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Processional Calil	per Awards Nominees	
<b>Welcome</b> Stephen Marante, Master of Ceremonies Coral Springs High School Student Advisor to the School Board of Broward County		
Vale BCPS	rie Wanza, Ph.D., Mistress of Ceremonies 5 Chief School Performance & Accountability Officer	
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Remarks Robert W. Runcie Superintendent of Schools		
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<b>RemarksCori Leonard</b> South Plantation High School Assistant Student Advisor to the School Board of Broward County		
<b>PRESENTATION OF FINALISTS</b> School-Related/District Employee, Assistant Principal, Principal and Teacher of the Year		
ANNOUNCEMENT OF WINNERS		
2018 School-Related/District Employee of the Year Award	<b>Terri Cianelli</b> 2017 School-Related/District Employee of the Year	
2018 Assistant PrincipalPatricia Brownof the Year Award2017 Assistant Principal of the Year		
2018 Principal of the Year Award Elaine Saef 2017 Principal of the Year		
2019 Teacher of the Year Award Eleanna Hurst 2018 Teacher of the Year		
0	Master and Mistress of Ceremonies	







Robert W. Runcie Superintendent of Schools

## A MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

It is my pleasure to welcome you to the 2018 Caliber Awards Ceremony, recognizing the District's outstanding teachers, principals, assistant principals and school-related/District employees. The annual Caliber Awards ceremony is a special time when we celebrate these extraordinary individuals for their tremendous contributions and efforts to improve the lives, hopes and futures of our students.

We are honored to recognize this year's nominees and finalists for their exemplary service, professionalism and dedication to our students and schools. Across our District, we are fortunate to have many incredibly talented and dedicated educators, administrators and staff focused on providing our students with high-quality learning experiences and the support they need to be successful in their education and beyond.

Congratulations to all of 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. Thank you for your hard work and commitment to ensuring our students reach their highest potential.



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# MASTER OF CEREMONIES



Stephen Marante is a senior at Coral Springs High School, where he is ranked 12th in his class and maintains a GPA of 4.99. Mr. Marante currently holds the position of Student Advisor to the School Board of Broward County. In addition to his service as the Student Advisor to the School Board, Mr. Marante is committed to a wide array

of public service activities including service as an Executive Board Member for the Broward County Association of Student Councils, Committee Chair of the Superintendent's Student Advisory Committee, a member of U.S. Representative Ted Deutch's Congressional Youth Cabinet, a member of the City of Coral Springs Teen Political Forum, and a founding member of the Legislative Student Action Committee.

Mr. Marante has served as class president for three consecutive years, and has been heavily involved in his Speech and Debate Team for four years. Mr. Marante has also dedicated significant time to the Children's Miracle Network by organizing the first Dance Marathon at his school, which raised over \$10,000 for Nicklaus Children's Hospital in Miami. He was recently awarded a scholarship by the Hearst Foundation, and will spend a week in Washington, D.C. this March representing the state of Florida in the United States Senate Youth Program. Mr. Marante plans to attend Florida State University and major in political science. He also plans to attend graduate school in Washington, D.C. and pursue a career in public service.

# MISTRESS OF CEREMONIES



Dr. Valerie Smith Wanza is a native and lifelong resident of Broward County. As a proud product of Broward County Public Schools. she attended Hallandale and Miramar Elementary Schools. Pines Middle School, and graduated from Miramar High School in 1988. With that strong foundation, she went

on to earn a Bachelor of Science in English Education from Florida State University (1992), Master of Science in Educational Leadership from Nova Southeastern University (1996), and Doctor of Philosophy from Florida Atlantic University (2009).

Throughout her 26-year career with Broward County Public Schools, Dr. Wanza has served the District as a classroom teacher, central office resource teacher, assistant principal, central office coordinator, principal, and principal supervisor. Currently, Dr. Wanza serves as the Chief School Performance & Accountability Officer where she oversees all of the District's 226 schools and 3 central office support departments. Additionally, she serves as an adjunct professor in Florida Atlantic University's Department of Educational Leadership & Research.

Dr. Wanza serves on a number of advisory boards and is a member in good standing of many community and professional organizations. Dr. Wanza has been recognized on the local and state levels for her distinguished service to the field of education. She was named the 2006 State of Florida Middle School Principal of the year, is a 2015 Broward Education Foundation Alumni Hall of Fame Inductee, and 2016 Florida Atlantic University Distinguished Alumna Honoree for the College of Education.



