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FOR EXCELLENCE IN MIAMI-DADE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Celebrating 40 Years!



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Congratulations!

Our warmest congratulations
to The Education Fund on
40 impactful years of service
uplifting the students and
educators of Miami-Dade!

With heartfelt appreciation,
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Join The Education Fund as we help our public schools nurture every child's potential.
See what we've accomplished:

- \$86+ million raised for public schools
- 34% increase in students' college enrollment
- 71% of students increased science achievement
- 75% of students improved math knowledge
- 203,000+ students and teachers recognized for their artwork
- \$28+ million in classroom supplies donated, benefiting 4+ million children
- 278,500+ harvest food bags provided to low-income students' families
- 7,300+ Food Forest harvests served in students' cafeteria meals
- \$3.1+ million provided for projects in 5,400+ classrooms
- 3,000+ business professionals recruited to teach for a day and become teacher advocates



The Education Fund Ocean Bank Center For Educational Materials

FOR THE LOVE OF ART

Many of the pieces being auctioned today are made from materials found in The Education Fund Ocean Bank Center for Educational Materials, a warehouse and distribution program operated by Ocean Bank and run by The Education Fund. The Ocean Bank Center collects surplus inventory and supplies from the business community and makes them available for free to Miami-Dade County Public Schools' teachers for their students.

The creative process begins with recycled materials – everything from tools to milk jugs, scrap metal, cardboard tubes, tin foil, acetate, Styrofoam, music CDs, and even thread from water hoses. Equipped with these recycled materials, or “found objects,” students and teachers use their creativity to convert them into works of art such as paintings, drawings, traditional sculptures, mixed-media, and 3-D pieces, many of which are available for purchase today!

Ocean Bank, Frederick A. Deluca Foundation, Peacock Foundation, The Kirk Foundation, Lynn & Louis Wolfson II Family Foundation, Knight Foundation, and Amazon are proud to host The Education Fund's *For the Love of Art Annual Charity Auction & Honoree Celebration*, featuring one-of-a-kind pieces of artwork donated by talented students, teachers, and professional artists.

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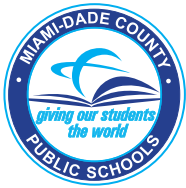
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A MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

of Miami-Dade County Public Schools

In Honor of The Education Fund's 40th Anniversary

DEAR FRIENDS OF EDUCATION,

As we celebrate the remarkable milestone of The Education Fund's 40th anniversary, I am honored to recognize the enduring partnership between Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) and this extraordinary organization. The Education Fund is a leader in innovation and investment in public education, dedicated to ensuring that every student has the tools, opportunities, and guidance needed to succeed.

Through The Education Fund's commitment during the past four decades, hundreds of millions of M-DCPS students and educators have benefitted from groundbreaking programs and vital resources.

Just one shining example from this partnership: A resilience-building initiative trained all 420 M-DCPS principals and 360 counselors and mental health professionals in 2023-24, thanks to our partnership with The Education Fund. This initiative equips our school leaders and counseling staff with the tools to support students' emotional well-being environments where they can thrive academically and personally.

In addition, The Education Fund:

Brings hands-on, real-world learning experiences in math, science, nutrition, and now resiliency to 25,000+ students across 51 of our elementary schools through the Food Forests for Schools program.

Provides free supplies for classrooms (\$28+ million to date), starting in the wake of Hurricane Andrew and continuing today, providing 4+ million students with the essential resources they need.

Recruits business professionals (3,000+ to date) to teach for a day in our classrooms and advocate for teachers, while opening children's eyes to new futures.

Recognizes, trains, and provides grants to teachers (\$3.1 million to date) to implement innovative teaching methods, impacting more than 5,400 classrooms and driving student achievement.

Ensures high school students (8,000+ annually) have access to additional college and career activities and counseling.

Affords students (5,000+ to date) in the culinary and visual arts with career experiences and provides their classrooms with additional resources to improve learning.

Launched innovative programs including a principals' training program that received national accolades, and an initiative that provided 10,000 computers to students for home use, which laid the foundation for the district's ability to ensure every student had a home computer during the pandemic.

