

SCHOOL SCENE

Carricarte family establishes new business program at Columbus High

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Christopher Columbus High School has established a new career pathway through the Carricarte Business, Leadership, and Entrepreneurship (CBLE) business program.

The Carricarte family is well-known in the Columbus community for its successful business enterprises and philanthropic efforts in South Florida.

Mike Carricarte and his four sons attended the inaugural Carricarte Business, Leadership, and Entrepreneurship (CBLE) Student Recognition Awards and logo-unveiling at their alma mater on April 15. After the awards ceremony, the new CBLE logo was introduced with the



Members of the Carricarte family, back row, with Columbus High business students at the event on April 15 at which the new business program was unveiled. From left: Brian Carricarte, Andrew Carricarte, Mike Carricarte Sr., Louis Carricarte and Michael Carricarte Jr.

unveiling of a new sign that had been installed in front of the business classroom.

"My family and I are proud that the business program at Columbus will carry our name," said Mi-

chael Carricarte, Amedex CEO and member of the Columbus School Board. "My father, brothers and I have had the opportunity to found and lead thriving businesses, and we look

forward to being able to share our knowledge and resources to help the students of Columbus graduate high school with an edge to succeed in business."

"We are so thankful to the Carricarte family for their generous support," said Thomas Kruczek, Columbus president. "With the family's help and the dedication of our talented faculty, our school is fully preparing our students for a bright future in the business world."

CBLE is one of eight career pathways at Columbus and the first to have received a naming gift.

THREE CHOSEN AS 2021 GATES SCHOLARS

SAS Wolfson senior Nakia Alexander, SAS



Nakia Alexander



Maria Martinez



James Morice

Homestead senior James Morice, and SAS North senior Maria Martinez were chosen by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation to be 2021 Gates Scholars.

Almost 35,000 high school seniors from around the United States were nominated for this scholarship and only 300 were selected. The Gates Scholarship is a highly selective, last-dollar scholarship for outstanding, minority high school seniors from low-income households.

GRANTS AWARDED TO MIAMI-DADE PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS

The Education Fund, a nonprofit that supports public school teachers and students in Miami-Dade County, announces the release of its 2021 teacher

grants. The nonprofit is awarding grants of up to \$1,000 to support educators in the development of new instructional

projects aimed to motivate and challenge students.

Miami-Dade Public School teachers who want to adopt their colleagues' winning strategies in their classrooms are also eligible for a grant of up to \$750.

"The Education Fund provides teachers with an incentive to try new methods by giving them the financial support they need that otherwise wouldn't be available," said Linda Lecht, president of The Education Fund.

The Education Fund is accepting applications from public school teachers in Miami-Dade County in all subject areas. The deadline to apply is Saturday, May 15. For details, visit EducationFund.org.

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