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# SCHOOL-RELATED/DISTRICT EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR AWARD

The School-Related/District 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.

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

Anderson, Boyd H. High SchoolLonnie James, Jr.
Apollo Middle School Keyshira Hollis
Atlantic Technical College
& High SchoolNicole Willis
Atlantic West Elementary SchoolRonald McClure
Attucks Middle School Jeannette Miranda
Bair Middle School Tramain Davis
Banyan Elementary SchoolJames Ayers
Bayview Elementary SchoolAndrea Larkin
Beachside Montessori Village Robeisy Bello
Bennett Elementary School Marvetta Mack
Bethune, Mary M. Elementary School Doretta Murphy
Boulevard Heights Elementary SchoolMaritza Moreno
Bright Horizons CenterVernon Holloway
Broadview Elementary School Elsa R. Roa
Broward Estates Elementary School Claudia Mendes
Broward Virtual SchoolRegina Niskar
Castle Hill Elementary SchoolTonya Harden
Central Park Elementary School Pamela O'Grady
Challenger Elementary SchoolRosemary Casares
Chapel Trail Elementary School Maria Lerebours
Coconut Creek
Elementary School

Elementary School ..... Elizabeth Hirschman Coconut Creek High School..... Christopher Smart Coconut Palm Elementary School..... Benjamin Ferguson Colbert Museum Magnet

Elementary School ......Maria Nechyba College Academy @ BC.....Veronica Whitsett Collins Elementary School ......Frederick Flowers Community Schools North .....Sharon Saunders

Community Schools South	Marilu Calderon
Cooper City Elementary School	Fred Troxell, Jr.
Cooper City High School	
Coral Cove Elementary School	
Coral Glades High School	
Coral Park Elementary School	Marci Maietta
Coral Springs High School	
Coral Springs Middle School	Felecia Mapp
Coral Springs Pre K-8 School	
Country Hills Elementary School	Tia Godskind
Country Isles Elementary School	Christine Levine
Cresthaven Elementary School	Ashley Jones
Croissant Park Elementary School	Laura Kroske
Cross Creek School	Vicki Faulkner
Crystal Lake Middle School	Dolores Torres
Cypress Bay High School	Matthew Elias
Cypress Elementary School	Sunshine Gibson
Cypress Run Education Center	Willie Woods
Dandy, William Middle School	Andrea Sanchez
Dania Elementary School	Sonia Arango
Dave Thomas Education Center	Nancy San Ho
Davie Elementary School	.Kimberly Freeman
Deerfield Beach Elementary School	Darbi Ann Munn
Deerfield Beach High School	Susan Costa
Deerfield Beach Middle School Glor	ia Mathis Robinson
Deerfield Park Elementary School	Bonita Mason
Dillard 6-12 School	Antonio Walker
Dillard Elementary School	Tiffany Parrish
Discovery Elementary School	
Dolphin Bay Elementary School	Kari Miller

Drew, Charles R. Elementary School	Jacques Moise
Driftwood Elementary School	David Butler
Driftwood Middle School	Kurt Vendryes
Eagle Point Elementary School	Maria Alvarez
Eagle Ridge Elementary SchoolSI	herika Alexander
Ely, Blanche High School	Juanita King
Embassy Creek Elementary School	Kevin Walenciak
Endeavour Primary	

Learning Center	Loletha Washington
Everglades Elementary School	Gary Balliett
Everglades High School	Gloria Gonzalez
Fairway Elementary School	Caroline Bailey
Falcon Cove Middle School	Jefersson Martinez
Flamingo Elementary School	Berith Velasquez
Flanagan, Charles W. High School.	Jeaneen Muller
Floranada Elementary School	Vernon Whittenberg
Forest Glen Middle School	Gregory Jackson
Forest Hills Elementary School	Sarah Clark
Fort Lauderdale High School	Jessica Almeida
Foster, Stephen Elementary School	Diana L. Vigo
Fox Trail Elementary School	Michelle Huza
Gator Run Elementary School	
Glades Middle School	Melisa Neely
Griffin Elementary School Ch	andler E.L. Thompkins
Gulfstream Academy of	

Hallandale Beach K-8 School ...... Blanca Ochoa Hallandale High School ..... Frinette Volquez Harbordale Elementary School ...... Chaddrick Bryant Hawkes Bluff Elementary School ...... Nimsi Figueroa Cruz Heron Heights Elementary School ...... Adelle Peets Hollywood Central

Elementary School ..... Christopher Dockett Hollywood Hills Elementary School ..... Jorge Mendez Hollywood Hills High School ..... Eduardo Widholzer Hollywood Park

Elementary School ......Garvin D. Robinson Horizon Elementary School .....Kathryn Slyker-Thomas Hunt, James S.

