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#### 2022 Public School Alumni Achievement Awards



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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. We also celebrate more than a decade of Alumni Achievement Awards, showcasing the remarkable professional and community achievements of all present and past honorees.

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

### 2022 Public School Alumni Education Achievers

#### Dr. José L. Dotres | Superintendent | Miami-Dade County Public Schools



As Superintendent of Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS), Dr. Jose L. Dotres oversees the nation's fourth-largest school district with over 40,000 employees and 330,000 students. Immigrating to Miami at the age of five, Dr. Dotres entered M-DCPS as an English Language Learner, graduated from Miami Senior High School, and began a long

and rewarding career serving students, parents, employees, and the larger community within the school district that welcomed him as a child. He is a proven educator with a wealth of experience, having held multiple instructional and administrative leadership roles over the course of his career in M-DCPS and other school districts. On the national level, Dr. Dotres has made significant contributions to organizations such as the Council of the Great City Schools. Additionally, he has co-authored several articles featured in educational publications focused on professional development for instructional personnel and school leaders. Dr. Dotres strongly believes in the potential of each child, and he views his role as Superintendent as one that facilitates the creation of opportunities to help each one realize that potential.

#### Madeline Pumariega | President | Miami Dade College



Making history, Madeline Pumariega is the first female president appointed to lead one of the nation's largest educational institutions, Miami Dade College (MDC). A graduate of Hialeah Senior High School, her true love for academics and service excellence began as a student at MDC, which led to 20 years of service in positions of ascending

responsibility, culminating in her role as Wolfson Campus President. Prior to becoming MDC's president, Ms. Pumariega was appointed the first female and Hispanic chancellor of the Florida College System, where she designed and implemented strategies to keep college accessible and affordable for Floridians. Serving the community outside of higher education, she was previously the executive director of Take Stock in Children, a statewide non-profit focused on breaking the cycle of poverty by helping students complete their high school education and advance into postsecondary education and careers. Ms. Pumariega views her new role as the opportunity of a lifetime because it presents her with the greatest ability to serve students who were just like her – looking for a chance to realize their dreams and succeed in the community they love and call home, Miami.

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#### Loaidyn Bolado | Director | Allen Morris Company



Loaidyn Bolado has always had a passion for helping people. It is the bedrock of her 15-year successful career as a Human Resources professional at the Allen Morris Company. After leaving her native Cuba and making Miami's Little Havana her new home, she graduated from Miami Senior High School (Go Stingarees!) and Florida International University (Paws Up!) with honors in psychology.

Ms. Bolado remained committed to her professional growth by attaining the respected SHRM-CP and PHR certifications in Human Resources Management. She has served as a strong advocate for organizations, including Best Buddies International, Camillus House, and Children's Home Society of South Florida. While she has held several rewarding positions throughout her career, there's one that continues to stand out above all others — being a mom to her 10-year-old son Santiago.

#### Adam Carlin | Managing Director | Morgan Stanley



Adam Carlin is an active supporter of education, having taught both undergraduate and graduate students at the University of Miami's Business School. In 2006, he co-founded and helped underwrite the MBA Ethics Fellow Internship program at the University, for which he also co-founded the Bermont/ Carlin Group Scholars program supporting outstanding student finance majors. Mr. Carlin's wide

range of community activities also includes serving as a member of UM's Board of Trustees, UM's Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center, and The Buoniconti Fund to Cure Paralysis, plus the New World Symphony and the University of Miami Frost School of Music. He and his wife Chanin, parents to twin boys and passionate about children's health causes, founded the annual Nicklaus Children's Hospital Carlin Family Prom. He is a proud graduate of Spanish River Community High School.

