2019
25th Annual
Art Exhibition
Celebrating the 25th Anniversary of the Ocean Bank Center

Ocean Bank Center for Educational Materials
A Program of the Education Fund

Ocean Bank

The Education Fund
For Excellence in Miami-Dade Public Schools
The Education Fund’s
Ocean Bank Center for Educational Materials
25th Annual Art Exhibition

Each year, as part of their commitment to the community and its children, Ocean Bank and The Education Fund sponsor the “Art of Found Objects” exhibit for students in the Miami-Dade County Public Schools system. This exhibit features children’s and teachers’ artwork created with materials recycled from the Ocean Bank Center for Educational Materials.

The purpose of The Education Fund’s Ocean Bank Center for Educational Materials art exhibition is to show the many creative ways that items found in the Ocean Bank Center can be used. Through this unique exhibit, children learn to work individually and in teams on projects. They gain self-respect from seeing that their artwork is worthy of being displayed. Students receive the encouragement they need from a teacher in whose class they excel, and they take the success of winning an award and translate it into other subject areas in school. Art has a profound influence on children’s lives and our program helps expand that influence.

Special Thanks to Ocean Bank

This year, The Education Fund’s Ocean Bank Center for Educational Materials celebrates its 25th Anniversary thanks to our signature sponsor, Ocean Bank. Ocean Bank, a pillar in the community, is committed to our school children, ensuring they have the supplies needed to learn through their named sponsorship of the Ocean Bank Center, its art exhibit and its art auction. In addition to sponsoring the Ocean Bank Center for Educational Materials for a quarter century, Ocean Bank recently announced a new generous 3-year gift to keep the Ocean Bank Center going strong. With Ocean Bank’s help, the Center will continue as a lifeline upon which teachers can depend, and their students can flourish. The partnership between Ocean Bank, The Education Fund, and Miami-Dade County Public Schools will persevere to be an overwhelming success, working to provide every child with the best education possible.

The Education Fund is privileged to see Ocean Bank’s support rewarded every day through the eyes of grateful teachers visiting the well-stocked aisles of the Ocean Bank Center and, ultimately, the students who are using these materials in their classrooms.
The Education Fund’s
Ocean Bank Center for Educational Materials
2019 Art Exhibition Awards Reception

WELCOME

A. Alfonso Macedo
President & CEO, Ocean Bank

Linda Lecht
President, The Education Fund

EMCEE

Jason Mizrachi
Board Member, The Education Fund
Director, Strategic Partnerships & Business Development
Univision Communications Inc.

AWARDS PRESENTATION

The Education Fund wishes to thank
Jonathan Symons, The Children’s Trust,
TriMix Foundation, and Myrna and Sheldon Palley
for their support of this event;
Jerry’s Artarama for their donation of gift bags;
Greater Miami Convention and Visitors Bureau for printing
the program books; and the art contest judges for their
help with selecting this year’s winners.

Photos of artwork by Juan E. Cabrera.

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ELEME NTARY SCHOOL WINNERS

Grand Prize

Dots the Dragon
Group Project
Grade: 5
School: Jack D. Gordon Elementary
Art Teacher: Michael Flaum

Best of the Best

Seahorse's Hoard
Group Project
Grade: 5
School: Pinecrest Academy South
Art Teacher: Erika Reboucas

Award of Merit

Gum Ball Machines
Group Project
Grade: 5
School: Twin Lakes Elementary
Art Teacher: Jason Wright
Honorable Mention

*Live, Laugh, Love, Believe*
Group Project
**Grades:** 2-5
**School:** Royal Green Elementary
**Art Teacher:** Yvonne Casanova-Mercado

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Honorable Mention

*American Identity*
Group Project
**Grades:** 2-5
**School:** South Point Elementary
**Art Teacher:** Rachel Silver
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL WINNERS

Honorable Mention

Marilyn
Group Project
Grade: 5
School: Jack D. Gordon Elementary
Art Teacher: Michael Flaum

Honorable Mention

The Curious Garden
Group Project
Grade: 5
School: Pinecrest Academy South
Art Teacher: Erika Reboucas
MIDDLE SCHOOL WINNERS

Grand Prize

_Hanger Horsefly Habitat_

Roman Alfaro  
**Grade:** 6  
**School:** True North Classical Academy  
**Art Teacher:** Sara Alfaro

Best of the Best

_Circle of Life_

Lauren Moya  
**Grade:** 6  
**School:** Jorge Mas Canosa Middle  
**Art Teacher:** Elizabeth Hernandez
Honorable Mention

**Hot Dog**
Marilyn Casanova
Grade: 8
School: Ponce de Leon Middle School
Art Teacher: Ana Izquierdo

Award of Merit

**Tree Enlightened**
Isaac Jimenez,
Kaitlyn Wilson,
Brandon Durar
Grade: 8
School: True North Classical Academy
Art Teacher: Sara Alfaro
Honorable Mention

**Characters**
Group Project
**Grades:** 9-12
**School:** Youth Co-Op Charter
**Art Teacher:** Stephanie Rodriguez

Honorable Mention

**Ocean Paradise**
Group Project
**Grades:** 6-8
**School:** Kinloch Park Middle
**Art Teacher:** Katia Jimenez

Honorable Mention

**Founding Cities**
Juliette Riveron
**Grade:** 7
**School:** Miami Arts Studio 6 - 12 at Zelda Glazer
**Art Teacher:** Brian Reedy
SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL WINNERS

Grand Prize
Four Tear Drops
Joanna French
Grade: 12
School: Cutler Bay Academy of Advanced Studies
Art Teacher: Frederic Gabriel

