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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 28 dishes to compete for top prizes and impress more than 300 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 M-DCPS' culinary students**
- **Raises money for public school culinary programs**



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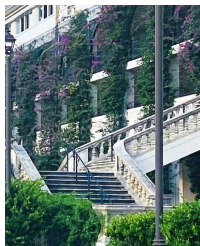
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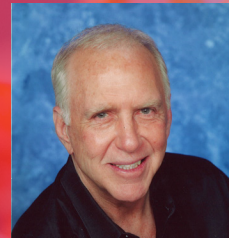
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Featured Menu

We invite guests to vote for the "People's Choice" Awards, sponsored by



MEAT

- Garlic Mashed Cauliflower with Roasted Pork and Pickled Red Onions
-
- Jerk Chicken Sushi
-
- Maple Pineapple Glaze Chicken Lollipop with Jalapeño Dusted Waffle
-
- Pineapple Chicken Kabobs
-
- Slow & Low Street Tacos
-
- Thai Sweet Soy Chicken
-
- Tropical Pork Delight

SEAFOOD

- Bang Bang Salmon Tacos
-
- Cheddar Bay Biscuit Snapper Sliders
-
- Corvina Ceviche
-
- Mtuiz wa Samaki (*Fish Curry*)
-
- Seared Cod with Sprouts, Prawn Crisps, Ginger, and Citrus
-
- Smokey Shrimp Sweet Kabob
-
- Vietnamese Shrimp Spring Rolls

VEGETARIAN

- Cauliflower Burger with Goat Cheese & Date Jam on a Brioche Bun
-
- Cold Sesame Noodles
-
- Fruit and Vegetable Sando
-
- Israeli Couscous with a Red Pepper Coulis
-
- Mysterious Stuffed Mushroom
-
- Shenron Sushi Roll
-
- Vivacious Caribbean Veggie Stew

DESSERT

- Chocolate Caramel Nougat
-
- Coconut Panna Cotta with Mango Compote
-
- Egg Custard Tart with Fresh Fruit Tanghulu & Crunchy Meringue Drop
-
- Key Lime Shooter
-
- Paradise Cakes
-
- Strawberry Filled Nutella Cupcakes
-
- Torrijas Cubanas

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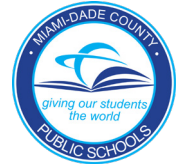
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ABOUT THE EDUCATION FUND WHERE INNOVATION IS FUNDAMENTAL

A Taste of What We Do

- Impact more than 328,500 students in all 470+ 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



FOR EXCELLENCE IN MIAMI-DADE PUBLIC SCHOOLS



Teach-A-Thon

A Taste of Our Accomplishments

- 34% increase in students' college enrollment
- 67% improvement in students' science scores
- \$72 million+ raised for public schools
- \$1.1 million awarded to school art programs
- 200,000+ students and teachers recognized for their artwork
- \$18 million in classroom supplies donated, benefiting 1 million children
- 221,161+ harvest food bags provided to low-income students' families
- 5,600+ Food Forest harvests served in students' cafeteria meals
- \$2.9 million+ provided for projects in more than 5,138 classrooms
- 18,000 teachers encouraged to use and share best practices
- 2,728 business professionals recruited to teach for a day and become teacher advocates



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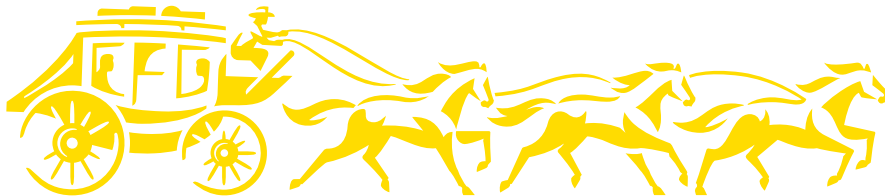




Impossible.

When we invest in our communities, we help turn impossible challenges into possible solutions. By sharing, growing, and encouraging, we can create a “can-do” spirit for our communities.

The Education Fund, we proudly celebrate the success of your commitment and service to the community.



**WELLS
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A TASTE OF OUR Programs

THE TEACH-A-THON

presented by Wells Fargo

Great Teachers = Student Achievement

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 2,700 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.