#### Eddie Dominguez | Managing SVP | City National Bank



A graduate of Miami Senior High School, Eddie Dominguez oversees the Miami-based City National Bank's marketing, messaging, and community engagement, including media relations, corporate communications, branding, events, and sponsorships. The former longtime media executive joined the bank in late 2011 after a decade as Executive Editor of the Daily Business Review. Mr. Dominguez

is past president of Unity on the Bay, which recognized him recently with its Exemplary Life of Service Award. He also serves on the Board of Directors of United Way Miami and on Miami-Dade County's independent police oversight board. He earned a Bachelor of Science in Journalism and Political Science from the University of Miami, and attended Miami Dade College, where he was inducted into their Hall of Fame. The South Florida Business Journal has named him a Power Leader in Marketing and a Power Leader of Corporate Philanthropy.

#### Gerald Grant, Jr. | President | The G Financial Group



As president of G Financial Group, Gerald Grant, Jr. works in alliance with Equitable Advisors, focusing on providing estate and retirement planning; wealth accumulation, protection, and college funding strategies; and insurance and other financial services. Mr. Grant held prior positions with Citibank and Great Western Bank with great success. A proud graduate of Miami Edison Senior High, he holds an

AA degree from Miami Dade College, and Bachelor and Master degrees from Florida International University. Mr. Grant is the author of the books *BOLD MOVES to Creating Financial Wealth* and *The Power of Generational Wealth*, which he co-wrote with his son. He's received numerous awards including the Darwin Davis Award for Community Service and is an active member of the community, currently serving on the boards of the FIU Foundation, the Adrienne Arsht Center, and the Orange Bowl Committee.

#### 2022 Public School Alumni Achievement Awards



#### Abel Iglesias | President & CEO | Professional Bank



Abel Iglesias graduated from Coral Park Senior High School and took his first job at the Bank of Miami in 1980, at age 17. Today, in addition to his local post and 40+ years of steady success, Mr. Iglesias is a board member of the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta. Having learned the value of hard work and perseverance from his parents in Cuba and then in Miami, he completed his MBA from the

University of Miami's School of Business in 1996 and worked his way to becoming an experienced leader in the banking industry. Mr. Iglesias has held various high-level positions at institutions such as JGB Bank, N.A., BankUnited, and Colonial Bank. He also serves our community as vice-chair of the Board of Directors of Doctor's Hospital in Coral Gables and remains an avid cyclist.

#### Merdochey T. LaFrance | Director | Local Engagement | Verizon



A native Miamian of Haitian descent, and a proud graduate of North Miami Senior High School, Merdochey LaFrance is a Director of Local Engagement for Verizon in South Florida. In her role, she develops, leads, and implements Verizon's community engagement strategy and initiatives in Miami-Dade, Broward, and Palm Beach Counties. Ms. LaFrance also collaborates across Verizon's

business verticals to facilitate strategic partnerships and market opportunities. An active thought partner and strategy maven, she remains connected to the South Florida community through her activism in Leadership Florida (Lifetime Member), City of Miami Civilian Investigative Panel (Board Member), Junior League of Miami, Inc. (Executive Management Team), and the National Forum for Black Public Administrators - South Florida Chapter (National Corporate Council Member). Ms. LaFrance is a duly-initiated, proud 18-year member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

#### Carlos Martinez | President & CEO | United Home Care



Carlos Martinez, a graduate of Miami Jackson Senior High School, is president and CEO of United Home Care, a leading non-profit home health and community care organization based in Miami. During his career, he earned degrees from Harvard Business School Leadership in the Non-Profit Management Program and Cornell University Executive Healthcare Leadership Program. His leadership

role focuses on providing quality-of-life solutions that help older adults maintain independence and wellness. Mr. Martinez strategically guides the organization's business and operating units and oversees the management of more than 850 employees. He also participates actively in healthcare-focused organizations such as the Florida Council on Aging and the Florida Association of Service Providers. His many awards include the United Way of Miami-Dade Monsignor Walsh Outstanding Human Services Professional.

