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A FOOD, WINE AND CRAFT BEER FESTIVAL

The Taste of Education supports culinary arts within Miami-Dade County Public Schools by teaching students food preparation, presentation, service, and safety, while also providing leadership, communication, and employment skills. Students are learning to be the chefs of tomorrow.

At this signature event, more than 150 students from Miami-Dade's public school culinary programs create 30+ dishes to compete for top prizes and impress more than 500 top business executives and community leaders, but that's not all.



The Taste of Education also:

- **Showcases all of our programs**
- **Celebrates a successful Teach-A-Thon**
- **Provides a valuable career development opportunity to MDCPS' culinary students**
- **Raises money for public school culinary programs**



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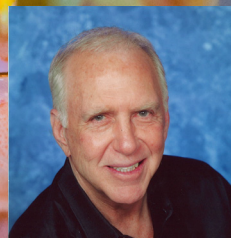
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Featured Menu

MEAT

Chipa So'o

•

Chipotle Smoked Pork Tenderloin

•

Eywa's Guava Glazed Pork Ribs

•

Mock Beef Short Ribs and Polenta
with Asiago Cheese

•

Petite Beef Wellington with
Horseradish Sauce

•

Roasted Pork Loin Stuffed with
Spinach and Cheese

•

Szechwan Beef and Broccoli with
Brown Rice

•

SEAFOOD

Sea Fajitas

•

Conch Fritter with Spicy Aioli

•

Cucumber with Smoked Salmon
Salad

•

Momona Loa Scallops

•

Shrimp Watermelon and Ceviche

•

Sous Vide Grilled Octopus

•

Sweet and Sour Salmon

•

Thai Curried Salmon & Eggplant
with Jasmine Rice

VEGETABLES

Black Bean Burger and Pulled
Jackfruit on Bao Buns

•

Butternut Squash Fettucine
Alfredo with Fried Sage

•

Falafel, Beet Tzatziki

•

Fiery Kung Pao Grilled Tofu in
Zucchini and Black Bean Rice
Bowls

•

Garbanzo Frito

•

Korean BBQ Cauliflower
Ratatouille (Confit Byaldi)

DESSERT

Chocolate Coffee Truffles

•

Chocolate Surprise

•

Elegant Pavlova

•

Lavender Flan

•

Praline Delite

•

Sweet Potato Pie Cupcakes

•

Vegan Cheesecake & Strawberries



Special Thanks



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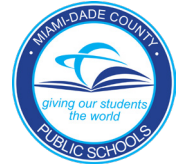
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ABOUT THE EDUCATION FUND WHERE INNOVATION IS FUNDAMENTAL

A Taste of What We Do

- Impact more than 350,000 students in all 472 Miami-Dade County Public Schools
- Offer support and professional development to more than 18,000 educators
- Involve the private sector in designing and implementing new initiatives that improve public education
- Direct resources where they are needed most and where inequities exist
- Operate up to a dozen model programs at any given time
- Evaluate pilot program effectiveness to improve outcomes
- Help all children in public schools reach their full potential



Teach-A-Thon

A Taste of Our Accomplishments

- 34% increase in students' college enrollment
- 79% increase in students' science achievement
- 54% improvement in students' eating attitudes and habits
- 200,000+ students and teachers recognized for their artwork
- \$11.1 million in supplies donated to classrooms benefiting 1 million+ children
- 135,205+ harvest food bags provided to low-income students' families
- 4,911+ Food Forest harvests served in students' cafeteria meals
- 2,622 business professionals recruited as teacher-champions
- 18,000 teachers encouraged to use and share best practices
- \$58 million raised for public education



Food Forests for Schools



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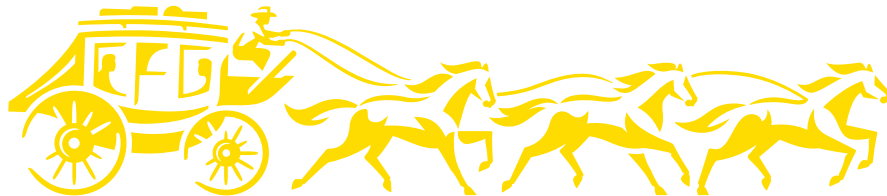


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A TASTE OF OUR *Programs*

THE TEACH-A-THON

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Great Teachers = Student Achievement

Teaching quality is the single most significant determinant of student success. Teacher education, ability, and experience account for more variation in student achievement than all other factors. Although highly qualified teachers are making a difference, many of them exit the profession after three years, and more than half leave after five.

