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# All in

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# PROGRAM

## Welcome

Mistresses of Ceremonies

Alex Finnie  
WPLG Local 10 Weekend  
Evening Anchor

Valerie Wanza, Ph.D.  
BCPS Chief School Performance &  
Accountability Officer

## Celebration Parade

Caliber Awards Nominees

## Student Performance

"The Force" Marching Band  
Dillard 6-12 School

## Greetings

Dr. Rosalind Osgood  
Chair, The School Board of  
Broward County, Florida

## Remarks

Robert W. Runcie  
Superintendent of Schools

## Sponsor Presentation

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## Student Remarks

Gianna Aleman  
Student Advisor to The School Board  
of Broward County, Florida  
West Broward High School

## Student Performance

Cheerleading Team  
Charles W. Flanagan High School

## Presentation of Finalists

*School-Related Employee, Assistant Principal, Principal and Teacher of the Year*

## Announcement of Winners

### School-Related Employee of the Year Award

Jane Fleming  
2020 School-Related Employee  
of the Year

### Assistant Principal of the Year Award

Sean Curran  
2020 Assistant Principal of the Year

### Principal of the Year Award

Melissa Holtz  
2020 Principal of the Year

### Teacher of the Year Award

Cari Rodriguez  
2020 Teacher of the Year

## Closing Remarks

Mistresses of Ceremonies

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## Special Thanks



**Dillard High School Marching Band "The Force"** is one of the most recognized and requested marching units in South Florida. In addition to

performing at all home football games, most local away games, various parades, and corporate events, "The Force" has taken their show to New Orleans, Tallahassee, Orlando and most recently was invited to represent the state of Florida in the Pearl Harbor Commemoration Parade in Honolulu, Hawaii.

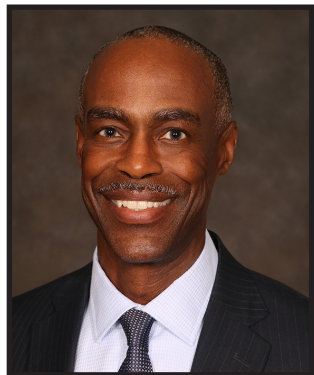


**Charles W. Flanagan High School Cheerleaders** cheer for both football and competitive cheer.

They were Small Coed District and Regional Champs in 2015, 2016, 2018, Small Coed District Champs in 2019 and 2021, and placed sixth in the State in 2021. The Team is coached by Jamie Filo and Assistant Coach Christy Ravelo.

District Screening Committee

# A MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT



**Robert W. Runcie**  
Superintendent of Schools

It is my pleasure to welcome you to the 2021 Caliber Awards Ceremony, recognizing the District's outstanding teachers, principals, assistant principals and school-related employees. The Caliber Awards is an annual tradition celebrating excellence in education.

Thank you to our extraordinary teachers, school leaders and support staff for your dedication every day to serve our students. During the COVID-19 pandemic, we have watched as you continue to teach remotely, hybrid and in person. Even during uncertainty, our responsibility as educators remains unchanged. We still must educate today's students to succeed in tomorrow's world.

To all the incredible individuals across our District, I am grateful for your hard work and commitment to our students. We are fortunate to have so many talented professionals, now more than ever, who are going above and beyond to ensure our students receive the best education.

Congratulations to all our Caliber Awards nominees and finalists on being recognized by your colleagues and communities as leaders in Broward County Public Schools. The impact each of you has on so many young lives is invaluable.



## THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA

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# MISTRESSES OF CEREMONIES

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Alex Finnie co-anchors the weekend evening news on WPLG-Local 10. She joined the news team in May 2018.

Alex was raised in Miami and attended the Cushman School and New World School of the Arts for high school. Alex received her Bachelor of Science in television and film production at St. John's University in New York City. As a reporter, she has had the opportunity to cover a wide variety of local stories and has traveled to cover big stories outside of the viewing area.

In October 2018, Alex covered Hurricane Michael in the Florida Panhandle. She was there reporting before, during and after the storm. In addition, Alex also traveled to Pittsburgh to cover the horrific mass shooting at the Tree of Life Synagogue. Local 10 was the only South Florida station that traveled to Pittsburgh.

Alex has worked in newsrooms around the country, from New York City to Alabama. Throughout her career, she has had the opportunity to interview several notable people, including President Barack Obama, President Donald Trump, the Rev. Al Sharpton and Oprah Winfrey, to name a few. She covered the widely publicized Alabama Gov. Robert Bentley scandal that led to his resignation, as well as the heated Alabama Senate race between Roy Moore and Sen. Doug Jones. She also had the honor of covering the 50-year anniversary of "Bloody Sunday" in Selma, Alabama, the event that led to the Voting Rights Act.

During her off time, Alex enjoys spending time with family, volunteering in her community and relaxing. She loves being back in South Florida telling the stories that affect the community she's called home since childhood.

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Dr. Valerie Smith Wanza is a native South Floridian and a veteran employee of the sixth largest school district in the country, Broward County Public Schools. Currently, she is in her sixth year serving as the Chief School Performance & Accountability Officer. In this capacity she oversees all of the District's 226 schools and six support departments. Throughout her 29 years with the school district, she has served as a teacher, assistant principal, central office administrator, principal and principal supervisor.

Dr. Wanza holds a bachelor of science degree in secondary education (English) from Florida State University, a master of science degree in educational leadership from Nova Southeastern University, and a doctor of philosophy in educational leadership from Florida Atlantic University. She possesses a wealth of respected knowledge and experience in the field of education and our diverse community. Many leaders and aspiring leaders have leaned on her for professional mentoring and coaching. She has been recognized on the local, state and national levels for her distinguished service as an educational leader.

Dr. Wanza enjoys serving on a number of advisory boards and is a member in good standing of many community and professional organizations. While she and her late husband, Charles, have two adult children and four grandchildren, she is excited to enter a next chapter of her life with her new companion, Arnold.

# TEACHER OF THE YEAR AWARD



The Teacher of the Year program was established by the Florida Department of Education to recognize and honor the contributions of outstanding classroom teachers, who have demonstrated a superior capacity to inspire a love of learning in students of all backgrounds and abilities.

**Broward County Public Schools is proud to recognize and congratulate the following outstanding nominees for the Teacher of the Year award.**

Boyd H. Anderson High School .....	Melissa Yezdimir	Cooper City High School .....	Heidi Dermer
Apollo Middle School.....	Daniel Pigan	Coral Cove Elementary School.....	Stella Hernandez
Atlantic Technical College & High School.....	Nahommy Guzmán-Otero	Coral Glades High School .....	Ashley Exterkamp
Atlantic West Elementary School .....	Markia Cunningham	Coral Park Elementary School.....	Donna Casanas
Attucks Middle School .....	Angelina Jadulal	Coral Springs High School .....	Derrick Burgess
Bair Middle School .....	Ernie Charles	Coral Springs Middle School.....	Rachel Kuryl-Champine
Banyan Elementary School .....	La'Crista Parker	Coral Springs Pre K-8 School.....	Jennifer Alfred
Bayview Elementary School.....	Adrienne Khan	Country Hills Elementary School.....	Caryn Cuadra
Beachside Montessori Village .....	Jennifer Delafuente	Country Isles Elementary School.....	Christine Orlando
Bennett Elementary School .....	Danielle Wesley	Cresthaven Elementary School .....	Janice Lewis
Mary M. Bethune Elementary School .....	Silvia Barbu	Croissant Park Elementary School.....	Maika Frederic
Boulevard Heights Elementary School .....	Trelaina Butler	Cross Creek School .....	Francia Minnici
Bright Horizons Center .....	Angela Portal	Crystal Lake Middle School .....	Maria Hernandez
Broadview Elementary School .....	Keila Reyes	Cypress Bay High School.....	Shawn Maas
Broward Estates Elementary School .....	Aria Beckford	Cypress Elementary School.....	Cathy Rucker
Broward Virtual School.....	Gail Allbritton	Cypress Run Education Center.....	Fanya Jabouin
Castle Hill Elementary School.....	Melanie Fields	William Dandy Middle School.....	Shanna Smith
Central Park Elementary School.....	Monika Moorman	Dania Elementary School .....	Jennifer Hengge
Challenger Elementary School.....	Robin Dobbins	Dave Thomas Education Center... ..	Monica Darville-Martinez
Chapel Trail Elementary School .....	Vanessa Rios	Davie Elementary School.....	Caitlin Tutt
Coconut Creek Elementary School.....	Mahailia Smith	Deerfield Beach Elementary School.....	Karen Kennedy
Coconut Creek High School.....	Mary Slobodnik	Deerfield Beach High School.....	Stephanie Beaty
Coconut Palm Elementary School .....	Ruby C. Freire	Deerfield Beach Middle School .....	Raphine Rachels
Colbert Museum Magnet Elementary School .....	Tatiana Cummings	Deerfield Park Elementary School .....	Marchard Desire
College Academy @ BC.....	Mario Desrosiers	Dillard 6-12 School.....	Sheldon McLean
Collins Elementary School.....	Stacie Adeyemo	Dillard Elementary School.....	Valerie Homer
Community Schools North.....	Ezra Quarrie	Discovery Elementary School .....	Dr. Camika Carey
Community Schools South .....	Kimara Giddings-Bedassie	Dolphin Bay Elementary School.....	Latanya L. Ibeawuchi
Cooper City Elementary School .....	Tatum Diehl	Charles R. Drew Elementary School .....	Alexandra Raser
		Driftwood Elementary School .....	Coral Saban
		Driftwood Middle School.....	Prisca Noizaire