Chef Paulette Bilsky, @the305chef, at Miami Jackson Senior High

Using a Walk-a-Thon model, these 'Education 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 more than half a million dollars to support our public schools.



Angela Burgess, Assurant, at Southridge Senior High

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



Rachel Sapoznik, Sapozik Insurance, A World Company, speaking at the Teach-A-Thon Kick-Off



Chris Burgess, Assurant, at Southwood Middle School



Nick Tootle, Kaufman Rossin, at Kensington Park Elementary



Julie Balzano, Marine Max, at Miami Jackson Senior High

A TASTE OF OUR Programs

THE EDUCATION FUND THANKS OUR TEACH-A-THON FUNDRAISERS

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Angela Burgess
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Paulette Bilsky-Phillips
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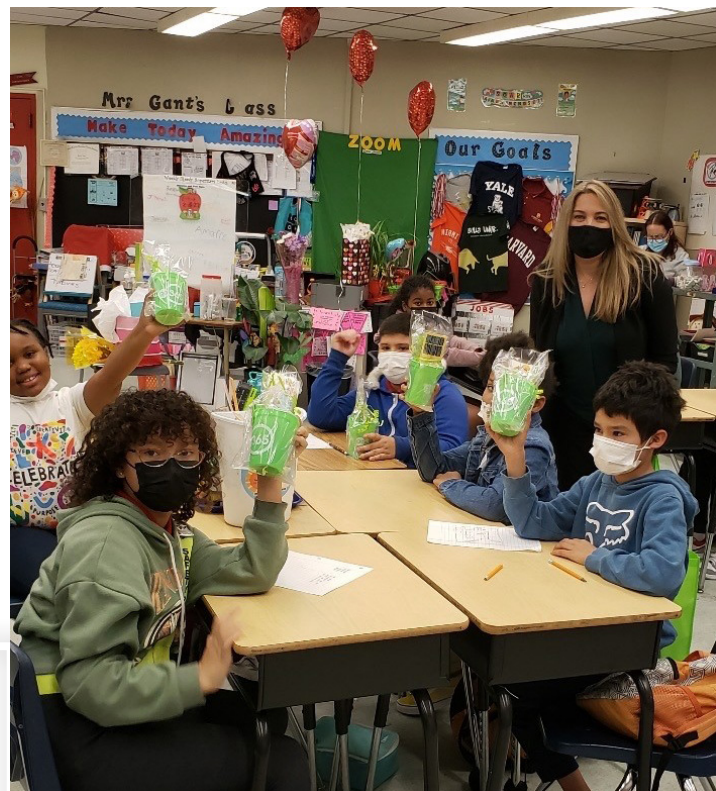
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Jackie Martinez-Sancho, Humana, at Lake Stevens Elementary



Hector J. Ponte, Wells Fargo, at Somerset Academy Preparatory



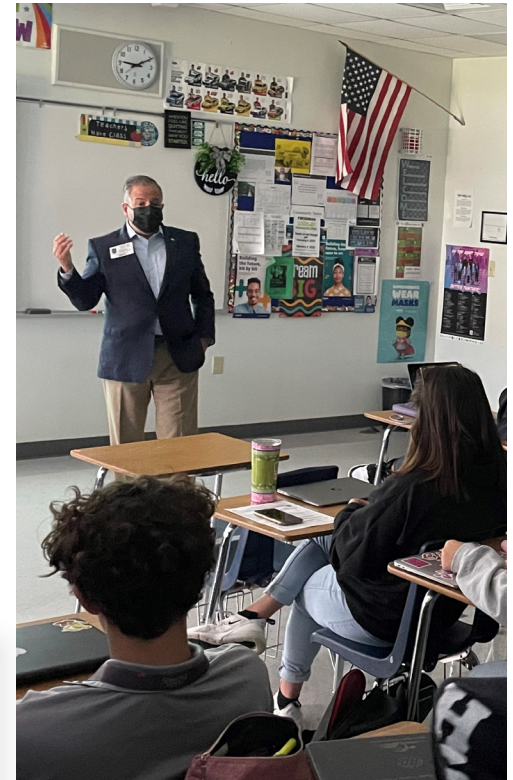
Yasmine Gahed, South Florida Business Journal, at The SEED School of Miami



Danny Marks, Metro Ford, at Miami Jackson Senior High



Chef Ralph Pagano, Naked Taco, at Miami Springs Senior High



Pablo J. Pino, TD Bank, at Cutler Bay Senior High

A TASTE OF OUR Programs

FOOD FORESTS FOR SCHOOLS

This pioneering initiative puts almost 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, biology, and environmental science, and have the test scores to prove it. Sixty-seven 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 depend on Federal Food Aid.

