Hollywood Hills High. Without a doubt, Rona Silber is a rising star who has helped improve the academic and social culture at Hollywood Hills High School.

# CONGRATULATIONS

**SABA**



**AMIR**

**OUTSTANDING ADULT VOLUNTEER**

**Thank you for all you do for the students  
at Quiet Waters Elementary**

Silver Lakes Elementary

Caring Teachers MENTORING Caring Students

*Teachers and Staff,*

*I am so proud that you are being recognized for your dedication to mentoring our students. The personal connections you make with these students have a great impact on their lives. Though your days are busy, you make connecting with your mentee a priority.*

*Thank you to Mrs. Lewen for creating, coordinating and sustaining this valuable program. I appreciate all you do to make our mentor parties a highlight for the students. I believe the mentors have just as much fun the kids!*

*As Manny Scott says, "Even on your worst day, you can be a student's best hope." Listen to them, laugh with them and continue to guide them toward their dreams!*

*Tammy Gilbert, Principal  
Silver Lakes Elementary*



Mrs. Nunez,

*We thank you for your creativity and initiative!! Family science night is an amazing event that just gets better every year. We are so proud that you are being recognized!!! You are professional, positive and proactive. On behalf of the students and families, we thank you for your dedication to creating fun and exciting activities for our students.*

Sincerely,  
*Silver Lakes Elementary Faculty & Staff*





Wingate Oaks Center  
congratulates  
**Ora Lee Greene**

Broward County Schools  
2018 Outstanding Senior Volunteer

*Grandma, words alone cannot describe how much we appreciate and love you!*

**....Carmen, Dollie, Nancy, and the learners from Room 805**



*You inspire us every day!*  
**The staff and learners of Wingate Oaks Center**



*The families of the learners you have helped over the years wholeheartedly appreciate everything you have done!*

# YEARS OF SERVICE AWARDS



## FIVE YEARS

Bennett Elementary School .....	Ginette Jean Paul
Coral Glades High School.....	Rosann Auchstetter
Country Hills Elementary School .....	Alisa Barbarino
Country Hills Elementary School .....	Sandra Frantz
Country Hills Elementary School .....	Astrid Suradipraja
Country Isles Elementary School .....	Maritza Masseria
Dolphin Bay Elementary School .....	Jessica Ann Shuman
Dolphin Bay Elementary School .....	Danielle Ward
Eagle Ridge Elementary School .....	Carmen Arteca
Eagle Ridge Elementary School .....	Suzanne Dunn
Griffin Elementary School .....	Samantha Balanovich
Griffin Elementary School .....	Marsha Feldman
Griffin Elementary School .....	Lisa Hatcher
Griffin Elementary School .....	Cheryl Watters
Harbordale Elementary School .....	Brent Bushnell
Harbordale Elementary School .....	Judy Dolan
Harbordale Elementary School .....	Melinda Morgan
Harbordale Elementary School .....	Gina Reynen
Heron Heights Elementary School.....	Narkike Grant
Heron Heights Elementary School.....	Kristina Nikolopoulos
Indian Ridge Middle School.....	Sheila Silverman
Liberty Elementary School.....	Angelica Dubanewicz
New River Middle School .....	Caralyne Bachi
New River Middle School .....	Linda Davis
Nob Hill Elementary School .....	Melissa DeJesus
Nova Blanche Forman Elementary School.....	Karin Albengrin
Nova Blanche Forman Elementary School.....	Cindy McCord
Nova High School .....	Michelle Doletina
Nova High School .....	Daniel Smith
Peters Elementary School.....	Morton Berger
Riverglades Elementary School.....	Yida Arocho
Riverside Elementary School.....	Jennifer Boni
Riverside Elementary School.....	Abbie D'Attile
Riverside Elementary School.....	Martha Foster
Riverside Elementary School.....	Lynette Goldner
Riverside Elementary School.....	Avelina Grau-Romay
Riverside Elementary School.....	Darlene Sipes
Riverside Elementary School.....	Janet Stone
Riverside Elementary School.....	Melanie Toomey

Stoneman Douglas, Marjory High School.....	Leslie Caracuel
Stoneman Douglas, Marjory High School.....	Katherine Baez
Tropical Elementary School.....	Rita Goldman
Wilton Manors Elementary School.....	Menore Famiano
Wilton Manors Elementary School.....	Heather Sachleben
Wilton Manors Elementary School.....	Jennie Simmons