#### Ana M. Menendez | CFO & Treasurer | Watsco, Inc.



Ana Menendez is a proud graduate of Miami Sunset Senior High School and a strong advocate for quality education and mentoring programs. Ms. Menendez was born in Madrid, Spain to Cuban parents and grew up in Italy before moving to the USA in her teens. With degrees from Florida International University and the University of Miami, she began her career at Arthur Andersen's Miami office. Today, in her current

post at the world's largest distributor of heating, ventilation, air conditioning, and refrigeration products in that industry, Menendez has seen revenues skyrocket from \$1 billion to the current annualized run rate of \$6.3 billion. She supervises all financial and accounting aspects, including taxes, risk management, benefits, treasury and cash management, and other compliance activities. Ms. Menendez held the CFO position at various companies prior to joining Watsco in 1998.



#### Alison W. Miller | Shareholder & Member of Executive Committee | Stearns Weaver Miller Weissler Alhadeff & Sitterson, P.A.



A graduate of Coral Gables Senior High School, Alison Miller's interest in law led her to the University of Florida for her B.A. and the University of Chicago for her J.D. She has more than 40 years of experience advising clients in a wide range of industries -- including banking and financial services, the life sciences, real estate, and hospitality -- on public and private equity securities offerings, tender

offer mergers and acquisitions, investments, periodic reporting, governance, and regulatory compliance. Chambers USA lauds Ms. Miller as "a brilliant attorney...an intelligent lawyer who finds beneficial solutions for her clients." She's been recognized numerous times including as one of the 2021 Influential Business Women and also one of the Leading Dealmakers. Ms. Miller is a dedicated board member of The Miami Foundation, United Way of Miami-Dade, and Feeding South Florida.

#### Richard C. Milstein | Partner | Akerman LLP



Richard Milstein concentrates his law practice on complex and high conflict trust, probate, estate, guardianship litigation and administration, and family law matters. With more than four decades of experience in these areas, he ably assists clients and members of families, whether related or not, with resolving their issues in a caring and sensitive manner. Mr. Milstein is a past

president of the Miami Dade Bar and current chair of the Adrienne Arsht Center for the Performing Arts. A renowned champion for equal justice and pro bono legal services, he is the 2019 recipient of The Florida Bar Foundation's Medal of Honor, as well as other national and state recognitions. In his honor, The Dade County Bar Association established an award designated the "Richard C. Milstein Award of Excellence." Mr. Milstein is a proud graduate of Miami Beach Senior High School.

#### Myrna Palley\* | Leader in the Arts



Moving from New Jersey with her family as a teenager, Myrna Palley settled in Miami and graduated from Miami Senior High School. At the University of Miami, she met Sheldon, her husband of 64 years, and earned an art degree. Myrna's passion and appreciation of art steered her towards a philanthropic path to support the arts in any way she and Sheldon could, whether

visual artists, dancers, actors, or musicians. "Money should be spread around, you can't take it with you," she would say.

For more than 50 years, Myrna served with several organizations, including as a founding member of the New World School of the Arts and the Miami Film Festival. A devoted benefactor, Myrna worked tirelessly throughout the community and beyond to raise money on their behalf. Such organizations include the New World School of the Arts, the Miami Film Festival, The Education Fund, and, at the University of Miami, the Lowe Art Museum and the Ring Theatre, to name a few.

Myrna also taught art early in her career at Miami-Dade County Public Schools. It is without question that Myrna helped change the face and cultural landscape of Miami. When we look at The Education Fund's vibrant arts programming, every aspect is influenced and generously supported by Myrna and her husband Sheldon. Myrna frequently judged our annual Art of Found Objects Exhibition, ensuring students were recognized for their artistic talents. She and Sheldon always sponsored, attended, and bid generously at our For the Love of Art Charity Auction. Myrna helped develop this annual event to support arts education in our public schools and served as its longtime co-chair. The Palley's home showcases children's artwork next to pieces from well-known artists from across the world, communicating the value of children's visual arts education.

We truly miss Myrna and know that her legacy lives on.