Eagle Point Elementary School.....	Stephanie Pacheco Garcia	Lloyd Estates Elementary School .....	Noelle Agusti
Eagle Ridge Elementary School.....	Kimberly McCarthy	Lyons Creek Middle School.....	Courtney Johnson
Blanche Ely High School.....	Rosie Joseph	Manatee Bay Elementary School .....	Margarita Malpica
Embassy Creek Elementary School.....	Phyllis Lees	Maplewood Elementary School .....	Annemarie Johnston
Endeavour Primary Learning Center .....	Latoya Jones	Margate Elementary School.....	David Rothman
Everglades Elementary School .....	Jessica B. Schneider	Margate Middle School .....	Denise Moore
Everglades High School.....	Catalina Brasil	C. Robert Markham Elementary School.....	Sevil Kaya
Fairway Elementary School.....	Krysta Belliston	Thurgood Marshall Elementary School ..	Hendrick Shackleton
Falcon Cove Middle School.....	Laurie Reichow	McArthur High School.....	Keila Mercedes
Flamingo Elementary School.....	Marc Horowitz	McFatter Technical College & High School ..	Roger Barnhart
Charles W. Flanagan High School.....	Robert Johnson	McNab Elementary School.....	Tara Sperry
Floranada Elementary School .....	Stacey Hernandez	McNicol Middle School.....	Sasha Behm
Forest Glen Middle School.....	Wendy Greenberg	Meadowbrook Elementary School .....	Bree Condee
Forest Hills Elementary School.....	Emily Ann Conrad	Millennium 6-12 Collegiate Academy...Yolanda Rivera-Suarez	
Fort Lauderdale High School.....	Chrystina Marchionne	Miramar Elementary School.....	Tamue Nelson
Stephen Foster Elementary School .....	Erin McDonough	Miramar High School .....	Nikole Richardson
Fox Trail Elementary School.....	Stefanie Miller	Mirror Lake Elementary School .....	Sharlene Kellier
Gator Run Elementary School.....	Stacey Morse	Monarch High School.....	Lorraine Fuller
Glades Middle School.....	Kylie Elizabeth Summers	Morrow Elementary School.....	Benita Small-Williams
Griffin Elementary School .....	Jessica Horta	New Renaissance Middle School .....	Brandee Harris
Gulfstream Academy of Hallandale		New River Middle School.....	Ashley Trimble
Beach K-8 School.....	Ileana Ortega	Nob Hill Elementary School.....	Paula Northridge
Hallandale High School.....	Eldard Fenelon	Norcrest Elementary School.....	Peta-Gail Sicard
Harbordale Elementary School .....	Rachel Brotman	North Andrews Gardens Elementary	
Hawkes Bluff Elementary School .....	Allison Unger-Fink	School of the Arts .....	Kristi Oleski
Heron Heights Elementary School.....	Pilar Zenere	North Fork Elementary School.....	Marjorie Coke-Malcolm
Hollywood Central Elementary School .....	Patricia Dorvil	North Lauderdale Pre K-8 School .....	Nina Green
Hollywood Hills Elementary School.....	Amber Pacheco	Northeast High School .....	Duchane Thomas
Hollywood Hills High School.....	Sherron Ogden	North Side Elementary School .....	Gina McKnight
Hollywood Park Elementary School .....	Sara Darley	Nova Blanche Forman Elementary School .....	Attiya Batool
Horizon Elementary School.....	Kimberly Lohsen	Nova Dwight D. Eisenhower	
James S. Hunt Elementary School .....	Latonya Coldros	Elementary School .....	Rochelle Gordon
Indian Ridge Middle School.....	Gina Gilmartin	Nova High School.....	Jenna Gentile
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.		Nova Middle School .....	Keisha Lopez
Montessori Academy.....	Darryl Wilson	Oakland Park Elementary School .....	Diana Bonner
Lake Forest Elementary School .....	Jamie Delerme	Oakridge Elementary School .....	Lee Kornhauser
Lakeside Elementary School.....	Amanda Rivero	Olsen Middle School .....	Shelly Toth
Lanier-James Education Center.....	Shonte Butler	Orange Brook Elementary School .....	Kimberly Winfree
Larkdale Elementary School .....	Guitelle Prophete	Oriole Elementary School.....	Shaina Lannman-Washington
Lauderdale Lakes Middle School.....	Zerinah Christopher	Palm Cove Elementary School.....	Madelaine Duluc
Lauderhill 6-12 STEM-MED School.....	Melinda Beckford	Palmview Elementary School.....	Heather Rabina
Lauderhill Paul Turner		Panther Run Elementary School.....	Janet Delgado
Elementary School .....	Jeraldyn German	Park Lakes Elementary School.....	Alicia Gaines-Holligan
Liberty Elementary School .....	Jennifer Weber	Park Ridge Elementary School.....	Jacqueline Kawarsky



Park Springs Elementary School.....	Sarah Callahan	Silver Lakes Middle School .....	Candace Booker Goode
Park Trails Elementary School .....	Mary Elsemiller	Silver Palms Elementary School.....	Maritza Suarez
Parkside Elementary School.....	Noelle Russow	Silver Ridge Elementary School.....	Savannah Cross
Parkway Middle School.....	Marilyn Tarver Freelove	Silver Shores Elementary School .....	Dawn M. Lopez
Pasadena Lakes Elementary School .....	Jacinta D. Damasco	Silver Trail Middle School .....	Audrey L. Green
Pembroke Lakes Elementary School.....	Lisandra Zaleta	South Broward High School .....	Abel Garza
Pembroke Pines Elementary School.....	Shirley Martinez	South Plantation High School .....	Jessica Palomino
Annabel C. Perry PreK-8 School .....	Mae Young	Stirling Elementary School .....	Julie Levy
Henry D. Perry Education Center.....	Marcheley Adam	Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School..	Melissa Falkowski
Peters Elementary School.....	Melissa Kelly	Stranahan High School.....	Sharon Leiba
Pine Ridge Education Center .....	Nadine Chin-Sue	Sunland Park Academy .....	Althera Pascascio
Pines Lakes Elementary School .....	Christina Dejean	Sunrise Middle School .....	Denise Calder
Pines Middle School .....	James Sinclair	Sunset Lakes Elementary School .....	Jennifer Alberti
Pinewood Elementary School .....	Maria De Vera Lopez	Sunshine Elementary School.....	Eliana Elhefnawy
Pioneer Middle School.....	Thomas Duhart	Tamarac Elementary School.....	Sheri Maini
Piper High School.....	Tonya Stampley	J.P. Taravella High School .....	Antonietta Mattei
Plantation Elementary School.....	Rafael Harley	Tedder Elementary School.....	Guerlande Louis-Jeune
Plantation High School.....	Alyssa Mulvihill	Tequesta Trace Middle School .....	Cynthia Veronick
Plantation Middle School .....	Tikilah Shropshire	The Quest Center .....	Niccole De Oliveira
Plantation Park Elementary School .....	Dianna Hagan	Tradewinds Elementary School.....	Claudia Barros
Pompano Beach Elementary School .....	Tiffany Monroe	Tropical Elementary School .....	Jordanna Egan
Pompano Beach High School .....	Lori Carlson	Village Elementary School.....	Danny Davis
Pompano Beach Middle School.....	Angela Williams	Walker Elementary School.....	Rosemarie Winston
Quiet Waters Elementary School.....	Michelle Moran	Watkins Elementary School.....	Schqueena Similien
Ramblewood Elementary School .....	David Mankes	Welleby Elementary School .....	Mindy Hardial
Ramblewood Middle School.....	Patricia Wagner	West Broward High School .....	Michelle M. Bellamy
James S. Rickards Middle School .....	Maya Loftman	West Hollywood Elementary School .....	Rosemarie Campo
Riverglades Elementary School.....	Sharyn Mason	Westchester Elementary School.....	Alison Fox
Riverland Elementary School.....	Laura DiMario	Western High School.....	Kristi Esterline
Riverside Elementary School .....	Vonda Allen	Westglades Middle School .....	Corinna Ramoutar
Rock Island Elementary School .....	Valencia Jordan	Westpine Middle School.....	Danielle Rosen
Royal Palm STEM Museum Magnet Elementary School .....	TaiQuay Bogle	Westwood Heights Elementary School.....	Kelly Waldorf
Sanders Park Elementary School .....	Kimberly Tynes	Whiddon-Rogers Education Center .....	Todd Johnson
Sandpiper Elementary School.....	Michelle Giler	Whispering Pines Center.....	Michael Hornsby
Sawgrass Elementary School.....	Nicole Finkel	Wilton Manors Elementary School .....	Jamie Allwein
Sawgrass Springs Middle School .....	Frances McMahan	Wingate Oaks Center .....	Amy Robinson
Sea Castle Elementary School.....	Stephanie Gonzalez	Winston Park Elementary School.....	Nannette Gibson
Seagull Alternative High School.....	Stacy Haywood Marquez	Virginia S. Young Montessori Magnet Elementary School .....	Summer Kroesch
Seminole Middle School.....	Celia Taylor	Walter C. Young Middle School .....	Julia Ludovici
Sheridan Hills Elementary School.....	Nicole Bross		
Sheridan Park Elementary School.....	Donna Caruso		
Sheridan Technical College & High School...	Henry Michaud		
Silver Lakes Elementary School.....	Bronwen Leaver		

