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OCTOBER 25, 2025 | MIAMI SPRINGS SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL





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Conference
Schedule of Events

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2025 | MIAMI SPRINGS SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

8:00 AM	Doors Open Vendor Exhibition Booths – First Floor Teacher Entrepreneur Fair – First Floor
8:30 AM	Breakfast/Opening Session – Gymnasium • Mari Tere Rojas, M-DCPS School Board Chair • M-DCPS Leadership Team » Dr. Dawn Baglos, Chief Human Capital Officer • Vivian Ventura, 2025-26 M-DCPS Teacher of the Year • Miladys Cepero-Perez, M-DCPS Office of Professional Learning & Career Development » Master Plan Points • Glenda Rutledge, Delta Kappa Gamma
10:00 AM	Session A Workshops Begin
11:00 AM	Session B Workshops Begin
12:00 PM	Lunch/Awards Program – Gymnasium • Linda Lecht, President, The Education Fund • Antonio White, President, United Teachers of Dade • Adapter Grant Overview, Daniella Parra, Aventura Waterways K-8 Center • The HueHub • Certificates of Recognition • Prize Drawings
1:30 PM	Session C Workshops Begin
2:30 PM	Session D Workshops Begin
3:30 PM	Event Reflections – Auditorium Final Prize Drawing
4:00 PM	Conference Concludes

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For more than four decades, The Education Fund has been a key partner of Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS), sponsoring initiatives that support teachers through networking, training opportunities, grant funding, and more. By empowering teachers to be catalysts for innovation in the classroom through programs such as *Ideas with IMPACT*, The Education Fund provides educators with resources to bring their ideas to life and an avenue to share proven instructional strategies with others. In doing so, The Education Fund supports the District's efforts to promote and recognize teacher leadership and excellence.

Additionally, The Education Fund's *Idea EXPO* elevates teacher leadership by providing a forum for some of Miami-Dade's most dedicated teachers to showcase their classroom innovations with colleagues across the District. I applaud The Education Fund for hosting this conference that features teachers' best practices across multiple subject areas, with engaging, student-centered lessons that help accelerate learning and foster creativity.

Through *Ideas with IMPACT*, The Education Fund shares innovative, cost-effective teaching ideas in a user-friendly network that includes an interactive mobile application, the *Idea EXPO Teacher Conference*, classroom grant opportunities, discussion series, and interactive training webinars led by M-DCPS teachers. I commend the passionate educators who contribute their time and talents to the IMPACT network and encourage all teachers to explore these resources to enrich their own instructional practice.

This year, we are especially proud of the newly launched *Miami Loves Teacher* partnership between M-DCPS, The Education Fund, The College Football Playoff Foundation, and the Orange Bowl Host Committee. This collaborative initiative focused on teacher motivation and retention aligns with our commitment to making M-DCPS "Your Best Choice" for teaching and learning, and demonstrates our shared investment in celebrating, supporting, and retaining outstanding educators.

Thank you for all you do to make a difference for our students, our schools, and our community.