To raise awareness of the challenges and rewards of teaching, The Education Fund implemented the Teach-A-Thon, a countywide campaign designed to have business professionals walk in the shoes of a teacher, turning them into lifelong “Teacher-Champions.” More than 2,600 business people recruited to teach a lesson in the classroom were paired with teachers throughout Miami-Dade County



Penny Shaffer, Florida Blue, at Miami Lakes Educational Center

Public Schools since the campaign began. The rewarding experience creates empathy for teachers and students, and a newfound respect for the teaching profession and our public schools.

Using a Walk-a-Thon model, these newly-minted Teacher-Champions tell the story of public education to their friends and colleagues and



Chris Burgess, Assurant, at Southwood Middle School

raise money for the classrooms of participating teachers. Since the program's inception, our Champions have raised more than half a million dollars for public school classrooms throughout Miami-Dade.

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Hector D. Ponte, Wells Fargo, Linda Lecht, The Education Fund, and Hector J. Ponte, Wells Fargo, at Teach-A-Thon Kick Off



Alberto M. Carvalho, Superintendent of Miami-Dade County Public Schools at Teach-A-Thon Kick Off



Jackie Martinez-Sancho, Humana, at Dr. Toni Bilbao Academy



Rachel Sapoznik, Sapoznik Insurance, at North Miami Senior High

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THE EDUCATION FUND THANKS OUR TEACH-A-THON FUNDRAISERS

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Ernest Modock Jr., Ford Motor Company, at Miami Springs Elementary

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Pablo Pino, TD Bank, at American Senior High



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Ana VegaMilton, Jose Milton Foundation, at Alonzo & Tracy Mourning Senior High



Julie Balzano, National Marine Manufacturers Association, at Miami Jackson Senior High

A TASTE OF OUR *Programs*

FOOD FORESTS FOR SCHOOLS

A pioneering initiative that puts almost 32,000 students in the center of sustainable seed-to-table eco-labs, teaching them to plant and cultivate superfoods used in school meals and at home. Children learn healthy eating habits, nutrition, biology, and environmental science, and have the test scores to prove it. Seventy-nine percent of students exposed to these eco-labs have increased their knowledge of science, and more than half improved their eating habits. This program is located in more than 50 neighborhood schools where 92 percent of students lack proper nutrition and fresh foods and who depend on Federal Food Aid. Consequently, 135,205 harvest bags full of fresh

vegetables, fruits, and herbs have gone home with students to share with their families. The Food Forests for Schools initiative is a recipient of the prestigious “Sapphire Award” from the

Blue Foundation for a Healthy Florida and was recognized by the University of South Florida’s College of Public Health for exemplary practice in childhood obesity prevention.



“My daughter brought home kale yesterday, and boy that kale could not have come at a better time,”
said Magile Hart, whose daughter Mya attends Sabal Palm Elementary. “We washed and chopped it up with other vegetables. It was yummy, green and fresh, and our family really enjoyed it.”



A TASTE OF OUR *Programs*

THE OCEAN BANK CENTER FOR EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS

A warehouse full of donated surplus inventory and supplies from the business community made available for free to teachers for use in their classrooms throughout Miami-Dade County. The Center has provided materials worth more than \$10 million, benefiting more than 1 million public school students to date. While teachers in all subjects continually use supplies from our Center for their lessons, teachers in underfunded art programs enjoy special visit days and unique workshops.

With the Center's support, art teachers train students in the art of found objects, transforming the donated materials into amazing pieces of art. Art competitions, exhibits, and The Education Fund's annual *For the Love of Art* charity auction all spring from the Ocean Bank Center, rewarding students for creativity and teamwork.