Elementary School ...... Diania Lenia Faubert-Liautaud Indian Ridge Middle School..... Aracelia Briosi Indian Trace Elementary School..... Iliana Escarra King, Jr., Dr. Martin Luther

Montessori Academy.....Sharonda Johnson-Glover Lake Forest Elementary School......Maria Garcia Lakeside Elementary School.....Suzanne Abusamen Lanier-James

Education Center..... Adrianne Sears Campbell Larkdale Elementary School.......James Wright Lauderdale Lakes Middle School......Emmanuel Joseph Lauderhill 6-12

STEM-MED School ..... Rex Ellis

Lauderhill Paul Turner	
Elementary School	Shereen Mitchell
Liberty Elementary School	Maria Valencia
Lloyd Estates Elementary School	Jose V. Callirgos
Lyons Creek Middle School	Mary Alvarez
Manatee Bay	-
Elementary SchoolLynnette K	. Weech-Washington
Maplewood Elementary School	
Margate Elementary School	
Margate Middle School	
Markham, Robert C.	
Elementary School	Benita Brown
Marshall, Thurgood	Donica Brown
Elementary School	Theresa Curry
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McFatter Technical College	
& High School	Bianca Rodriquez
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Meadowbrook Elementary School	
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Miramar Elementary School	
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Mirror Lake Elementary School	
Monarch High School	
Morrow Elementary School	
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New Renaissance Middle School	
New River Middle School	-
Nob Hill Elementary School	
Norcrest Elementary School	Bernice Alvarez
North Andrews Gardens	
Elementary School	
North Fork Elementary School	
North Lauderdale Pre K-8 School	
Northeast High School	
Northside Elementary School	Maritza Sanchez
Nova Blanche Forman	
Elementary School	Luz Guevara
Nova Dwight D. Eisenhower	
Elementary School	
Nova High School	
Nova Middle School	
Oakland Park Elementary School	
Oakridge Elementary School Edg	-
Olsen Middle School	
Orange Brook Elementary School	
Oriole Elementary School	
Palm Cove Elementary School	
Palmview Elementary School	
Panther Run Elementary School	
Park Lakes Elementary School	Kathleen Freeman

Park Ridge Elementary School .....Tony Merrell Park Springs Elementary School .....Ileana Carrillo Park Trails Elementary School.....Carlos Hernandez Parkside Elementary School.....Jocelyn King Parkway Middle School.....Sharon Walker Pasadena Lakes Elementary School ...... Dawn Michaud Pembroke Lakes Elementary School ..... Jessica Lescano Pembroke Pines Elementary School ..... Liliana Leyton Perry, Annabel C. Pre K-8 School ..... Omar Tunon, Jr. Perry, Henry D. Education Center ......Henry Gonzalez Peters Elementary School..... Pedro Santiago Pine Ridge Education Center..... Brian Moore Pines Lakes Elementary School.....Alfreda Black Pines Middle School.....Anamarie Estrada Pinewood Elementary School ...... Humberto Barragan Pioneer Middle School .....Lisa Sweeney Piper High School ..... Elisia Martorana Plantation Elementary School ......Vincent Walker Plantation High School ..... Raul Mendez Plantation Middle School ..... Nestor Montanez Plantation Park Elementary School... Claribel Hernandez Pompano Beach Elementary School ...... Sally Skarveles Pompano Beach High School ..... Tayondric Allen Pompano Beach Middle School......Willie Brown Quiet Waters Elementary School..... Sheila Thomas Ramblewood Elementary School .....Adria Ligmont Ramblewood Middle School ...... Connie Ingels Rickards, James S. Middle School .....Jillian Hernandez Riverglades Elementary School..... Derrick Spencer Riverland Elementary School ...... Gerbson Jean-Charles Riverside Elementary School.....Jose Pena Rock Island Elementary School ..... Jamuti Smith Royal Palm STEM Museum Magnet

