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BUSINESS AND COMMUNITY LEADERS STEP INTO THE ROLE OF A SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

Each year PRINCIPAL Today engages the private sector to take a leadership role in public education. With the support of presenting sponsor, Bank of America, business and community leaders had the unique opportunity to step into the role of a principal gaining valuable insight into the challenges and rewards. Through interaction with teachers, staff and students during their day, partners were inspired to form long-term, two-way partnerships benefitting our schools and their organizations.

Pictured: Ms. Shaquellia Holmes, Executive Director, Office of Family and Community Engagement, Dr. Cynthia Clay, Principal of Dr. Robert Ingram Elementary School, and Mr. Rick Sasso, Chairman of MSC Cruises.

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UNITED WAY CAFECITO WITH STATE REPRESENTATIVE TOM FABRICIO

An insightful and engaging Cafecito with State Representative Tom Fabricio during the United Way Miami Public Policy Committee Meeting. We're thrilled to collaborate on impactful education initiatives in the upcoming 2025 State Session.

A heartfelt thank you to our community partners featured in this photo for their steadfast support in advancing educational opportunities for students at Miami-Dade County Public Schools.



MIAMI LAKES EDUCATIONAL CENTER ALUM GIVES BACK TO COMMUNITY



A shoutout to Mr. Martley Petigny and Mr. Jojo Vathielil for generously fueling our attendees at the ENGAGE Leadership Conference with a delicious lunch courtesy of his organization, Washington National! Fun fact: Mr. Petigny is a proud alum of Miami Lakes Educational Center, the very place where we gathered to inspire our M-DCPS community engagement champions.

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SOUTH DADE SKILLS CENTER RENAMED TO HONOR CIPRIANO AND MARIA GARZA

County Commissioner Kionne McGhee, Deputy Superintendent Michael Lewis, and Assistant Superintendents Barbara Mendizabal and Rene Mantilla were honored to speak at the renaming of the South Dade Skills Center in honor of Cipriano and Maria Garza. Being former migrant farmworkers themselves, they tirelessly advocate for farmworkers and their families, Maria founded the Mexican American Council in Homestead and Cipriano led the Title 1 Migrant Education Program for over four decades.



THANK YOU LETTERS TO HEROES AT BENT TREE ELEMENTARY

The Office of Intergovernmental Affairs was honored to support County Commissioner Chair Anthony Rodriguez in coordinating the **Thank You Heroes** letter-writing campaign. Students at Bent Tree Elementary wrote heartfelt letters to military members, which were shared at the Commissioner's Veteran Stand Down event on November 1.



Guess who's in the Miami-Dade County Public Schools Class of 2025 Alumni Hall of Fame? Eight incredible inductees have made M-DCPS proud. Head over to [@MDCPSAlumni305](#) for weekly reveals and join us in celebrating [M-DCPS legends!](#)



SENATOR CALATAYUD VISITS COAST PROGRAMS AT CUTLER BAY SCHOOLS

Senator Calatayud visited the COAST (Cutler Bay Ocean Academy of Science and Technology) programs at Cutler Bay High and Middle Schools. COAST offers a unique magnet program that nurtures the next generation of environmental stewards through hands-on learning and exposure to Florida's coastal ecosystems.



RIBBON-CUTTING FOR CULINARY ARTS LAB AT MIAMI BEACH SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL



Community leaders, local elected officials, school administrators and students celebrated the grand opening of the renovated Culinary Arts Lab at Miami Beach Senior High. This state-of-the-art facility, funded by a \$2.4 million investment from multiple partners, is poised to inspire future generations of cooks and chefs.

TECHHUB AT MIAMI SOUTHRIDGE SENIOR HIGH WELCOMES IMPACTIFI FOUNDER

Teresa Grandal Cusse, Founder and CEO of IMPACTIFI, visited Miami Southridge Senior's TechHUB to speak with students in the technology magnet program. IMPACTIFI provides cutting-edge tech training and develops innovative, multidisciplinary tech solutions for workforce advancement. Become part of [CareerTALKS](#) by clicking [here](#).



GIVE MIAMI DAY
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FAMILY AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Our heartfelt gratitude for your generous contributions to the Foundation for New Education Initiatives on Give Miami Day. Thanks to your unwavering support, we can continue the mission of opening additional M-DCPS Marketplace locations at schools for students and their families in need. Visit giveourstudentstheworld.org and engagemiamidade.net/marketplace to learn more.

EDFED HIGH SCHOOL HERO MONTHLY SCHOLARSHIP WINNER

Congratulations to Lurlene Carry, 12th-grade student at North Miami Senior High for winning EdFed's November School Hero scholarship.

Want to nominate a high school student making a difference in the community? Your nominee will have the opportunity to win a \$1,500 scholarship.

Visit edfed.org/highschoolhero to nominate a student hero.



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 Wednesday Dec 4 in Haitian-Creole
 Thursday Dec 5 in Spanish
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