## TEN YEARS

Coral Cove Elementary School.....	Lissette Cortina
Coral Cove Elementary School.....	Veronica Lam Lee
Everglades High School.....	Sonia Betancourt
Falcon Cove Middle School .....	Laura Decker
Glades Middle School .....	Sonia Betancourt
Griffin Elementary School.....	Erica Pecci
Liberty Elementary School.....	Josephine Nigro
Manatee Bay Elementary School .....	Scott Corwin
McNab Elementary School.....	Brandy Escobar
Nova High School .....	Steven Spiegelman
Nova High School .....	Maria Wolfe
Riverside Elementary School.....	Elizabeth McEwen
Seminole Middle School.....	Marta Samper
Sheridan Hills Elementary School.....	Jeffrey Bialor
Sheridan Park Elementary School .....	Jenniffer Weisberg
Stoneman Douglas, Marjory High School.....	Ana De La Rosa
Stoneman Douglas, Marjory High School.....	Rosemarie Jensen

## FIFTEEN YEARS

Everglades High School.....	Helene Malanga
Nob Hill Elementary School.....	Janet Abandon
Rickards, James S. Middle School .....	Carolyn Nobles
Seminole Middle School.....	Gina Bigge
Seminole Middle School.....	Franny Knudsen
Stoneman Douglas, Marjory High School.....	Jesses Vieux

## TWENTY YEARS

Orange Brook Elementary School.....	Marilyn De La Viez
Orange Brook Elementary School.....	Arlene Pollak
Sheridan Hills Elementary School.....	Debra Bialor

## TWENTY-FIVE YEARS

Nob Hill Elementary School .....	Laura Kean
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## THIRTY YEARS

Tequesta Trace Middle School .....	Philomena Irwin
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volunteers, mentors, business and  
community partners.

**Congratulations to all honorees.**



## **Broward Education Foundation's "Partners in Education" School-Based Partnership of the Year Awards**

Throughout the academic year, generous business and community partners across Broward provide much-needed financial and material resources, as well as their valuable time, energy and expertise in support of quality education. These business and community partners are independently nominated by the schools they help to receive Broward Education Foundation's "Partners in Education" School-Based Partnership of the Year Award.

Broward Education Foundation's Community Engagement Committee reviews and scores all qualified nominations. The School-Based Partnership of the Year Award criteria for consideration includes: the nominees' level of commitment, their demonstrated support for school improvement and student achievement, and the effective use of resources in providing meaningful experiences for students in Broward County Public Schools.

The School-Based Partnership of the Year Award is sponsored by Broward Education Foundation, the only 501(c)(3) non-profit direct support organization solely dedicated to raising funds for students and teachers in Broward County Public Schools.

Corporations, businesses and organizations seeking to actively engage in support of Broward County Public Schools need look no further than Broward Education Foundation. Its Partners in Education program is Broward County's go-to resource for businesses, community partners and organizations wishing to positively impact PreK-12 students and teachers in Broward County Public Schools.

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# SCHOOL-BASED PARTNERSHIP OF THE YEAR NOMINEES



## ELEMENTARY SCHOOL LEVEL

Broadview Elementary School.....	Big Daddy's Pizza
Broward Estates Elementary School.....	Lauderhill Police Department
Collins Elementary School.....	Dismas Charities-Dania Center
Coconut Creek Elementary School .....	7-Eleven
Cooper City Elementary School.....	Luv'n Oven Pizza and Pasta
Cypress Elementary School.....	Chick-Fil-A
Deerfield Beach Elementary School.....	JM Family
Endeavour Primary Learning Center .....	Popeye's
Flamingo Elementary School .....	The Horace Mann Companies
Floranada Elementary School .....	Olive Garden
Harbordale Elementary School .....	Fort Lauderdale Garden Club
King, Jr., Dr. Martin Luther Montessori Academy .....	Impact Broward
Lloyd Estates Elementary School .....	Oakland Park Kiwanis
Manatee Bay Elementary School .....	Le Orthodontist
Maplewood Elementary School.....	Zeta Phi Beta Sorority
Meadowbrook Elementary School .....	School Relay for Life
North Side Elementary School .....	Make a Miracle Foundation
Oakridge Elementary School.....	Latinos In Action/ South Broward High School
Orange Brook Elementary School.....	Memorial Hospital South
Orange Brook Elementary School.....	Mobile Food Pantry
Park Lakes Elementary School.....	Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. Zeta Rho Omega Chapter
Park Springs Elementary School .....	Humane Society of Broward County Wags & Tales Program
Plantation Elementary School .....	Plantation Women's Club
Ramblewood Elementary School .....	Kumon
Sea Castle Elementary School .....	Living Word Open Bible Church
Walker Elementary School .....	Broward Center for the Performing Arts