# TEACHER OF THE YEAR AWARD FINALISTS



## **Alicia Gaines-Holligan**

*Park Lakes Elementary School*

Within her eight years working with fourth and fifth graders, Alicia Gaines-Holligan sums up her philosophy on education as “putting students first.” She tries to view the world through their perspective to better help the next generation grasp the “necessary skills to succeed and help others succeed.” Citing Dr. Earlean C. Smiley, she affirms that “all students can learn, just not on the same day in the same way.” Ms. Gaines-Holligan aligns instruction and social-emotional needs to educate a child as a whole. She was amazed to see how much she was learning from her students’ cultures, worldviews, and unique situations before completing her experience with her most challenging one, her two-year old daughter!

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## **Marc Horowitz**

*Flamingo Elementary School*

Marc Horowitz teaches because “education is the profession that creates all professions. Teaching is the work of a community, where parent, teacher and child share a joint vision for learning to take place.” Throughout his 23 years as an educator, Mr. Horowitz realized that if students are presented with opportunities, they will rise to the occasion. An alumnus of Broward County Public Schools, he states that the next generation will receive effective education when focus on academics and social and emotional needs are equally considered. Whether it’s learning new technologies or reliving his childhood by playing kickball during recess, this pandemic has taught Mr. Horowitz that students gravitate toward unique and innovative teaching methods. Each day he challenges his students and himself to adapt to changes while making education a priority.

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## **Sheldon McLean**

*Dillard 6-12 School*

Sheldon McLean engages and empowers each student to engineer their future. “Every student inherently has a desire to learn,” says Mr. McLean, “and the teacher’s job is to use that desire to help the students find their purpose.” Each time Mr. McLean speaks with a student, he learns their strengths, weaknesses, goals, and disappointments, which allows him to tailor their music education experience to their needs. Mr. McLean’s own journey to this level of music education is unique, because he did not formally study music until graduate school and created a curriculum by surrounding himself with mentors, reading books and attending conferences. This experience convinced him that passion, purpose, and tenacity will take his students a long way.

# TEACHER OF THE YEAR AWARD FINALISTS



## **Monika Moorman**

*Central Park Elementary School*

Diverse in her interests and her unabating desire to learn helps to explain the various positions Monika Moorman has filled at Broward County Public Schools. Ms. Moorman's afterschool activities include Broward Gifted Advisory Council board member, Solar System Ambassador with NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory, and National Wildlife Federation Habitat Steward. Ms. Moorman considers education as a journey of self-discovery, where students are empowered to realize their full potential. She believes that it is the teacher's responsibility to challenge the students to become inquisitive, assertive, self-aware, understanding the need for constant growth. "The next generation should be taught," she says, "to stand out rather than fit in." A polyglot, who enjoys exploring nature with a camera in her hand, Ms. Moorman has learned never to underestimate students' voices, as they have inspired her most memorable projects.



## **Allison Unger-Fink**

*Hawkes Bluff Elementary School*

Allison Unger-Fink is teaching in the same classroom she sat 15 years ago. In that classroom, she educates the next generation in a comfortable environment, where student interests are reflected, and equity and inclusivity are prioritized. Her students feel valued because she emphasizes the love of learning and works with their families and community to foster self-efficacy and provide social-emotional support. "Education is a collaborative effort," says Ms. Unger-Fink, "I truly experienced this during the Robotics World Championship while watching my students work together with children from Washington, D.C. and Shanghai. That time of collaboration and real-world opportunity was a great learning moment for me, and I strive to integrate this value of authentic learning in my classroom, each and every day."

*"Teachers encourage minds to think, hands to create  
and hearts to love." – Unknown*



# Alexandra Raser




Our Daughter Alex,

Where should we begin ... she knew at about 11 years old that she wanted to be a teacher. She was always helping her classmates with homework, studies, sports, personal issues. You name it and she was there. Which is now carried out with her students. For the last 9 years we've heard all about her "babies" as she calls them. Miss Raser pushes her students to be their best daily. She has still has a relationship with many of her students from her first class in 2013.

You're an amazing mother to not only our 2 beautiful grandchildren but to 20 students and even more. We are extremely proud of you and all of your accomplishments.

We love you!



To teach is  
to touch a   
life forever



# *Congratulations Alicia*

*We've watched you grow from the little girl who played teacher into the magnificent woman who is OUR Teacher of the Year. We Love You.*

*Mom and Dad  
Dr. and Mrs. Frank Gaines*



## MONICA DARVILLE-MARTINEZ

Dave Thomas Education Center  
Teacher of the Year Nominee

**“As an educator, I plan to positively impact student success and achievement to aid all children with the integral tools needed to succeed beyond high school.”**

To our beautiful niece,  
**ALICIA G. HOLLIGAN**

We are so proud of your accomplishments.

Remember, “To whom much is given, much is expected.”

You are exceeding in all walks’ of life.

It is our prayer that God continues to allow you to be the shining star in each of your student’s life.

You are a winner in our eyes!

We Love You!  
Kenneth Sr. & Dana Boynton

ALICIA G. HOLLIGAN  
Park Lakes Elementary  
2021 Teacher of the Year Semi-finalist

*Congratulations*

Marc,

**Hard work always pays off. Your dedication of being a true teaching professional has made us proud of you. Being an innovative and progressive thinker has added to your ways of connecting with children and their families for the better.**

**Best wishes always!  
Love, Mom and Dad.**

MARC HOROWITZ  
Flamingo Elementary School  
2021 Teacher of the Year Finalist

From HBE  
Student to



HBE Teacher  
of the Year!



Ali,



WE ARE SO PROUD OF  
YOU, ALWAYS!