“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!”

To help students and their families, we’ve distributed 220,000+ harvest bags full of fresh produce. Food Forests for Schools is an awardee of grants from U.S. EPA, USDA, and many foundations, plus is a recipient of

the prestigious “Sapphire Award” from the Blue Foundation and was recognized by the University of South Florida’s College of Public Health for exemplary practice in childhood obesity prevention.





A TASTE OF OUR Programs

THE OCEAN BANK CENTER FOR EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS

This student lifeline solicits surplus inventory from businesses and makes these supplies available — for free — to teachers, schools, and non-profits to help public school students and their families throughout Miami-Dade County. Since inception, more than 2.5 million students benefitted from more than \$18 million in materials distributed. Teachers in all subjects continually use supplies from the Ocean Bank Center to enhance lessons. Additionally, art teachers enjoy special visit days and unique workshops to teach the art of found objects, transforming the donated materials into amazing pieces of art.



"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

ART OF FOUND OBJECTS EXHIBITION

Annually, we display, jury, and award prizes for student and teacher art, created from recycled materials from the Ocean Bank Center. Many pieces from the **Art of Found Objects Exhibition** progress to our annual **For the Love of Art** Charity Auction. This event raises thousands of dollars that fund participating classrooms, enabling art teachers to provide a better arts education to students.



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

This highly successful annual event, presented by Ocean Bank, highlights the essential role of visual arts in stimulating creativity and academic success for children. More than 400 business leaders, philanthropists, and collectors attend, bidding on 150+ one-of-a-kind art pieces created by the extraordinary talent in our public schools, and on 100+ luxury items. Additionally, we honor successful public school alumni, demonstrating how much you can achieve with a public school education.



A TASTE OF OUR Programs

SMARTPATH

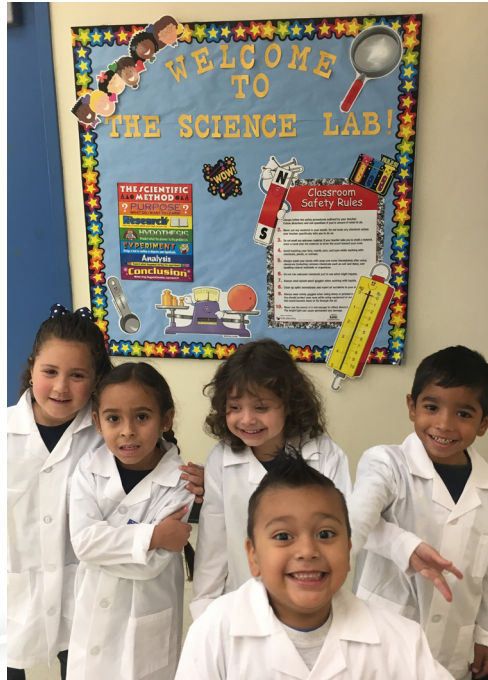
Inspiring all students to create a college and career mentality and explore a post-secondary education is the goal of the program. Operating in five underserved high schools, SmartPath includes college clubs that hold weekly meetings for students to research colleges, practice essay writing, learn test-taking 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. Evaluations show participating students have a 25% increase in high school graduation and a 34 % increase in college enrollment.



“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 at Booker T. Washington Senior High School.

IDEAS WITH IMPACT

This initiative helps teachers raise 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 for all grade levels and all subject areas, with free curriculum materials that meet Florida education standards. As a result, 12,500 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 standard curriculum. Since the onset of COVID-19, Ideas with Impact provided free, interactive distance learning webinars for more than 5,138 teachers. Most recently, Ideas with IMPACT has provided grants for student-led podcasts and music education.