In all, The Education Fund has raised \$86+ million dollars for Miami-Dade County Public Schools. The Education Fund's visionary leadership and collaborative spirit have made a lasting impact on Miami-Dade County Public Schools, ensuring students and educators have the resources and support they need to excel.

Thank you to The Education Fund for 40 incredible years of service and to all those who have supported their mission. As we look to the future, I am confident that our partnership will continue to transform lives and strengthen our community.

With gratitude,
Dr. Jose L. Dotres
Superintendent

Miami-Dade County Public Schools

2025 Public School Alumni Achievement Awards

The Education Fund is proud to honor the following highly accomplished alumni who graduated from public schools. Our Public School Alumni Achievement Awardees demonstrate clearly that a K-12 quality public education can be a path to greatness.

Please join us in thanking all of the individuals for their continuing belief in public education and for their commitment to our public schools.

Dr. Margo Brilliant, DDS | Orthodontist Drs. Brilliant, Rothenberg & Meister



Annapolis Senior High School graduate Dr. Margo Brilliant has transformed smiles and lives throughout Miami for more than four decades. As the first local orthodontist to volunteer for “Our Kids,” she provides pro bono care to young adults aging out of foster care—just one facet of her community

commitment. Dr. Brilliant’s involvement with Women of Tomorrow, Greater Miami Jewish Federation, Keshet, and JAFPC extends her impact further. Dr. Brilliant’s legacy continues through her daughters—one joining her orthodontic practice, the other serving as a physician assistant. She cherishes time with her five beloved grandchildren between patient appointments and charitable work.

Rob Canales | Chief Strategy Officer THE 3RD EYE



A Miami Sunset Senior High School graduate, Rob Canales transforms raw ideas into strategic gold as Chief Strategy Officer at THE 3RD EYE. He masterfully aligns consumer needs, brand objectives, and business success while crafting compelling stories from data points that drive behavioral

change. Rob’s remarkable decade-long journey from intern to CSO spans multiple disciplines, giving him a unique perspective across the agency. His vision for advertising’s future transcends traditional roles, blurring the lines between departments and function. This collaborative approach has become Rob’s signature leadership style and a cornerstone of his success.

Efy DiStefano | Vice President of Tax | Watsco, Inc.



Born in Cyprus and arriving in Miami at age six, Efy DiStefano is a proud Miami Sunset Senior High School alumna and first-generation college graduate with a Bachelor of Accounting from FIU and a Juris Doctor from the University of Miami. A tax expert for over 30 years, Efy currently serves as Vice President of Tax at Watsco, Inc., a Fortune 500 company and the largest HVAC distributor in the U.S. with locations across North America. She has developed expertise in corporate tax planning, mergers and acquisitions, and tax preparation while building a life in South Florida with her husband of 30 years and their two college-aged children.

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Raymond Dueñas | Director of Community Affairs Miami Herald & El Nuevo Herald



As Director of Community Affairs at the Miami Herald and El Nuevo Herald, Raymond Dueñas oversees pivotal programs recognizing student excellence across South Florida, including the Silver Knight Awards and Miami Herald Spelling Bee. The Coral Gables Senior High School alumnus was recognized as a

2024 James McClatchy Awards Recipient, honoring those working behind the scenes in newsrooms doing mission-critical work. A University of Florida graduate, Raymond channels his leadership talents through numerous community organizations: Leadership Miami's Strategic Impact Committee, United Way Miami's Young Leaders, and sitting on boards for Girl Scouts of Tropical Florida and UF's Hispanic Alumni Association.