#### 2022 Public School Alumni Achievement Awards



#### Rod Petrey | Civic Leader



Roderick Petrey founded New Equity Partners in 2011 after serving as president of the Collins Center for Public Policy, a Miami-based Think Tank, for twenty years. Mr. Petrey is vice president, legal counsel, and board member for the P.L. Dodge Foundation and Secretary of Bradesco BAC Florida Bank. He served as legal counsel and consultant for many public and private institutions, such as Holland

& Knight LLP, John S. and James L. Knight Foundation, and Florida International University, and has received numerous awards that exemplify the public service spirit of the legal profession. Mr. Petrey served as a Captain in the U.S. Army Special Forces in Vietnam (he was a "Green Beret"!) and as a paratrooper with the 101st Airborne Division. A public school graduate from Manatee County High School, he never shies away from a challenge!

#### Jennifer Piedra | Associate VP | Jackson Health System



A native of Miami, Jennifer Piedra graduated from Coral Gables Senior High School, where she developed a love for journalism and communication. After attending Florida State and Florida International Universities, Ms. Piedra became a reporter at her hometown newspaper, The Miami Herald. Now, she is an impactful communications leader with more than a decade of

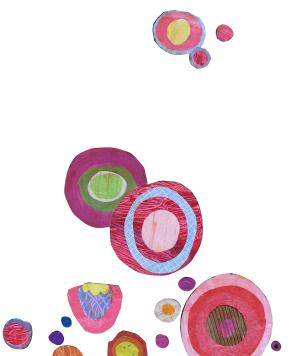
experience, telling the story of one of the nation's largest and most complex public health systems. Ms. Piedra utilizes comprehensive management and communications plans to oversee a team that manages employee communications for a 13,000+ workforce, media relations, social media, community outreach and events, and multimedia projects. She is also a huge public school advocate and was one of the top fundraisers for The Education Fund's Teach-a-Thon for several years. Thank you, Jennifer!

#### Leo Toca | Vice President | Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.



Leo Toca is vice president and the senior social impact and sustainability specialist with Wells Fargo, managing the South Florida region. Having assumed his current role in March 2021, Mr. Toca mobilizes Wells Fargo resources to maximize market leadership, team member engagement, and strategic investments to generate impactful community solutions. He leads and executes initiatives that promote

and enhance the well-being of our community in the following focus areas: Housing Affordability, Small Business Growth, Financial Health, and Sustainability. His career stretches more than 24 years, during which time he has served on several local boards, including Neighborhood Housing Services of South Florida, Overtown Youth Center, and ACCION East. Dedicated to serving the local community since his youth, Mr. Toca is a proud graduate of North Miami Senior High School.







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Yet, Ocean Bank's involvement does not end with the Ocean Bank Center Exhibit & Awards Ceremony. Realizing that art teachers need both free supplies and funds to develop student talents, Ocean Bank partnered with The Education Fund and our Art Auction was born. For almost 30 years, with Ocean Bank's support, local art collectors flock to this event and proudly hang children's art next to the works of Frank Stella and Jasper Johns. With all of the proceeds from the art sold going back to the classroom where it was created, art teachers throughout the county proclaim that the Art Auction often funds their entire program.

For their long-term commitment and generosity to arts in our public schools, Ocean Bank is truly deserving of The Education Fund's 2022 Patron of the Arts Award.