Best of the Best
Party
By: Rashel Garcia Padron
Grade: 10
School: Miami Springs Senior High
Art Teacher: Beth Goldstein

Award of Merit
Eyes Around Me
Ashley Castandeda
Grade: 12
School: Robert Morgan Educational Center & Technical College
Art Teacher: Susan Feliciano
Honorable Mention

*Esperanza: A Float of Hope*

Group Project

**Grades:** 10-12

**School:** G. Holmes Braddock
Senior High

**Art Teacher:** Mortimer Hechevarria

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Honorable Mention

*Campbell's Soup Can*

Group Project

**Grades:** 9-12

**School:** Cutler Bay Academy of Advanced Studies

**Art Teacher:** Frederic Gabriel
Honorable Mention

Spring Flowers
Karine Rodriguez
Grade: 11
School: Miami Springs Senior High
Art Teacher: Beth Goldstein

Honorable Mention

Coy Shy in Gold
Brittany Beauperthuy & Melany Blanco
Grades: 11-12
School: G. Holmes Braddock Senior High
Art Teacher: Mortimer Hechevarria
TEACHER WINNERS

Grand Prize
Kitchen Fish
Peter DeMercado
School: Banyan Elementary

Best of the Best
Elephants!
Beaded Beauties!
Michael Flaum
School: Jack D. Gordon Elementary

Award of Merit
You Feel Like Home
Erika Reboucas
School: Pinecrest Academy South
Honorable Mention

*Power Play*
Frederic Gabriel
**School:** Cutler Bay Academy of Advanced Studies

Honorable Mention

*Flowering Fish Bowl*
Jason Wright
**School:** Twin Lakes Elementary
Honorable Mention

A Cup of Joy
Sara Alfaro
School: True North Classical Academy

Honorable Mention

The Neighborhood
Marta Flor
School: Air Base K-8 Center

Honorable Mention

Minnie Mouse Chair
Kristi Atkison
School: Kendale Lakes Elementary
Honorable Mention

*Love in Tropical Paradise*

Gloria Parladé

**School:** Royal Palm Elementary

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Honorable Mention

*Who Hung the Moon?*

Brian Reedy

**School:** Miami Arts Studio 6 - 12 at Zelda Glazer
A strong arts education promotes the skills children need to be successful. Exposure to art education promotes self-directed learning, improves school attendance, and sharpens critical and creative skills. In fact, several recent studies have concluded that the creativity and innovation utilized in the artistic process will be highly valued by employers in the United States in the coming years as we continue to shift into a global economy. Arts education not only enhances students’ understanding of the world around them, but it also broadens their perspective on traditional academics.

Teachers are usually the first to point out how creative arts programs have strongly influenced their students’ self-image and increased their academic success in the areas of math, science, and language arts. However, during this economic downturn, budget cuts have reprioritized classroom spending, targeting arts programs as the first to be sacrificed. In many cases, an entire school’s arts program can be wheeled around by teachers from room to room on a cart.

Requests by teachers for visits to the Ocean Bank Center have tripled in the past year. The generous support of Ocean Bank and our partners listed in this program make it possible for thousands of Miami-Dade students to create, learn, discover, innovate, and thrive during these difficult times. To find out how you can support Arts Education, visit www.educationfund.org.

The Education Fund wishes to thank our generous sponsors for their support of Arts Education and encouragement to young artists in Miami-Dade County Public Schools.
Join The Education Fund as we help our public schools nurture every child’s potential. See what we’ve accomplished:

- $52+ million raised in funds and services for our public schools
- $10.1 million in free supplies for classrooms, benefitting 1+ million students
- $1.1 million+ given to schools’ visual art programs
- 200,000+ students and teachers recognized for their artwork
- 32,854 students at 51 schools learning in outdoor edible laboratories
- 34% increase in students’ college enrollment
- 2,443 business professionals standing in the shoes of a teacher
- $2.7 million provided for hands-on projects in 4,641+ classrooms
For The Love of Art
Annual Charity & Honoree Celebration

Help our children. Bid on 150+ one-of-a-kind art pieces, created by the extraordinary talent in our public schools, and on more than 100 luxury items. All proceeds benefit our public school students.

Enjoy live jazz, specialty drinks by Bacardi, craft beer by Biscayne Bay Brewing Company and a paella feast prepared by Loews award-winning chefs. Raise a toast to the 25th anniversary of the Ocean Bank Center, The Education Fund’s free supplies program that’s provided more than $10.1 million in materials to help students succeed.

Thursday, June 6, 2019
6:00 p.m. • Event Opening
8:00 p.m. • Auction Closes and Honoree Presentation Begins
8:30 p.m. • Check-out Opens

Loews Miami Beach Hotel
1601 Collins Ave, Miami Beach, FL 33139
(Self-parking in the public parking lot across the street recommended)

Purchase tickets by June 3, 2019
by mail or online at www.educationfund.org
For more information, call 305.558.4544 ext. 100
The Education Fund is an independent nonprofit organization established in 1985 that provides private sector leadership for innovation in public education. We design and implement initiatives that provide the means for all residents in Miami-Dade County to become involved in improving our schools with the goal of maximizing every child’s potential and opportunity for success. The Education Fund’s programs reach all 345,000+ students in 476 public schools across the county.

Ocean Bank is the largest independent commercial bank headquartered in Florida. Chartered in 1982, Ocean Bank operates a network of branches throughout Miami-Dade and Broward counties. The bank moved into its current headquarters at 780 NW 42nd Avenue in 1983. Today, Ocean Bank is one of the strongest banking institutions in the state of Florida, meeting the broad financial needs of local businesses, families, and individuals in a personal and professional manner.