"It is always an exciting time, every time we enter the warehouse. It's like Alice's Adventures in Wonderland," said art teacher Michael Flaum, who has been an educator for 36 years. "Beads, fabrics, textures, surprises, and the discovery of fantastic materials that stimulate new and exciting art lessons, that is what The Ocean Bank Center brings to the adventurous art teacher! God Bless The Ed Fund. They really fuel our engines and inspire us."

ART OF FOUND OBJECTS EXHIBITION

A display of student and teacher art created from recycled materials from the Ocean Bank Center for Educational Materials and shown on the walls of Ocean Bank's Miami headquarters. Many pieces from the *Art of Found Objects Exhibition* progress to our annual *For the Love of Art Charity Auction*, which raises thousands of dollars that go right back into participating teachers' classrooms to providing needed cash to purchase more art materials.



Erika Reboucas and her fourth and fifth-grade students proudly stand next to their award-winning artwork at The Education Fund's *Art of Found Objects Exhibition*. Their piece was made from fabric scraps, paint, and canvas from the Ocean Bank Center for Educational Materials.

FOR THE LOVE OF ART AUCTION

A highly successful annual event that highlights the essential role of the visual arts in stimulating creativity and academic success for children.

This springtime event supports our public school students by inviting the public to bid on 150+ one-of-a-kind art pieces created by the extraordinary talent in our public schools, and on 100+ luxury items.

All proceeds benefit students in Miami-Dade County Public Schools.



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FOR EXCELLENCE IN MIAMI-DADE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

SMARTPATH

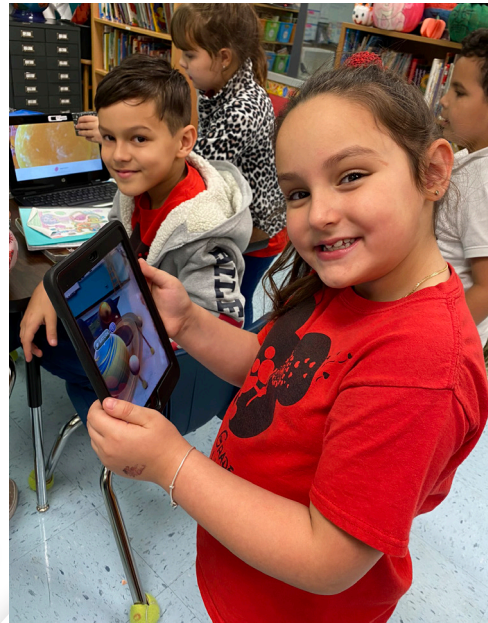
A college-prep and career-readiness program designed to inspire low-income students and those without a family history of attending college to seek postsecondary education. Operating in five underserved high schools, SmartPath includes college clubs that hold weekly meetings for students to research colleges, practice essay writing, learn test-taking skills, and improve study habits. Scheduled field trips inspire students to set career goals and become college bound, while FAFSA workshops help parents and students apply for financial aid. Students participating in SmartPath have shown a 25 percent increase in high school graduation and a 34 percent increase in college enrollment rates, far outpacing gains made by comparison schools and by Miami-Dade County Public Schools overall.



“I learned that I need to balance my life socially, emotionally, and financially. We had lessons during College Club that opened my eyes that in order for me to have a successful career and college experience, I have to take care of myself by setting time for self-care because otherwise I will be constantly drained. My motto this year will be ‘quality over quantity,’” said Jahnee Smith, a student at Miami Jackson Senior High.

IDEAS WITH IMPACT

An initiative that helps teachers create and share best practices for raising student achievement. Mentor teachers train their peers at the annual *Idea EXPO - The Teacher Conference*, attracting over 500 educators for hands-on, teacher-led workshops, featuring innovative ideas with new ways to inspire students. The *Idea EXPO* includes projects that integrate STEM/STEAM into other core subject areas, while also providing free curriculum materials that meet Florida education standards. As a result, 12,500 students annually receive improved instruction from teachers who attend our best-practices training. Ideas with IMPACT also provides grants to teachers for unique, creative classroom projects and materials that enliven and enrich standard curriculum, and motivate students to learn.