Sincerely,

Dr. Jose L. Dotres
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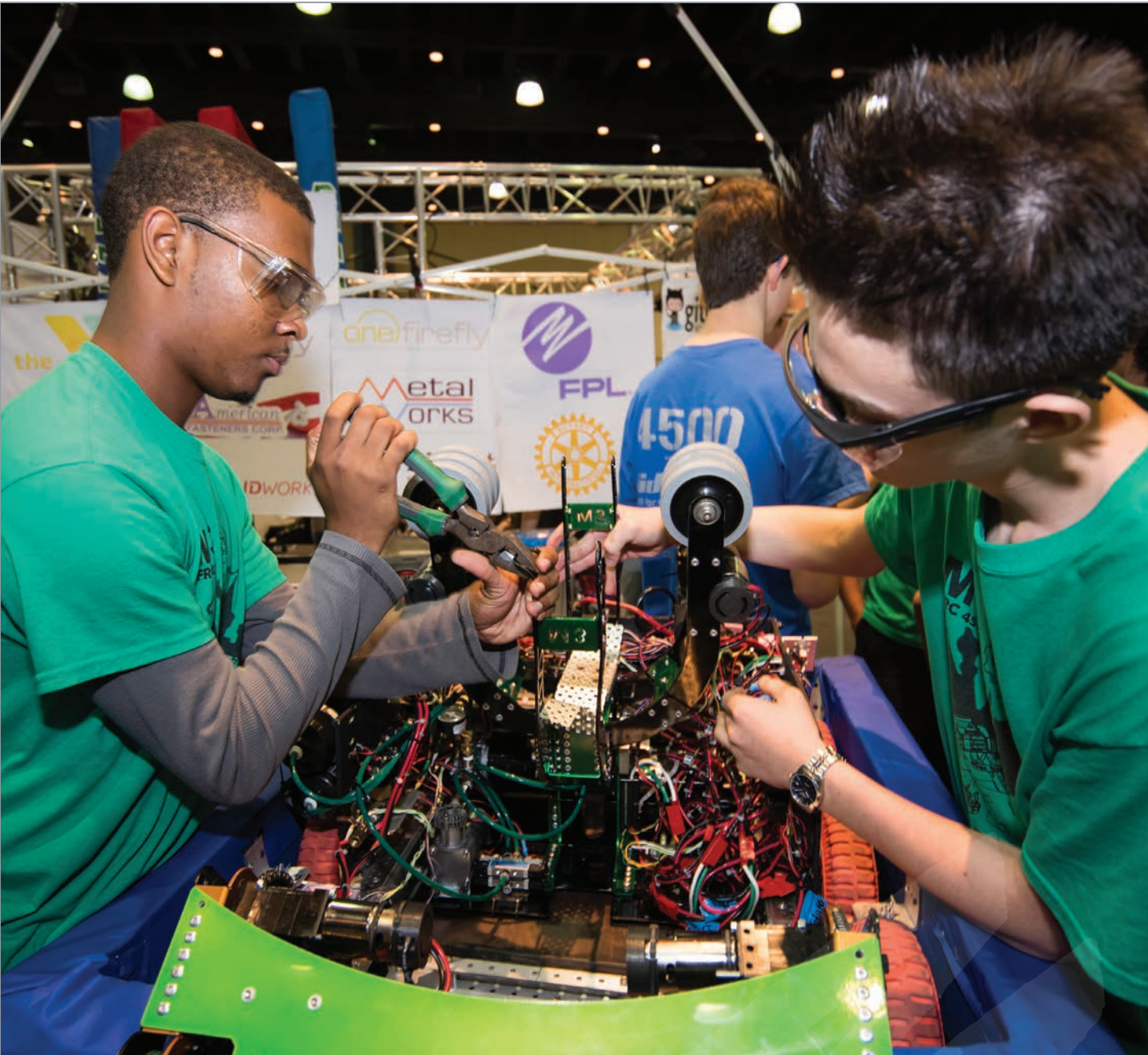


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Session A 10:00 AM - 10:55 AM

