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Many of the pieces being auctioned today are made from materials found in The Education Fund’s Ocean Bank Center for Educational Materials, a warehouse and distribution program sponsored 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 3D pieces, many of which are available for purchase today!

Ocean Bank, Sapoznik Insurance, The Children’s Trust, Anthony R. Abraham Foundation, Norma Jean Abraham, Myrna and Sheldon Palley, Cindy Ziff, and Jonathan Symons 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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2019 Public School Alumni Achievement Awards

The Education Fund is proud to honor the following highly accomplished alumni who graduated from a public senior high schools. The Sapoznik Insurance Public School Alumni Achievement Awards demonstrate clearly that a K-12 quality public education can be a path to greatness. We also celebrate nine years 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.

2019 Public School Alumni Achievers

Nancy Batchelor | Senior Vice President, EWM Realty International

Nancy's stats say it all: $543 million-plus in sales since she became a realtor at EWM, earning a seat in the Chairman's Club Diamond Level and putting her in the top 1% at EWM nationwide. She is a leading realtor to CEOs, celebrity international investors, and upscale families hoping to buy or sell single-family homes or condominiums in many of Miami-Dade's most exclusive neighborhoods. While Nancy describes herself as an expert in marketing knowledge, pricing, and negotiation, she makes clear that her ability to connect with people is her most valuable talent. Nancy hails from Oshkosh, Wisconsin, and is a proud graduate of the University of Wisconsin-Madison and of her local public high school, Oshkosh North.

Jennifer Diaz | Vice President of Communications, Greater Miami Convention & Visitors Bureau

Jennifer Diaz's success as a seasoned marketing communications professional spans more than 20 years. She now oversees corporate and marketing PR efforts for the GMCVB. Under her leadership, the GMCVB has grown its public relations network to 14 public relations agencies in strategic markets around the world. Jennifer has expanded Miami's press footprint in emerging markets such as China and India while increasing press exposure in key feeder markets. A member of the Communications Committee for The U.S. Travel Association, she also serves on the Communications Task Force for Brand USA. Ever the Miamian, Jennifer is a graduate of Miami Senior High School.
Miguel Fernandez | Assistant News Director, Univision Communications Inc.

At Univision, Miguel is responsible for overseeing a team of 20 producers, assignment editors, and editors. He has led the team during continuing coverage of the ongoing Crisis in Venezuela as well as the launch of three new newscasts on UniMas. Prior to Univision, Miguel spent 21 years at Miami’s CBS4 News including as executive producer. Throughout, Miguel has helped shape coverage for various important stories leading to numerous awards including the prestigious Edward R Murrow Award for his team and an Emmy for his own work. With multiple higher education degrees in hand, Miguel is still a proud graduate of Hialeah Senior High School.

Barbara Ferrer | Shareholder, GrayRobinson, P.A.

Barbara completed her law degree with honors from the University of Miami in 1997. Now a shareholder in GrayRobinson’s Miami office, she’s a member of the firm’s Real Estate and Banking and Finance practice groups. Barbara is known for her practice focus, which includes representation of institutional lenders and investors in connection with all aspects of real estate-secured and asset-based loans, including construction loans, factoring arrangements, public-private financing, mezzanine financing, low-income housing tax credits (LIHTC), affordable housing equity, and debt financing. Recognized with numerous awards including the Up and Comer Award and Dealmaker of the Year, Barbara can attribute her start to Hialeah Senior High School.

Michael A. Finney | President & CEO, Miami-Dade Beacon Council

With exceptional leadership, Michael guides the Miami-Dade Beacon Council in its focus on job creation and economic growth in the county to make it a world-class business destination. He collaborates with key stakeholders including Miami-Dade County, local governments and community organizations, and key private sector leaders throughout the South Florida area. Michael serves on the Board of Directors for the Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce and the Greater Miami Convention & Visitors Bureau and has received numerous awards, including the recent 2019 South Florida Business Journal Power Leaders 250. Formerly a Michigan native, Michael is a proud public school graduate of Flint Northern High School.