Love,

Mom, Dad, Jamie, Cara, Emma, Hazel,  
Nikki, Gregory, Duncan, Charm, Jazzy,  
Dani, Zoey, Shadow, and PB&B

2021





# *Congratulations Sis!*

*We're glad bossing us around our whole life paid off. You're Hall of Fame already in our book. We Love You.*

*Dwight, Nikki, Brandon*





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Congratulations TaiQuay on accomplishing  
your dreams. We are SO very proud of you!  
- Your W Sisters

**CONGRATS**

**Dr. Camika Carey**  
Discovery Elementary School's  
**TEACHER of the YEAR!**

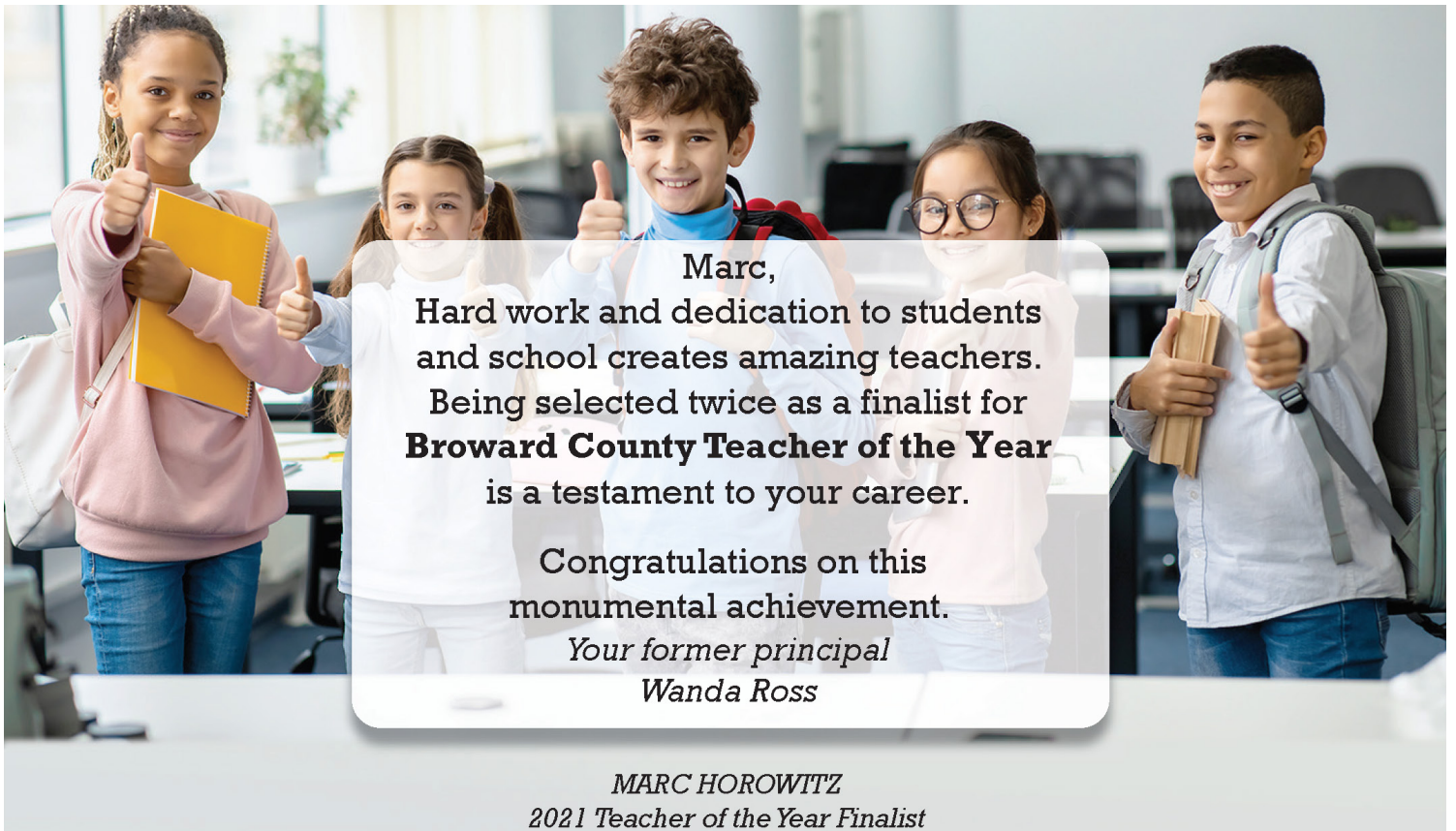


**YOU ARE AWESOME!**

We are proud of you and love you beyond words.

Continue making a difference in the lives of little scholars.

**CCA Academic Support and Charming Connections, Inc.**



Marc,  
Hard work and dedication to students  
and school creates amazing teachers.  
Being selected twice as a finalist for  
**Broward County Teacher of the Year**  
is a testament to your career.

Congratulations on this  
monumental achievement.

*Your former principal  
Wanda Ross*

*MARC HOROWITZ  
2021 Teacher of the Year Finalist*



## Congratulations Valencia Jordan!

We are proud of you for being  
nominated as the Teacher of the Year  
at Rock Island Elementary School!  
Your students and their families are  
fortunate to have your support.

We love you - your family!

*Rock Island Elementary School  
2020/21 Teacher of the Year Nominee*



# ***CONGRATULATIONS ALLISON UNGER-FINK***

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Ali, we are beyond proud of your outstanding achievements. Your dedication, passion, and love for teaching shine in all that you do.

There is no one more deserving of this recognition than you.

Congratulations!

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With love from all of us at Hawkes Bluff Elementary

*Congratulations*



## **Mr. Marc Horowitz**

*2021 Teacher of the Year Finalist*

Your dedication to learning is evident to all.  
Your Flamingo Family could not be more proud of you!



**Flamingo Elementary School**



A huge shout out to Mrs. Moorman is what we should hear  
Being named Broward Teacher of the Year finalist deserves a  
LOUD cheer!

Her passion, dedication, and countless hours of toil  
For her students and others gave her honors that were royal.

She is always there to help with a smile and kind word  
And to go above and beyond – for her is never absurd!

Central Park believes in an extremely objective way  
That naming Mrs. Moorman WINNER is what the County  
should say!!

*Congratulations!*

*Tamue Nelson*



Celebrating the dedication you've shown  
on the way to this achievement.  
You've earned every bit of the success  
you are enjoying.

**Congratulations!**

*Kelvin Nelson, Sr.*

*Kelvin Nelson, II*

*Kaylin Nelson*

*Kyndal Nelson*

**TAMUE NELSON**

*Miramar Elementary School  
2020/21 Teacher of the Year Nominee*

# Congratulations



**Duchane Thomas**

*NEHS Teacher of the Year*

Your Northeast High family could not be more proud of you!  
Thank you for your dedication and support.

From: Melinda Beckford

Thank God for my village:  
professionals, family, brothers, fiancé,  
children, dad & mums. Blessings.



*"To teach is to touch a life forever."*

- Unknown



## Congratulations to Deerfield Park Elementary's "Awesome Educators" of the Year

**Ms. Marchard Desire, Teacher of the Year and  
Mr. Demond Giles, School-Related Employee of the Year.**

**You are exemplary and hardworking. We are extremely excited, in this  
hybrid environment that YOU proudly represent DPE!**

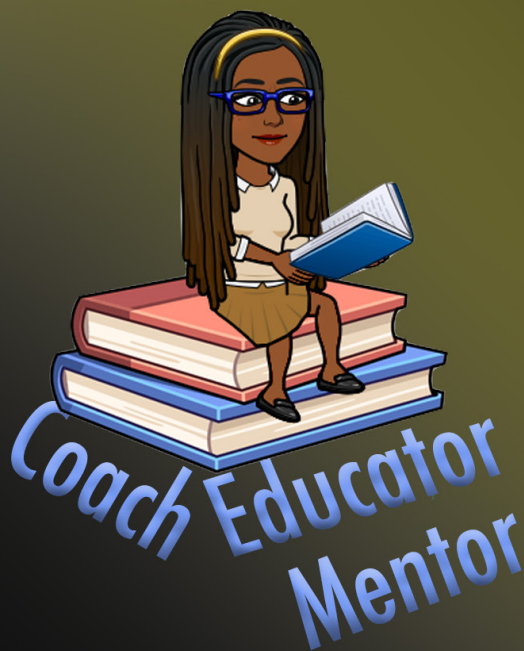
**You are the BEST!**

**Jocelyn Reid, Principal & Donna Rucker, Intern Principal**



# *Congratulations* WILLIAM DANDY MIDDLE

## Teacher of the Year 2021



*Shanna S. Smith*



# PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR AWARD

The Principal Achievement Award for Outstanding Leadership was established by the Florida Department of Education to recognize exemplary principals for their contributions to their schools and communities. The program honors principals who have spearheaded initiatives to increase student performance, promote safe learning environments and establish partnerships with parents and community members. Nominees are judged on several criteria including:

- Educational History and Professional Development Activities
- Student Achievement Data
- Student Achievement Initiatives

**Broward County Public Schools is proud to recognize and congratulate the following outstanding nominees for the Principal of the Year award.**