Cracking the Code of Comprehension

Disseminator: Dr. Miladys Cepero-Perez
Room: 143

Desktop Sustainable Fairy Lanterns

Disseminator: Alena Sheriff
Room: 113

Discover AI's Web-Building Magic

Disseminator: Marco Diez
Room: 144

Fairy Tale Writing

Disseminator: Alexandra Someillan
Room: 153

Fiber Arts: Shibori-Memory on Cloth

Disseminator: Alina Rodriguez
Room: 124

Game On! Strategy for Teaching Literary Tools

Disseminator: Cindy Phillips
Room: 151

Garden to Vase

Disseminator: Mayako Nakamura
Room: 152

Gemini for Teens: Enhancing Learning with AI

Disseminator: Dr. Jeannette Tejada
Room: Media Center

Global Citizenship Learning Series

Disseminator: Dr. Precious Symonette
Room: 117

Grow & Go with Google: Tools for Educators

Disseminator: Susan Bostick
Room: Auditorium

Mark It Up! How to Upcycle Your Markers

Disseminator: Grace Llamas
Room: 108

My Little Pocket Book: A Handmade Adventure

Disseminator: Silvana Soriano
Room: Cafeteria

Paper Chase: The Green Quest for Recycling

Disseminator: Oscar Flores
Room: 142

Pencils, Peace & Professional Growth

Disseminator: Ingrid-Michele Bazin
Room: 109

Pets in a STEAM Classroom

Presenter: Denise Alfaro
Room: 173

Podcasting for Civic Engagement

Disseminator: Asiah Wolfolk-Manning
Room: 115

SmartPath to College

Disseminator: Vanessa Gonzalez
Room: 186

Sphero: A Blueprint For STEAM!

Disseminator: Michael Sakowicz
Room: 147

Unlocking Math Fluency With the Abacus

Disseminator: Hamza Guelida
Room: 145



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Session B 11:00 AM - 11:55 AM

AI Tools for Teachers 2025

Disseminator: Alicia Gant

Room: Auditorium

AI-Powered Teaching with NotebookLM

Disseminator: Zenaida (Zeny) Ulloa

Room: Media Center

Beyond the Page: Film Adaptations of Books

Disseminator: Olivia Osterman

Room: 147

Business Savvy

Disseminator: Katia Calejo Mora

Room: 115

Canva & Construction: Project-Based Learning

Disseminator: Daniel Vinat

Room: 117

CHIEF J.U.S.T.I.C.E - Peer Mentoring

Disseminator: Asiah Wolfolk-Manning

Room: Little Theater

Designing Escape Room Learning Labs

Disseminator: Judith Philius

Room: 153

Desktop Sustainable Fairy Lanterns

Disseminators: Alena Sheriff

Room: 113

Exploring Radial Symmetry and Negative Space

Presenter: Nina Plot

Room: 108

Fiber Arts: Shibori-Memory on Cloth

Presenter: Alina Rodriguez

Room: 124

Food Forests for Schools

Program Kickoff

Presenter: FFS Team

Room: Cafeteria

Game On! Strategy for Teaching Literary Tools

Presenter: Cindy Phillips

Room: 151

Homemade Battery for String Lights

Disseminator: Dr. Cuiying Wang

Room: 152

How to Create AI-Proof Assignments with AI

Disseminator: Maria Rodriguez

Room: 144

Indi on the Move: Learning by Coding

Presenter: Martha Basulto

Room: 143

Pets in a STEAM Classroom

Presenter: Denise Alfaro

Room: 173

Soaring High: Integrating Drones into STEAM

Presenter: Anabel Basualdo

Room: 171

Teaching Trunks on the Holocaust

Disseminator: Yara Lugo

Room: 116

The Teacher's Operating System

Disseminator: Eboni Johnson

Room: 145

Waste 2 Taste: Transforming

Trash 2 Treasure

Disseminator: Angelique Clark

Room: 110



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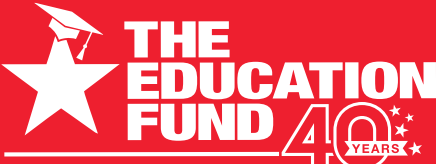
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Session C 1:30 PM - 2:25 PM