Michael Hankerson | President & Founder Dotted Line Music, Corp. & Dotted Line Foundation



For more than a decade, Michael Hankerson has electrified crowds as DJ M Dot, the Florida Marlins' official DJ (2007-2009), and in his current position as Miami HEAT's official DJ since 2020. This Miami Sunset Senior High School graduate has built an impressive career that extends beyond sports arenas—

touring with platinum artists, including Jamie Foxx, Kelly Rowland, Lyfe Jennings, and Brooke Hogan. Established in 2024 and launching in 2025, The Dotted Line Foundation creates youth music education programs and mentorship opportunities. Michael's "Moving the Masses" philosophy drives his performances and philanthropic work supporting underserved communities and organizations, including the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

Bill Duquette | CEO Baptist Health, South Miami Hospital



Bill Duquette, a Palmetto Senior High School graduate, serves as CEO of South Miami Hospital. Mr. Duquette oversees this 432-bed facility within Baptist Health South Florida—the region's largest not-for-profit healthcare organization. With three decades of healthcare expertise, Bill directs 2,000+ employees, 1,460 physicians,

and 150 volunteers. Previously, he led Homestead Hospital during his 28-year tenure there. His community leadership includes former South Dade Chamber of Commerce and ChamberSouth chairmanships, plus board service with AGAPE, Three Virtues Organization, and South Florida Evaluation and Treatment Center. Bill holds a Master's in Public Health from UNC-Chapel Hill and is a University of Miami alumnus. He and his wife, Gladis, live in Coral Gables and have an adult daughter.

Dr. Maryam Laguna Borrego | Senior Vice President & COO/COS | Miami Dade College



As Senior Vice President and Chief Operating Officer/Chief of Staff to the President at Miami Dade College, Dr. Maryam Laguna Borrego leverages her decade-long career as a strategist and consensus builder to advance education as society's great equalizer. As a strategic leader for Government Affairs, Cultural Affairs, and

The Idea Center, Maryam spearheads innovative programs like the Miami Film Festival and the Miami Book Fair. She's currently orchestrating two landmark projects: the Freedom Tower's 2025 reopening and the Historic Dyer Courthouse transformation. Maryam is a proud Barbara Goleman Senior High School graduate who holds master's and bachelor's degrees from the University of Florida and a Doctorate of Higher Education Leadership from the University of Miami.

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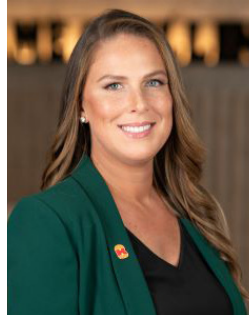
Dr. Michael Lewis | Deputy Superintendent Miami-Dade County Public Schools



Born to Haitian immigrants who sought a better life in the Bahamas and later the United States, Dr. Lewis learned perseverance firsthand. This North Miami Beach Senior High School graduate transformed athletic achievements in football and track into college scholarships, culminating in a doctorate from William and

Mary. Now Deputy Superintendent of Miami-Dade County Public Schools, he has risen through numerous positions in America's third-largest school district. Dr. Lewis works to ensure that all students, regardless of their background, access quality education, preparing them for success. Beyond his professional role, this Omega Psi Phi member serves the community through programs like 5000 Role Models of Excellence.

Katie Lewis | Executive Director Burger King Foundation



As Executive Director of the Burger King Foundation, Katie Lewis drives transformative change, raising a record \$9.1 million in 2024 for scholarships and launching the "Crown a Classroom" initiative that equips more than 100,000 students with vital school supplies. This Miami native and Miami Southridge Senior High School

graduate previously served as Assistant Vice President of Tocqueville & Major Gifts at United Way of Miami-Dade, where she cultivated major donations, managed endowment gifts, and collaborated with board members and community partners while developing strategic fundraising campaigns. Katie holds a bachelor's degree from the University of Miami, complemented by an MBA from Florida International University.

Marile Lopez | President Marile & Jorge Luis Lopez, Esq Family Foundation



Marile Lopez has built a remarkable legacy of community impact spanning decades. She founded Maria Elena Headpieces—a multimillion-dollar global bridal accessory company—before becoming Chief Financial Officer at Jorge Luis Lopez Law Firm in 2006. This South Miami Senior High School alumna chairs Florida

International University's Steven J. Green School Advisory Council and led Miami Children's Hospital Foundation's \$150 million "Together for the Children" campaign. Miami Dade College inducted Marile into their Hall of Fame, and she received the FIU Torch Award and Archdiocese of Miami's Women of Faith award. With an MBA from the University of Phoenix, she balances community service while raising five children in Coconut Grove.