Central Park Elementary School.....	Cherise Coleman	Panther Run Elementary School.....	Elaine Saef
Challenger Elementary School.....	Tara Zdanowicz	Park Springs Elementary School.....	Katherine Policastro
Coral Springs Middle School.....	Sara La Rosa	Pasadena Lakes Elementary School .....	Janet Williams
Deerfield Beach High School.....	Jon Marlow	Pembroke Lakes Elementary School.....	Marsha Wagner
Charles R. Drew Elementary School .....	Angeline Flowers	Pembroke Pines Elementary School.....	Natasha Bell
Embassy Creek Elementary School.....	Robert Becker	Plantation Elementary School.....	Judith Pitter
Forest Glen Middle School .....	Ronald Forsman	Pompano Beach Elementary School .....	Shezette Blue-Small
Stephen Foster Elementary School .....	Ricardo Grimaldo	James S. Rickards Middle School.....	Dr. Washington Collado
Griffin Elementary School .....	Angie Moodliyar Jones	Rock Island Elementary School .....	Cormic Priestler
Hollywood Hills Elementary School.....	John D. Fossas	Royal Palm STEM Museum Magnet	
James S. Hunt Elementary School .....	Rendolyn Amaker	Elementary School .....	Thomas Darby
Lakeside Elementary School.....	Kathryne May	Sanders Park Elementary	
Lanier-James Education Center.....	Bonnie Clemon	School.....	Karen-Daunn Nesbeth-Bennett
Lyons Creek Middle School.....	Vernicca Wynter	Sawgrass Springs Middle School .....	James Cecil
Manatee Bay Elementary		Sea Castle Elementary School.....	Riquelme Rodriguez
School.....	Heather Hedman-Devaughn	Sheridan Technical College	
Margate Elementary School.....	Thomas Schroeder	& High School.....	Thomas Moncilovich
McNicol Middle School.....	Melissa Gurreonero	Silver Lakes Elementary School.....	Tammy Gilbert
Miramar High School.....	Maria Formoso	Silver Ridge Elementary School.....	John Vetter
New Renaissance Middle School .....	Janet Morales	South Broward High School .....	Patricia Brown
North Andrews Gardens Elementary		South Plantation High School .....	Christine Henschel
School of the Arts .....	Catrice Duhart	Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School....	Michelle Kefford
Nova Blanche Forman Elementary School ..	Russell Schwartz	Westchester Elementary School.....	Melissa Frame-Geraine
Nova Middle School .....	Rayner Garranchan	Westglades Middle School.....	Matthew Bianchi
Oakland Park Elementary School .....	Michelle Garcia	Whiddon-Rogers Education Center.....	Wylie Howard, Jr.
Oriole Elementary School.....	Sheneka Blue		

# PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR AWARD FINALISTS



## **Dr. Washington Collado**

*James S. Rickards Middle School*

“Education is the great equalizer of potentials, where present conditions of poverty and other obstacles can be overcome by empowerment and opportunities provided at the school,” says Dr. Washington Collado. As an educator, he celebrates when a student overcomes the “at-risk” label, as well as when teachers challenge the status quo, and push for equity among students. When he isn’t educating his students about Earth conservation and the importance of natural resources, this four-time novelist, provides voiceover for characters in movies, dances and plays the saxophone. Dr. Collado has traveled to many Latin American countries and Africa sharing his educational philosophy of “empowerment through knowledge and opportunity.”

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## **Heather Hedman-DeVaughn**

*Manatee Bay Elementary School*

“When you believe in God and people, big and small, it motivates them to be their best.” Heather Hedman-DeVaughn has applied this philosophy during her 28 years working in the District. Ms. Hedman-DeVaughn started as an energetic and passionate first-grade teacher and has been a principal for the past 15 years. “The next generation, coming out of this pandemic might be the most self-driven, with highest technology skills and innovation abilities,” she says. “What matters most in educating students, is to listen, provide proper tools for success, and make necessary supports available.” Ms. Hedman-DeVaughn learns most when she listens to her students’ stories, while having fun and building relationships. This British-born principal interacts with the kindergarteners, dressed up as “Zero,” a hero with a cape, a wig and her full-blown British accent.

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## **Christine Henschel**

*South Plantation High School*

As the longest serving principal at South Plantation High School, Christine Henschel believes that the education system should be authentic, relevant and engaging for all learners. Ms. Henschel’s biggest learning moment occurred when a student survey revealed that the school was boring. In that moment she decided to create a more relevant, purposeful high school experience for her students, bringing forth many innovative programs. This approach coincides with Ms. Henschel’s philosophy on education - Educators cannot even begin to teach the minds of their students without first reaching their hearts. A descendant of Grace O’Malley, the infamous Pirate Queen of Connacht, who was recently featured as one of 22’s mentors in the movie *Soul*, Ms. Henschel has met Senior PGA Champion, Christy O’Connor, who taught her to play the spoons.

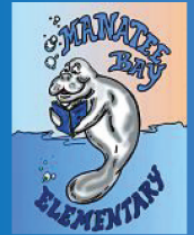


**We Support Our Awesome Principal, Mrs. Henschel!**



**SOUTH PLANTATION HIGH**

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## CONGRATULATIONS MRS. DEVAUGHN!

**You truly shine with the kindest heart,  
the highest integrity, and the strongest drive.  
Always, and especially during the pandemic,  
you've gone above and beyond to keep us safe,  
informed, and part of the process.**

Manatee Bay PTA appreciates you and the ManaTeam!

*Heather Hedman-Devaughn  
2020/21 Principal of the Year Nominees*

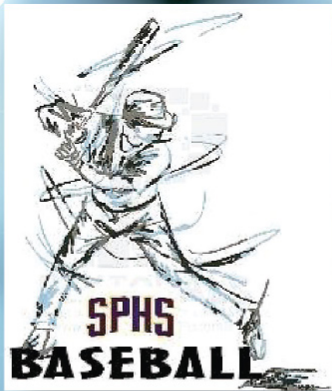
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**MRS. CHRISTINE HENSCHEL**  
**FINALIST**

**2021 CALIBER AWARDS PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR**





**Congratulations  
to our biggest fan,  
Principal Christine Henschel!  
You hit it out of the park!**

From your 2021  
South Plantation Baseball Team

Christine Henschel  
South Plantation High School  
2021 Principal of the Year Finalist

**To Heather Hedman-DeVaughn  
Congratulations!**

You put your **heart** and energy  
in everything you do!  
Thank you for touching and  
teaching us every day,  
simply by being you!

Blessings!  
Allison Denbow and Althia Bradley

Manatee Bay Elementary School  
2021 Principal of the Year Nominee



# Congratulations Dania Dolphin Superstars



**Mrs. Hengge - Teacher of the Year**



**Mrs. Tepper - Employee of the Year**

# CONGRATULATIONS CHRISTINE HENSCHEL



2021 Caliber Awards  
Principal of the Year Finalist





**Congratulations**

**Christine Henschel on being honored as a  
Principal of the Year Finalist!**

**WE ARE SO PROUD OF YOU!**

**South Plantation High School**



Ricardo M.

**Stephanie V.**

Marci G.

**Officer JT**

Joann C.

Jackie G.

**CINDY O.**

Kristen H.

**Amy H.**

Tyler H.

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# ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR AWARD

The Outstanding Assistant Principal Achievement Award was established by the Florida Department of Education to recognize exemplary assistant principals for their contributions to their schools and communities. The program honors assistant principals who have utilized teamwork and leadership skills to increase student performance, promote safe learning environments and establish partnerships with parents and community members. Nominees are judged on several criteria including:

- Educational History and Professional Activities
- Leadership
- Achievements
- Creativity and Innovation
- Professional Recognition and Awards

**Broward County Public Schools is proud to recognize and congratulate the following outstanding nominees for the Assistant Principal of the Year award.**