## SECONDARY SCHOOL LEVEL

Coral Springs Middle School.....	Huntington Learning Center
Gulfstream Academy of Hallandale Beach K-8 School .....	Memorial Healthcare System
Lyons Creek Middle School .....	Parent Teacher Student Association
Lyons Creek Middle School.....	WinterGuard
New Renaissance Middle School.....	Memorial Healthcare System
New River Middle School .....	Clean Caribbean & Americas
Sawgrass Springs Middle School.....	Big Brothers Big Sisters of America
William Dandy Middle School.....	LSW

## HIGH SCHOOL LEVEL

Cross Creek School .....	John Knox Village
Dillard High School (6-12) .....	Colliers International
Dillard High School (6-12) .....	Council for Educational Change
Everglades High School.....	VALIC
Fort Lauderdale High School .....	Jennito Simon
Fort Lauderdale High School .....	Rio Vista Church
Henry D. Perry Education Center .....	Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Organization
Hollywood Hills High School .....	Friends of Stirling Library
Hollywood Hills High School .....	Publix
Piper High School .....	Sunrise Chamber of Commerce
Seagull Alternative High School .....	Ernest & Young
Seagull Alternative High School .....	Galen OB/GYN Group
Seagull Alternative High School .....	Jerk Machine
Seagull Alternative High School .....	Literacy Connection, Inc.
Seagull Alternative High School .....	My Safe Harbor
Seagull Alternative High School .....	Special Olympics Florida
South Plantation High School .....	Allegra Printing
South Plantation High School .....	Mr. D's Pizza
South Plantation High School .....	Youth Environmental Alliance
Whiddon-Rogers Education Center.....	Spoons
Whiddon-Rogers Education Center.....	Tom Jenkins BBQ
Whispering Pines Center.....	Miramamar Police Department

### Glinda Townsley, President/CEO

### The 2018 CIA MIDDLE SCHOOL MENTOR OF THE YEAR



The Board of Directors, Advisory Board, Youth Advisory Board, and parents wish to congratulate Glinda Townsley, President/CEO of OKAY (Opportunity Knocks for Aspiring Youth) Institute, Inc. on being named the 2018 CIA MIDDLE SCHOOL MENTOR OF THE YEAR.

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# SCHOOL-BASED PARTNERSHIPS OF THE YEAR



## ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PARTNER OF THE YEAR

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### **Broward Estates Elementary School with Lauderhill Police Department**

Lauderhill Police Department has been working in partnership with Broward Estates Elementary through a mentorship program for six years.

Their collaboration bolsters academic achievement by establishing a trusting relationship between the officers and the students. The program employs “courageous conversations” to redirect and motivate the students to make better decisions when dealing with conflict.

The impact of the program is evident to faculty and staff who see students utilizing better decision-making skills in handling conflicts. This partnership creates a “safe place” for students to manifest new behaviors and confidence.

Lauderhill Police Department’s relationship with Broward Estates Elementary is a great asset to the school and the community. In addition to their mentorship and problem solving strategies, officers support the school through volunteerism and in-kind donations. Officers judged school competitions, attended performances, as well as worked with outside organizations to beautify the school. The partnership between the department and the school improved the environment and created a more socially conscious student body.

## MIDDLE SCHOOL PARTNER OF THE YEAR

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### **New River Middle School with Clean Caribbean & Americas**

Clean Caribbean & Americas began its partnership with New River’s Marine Science Magnet Program four years ago by supporting the Marine ROV (Remotely Operated Vehicles) program.

Initially, the Marine ROV coalition began as an after school club without funding. Now, with the support from the Clean Caribbean & Americas’ sponsorship, the program is part of the Marine Science Magnet curriculum. Students in the program have qualified for the National Sea Perch challenge, traveling to Massachusetts for the international competition.

This partnership gives students valuable technical skills that would not be possible without the Marine ROV program. Clean Caribbean & Americas’ support helps students become career ready, with skills in marine engineering, design and marine mechanics. Beyond the academics, the authentic assessment made possible by the generosity of Clean Caribbean & Americas helps move the magnet program from theory to real-world ventures, technical proficiency and industry competence.

## **HIGH SCHOOL PARTNER OF THE YEAR**

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### **Dillard High School (6-12) with Steve Wasserman**

Knowing that all students are not college bound, Steve Wasserman began working with Dillard High School (6-12) to connect young adults to business opportunities to serve community needs.