Elena Otero | Partner McDermott Will & Emery



A sought-after legal strategist, Elena "Eli" Otero maintains a sophisticated dual practice, advising real estate developers, investors, and ultra-high-net-worth individuals across complex property transactions. Her expertise spans buying, selling, development, construction, and joint ventures across all property types. Eli

skillfully integrates property investments into broader wealth management and family succession plans and creates specialized purchase structures that protect client identities when discretion is paramount. Her meticulous attention to market trends and transaction details ensures success even in challenging real estate ventures. Eli's distinguished career began at G. Holmes Braddock Senior High School.

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Eric Poms | CEO Orange Bowl Committee



Three decades of leadership in collegiate athletics define Eric Poms, who became the Orange Bowl Committee's Chief Executive Officer in 2006. His leadership has guided the organization through significant milestones—including the transition to the College Football Playoff, hosting eight national championship games, and

securing the 2021 and 2026 CFP National Championships for South Florida. After graduating from Miami Killian Senior High School and earning bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Florida, Mr. Poms gained experience at the Blockbuster Bowl and the University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Beyond football, he strengthens OBC's community impact through youth sports, education, and legacy programs. Eric resides in Weston with his wife, Krista, and their three children.

Richard I. Segal, Esq. | Co-Founding Partner Rottenstreich Farley Bronstein & Fisher Potter Hodas LLP



Richard I. Segal, a Miami Beach Senior High graduate and third-generation local, is a founding partner at national litigation boutique RFB + Fisher Potter Hodas, focusing on complex matrimonial and business disputes. As Chairman of the Miami Beach Chamber of Commerce, he brings a decade of service to the organization.

Previously, Miami Beach city commissioners and former mayors appointed him to the Board of Adjustment, which he chaired for two years. Richard earned his undergraduate degree from the University of Michigan in three years with honors and graduated cum laude from the University of Miami School of Law.

Guillermo Santa Cruz | President Homestead-Miami Speedway



Guillermo Santa Cruz brings three decades of media, sports, and entertainment expertise to his role as President of Homestead-Miami Speedway. Before joining NASCAR in July 2024, this Southwest Miami Senior High School alumnus served as IMG's Vice President for Latin America, Mexico, and U.S. Hispanic markets,

negotiating deals for the English FA, Major League Soccer, and Inter Miami CF. Guillermo's career includes a White House appointment as General Manager of the U.S. Office of Cuba Broadcasting and leadership roles at Telemundo Network, enhancing Olympic Games and Liga MX coverage. This Emmy Award and Edward R. Murrow Award winner graduated Magna Cum Laude from Florida State University with additional certifications from Harvard Business School and the University of Miami.

Dr. Marie Sandra Severe | CEO | Jackson North Medical Center | Jackson Health System



Healthcare leadership defines Dr. Marie "Sandra" Severe, who serves as senior vice president and chief executive officer of Jackson North Medical Center. Overseeing this 382-bed acute care facility in North Miami Beach—part of Jackson Health System—Dr. Severe manages operations serving communities across two counties. The

Miami native and G. Holmes Braddock Senior High School alumna brings to her role a PhD in Public Health and Disease Prevention from Florida International University, plus a Master of Public Health and Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from Tulane University. When not directing hospital operations, Dr. Severe shapes future healthcare leaders as an adjunct professor at Florida Atlantic University's College of Business.



Forty Years of Giving!

WITH GRATITUDE FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

As we celebrate the 40th Anniversary of The Education Fund, we look back at 40 years of philanthropy and dedication to our mission: to maximize every child's potential and ensure that each one graduates with every opportunity for success. The pathway to 40 years of success begins and ends with community, from family foundations, corporations, and companies, to organizations and individuals. Thank you to these dedicated civic and corporate leaders who believe in the power of public education, in the ability of our public school educators and leaders, and the work of The Education Fund.