Atlantic Technical College & High School.....	Brian Bush	Liberty Elementary School .....	Donna Styles
Atlantic West Elementary School .....	Latonya Cooper	Lloyd Estates Elementary School .....	Marilyn Guirand
Boulevard Heights Elementary School .....	Sylvia Gonzalez	Lyons Creek Middle School.....	Erick Gurreonero
Broward Virtual School.....	Antonette McGregor	Lyons Creek Middle School.....	Dory Vega Rodriguez
Coconut Creek High School.....	Nicole Nearor	Manatee Bay Elementary School .....	Giselle Norrito
College Academy @ BC .....	Maureen Lue	Meadowbrook Elementary School .....	Aleshia Coleman
Collins Elementary School.....	Maureen Keenan	Miramar High School .....	Alexander Francois
Coral Springs High School .....	Dr. Tameka King	Miramar High School .....	Cristina Selvidge
Crystal Lake Middle School .....	Tavures Williams	New Renaissance Middle School .....	Louis Kushner
Dave Thomas Education Center.....	Synithia Crawford	North Andrews Gardens Elementary School .....	Clarice Johnston
Discovery Elementary School .....	Raylene Thomas	Pembroke Lakes Elementary School.....	Lacresha Cooper
Embassy Creek Elementary School.....	Jodi Hoover	Pompano Beach High School .....	Lisa Spencer
Embassy Creek Elementary School.....	Michelle Dolin	Quiet Waters Elementary School.....	Denise Dopico-Lizano
Everglades High School .....	Anthony Smith	Ramblewood Middle School.....	Kathleen Neville
Fairway Elementary School.....	Dr. LaShawn Tukes	James S. Rickards Middle School.....	Orinthia Dias
Charles W. Flanagan High School.....	Kristine Knapp	Sanders Park Elementary School .....	Anitra Fleming
Charles W. Flanagan High School.....	Leonardo Bacigalupi	Silver Trail Middle School .....	Lynnette Lendick
Forest Glen Middle School.....	Tiffany Barnett	South Broward High School .....	Yvonne Sherba
Fox Trail Elementary School.....	Suzanne Nelson	Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School.....	Tariq Qaiyim
Gulfstream Academy of Hallandale Beach K-8 School .....	Maximo Castillo	Whispering Pines Center.....	Catherine Henderson
Hollywood Hills High School.....	Luis Espinosa	Wilton Manors Elementary School .....	Vanessa Machin

# ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR AWARD FINALISTS



## **Kristine Knapp**

*Charles W. Flanagan High School*

As an educator for 16 years, Kristine Knapp has learned that “people don’t care how much you know, until they know how much you care.” Ms. Knapp plans on educating the next generation by loving, believing and motivating them as well as by planting the seed of compassion in them. The biggest learning moment for her was during her transition of phases. Ms. Knapp learned that she can care for and serve her students in any capacity. Her fear of losing her relationships with them when she left the classroom was eased by the impact she now makes on more students. Of the 2,500 students she serves at her alma mater, Ms. Knapp says, “everyone deserves to feel special and it is imperative to personalize the educational experience for each student.”

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## **Louis Kushner**

*New Renaissance Middle School*

If you are what you read, we can say Louis Kushner became what he practiced. In tenth grade, Mr. Kushner often rode the city bus to his job at another school, and during his senior year, he interned as a teacher’s assistant at his own school. He advanced from a substitute teacher to assistant principal in fourteen years. Mr. Kushner strongly believes that educators are here to provide a service, and education must be collaborative, flexible and empowering. “The teaching and learning needs of each family must be addressed in the education of the next generation, as the pandemic taught how education can be transformed overnight,” says Mr. Kushner. He points out that technology plays a huge role in this process, and it has been a big learning moment for him to see his students accomplish outstanding projects, only because of the right tools. Mr. Kushner’s grandmother was an opera singer and he carries on the family tradition by competing in singing talent shows.

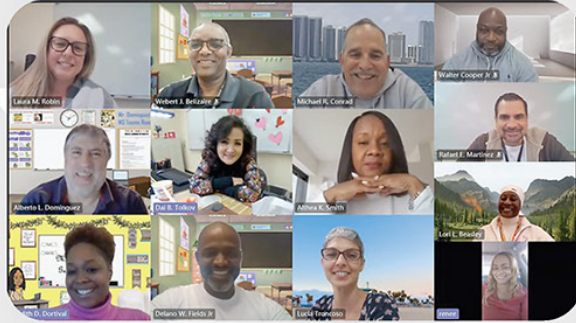
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## **Anthony Smith**

*Everglades High School*

“Education is the cornerstone to success for all individuals regardless of their chosen endeavors,” says Anthony Smith who achieved the outstanding number of 163 out of 212 dropout students graduating with their cohort. He believes what matters the most in the education of the next generation is that students and parents are valued and supported. Throughout his 28-year career, Mr. Smith is most humbled by his students’ expressions of gratitude for his consistent practices. Former students return to share the result of his tough love, as it has orchestrated their success, with one becoming a loyal father, and even saved another’s life. Mr. Smith is a first-generation college graduate from Brown University, an Ivy League college and is married to Neva Rainford-Smith, the new Deputy Chief Assistant State Attorney under The Honorable Harold F. Pryor.



## From the Everglades Math Department:

It is an honor to work with such a supportive, caring, and understanding leader!

**Congratulations on this well-deserved recognition award Mr. Smith!**

Anthony B. Smith  
 Everglades High School  
 2021 Assistant Principal of the Year Finalist





## **Congratulations Kristine!!!**

We are all so proud of you and  
your accomplishment!

*Your PROUD family*

**CONGRATULATIONS MR. KUSHNER!**



**From your Cavalier Family!**

# CONGRATULATIONS MR. SMITH



**Dedicated, compassionate, and wise  
are a few words to describe  
the awesome man you are!**

**Love, Vicky, Terry, Isabel, Kristen,  
Marcelle, Judi, Trues, and Garcia**



## **ANTHONY SMITH!**

A charismatic leader who fosters achievement by reaching students on a personal level and joining forces with all stake holders. He removes all barriers by displaying honesty and integrity!

### **Best Wishes!**

*Dr. Laura Cohen, Allison Denbow,  
Gina Finn, Colonel Spielvogel*

ANTHONY B. SMITH  
Everglades High School  
2021 Assistant Principal of the Year Finalist

# Congratulations!



**Mr. Smith!**  
**We're so proud of you!**

-Egnor and the Peloquins

Anthony B. Smith  
Everglades High School  
2021 Assistant Principal of the Year Finalist



**EVERGLADES**

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Some may think a supportive administrator is a myth,  
But we know differently because we have Mr. Smith!  
Whether giving classroom support or lending a sympathetic ear,  
Mr. Smith is consistent year after year.

He cares for the students and keeps them on track,  
And makes everyone feel safe because he has our backs!

On this auspicious occasion we wouldn't miss  
The opportunity to thank and praise Mr. Anthony Smtih.  
We love you for your character, support, and dedication,  
So, we wanted to say thank you and congratulations!

Sincerely,  
Kathy Saiano, Laurie Lembo, Barbara Romero,  
Sasha Davila Chang, and Melanie DeMar



*Sylvia Gonzalez*

My beautiful friend and mentor, Sylvia Gonzalez!  
Your passion, dedication, and exemplary work ethic  
are evident in the blazing trail others will follow!

Love you,  
Ann Hernandez

Boulevard Heights Elementary School  
2020/21 Assistant Principal of the Year Nominee



Dear Louis Kushner,

When we read that you were a candidate for Assistant Principal of the Year, we were all thrilled for you! We could think of no one more deserving. You are a leader among leaders. The passion and dedication that exudes from you for children, teaching, and learning comes through in everything you do.

You inspire others to greatness. During the challenges of last year, you were a source of hope and happiness for your teachers, students, and colleagues. You made the impossible possible as you brought joy, kindness, and a desire to learn and teach to your teachers, students, staff, and colleagues. You truly deserve this honor.

As your Principal Preparation colleagues, we want to wish you the very best as this honor is bestowed upon you. We wish you all the best in this and in all your endeavors.

***Congratulations and Best Wishes,***  
*Your Principal Preparation Program Colleagues*



”

Chance made  
us colleagues,  
but the fun  
and laughter  
we shared  
made us friends.

“

**Congratulations Louis!**

**We are so proud of you.**

**Love, Janet, Heather and Kienna**



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*Congratulations to all nominees*

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# SCHOOL-RELATED EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR AWARD

The School-Related Employee of the Year program was established by the Florida Department of Education to recognize outstanding education support personnel for the significant contributions they make to their schools and district school systems.