“There is nothing more rewarding as an educator than when a student leaves your classroom saying, ‘I would like to be a scientist when I grow up.’ Thanks to The Education Fund’s Innovator Grant, my students experienced the solar system and human body in virtual reality and their reactions were priceless!” said Zeny Ulloa Ed.S., educator at Kendall Lakes Elementary. “The support The Education Fund provides teachers directly increases student engagement and academic success.”

A TASTE OF OUR *Programs*

STUDENT POWER

In our newest initiative, Student Power, high school students participate in either Inter-Club Council, Project Citizen, or UTD Effective Citizenship.

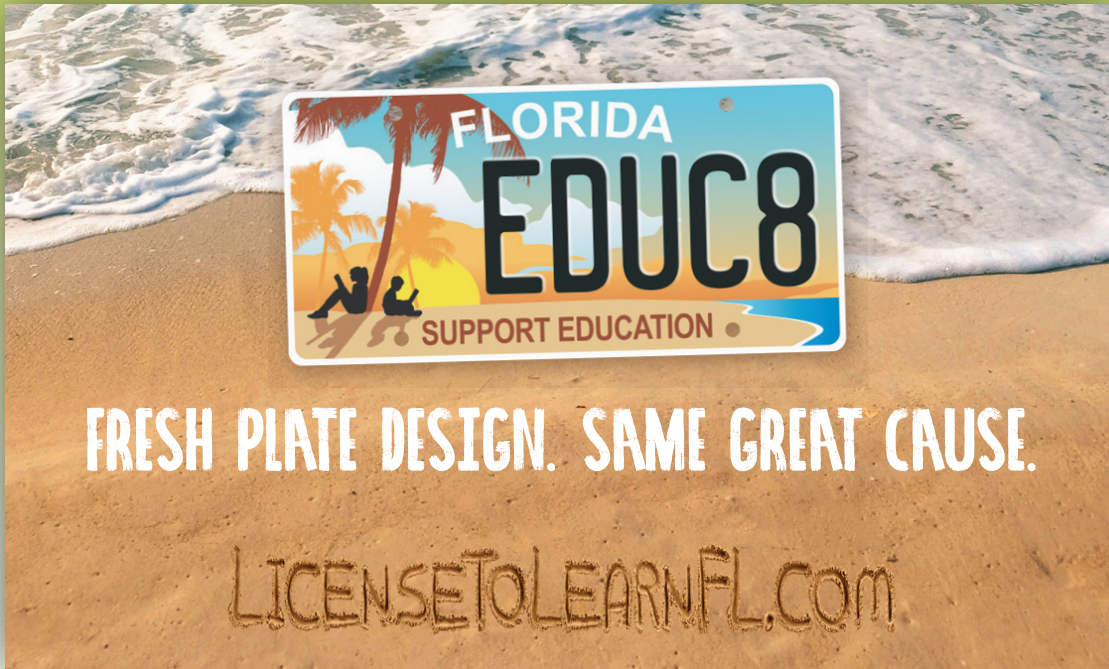
This pilot project includes hands-on education in action civics, including defining a public policy issue that impacts the students, conducting research, identifying the relevant decision makers, building a coalition, engaging the media, and more.

“Through the Student Power project, my students were able to understand the voting processes for local, state, and national elections,” said Natalia Allen, who teaches at iTech @ Thomas A. Edison Educational Center. “In addition they learned the roles that each government entity plays and who to contact with their different concerns, including MDCPS School Board, City Government, State Government, and Federal Government.”