Elementary School ...... Precious Harvey Sanders Park Elementary School ...... Christopher Wright Sandpiper Elementary School ...... Doanne McBride Sawgrass Elementary School ..... Beata Worman Sawgrass Springs Middle School ..... Denise S. Adams Sea Castle Elementary School ..... Ryan Thompson Seagull Alternative High School ..... Doris Striggles Seminole Middle School ..... Bennie Haywood Sheridan Hills Elementary School ..... Melanie Cutler Sheridan Park Elementary School ..... Donald Endorf Sheridan Technical College

& High School ......Florence Murphy Silver Lakes Elementary School ......Blanca Rairan Silver Lakes Middle School ......Delia Ford Silver Palms Elementary School ......Charlene Walbroehl Silver Shores Elementary School ......Yanet Yaranga Silver Trail Middle School ......Kellie Carbone

South Broward High School	Marvlette McCloud
South Plantation High School	Ann Suarez
Stirling Elementary School	Katrina Ryan
Stoneman Douglas, Marjory	

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High School Mario Caicedo
Stranahan High SchoolAndrea Armalin-Hadden
Sunland Park AcademyMarilyn Brown
Sunrise Middle SchoolSherry Yaqub
Sunset Lakes Elementary SchoolKristine Logvin
Sunshine Elementary School Cortney Walker
Tamarac Elementary SchoolElkin Florez
Taravella, J.P. High SchoolBarbara Colgrove
Tedder Elementary School Charlene Fuller
Tequesta Trace Middle School Jackie Gonzalez
The Quest CenterLawanda Denise Mitchell
Tradewinds Elementary School Lori Dalia
Tropical Elementary School Lisa Carozza
Village Elementary School Daunyta Dickens
Walker Elementary SchoolMarcenia Wood
Watkins Elementary School A.J. Holmes
Welleby Elementary SchoolTina Ham
West Broward High School Olimpia Peters
West Hollywood Elementary School Giovanni Vergara
Westchester Elementary SchoolEdward Francis
Western High School Jermaine Hollis
Westglades Middle SchoolBrenda Martorana
Westpine Middle SchoolPrecious Howard
Westwood Heights
Elementary School Latosha Childers
Whiddon-Rogers
Education CenterIleana Miranda Perez
Whispering Pines CenterErika Bueter
Wilton Manors Elementary SchoolJennifer Cuffy
Wingate Oaks Center Edward Faulkner
Winston Park Elementary School Desmond Byard
Young, Virginia S. Montessori Magnet
Elementary School Lesbia Bruder
Young, Walter C.
Middle SchoolYvette Pirkkala

#### **DEPARTMENT NOMINEES**

**Exceptional Student** 

Learning Support	Candace Moncrieffe
Food and Nutrition Services	Hannah Windsor
School Performance and	
Accountability	Veola Vickers
Student Support Initiatives	Renee Brown



# SCHOOL-RELATED/DISTRICT EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR FINALISTS



Mary Alvarez Lyons Creek Middle School

"I have the power to make a positive impact in a child's life and educational experience," says Mary Alvarez, a 24-year BCPS veteran. Alvarez, who started as a bookkeeper in the District, is now a Confidential/Office Manager at Lyons Creek Middle School, where she is "as supportive as possible and goes the extra mile" to make a difference to students. "As a noninstructional employee, working daily at school, I have the power to make a positive impact in a child's life and educational experience." she says. Alvarez, who loves fishing and boating, says she learned "to always give a child the benefit of the doubt and take time to know their story."



Susan Costa Deerfield Beach High School

"Opportunities for learning and growth exist all around us," says Susan Costa. She is a Confidential/ Office Manager at Deerfield Beach High School, and has dedicated almost three decades to the District. Costa feels that it is important to understand "not all students learn in the same way, so to make each student successful. learning must be individualized." Costa, who overcame her fear and dislike of running to get accepted in the 2018 Chicago marathon, says that her biggest learning moment was the realization that "each student has a personal story that affects how they interact with others ... there are opportunities for learning and growth all around us."



Andrea Larkin Bayview Elementary School

"Education truly changes the world, one person at a time," says Andrea Larkin. She has seen BCPS evolve and grow as a student, parent and employee. As a BCPS alumna, she attended Robert C. Markham Elementary School, Castle Hill Elementary School, Lauderhill Middle School and Boyd H. Anderson High School. She began her career as a bus attendant in the District and now is a Confidential/Office Manager at Bayview Elementary School. Larkin believes that all students can flourish from "love, attention and guidance."