Danielle Gonzalez | Shareholder, Greenberg Traurig, LLP

Practicing real estate law for 15 years for Greenberg Traurig, Danielle has used her expertise to handle more than $20 billion in commercial real estate transactions during her career thus far. As an attorney, she has received various awards, including being selected as a “Rising Star” by Super Lawyers Magazine every year from 2013 – 2018, and being named as a “Top 40 Under 40” by the South Florida Business Journal in 2017. Out of the office, Danielle is involved with many philanthropic causes and enjoys family time. Growing up in a small town outside of Saratoga, New York, she graduated from Shenendehowa Public High School.
Ileana Gonzalez | Controller, Badia Spices, Inc.
A graduate of South Miami Senior High School, Ileana’s 26-year career in public accounting has led her to the private sector as an exceptional controller for Badia Spices, Inc. Since taking over the role of controller, she has been responsible for managing all facets of the company, including financial accounting and reporting, pertinent tax planning strategies, risk analysis, personnel, and developing and implementing company policies and procedures. Ileana values time with family immensely and is grateful for the amazing group of family members and work colleagues that allow and support her to do what she loves.

Randy “Duke” Johnson, Jr. | NFL Running Back, Cleveland Browns
Selected in the third round and as only the sixth running back of the 2015 NFL Draft by the Cleveland Browns, Duke is an outstanding American football player who has a great competitive nature and talent to match. Impressed with his skills as a player, the Cleveland Browns rewarded him monetarily by extending his contract through 2021. In high school, Duke stood out not only on the football field but in track and field as well. He proceeded to the University of Miami where he played football through his junior year but had to forfeit his senior year to allow him to declare for the 2015 NFL Draft. Duke is a proud graduate of Miami Norland Senior High School.

Michelle Lacamoire | News Producer, WPLG Inc.
Michelle Lacamoire is the 6pm television news producer for WPLG-Local 10 in Miami. A graduate of South Miami Senior High School (Class of ’95), she went on to earn her Bachelor’s degree in English Literature at the University of Florida (Class of ’99). As a Cuban-American, Michelle traveled to Cuba extensively to help cover groundbreaking moments like former President Obama’s visit and Fidel Castro’s death, and was given unprecedented access to tour the island for an extensive documentary that garnered two Emmy nominations. Michelle continues to cover stories that matter to her community in a nightly, top-rated newscast.

Anne Lehner-Garcia | Vice President & CRA Officer, BAC Florida Bank
Not being afforded the opportunity to receive a higher education degree, Anne began by working her way up from the mailroom of what was the largest bank in Florida, leading to a career that now spans 40+ years. She is known for generously giving her time and knowledge to ensure each non-profit in BAC Florida Bank’s portfolio strives to be the very best for the sake of the communities and families they serve. A strong advocate for education and human rights equality, Anne has served as a board member for many organizations and dedicated her time towards numerous causes. She is a proud graduate of Miami Senior High School.
Hugo Perez | Managing Director, Merge IT

A native Miamian, Hugo graduated from Hialeah-Miami Lakes Senior High School. He is a high-spirited entrepreneur and business professional with 30 years of experience in Information Technology. Hugo’s areas of strength include business leadership and relationship management with a strong technical aptitude across advanced data center infrastructure, “Cloud” enablement, business continuity/disaster recovery, and cybersecurity. He has served with numerous and prestigious organizations including the Florida International Bankers Association (FIBA), the South Florida Technology Alliance Forum (SFTA), and Autism Speaks. Hugo also co-hosted a monthly radio show for almost three years where he spotlighted charitable organizations to increase awareness and visibility.

John Pistorino | Principal, Pistorino & Alam Consulting Engineers, Inc

Upon graduating from Coral Gables Senior High School, John’s interests steered him to build a postsecondary education in civil engineering. His illustrious 50-year career includes his role as principal-in-charge of Pistorino & Alam Consulting Engineers, Inc. This high-profile engineering firm focuses on code compliance, residential design and construction, schools, high-rise condominiums, highways, bridges, building renovations, and construction administration. Particular projects include construction of Metro-Rail Link to Miami International Airport (MIA), the Palmetto Extension of the MDTA Main Line under the Palmetto Expressway, and the Entrance Road/Bridge Upper and Lower Vehicular Drive System at MIA. John has also served as an expert witness in construction litigation cases and consultant to the Miami-Dade County Emergency Management Department.

Romaine Seguin | President, UPS Global Freight Forwarding

Romaine began as a part-time hub supervisor, quickly succeeding in a career that spans 30 years. She held roles in financial, operational and management positions throughout the U.S. and Europe, including in the UK, France, Brussels and Italy. After her success as COO for the Europe/Middle East/Africa Region, she was promoted to President of the UPS Americas Region, before rising to her current role. She is a frequent speaker at community and business events, has received multiple awards for her work in the international business community, and sits on several boards. Romaine is a believer in public schools and graduated from her local public high school, Hazelwood East in St. Louis, MO.