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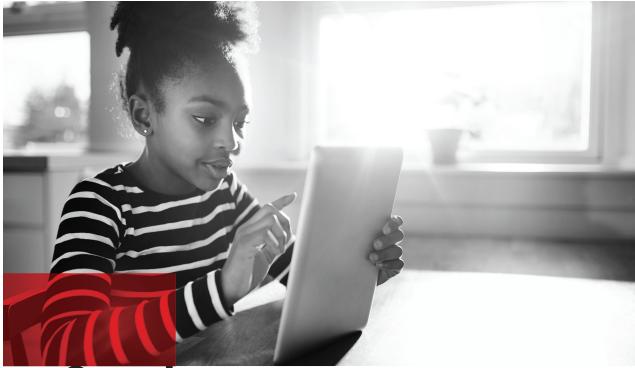
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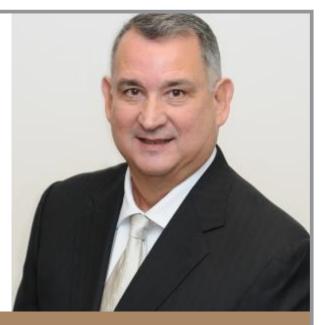
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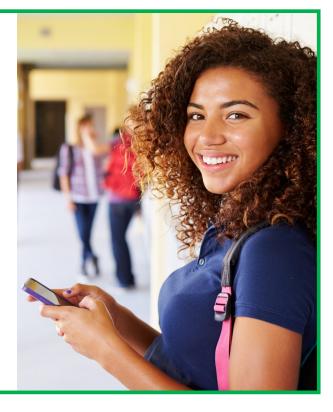
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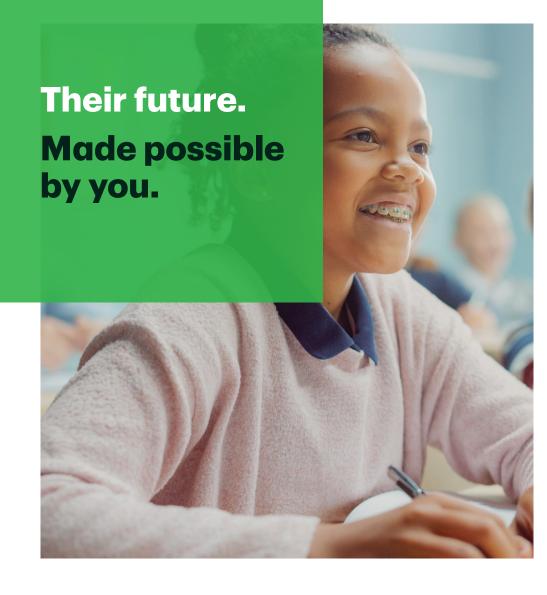
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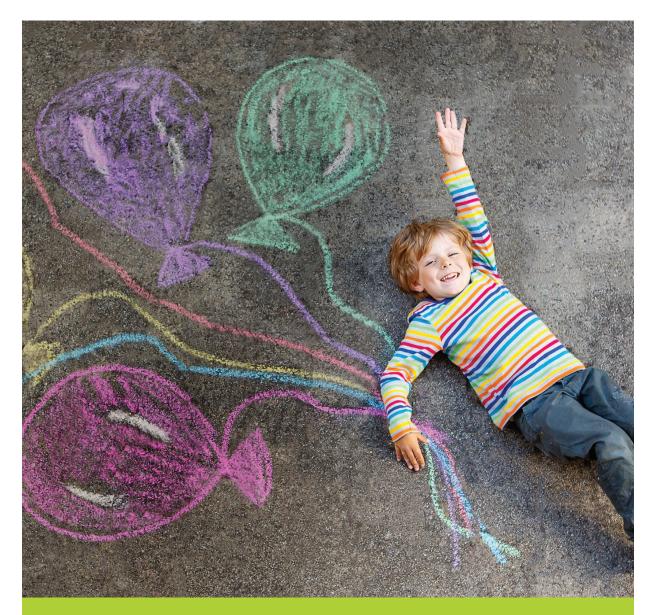
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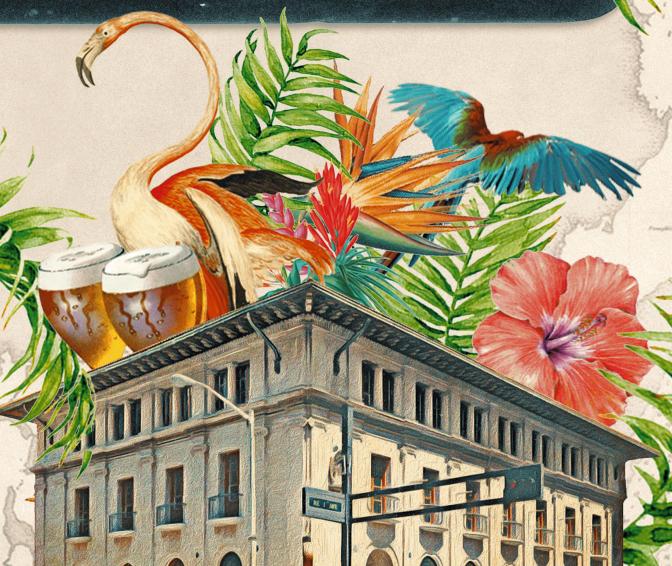
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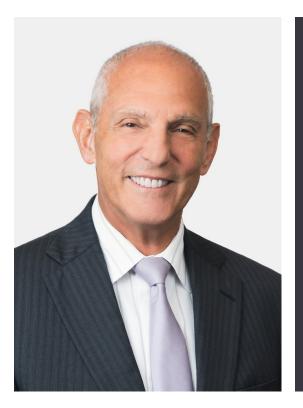
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Children are curious to know what the world is about. As they grow, they ask what it can become. Learning is a journey that continues throughout their lives.