**Broward County Public Schools is proud to recognize and congratulate the following outstanding nominees for the School-Related Employee of the Year award.**

Boyd H. Anderson High School .....	Beverly Jackson	Coral Cove Elementary School.....	Gloria Grant
Apollo Middle School.....	Francee Gillis	Coral Glades High School .....	Carl Tomestic
Atlantic Technical College & High School..	Nathaniel Bowens	Coral Park Elementary School.....	Katarina Kopaszova
Atlantic West Elementary School .....	Linton Rorie	Coral Springs High School .....	Brandon Wesley
Attucks Middle School .....	Miranda Jeanette	Coral Springs Middle School.....	Nancy Bartolone
Bair Middle School .....	Donald Walcott	Coral Springs Pre K-8 School.....	Josie Jean-Louis
Banyan Elementary School .....	Dean LaSasso	Country Hills Elementary School.....	Dori Reife
Bayview Elementary School.....	Mercedes Guerrero	Country Isles Elementary School.....	Maria Elena Silva Diaz
Beachside Montessori Village .....	Sheri Rausseo	Cresthaven Elementary School .....	Susan May
Bennett Elementary School .....	Virginia Hunter	Croissant Park Elementary School.....	Carlos Diaz
Mary M. Bethune Elementary School .....	Nakia Thomas	Cross Creek School .....	Gloria Ann Duncanson
Boulevard Heights Elementary School .....	Luis Gonzalez	Crystal Lake Middle School .....	Verna Brooks
Bright Horizons Center .....	Sheniene Moore	Cypress Bay High School.....	Concepcion Rodriguez
Broadview Elementary School .....	Russell Kearns	Cypress Elementary School.....	Arnie Palenzuela
Broward Estates Elementary School .....	Ebony Walker	Cypress Run Education Center.....	Yolanda Washington
Broward Virtual School.....	Cynthia McIlroy	William Dandy Middle School.....	Dorline Gilbert
Castle Hill Elementary School.....	Jessica Medrano	Dania Elementary School .....	Robin Tepper
Central Park Elementary School.....	Lilia Durham	Dave Thomas Education Center.....	Lashonn Simmons
Challenger Elementary School.....	Stacy Rowe	Davie Elementary School.....	Barclay Quatremain
Chapel Trail Elementary School .....	Linda Carey	Deerfield Beach Elementary School.....	Althea Webb
Coconut Creek Elementary School.....	Caryn Bushey	Deerfield Beach High School.....	Daniel Damore
Coconut Creek High School.....	Sheryl Garfield	Deerfield Beach Middle School ..	Lorraine McClin-Olriedge
Coconut Palm Elementary School .....	Larry Verbal	Deerfield Park Elementary School .....	Demonde Giles
Colbert Museum Magnet Elementary School .....	Delroy Wedderburn	Dillard 6-12 School.....	Sharon Mathews
College Academy @ BC.....	Elizabeth Izzo	Dillard Elementary School.....	Daetrine Osteen
Collins Elementary School.....	Joyce Hunter	Discovery Elementary School .....	Chantelle Holmes
Community Schools North .....	Beth Zaremba	Dolphin Bay Elementary School.....	Beatriz Arias
Community Schools South .....	Nancy Jones	Charles R. Drew Elementary School .....	Miriam Rodriquez
Cooper City Elementary School .....	Darrel Bagsic	Driftwood Elementary School .....	Katherine Williams
Cooper City High School .....	Maria Duque	Driftwood Middle School.....	Carlos Mercado
		Eagle Point Elementary School.....	Alyssa Cardamone

Eagle Ridge Elementary School.....	Elizabeth Mynatt	Manatee Bay Elementary School .....	Eliot Santana
Blanche Ely High School.....	Estie Holsworth	Maplewood Elementary School .....	Kathy Goldensohn
Embassy Creek Elementary School.....	Randi Adario	Margate Elementary School.....	Linda Moen
Endeavour Primary Learning Center .....	Coreen Wellington	Margate Middle School .....	Robyn Barto
Everglades Elementary School .....	Valentina Rodriguez-Freia	C. Robert Markham Elementary School.....	Carla Marianelli
Everglades High School.....	Marcelle Greaves	Thurgood Marshall Elementary School.....	Theresa Curry
Fairway Elementary School.....	Jan Horvath	McArthur High School.....	Joel Rodriguez
Falcon Cove Middle School.....	Nancy Richards	McFatter Technical College & High School....	Samuel Taylor
Flamingo Elementary School.....	Walter Rodriguez	McNab Elementary School.....	Geidy Garcia
Charles W. Flanagan High School.....	Ana Salazar	McNicol Middle School.....	Padrica Bailey
Floranada Elementary School .....	Airika Cross	Meadowbrook Elementary School .....	Gelma Martinez
Forest Glen Middle School.....	Patty DeMatties	Millennium 6-12 Collegiate Academy .....	Claudine Lawrence
Forest Hills Elementary School.....	Jennifer Cassara	Miramar Elementary School .....	Earleisha Parker
Fort Lauderdale High School.....	Cammy Wolfe	Miramar High School .....	Ana Vega
Stephen Foster Elementary School .....	Nancy Thompson	Mirror Lake Elementary School .....	Joyce Martin
Fox Trail Elementary School.....	Pilar Zenere	Monarch High School.....	Natasha Emond
Gator Run Elementary School.....	Rachel Radulic	Morrow Elementary School .....	Stacey Silvera
Glades Middle School.....	Jose Magdaleno	New Renaissance Middle School .....	Carl Charles
Griffin Elementary School .....	Jacqueline Sanchez	New River Middle School.....	Denise Bails
Gulfstream Academy of Hallandale Beach K-8 School .....	Jacqueline Destin	Nob Hill Elementary School.....	Carolyn M. Williams
Hallandale High School.....	Margaret Castro	Norcrest Elementary School.....	Norma Hedelund
Harbordale Elementary School.....	Chaddrick Bryant	North Andrews Gardens Elementary School of the Arts .....	Tanya Jose
Hawkes Bluff Elementary School .....	Allison Washington	North Fork Elementary School.....	Sharon Wilson
Heron Heights Elementary School.....	Ioan Claudiu Verba	North Lauderdale Pre K-8 School .....	Darlid Kelly
Hollywood Central Elementary School .....	Sandra Sunkins	Northeast High School .....	Eva Romero Granda
Hollywood Hills Elementary School.....	Anthony Biesel	North Side Elementary School .....	Denise Jenkins
Hollywood Hills High School.....	Dave Mitchell	Nova Blanche Forman Elementary School ...	Oussama Naami
Hollywood Park Elementary School .....	Maria Lopez	Nova Dwight D. Eisenhower Elementary School .....	Marquette Samuel
Horizon Elementary School.....	Nihad Shaban	Nova High School.....	Joe Meireles
James S. Hunt Elementary School .....	Linda Leverett	Nova Middle School .....	Anson Edmond
Indian Ridge Middle School.....	Desiree Felder	Oakland Park Elementary School .....	Theresa Richards
Indian Trace Elementary School .....	Marc Antonio Pulido II	Oakridge Elementary School .....	Luz Mejia
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Montessori Academy.....	RoseMary Neely	Olsen Middle School .....	Tiffany Adams
Lake Forest Elementary School .....	Jonette Waters	Orange Brook Elementary School .....	Dion Nader
Lakeside Elementary School.....	Emilio Sabator	Oriole Elementary School.....	Cynthia Holmes
Lanier-James Education Center.....	Christopher Jenkins	Palm Cove Elementary School.....	Diana Jaar Handal
Larkdale Elementary School .....	Tashi Harden	Palmview Elementary School.....	Killick Dolsaint
Lauderdale Lakes Middle School.....	Rose Norvil	Panther Run Elementary School.....	Tammy Carter
Lauderhill 6-12 STEM-MED School.....	Belinda Parks	Park Lakes Elementary School.....	Camille Ferguson
Lauderhill Paul Turner Elementary School.....	Sacha Brown	Park Ridge Elementary School.....	Jamesena Nero
Liberty Elementary School .....	Jermaine James	Park Springs Elementary School.....	Angela Perry
Lloyd Estates Elementary School .....	Gustavo Hurtado	Park Trails Elementary School .....	Beth Krate
Lyons Creek Middle School.....	Lisa Shehan	Parkside Elementary School.....	Melissa Joseph