Lemuel R. Moncur's class from Miami Norland Senior High at the Miami-Dade County Mayor's Office and Miami-Dade Board of County Commissioners

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A TASTE OF OUR *Giving*

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The Education Fund's



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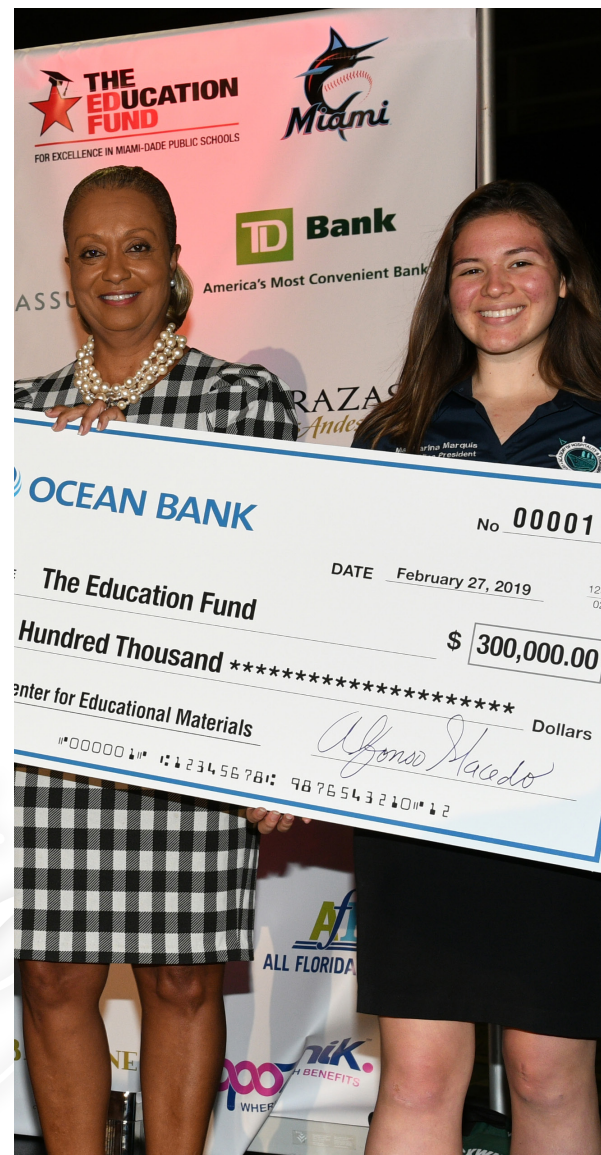
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Please join us in bringing innovation to our public schools and providing resources that open the door for children to learn and to be excited about learning

Make a donation today — online at **www.educationfund.org**, or by calling our office at 305-558-4544 to speak with Linda Lecht or Mimi Pink.

Thank you in advance for making a difference for children in our public schools.



A TASTE OF OUR *Giving*



FOR EXCELLENCE IN MIAMI-DADE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

THE TRIMIX FOUNDATION CHALLENGE – ACHIEVED AND RENEWED

The Community Meets the TriMix Foundation Challenge

At the 30th Anniversary of The Education Fund, David and Gail Mixer made a generous pledge of \$75,000 per year from their TriMix Foundation, challenging all of our supporters to help match their gift \$1 for \$1.

We are proud to report that hundreds of supporters met the challenge. Together, we raised almost a half million dollars to help students reach their dreams.

In Response, David and Gail Mixer Announced a New Pledge – \$100,000 Per Year for Four Years

We are thrilled to announce that David and Gail Mixer pledged anew, due to the outpouring of support for their initial pledge. The Education Fund will receive \$100,000 per year, in years 2019, 2020, 2021, and 2022, as long as our supporters match the TriMix Foundation gift each year \$1 for \$1. Please pledge your support!

We ask that you dig deep into your hearts and your wallets to help us once again, meeting the Mixer's generosity with your own. If you would like any information about pledging or donating, or would like to invite your friends and relatives to join us in meeting this challenge, **call Linda Lecht at 305-558-4544 ext. 105**. You can also visit our website for safe giving options at **www.educationfund.org**.

With your help, we will meet the challenge, helping our students reach their dreams.



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SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR TRIMIX FOUNDATION CHALLENGE DONORS

We are genuinely thankful to David and Gail Mixer and to everyone listed below who helped us meet the challenge. All of you made powerful learning in our public schools possible. Thank you to all!

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