Rather than focus his energies on the highest achieving students, Mr. Wasserman worked to motivate average students to reach beyond the classroom to find career opportunities. His connections to local businesses and industries opened doors for these students to get work experience and inspired them to graduate on time, knowing there are jobs waiting on the other side of the diploma.

Mr. Wasserman organized field trips to visit local industries for students to understand the growth potential in careers that may not have been on their radar. Furthermore, he arranged for CTACE teachers to tour local businesses, which helps them to hone their lesson plans, giving students the skills they need in the workforce. Mr. Wasserman did more than reach into his pocket to change the projection of these students; he paved a road to post-graduation success.

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## **SCHOOL-BASED ROOKIE PARTNER OF THE YEAR**

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### **Latinos In Action Program**

The Latinos In Action Program model facilitates opportunities for students to develop their academic and leadership potential from elementary school through college.

## **SCHOOL-BASED PLATINUM PARTNER OF THE YEAR**

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### **Memorial Healthcare System**

Working collaboratively since 1983, Memorial Healthcare System is the only charter member of Partners In Education to remain committed to Broward County schools.

As a Partner in Education, Memorial Healthcare addresses the unique needs of each school to offer appropriate services for that community. They have sponsored after-school and summer camp programs to increase student engagement and improve academic performance.

In alignment with Broward County Public Schools Strategic Plan, Memorial Healthcare continues to support services that include Home Alone, Safe Alone, Career Day and the Empty Stocking Campaign, as well as Back to School Welcome Baskets to name a few. Their innumerable programs provide immunizations for our students, disaster relief and crisis intervention. Memorial Healthcare continually proves their commitment to Broward County Public Schools.

The core of the program is designed around the secondary student population, where the Latinos In Action Program operates as a year-long elective course. Participants tutor at local elementary schools, act as mentors and help the younger students create goals. The program participants continue to serve their schools and community, as well as lead college chapters. The Latinos In Action Program empowers Latino youth to lead and strengthen their communities through college and career readiness.

# DISTRICT PARTNERSHIP OF THE YEAR



## GREATER FORT LAUDERDALE ALLIANCE

The Greater Fort Lauderdale Alliance collaborates with Broward County Public Schools (BCPS) to develop and implement initiatives that engage students with the business community. The organization effectively works with BCPS schools and departments to prepare students for the 21st century workforce. The Alliance provides support in offering work-based learning environments combined with academic rigor, creating a connection between schools and local businesses. This partnership is significant to the growth of the District's high-quality Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs, focusing on opportunities that promote workforce and economic development.

The Alliance created the Claim Your Future Showcase, an industry-focused student career fair, designed for high school juniors. More than 2,000 students have attended this event over two years. By attending, students are exposed to myriad career opportunities and the skills needed to pursue those opportunities as they plan for their future. Additionally, the Alliance sponsors the South Florida TechGateway, which increases awareness of computer science career pathways for middle and high school students.

Each year, the Alliance funds an insert, Saluting Educational Excellence, in the local newspaper highlighting accomplishments at schools throughout the District. The Alliance also showcases graduates attending prestigious universities in an annual graduation advertisement. The Alliance is an exemplary community partner committed to fostering meaningful, sustainable education initiatives that align to BCPS Strategic Plan and vision of educating today's students to succeed in tomorrow's world.

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## HOLY CROSS HOSPITAL

Holy Cross Hospital supports Broward County Public Schools (BCPS) by providing initiatives, which engage students, teachers and families in activities that encourage the development of a healthy individual. One such initiative is the Growing Healthy Kids Program, which seeks to improve nutrition and physical activity for kindergarten through eighth grade students, highlighting the connection between healthy eating and physical activity, and academic achievement. At the elementary level, more than 5,000 students learned proper nutrition and healthy eating habits using food demonstrations and vegetable gardening activities.

Growing Healthy Kids also trained more than 100 teachers to implement the healthy living curricula, Health Rocks!® and Gardening for Grades. Health Rocks is a national initiative sponsored by the Florida Department of Agriculture, which brings youth, families and communities together to reduce tobacco, alcohol and drug use. Gardening for Grades is a comprehensive guide for Florida teachers to help plan, fund, create and learn with a school garden. The school garden activities provides real-life application of subjects such as math, language and science, while building and maintaining the school gardens.

Holy Cross Hospital's focus on fostering health programs that serve students and families reinforces BCPS commitment of ensuring that every school provides a nurturing, safe and prosperous learning community. The long-standing partnership between Holy Cross and BCPS is an ever-present contribution that furthers the importance of developing and maintaining positive school communities.





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