“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 which will help them succeed in whatever career they choose.” Michael Sacowicz, Barbara Goleman High School.

A TASTE OF OUR Giving

WE ARE PROUD TO SHARE OUR MILLION DOLLAR NEWS!

This \$1 million USD grant from the TD Ready Challenge will help us take a huge step forward in how we use our outdoor Eco-labs, expanding the power of these outdoor forest classrooms to significantly accelerate math knowledge and performance.

“As the first-ever \$1 million USD TD Ready Challenge recipient here in the U.S., we are incredibly thankful for all The Education Fund does in our local community and can’t wait to see the impact this support will create. Congratulations on this incredible accomplishment.”

Nick Miceli, Regional President for
Metro Florida at TD Bank



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In addition to businesses of all sizes and corporate foundations, we collaborate with family foundations, private foundations, government entities (federal, state, and county currently), and with individuals, including YOU!

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.

Support a program 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



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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, 2019-2022, as long as our supporters matched the TriMix Foundation gift each year \$1 for \$1. This \$400,000 pledge is a wonderful commitment David and Gail made due to the outpouring of support for their initial pledge. We are proud to report that with many individuals' support (please see list), we received \$100,000 per year for each of 2019, 2020, 2021.

Now we need to match the pledge for 2022!
Please pledge your support for 2022, and hopefully for four more years beyond!

We ask that you dig deep into your hearts and your wallets to help us once again. For information about pledging or donating to join us in meeting this challenge, **call Linda Lecht at 305-558-4544 ext. 105**. You can also visit www.educationfund.org.

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





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!

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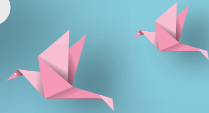
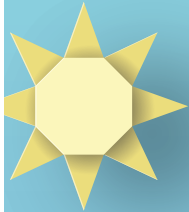
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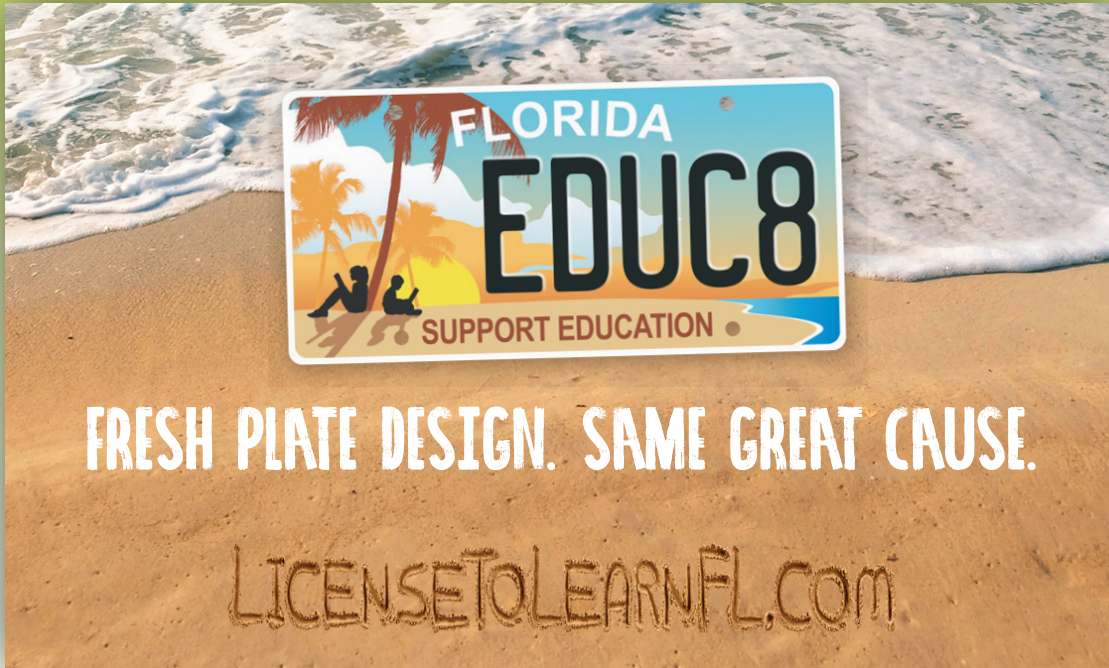
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