For more information or to make a pledge, please contact
Linda Barrocas at 786-734-6099 or lbarrocas@educationfund.org.

Together, we can ensure Miami-Dade County Public Schools' students thrive!

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For 40 extraordinary years, Miami-Dade County Public Schools' visionary superintendents, School Board members, staff, dedicated educators, and other committed professionals have worked alongside The Education Fund to ensure every student in Miami-Dade County Public Schools thrives. While too numerous to name individually, their collective impact has transformed countless young lives through our shared mission.

The Art of Our Programs

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Our 11,000-square-foot warehouse is where teachers shop for free, filling their classrooms not only with art supplies and creative teaching aids but also with pencils, pens, paper, books, and other essentials we take for granted. As teachers and students depend on us, we depend on businesses to donate their surplus supplies, remnants, leftovers, excess inventory, and materials. When your company donates, students benefit by having the resources needed to learn, and your business profits through a tax deduction of up to 200 percent.

By donating supplies or materials, you help teachers continue to develop our greatest resource: our children's future.

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- 4+ million students benefitted

Special thanks to the donors who join with Ocean Bank in supporting this program including Frederick A. DeLuca Foundation, Peacock Foundation, The Kirk Foundation, Amazon, Lynn & Louis Wolfson II Family Foundation, and other donors.



"It is always exciting to visit The Education Fund Ocean Bank Center for Educational Materials and see what cool materials I'll find for the classroom. On my last visit, I was able to get a box of reusable goggles for my scientists in class. Prior to that, I have been able to get poster paper, Expo markers, pouches, and so much more. I cannot wait for my six months to pass so I can once again go find new treasures for my students. Thank you to all the donors for making this possible, every little bit helps!"

Stephanie Trenholm
Dr. Toni Bilbao Preparatory Academy

The Process

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- Call The Education Fund at 786-510-1017 to discuss your company's donation and arrange for delivery or pickup
- Become eligible for up to a 200 percent tax deduction under IRS section 170(e)(3)
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- To shop for free, please complete a pass application online at www.educationfund.org
- Visit the Ocean Bank Center on the pass day and fill a shopping cart of supplies
- Complete a one-page report detailing how the supplies were used
- Request another pass every six months

Nonprofits serving our public school students can also access supplies.
Email Jocelyn Salazar at jsalazar@educationfund.org.



Conservation Visionary Award



The Education Fund is proud to award our
40th Anniversary – Conservation Visionary Award to Ocean Bank for unwavering support in ensuring businesses' excess inventory is recycled, reused, and re-purposed into learning tools for millions of public school students in Miami-Dade.

As the founding patron and longtime signatory for more than 33 years of The Education Fund Ocean Bank Center for Educational Materials, Ocean Bank empowers teachers and transforms students' lives across Miami-Dade.

We thank Ocean Bank for its outstanding commitment to education, sustainability, and community progress.



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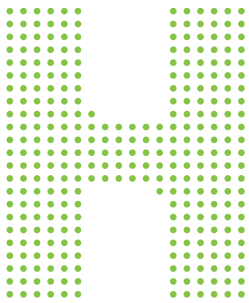
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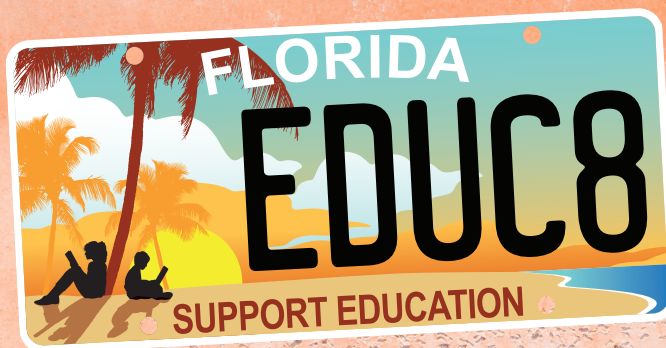
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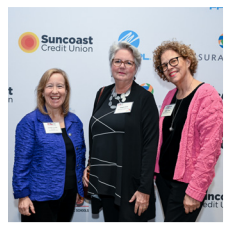