The Education Fund, your efforts give a path to their future.

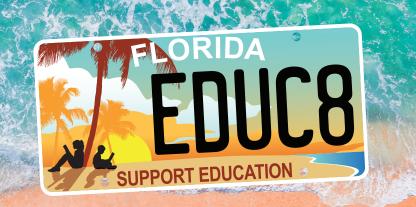
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# The Art of Our Programs

### **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.

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.



Nick Tootle, Kaufman Rossin, at Kensington Park Elementary



Chris Burgess, Assurant, at Southwood Middle School



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





## The Art 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, environmental science, and other topics, 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.

To help students and their families, we've also distributed 220,000+ harvest bags full of fresh produce. Food Forests for Schools is an awardee of grants from the TD Ready Commitment, The Frederick A. DeLuca Foundation, The Batchelor Foundation, The Jorge M. Perez Family Foundation, Irma & Norman Braman Philanthropic Fund, 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**

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 to colleges and universities 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. 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 at Booker T. Washington Senior High School.





# The Art of Our Programs

# THE EDUCATION FUND OCEAN BANK CENTER FOR EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS

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 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 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.

#### Since opening in 1993:

- \$19.3 million in resources donated
- 3 million+ students benefitted

Special thanks to the donors who join with Ocean Bank in supporting this program including The Frederick A. DeLuca Foundation, Peacock Foundation, and The Kirk Foundation, Assurant, 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

#### **BUSINESSES**

- Identify excess inventory, remnants, supplies, etc.
- Call The Education Fund at 786-510-1017 to discuss your company's donation and arrange delivery or pickup.
- Become eligible for up to a 200 percent tax deduction under IRS section 170(e)(3).
- Receive recognition.
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#### **TEACHERS**

- 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



### You Can Help Improve Education For All Our Children

- Become an individual or corporate ally of The Education Fund. Membership provides benefits to you/ your business as well as assisting needy students. Call Linda Lecht at 305.558.4544, ext. 105 for more information.
- Make a cash donation or use your credit card at www.educationfund.org, or call Mimi Pink at 305.558.4544, ext. 116.
- Make a donation of surplus or gently used inventory to The Education Fund Ocean Bank Center for Educational Materials. Your company could receive a tax deduction of up to 200%! Call Jocelyn Salazar at 786-510-1017 to donate.
- Enjoyed this event? Sponsor the next one! Contact Marilen Marnett at mmarnett@educationfund.org or call 305-298-9099.
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### Special Thanks to Our Sponsors

Ocean Bank has supported The Education Fund Ocean Bank Center for Educational Materials since 1993. Thanks to Ocean Bank's ongoing generosity, students, teachers, and classrooms in Miami-Dade County Public Schools continue to receive much needed supplies from the business community. We hope everyone will join us in thanking Ocean Bank for its steadfast commitment to The Education Fund's work to invest in our public schools and ensure every child has the tools needed to learn. We also want to recognize our sponsors for their ongoing support to ensure The Education Fund's For the Love of Art Annual Charity Auction is a successful event year after year.

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