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Beyond the Tray Disseminator: Nathalie Montenegro Room: 151	Gemini for Teens: Enhancing Learning with AI Disseminator: Dr. Jeannette Tejeda Room: Media Center	Page by Page Disseminator: Renee OConnor Room: 115
Canva & Construction: Project-Based Learning Disseminator: Daniel Vinat Room: 173	Kinder Science: "Bee" Coding Disseminator: Marcelle Farley Room: 142	Pencils, Peace & Professional Growth Disseminator: Ingrid-Michele Bazin Room: 109
Crack the Code: Master IPEGS & Rule the Class Disseminator: Sonji Allen Room: 110	Lines of the Mind Disseminator: Jaime West Room: 124	Resources for Holocaust Education Week Disseminator: Yara Lugo Room: 116
Discover AI's Web-Building Magic Disseminator: Marco Diez Room: 144	March Madness in October! Disseminator: Stephanie Woolley-Larrea Room: 108	Scrub a Dub Lab Disseminator: Marica Mitchell Room: 185
Food Forests for Schools Program Kickoff Disseminator: FFS Team Room: Cafeteria	Money Movez: Cook or Be Cooked Disseminator: Ray Parris Room: 145	Sphero: A Blueprint For STEAM! Disseminator: Michael Sakowicz Room: 147
	Newspaper Club Disseminator: Yvette Perez Room: 113	

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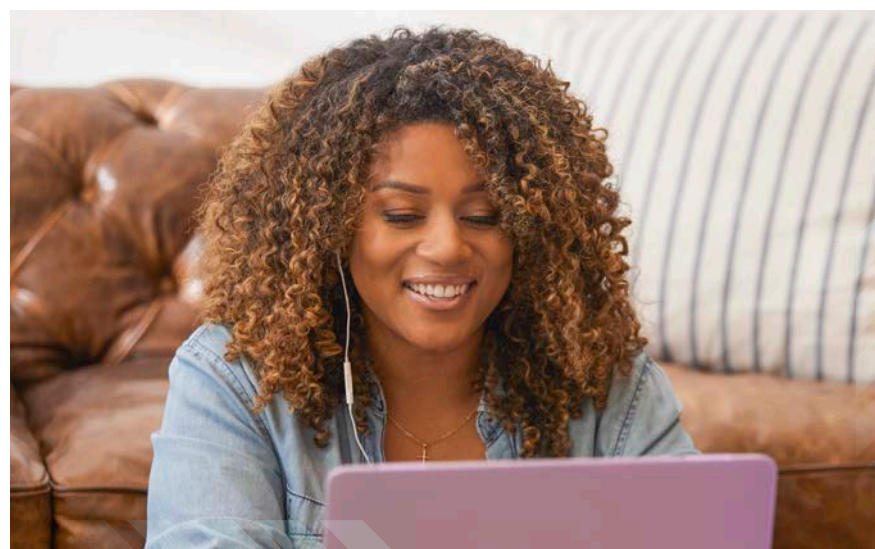
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Session D 2:30 PM - 3:25 PM

**AI-Powered Teaching
with NotebookLM**

Disseminator: Zenaida (Zeny) Ulloa
Room: Media Center

**Compose Yourself: Personalized
Song Creation**

Presenter: Dr. Walter Busse
Room: 143

**Crack the Code: Master
IPEGS & Rule the Class**

Disseminator: Sonji Allen
Room: 110

**Designing Escape Room
Learning Labs**

Presenter: Judith Philias
Room: 152

Eggs in the Classroom

Presenter: Yesenia Barros Arroyo
Room: 151

Fruits and Vegetables Are Alive!

Presenter: Cecilia Campbell
Room: Cafeteria

**Grow & Go with Google:
Tools for Educators**

Disseminator: Susan Leyva-Bostick
Room: Auditorium

**How to Create AI-Proof
Assignments with AI**

Disseminator: Maria Rodriguez
Room: 144

National Board Certification

Disseminator: Dr. Judith Grey
Room: 116

Once Upon a Fairy Garden

Disseminator: Shauntee Friend Johnson
Room: 153

Role Reversal: Student Teachers

Presenter: Lyzia Miller
Room: 117

Scrub a Dub Lab

Disseminator: Marica Mitchell
Room: 185

**Soaring High: Integrating
Drones into STEAM**

Presenter: Anabel Basualdo
Room: 171

**Vintage Plant Pressing
Techniques in STEM**

Disseminator: Josephine Woodmansee
Room: 145

Weaving: Exploring Cultural Heritage

Disseminator: Paula Gale
Room: 124

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