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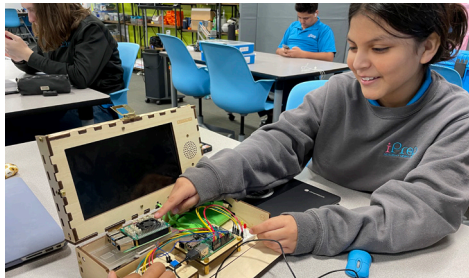


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IDEAS WITH IMPACT

This initiative helps teachers raise student achievement! Mentor teachers train their peers at the annual Idea EXPO, attracting over 500 educators for hands-on, teacher-led workshops, featuring innovative ideas with new ways to inspire students. The Idea EXPO includes projects for all grade levels and all subject areas, with free curriculum materials that meet Florida education standards. As a result, 40,000+ students annually receive improved instruction from teachers who attend our Idea EXPO. Ideas with IMPACT also provides grants to teachers for unique, creative classroom projects and materials that enliven and enrich the standard curriculum. Most recently, Ideas with IMPACT has provided grants for environmental conservation, classroom management, and robotics.

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“The grants I’ve received helped me purchase robotics kits and create exciting learning activities that my kids absolutely love. My kids are learning programming languages with real-world applications such as cyber defense, game development, virtual reality, problem-solving, and critical thinking - all of which will help them succeed in whatever career they choose.” Michael Sakowicz, iPrep Academy North

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To raise awareness of the needs in our public school classrooms, The Education Fund implements the Teach-A-Thon. During this countywide campaign, business professionals walk in the shoes of a teacher, teaching an actual lesson or two!

It's not career day. Instead, business leaders experience what is happening in our public schools -- seeing the needs, struggles, and joys. Since the campaign began, we recruited more than 3,000+ business professionals to teach in Miami-Dade County Public Schools. This 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 'Public School Champions' tell the story of public education to their friends and colleagues to raise funds for the participating classrooms and other programs of The Education Fund. Since the program's inception, our Champions have raised \$700,000+ to support our public schools.

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FOOD FORESTS FOR SCHOOLS

This pioneering initiative puts more than 28,000 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, environmental science, and other topics and have the test scores to prove it. Seventy-one percent of students exposed to these eco-labs have increased their science knowledge, and more than half improved their eating habits. In partnership with the Florida Department of Education and Miami-Dade County Public Schools, The Education Fund added a new Resiliency component to its Food Forests for Schools program to teach persistence, teamwork, empathy, and other skills that support healthy adolescent development.

To help students and their families, we've also distributed 278,000+ harvest bags full of fresh produce. Food Forests for Schools is an awardee of grants from TD Bank, Frederick A. DeLuca Foundation, Braman Family Foundation, The Jorge M. Pérez Family Foundation, The Batchelor Foundation, Life Time Foundation, USDA, Humana, and other donors.



“My students have shared the various ways their families use plantain trees based on their culture. We have learned that some families use the large leaves to cook, and some boil the plantain fruit based on the country. They are all very interested in the different preparations and can’t wait to try the new recipes they have learned!”

The Art of Our Programs

SMARTPATH

The Education Fund's SmartPath aims to embed a college-going culture in high schools, empowering low-income and first-generation students to graduate and successfully prepare for college and careers. SmartPath is changing the lives of students in five public senior high schools in Miami- Dade who attend weekly College Clubs to research colleges and improve study habits. College and technical school field trips inspire students to set career goals, while FAFSA workshops help parents and students apply for financial aid. Our pilot schools achieved a 34% increase in college enrollment, and since our expansion in 2013, there has been a 21% increase in college enrollment rates across all SmartPath schools. Thank you to Miami-Dade County, Valley Bank, and Miami Bayside Foundation for their support.



“This was such a great experience! I’ve learned so much through the college and career club and now visiting colleges. With the support of the club and our meetings, I feel like I have a chance to succeed after high school. Thank you for bringing us here!”
said a student, Booker T. Washington Senior High School.

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