Mark A. Trowbridge | President & CEO, Coral Gables Chamber of Commerce

Mark’s career spans numerous leadership positions where he has contributed greatly to the betterment of our community, including helping to produce Super Bowl XXXIII, raising the profile of Switchboard of Miami, and helping lead Miami Parking Authority during a period of aggressive growth. Today, he is the chief association executive responsible for the day-to-day success of the more than 1600-member organization. He’s guided the Chamber’s 40% growth as well developed robust programs centered on economic development, and tourism. Mark has a passion for public education with multiple degrees in education and graduated from his local public school, Eau Gallie High School in Melbourne, FL.
The Education Fund is proud to award our first Patron of the Arts Award to longtime supporters Myrna and Sheldon Palley, true champions for visual arts education. When we look at The Education Fund’s vibrant arts programming, every aspect is influenced and generously supported by Myrna and Sheldon Palley. Myrna frequently judges our annual Art of Found Objects exhibition, ensuring students are recognized for their artistic talents. She and Sheldon always sponsor, attend, and are generous bidders at our For the Love of Art Charity Auction, which Myrna helped develop as a long-time co-chair, providing needed support for arts education in our public schools. Their home showcases our children’s artwork next to pieces from well-known artists from across the world, communicating the value of children’s visual arts education.

More recently, Myrna and Sheldon’s significant philanthropic investments are the fuel behind our creation of an “arts in education training space” and master-level workshops with recognized artists like Pablo Cano, famous for his found object marionettes. Due to the Palley Arts Pavilion, within the Ocean Bank Center for Educational Materials, students are now learning new genres, including “the art of found objects” from their teachers. As a result, students engage in complex artistic projects that build critical thinking skills, varied dexterity, the artist eye, and often team work, as art pieces become larger group installations.

We are forever thankful to Myrna and Sheldon Palley for their belief in our work, for their long-term funding, and especially for selflessly supporting thousands of local public school students on their road to becoming artists. The Palley’s passion for the arts is transforming our community. We are pleased to award our 1st Patron of the Arts Award to this remarkable couple.
Silver Anniversary of The Education Fund’s Ocean Bank Center for Educational Materials Celebrating 25 Years of Success

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- 30,725 teacher visits hosted
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- $1.1 million given to schools arts programs
- 200,000+ students & teachers recognized in an annual art exhibit
- With a total of $10.2+ million in supplies donated to classrooms

And Ocean Bank’s Commitment Continues with a New, Three Year, $300,000 Pledge

The Education Fund, our public schools, their teachers and especially their students say: THANK YOU OCEAN BANK for 25 years of support.

Here’s to 25 more!
The future depends on the vision of those who will build it – our youth.

Ocean Bank is the proud founder and 25 year supporter of the Ocean Bank Center for Education Materials, providing teachers with the tools they need to help children discover bright and colorful futures.
Artists see opportunity in all shapes and sizes.
Creativity is intelligence having fun.

—Albert Einstein—

“As a longtime board member of The Education Fund and a Miami-Dade County public school graduate, I am proud to lend my support as a corporate partner for innovation in public education, and to salute the incredible teachers that impact our student's lives on a daily basis.”

- Rachel Sapoznik, President & CEO, Sapoznik Insurance

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The Education Fund is grateful to The Kirk Foundation for their steadfast support of The Ocean Bank Center for Educational Materials. Thank you for the special 25th Anniversary grant.

Kirk Landon will forever be remembered for his love of children’s art, which he displayed alongside his museum quality art collection.

We miss you Kirk!
Congratulations to all the students and art teachers for their originality.

Best wishes to the honorees and board members for a job well done.

Jonathan Symons
Thanks to everyone who has joined us in supporting The Education Fund’s work. Together, we will ensure public education continues to include arts education!

Myrna & Sheldon Palley
Rememberin
DR.
For nearly two decades, Dr. Sanford L. Ziff remained committed to supporting the mission of The Education Fund. He was a member of our Advisory Board and contributed annually to the Art Auction. His home contained many pieces of children’s and teacher’s art made with unusual ‘found objects.’ We continue to remember Dr. Ziff. His was an energy like no other, and we all were the beneficiaries of the joy he exuded.

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Jennifer Stearns Buttrick is honored to serve on The Education Fund Board of Directors.
Thanks for making a difference.

It’s an honor to celebrate the things that bring our community together.
THANK YOU!

As a graduate from Hialeah-Miami Lakes ("HML") Senior High, I am truly grateful and incredibly honored for being recognized by the Education Fund for my efforts in making a difference in our children’s lives. I will continue to applaud and support our public school education, so we can do amazing things together in our great Miami-Dade County.

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Ocean Bank has supported The Education Fund’s 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.