Parkway Middle School.....	Rasheed Gray	Silver Trail Middle School .....	Tyler Jackson
Pasadena Lakes Elementary School .....	Terry Larkin	South Broward High School .....	Dawn Bettis
Pembroke Lakes Elementary School.....	Kari Freesman	South Plantation High School .....	Nereida Miller
Pembroke Pines Elementary School.....	Kemar Cole	Stirling Elementary School .....	Antonia Manragh
Annabel C. Perry Pre K-8 School .....	Darlid Kelly	Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School.....	Eduardo Suarez
Henry D. Perry Education Center.....	Emily Guzman	Stranahan High School.....	Jean St. Hubert
Peters Elementary School.....	Tina Silver	Sunland Park Academy .....	Athera Pascascio
Pine Ridge Education Center .....	Betty Symonette	Sunrise Middle School .....	Shauntia Clark
Pines Lakes Elementary School .....	Surey Fuentes-Diaz	Sunset Lakes Elementary School .....	Kristine Logvin
Pines Middle School .....	Monique Blakely	Sunshine Elementary School.....	Kendra Miller
Pinewood Elementary School .....	Nerisha Hazarie	Tamarac Elementary School.....	Katherine Munoz
Pioneer Middle School.....	Stacey Thompson	J.P. Taravella High School .....	Anuradha Mahabir
Piper High School.....	Antwaun Clemons	Tedder Elementary School .....	Nikita Calvin-Raysor
Plantation Elementary School.....	Demetrick McFadder	Tequesta Trace Middle School .....	Curtis Vaughn
Plantation High School.....	Joshua Lastra	The Quest Center .....	David Robinson
Plantation Middle School .....	Miriam Robinson	Tradewinds Elementary School.....	Rosie Rodriguez-Lopez
Plantation Park Elementary School .....	Elsa Ayala	Tropical Elementary School .....	Javier Garcia
Pompano Beach Elementary School .....	Sally Skarveles	Village Elementary School.....	Terence Williams
Pompano Beach High School .....	Allison Garsh	Walker Elementary School.....	Jamiro Smith
Pompano Beach Middle School.....	Camilla Harris	Watkins Elementary School.....	Janet Arce Bonacorso
Quiet Waters Elementary School.....	Brandi Savarino	Welleby Elementary School .....	Jade Antoine
Ramblewood Elementary School .....	Donna Benson	West Broward High School .....	Sandra Ayala
Ramblewood Middle School.....	Elizabeth Aiello	West Hollywood Elementary School .....	Marlon Taylor
James S. Rickards Middle School.....	Mirtha Ochoa	Westchester Elementary School.....	Shilpa Parikh
Riverglades Elementary School.....	Angelo Rainey	Western High School.....	Ilene Feldman
Riverland Elementary School.....	Cheryl Brown-Freeman	Westglades Middle School .....	Idi Vance
Riverside Elementary School .....	Cristal Jennings	Westpine Middle School.....	Renata Richardson
Rock Island Elementary School .....	Angella Steadman	Westwood Heights Elementary School.....	Kristin Kupetsky
Royal Palm STEM Museum Magnet Elementary School .....	Jane Kessler	Whiddon-Rogers Education Center .....	Gale Taylor
Sanders Park Elementary School .....	Andrea Burney	Whispering Pines Center.....	Donald McMillan
Sandpiper Elementary School.....	Laurel R-Love	Wilton Manors Elementary School .....	Kristine Barrios
Sawgrass Elementary School.....	Yasmin San Martin	Wingate Oaks Center .....	Tracy Wyche
Sawgrass Springs Middle School .....	Samuel Fulmore	Winston Park Elementary School.....	Rita Fonseca
Sea Castle Elementary School.....	Olimpia Peters	Virginia S. Young Montessori Magnet Elementary School .....	Robert Elkins
Seagull Alternative High School.....	Nehemie Michaud	Walter C. Young Middle School .....	Victoria Brito
Seminole Middle School.....	Patricia Fair		
Sheridan Hills Elementary School.....	Nicole Parisien	<b>DEPARTMENT NOMINEES</b>	
Sheridan Park Elementary School.....	Karen Rooney	Office of Safety, Security and Emergency Preparedness .....	Kaitlin Berry
Sheridan Technical College & High School..	Jennifer Messina	Office of Academics .....	Martina Blanco
Silver Lakes Elementary School.....	Leah Leypold	Office of Safety, Security and Emergency Preparedness .....	Leigh Kamens
Silver Lakes Middle School .....	Kelvin Kirkland	Office of Safety, Security and Emergency Preparedness .....	Lynn Moscoso
Silver Palms Elementary School.....	Lori Rogulski		
Silver Ridge Elementary School.....	Annette Baguatie		
Silver Shores Elementary School .....	Denise Degroff		

# SCHOOL-RELATED EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR AWARD FINALISTS



## **Leigh Kamens**

*Office of Safety, Security, and Emergency Preparedness*

“Education is not constrained by time or location. It happens continuously for everyone at any age.” This is the educational philosophy of Leigh Kamens, who believes the next generation is under pressure to grow up sooner than past generations. “Thus, it is important to enable students to have confidence in their abilities and ensure they have methods to work out problems coming their way.” Ms. Kamens is consistently surprised at students’ creative perspectives and ingenious solutions when looking for ideas to improve grades. Students, learn from her, skillsets and strategies to be able to pivot and course correct, as well as what it takes to run a triathlon and focus on half-ironman distance races of 70.3 miles.

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## **Susan May**

*Cresthaven Elementary School*

With 35 years working in the District, Susan May has come to understand that children need to be loved the most when they deserve it the least. When students return, they remember the listening lunches, and the acts of love which were little deposits made in their memories. “The next generation,” says Ms. May, “needs to be taught morals, values and kindness, which are marketable skills to be self-efficient and successful in working with others.” Having served as a parent volunteer, then becoming an employee, Ms. May wore different hats and has a lot of wonderful memories of Broward County Public Schools. Ms. May and her husband, her high school sweetheart, were the first class of students that moved from Junior High (Rickards) to High School (Northeast). They still laugh about missing out on their “big man” on campus experience for Junior High.

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## **Nancy Richards**

*Falcon Cove Middle School*

What matters most to Nancy Richards as an educator is teaching students to be successful and independent adults. With self-confidence and the ability to advocate for themselves students will be empathetic about the world around them and passionate about their choices. When Ms. Richards realized that she was working with a student who could become a doctor or an engineer, she had an epiphany that she is truly influencing the future. Speaking about success, her first career as a television producer, director and editor allowed her to meet with successful legends like Sylvester Stallone, Dan Rather, Alex Trebek, Ted Koppel, Regis Philbin, along with many others.

# SCHOOL-RELATED EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR AWARD FINALISTS



## **Jacqueline Sanchez**

*Griffin Elementary School*

Hiking to the summit of Mount Fuji in Japan is an accomplishment that gives Jacqueline Sanchez the confidence to step outside her comfort zone. Such assurance is found in her students, even in the shy and quiet ones, who get passionate and blossom into confident and powerful voices at community events. Ms. Sanchez has been sponsoring Griffin Elementary's environmental club for 13 years, which has put her in direct relationship and impact with over 700 students. When it comes to educating the next generation, Ms. Sanchez believes it is most important that students feel empowered to make a difference and have their voice heard. "Each child deserves equal access to a great education," says Ms. Sanchez, "It is our duty to make sure children feel safe and comfortable to be their true selves."



## **Sandra Sunkins**

*Hollywood Central Elementary School*

Sandra Sunkins has worked with Broward County Public Schools for the past thirty-two years. She is dedicated and patient and helps teachers become effective educators, allowing them to have the greatest impact on their students. She has learned this from her "little humans," whom she has been enjoying mentoring over the years. Ms. Sunkins loves helping students gain as much knowledge and have a better understanding in order to be more productive. Ms. Sunkins has organized many community events including Dania Beach's free breakfast and toy drive, and professes to be the biggest Miami Dolphins fan in the entire state of Florida.

*Congratulations to our "sister" Nancy!  
There is no one who deserves this  
recognition more than you! We are  
honored to be a part of your "family".*

*Love,  
Barb, Maria, Christine and Jeannie*

*To: Sylvia C. Gonzalez*

*Warmest congratulations to my wife on your nomination for the Caliber award for Assistant Principal of the Year. Your hard work and dedication have made a difference in the lives of students and teachers. I am proud of you. You have done a terrific job.*

*Bert Gonzalez*



*Congratulations!*

**SANDRA SUNKINS**

*School Related Employee of the Year Finalist*



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Dave Thomas Education Center  
School-Related Employee of the Year Nominee

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culture would empower others  
and let others take on the lead  
for different things.”**

*Nancy*



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Love - Chip, Billy & Scooter!**

NANCY RICHARDS  
Falcon Cove Middle School  
2021 School-Related Employee of the Year Finalist

*With all the many hats that you wear,*



## **SANDRA SUNKINS**

Hollywood Central Elementary School  
School-related Employee of The Year Semi-finalists!

*we thank you!*

**We all love you and are extremely proud of your hard work and dedication.**

# Mrs. Susan May



The students, staff, and community of Cresthaven Elementary School send Congratulations to Mrs. **Susan May**, our **School-related Employee of the Year Finalist!**

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# Congratulations



**Eva Romero Granda**  
*NEHS Employee of the Year*

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**ALLISON WASHINGTON**

Hawkes Bluff Elementary School  
*2020/21 School-Related  
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**Congratulations Mrs. Washington!**  
**You have always wanted to make an  
impact on the lives of others.  
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you have done just that!**  
**Well done!**  
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