# SCHOOL-RELATED/ DISTRICT EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR FINALISTS



Tony Merrell Park Ridge Elementary School

"You never know how a single act of kindness could change someone's life in more ways than you could imagine," says Tony Merrell, a Facilities Service Person at Park Ridge Elementary School. In his third year with the District, Merrell believes, "when we work together to support and enrich the lives of our students, we can positively impact their future." Merrell, who is most proud of being a single father to three children, says, "If I can be a champion for the students in my school, if I can help turn one child around, then it's a good day, and I've done a good job."



Frinette Volquez Hallandale High School

"I believe that every student has the potential to become something special in this world," says Frinette Volquez. A 13year veteran of BCPS, Volquez began her career as a cafeteria aide in the District and is now a Confidential/Office Manaaer at Hallandale High School. She believes that education empowers students to "unlock their potential and do great things ... By providing them with a safe and stimulating environment where they are fee to express their feelings, ideas and opinions without judgment."



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# **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.

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Anderson, Boyd High School Marie Duperval
Apollo Middle SchoolKalima Carson
Atlantic Technical College
& High School Doris Gonzalez
Atlantic West Elementary SchoolCheryl Charles
Attucks Middle School
Bair Middle School Dane Hurst
Banyan Elementary SchoolBree Condee
Bayview Elementary SchoolRobert Holt
Beachside Montessori VillageNancy Roman
Bennett Elementary School Noel D. Morgado-Santos
Bethune, Mary M. Elementary School Mashell Leroy
Boulevard Heights Elementary SchoolKyle March
Bright Horizons CenterLuanne Hughes Varn
Broadview Elementary School Ernesto Gonzalez
Broward Estates Elementary SchoolRasheeda West
Broward Virtual SchoolLisa Wilson
Castle Hill Elementary SchoolCynthia Anderson
Central Park Elementary SchoolNicole Campillo
Challenger Elementary School Lissette De La Torre
Chapel Trail Elementary School Geraldine Casanova
Coconut Creek Elementary SchoolMarta Vansciver
Coconut Creek High SchoolDante Lombardi
Coconut Palm
Elementary SchoolLucy Londono-McGuire

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College Academy @ BC	Jodi Weinstein
Collins Elementary School	Nicole Kameka
Community Schools North	Darrance Gillion

Community Schools SouthMia Merrit
Cooper City Elementary SchoolCeleste French-Goltz
Cooper City High SchoolKelly Agnew
Coral Cove Elementary School Diana Escobar
Coral Glades High School Esme Maldonado
Coral Park Elementary SchoolJennifer Letvinchuk
Coral Springs High School Teresa Beans-Brescia
Coral Springs Middle School Lisa Farris
Coral Springs Pre K-8 SchoolEmily Lackey
Country Hills Elementary School Marilyn Binner
Country Isles Elementary School Tiffany Gritter-Nobile
Cresthaven Elementary SchoolNatasha Campbell
Croissant Park Elementary School Lyla Boccuzzi
Cross Creek SchoolTerrance McCorvey
Crystal Lake Middle School Grace Greenwood
Cypress Bay High School Melissa Bennett-Boorom
Cypress Elementary SchoolSharon Lopez
Cypress Run Education Center Eric Schneider
Dandy, William Middle School Tamar Morris
Dania Elementary School Nicole Schweinfurth
Dave Thomas Education CenterKelly Price
Davie Elementary SchoolStacie Giglio-Urtecho
Deerfield Beach Elementary School Alison Keenan
Deerfield Beach High School Frank Pizzo
Deerfield Beach
Middle School Raphine Regina Rachels
Deerfield Park Elementary School Rosilande Desamour

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Fitzroy Williams		
Lisa Reinhard		

Dolphin Bay Elementary School ..... April Wyche Drew, Charles R. Elementary School......Marlie Sylvestre Driftwood Elementary School......Derrick Mack Driftwood Middle School...... Matthew Feiler Eagle Point Elementary School...... Michele Laudanno Eagle Ridge Elementary School ...... Kristin Streit Ely, Blanche High School.....Yolanda McCoy Embassy Creek Elementary School.... Jennifer Raderstorf Endeavour Primary Learning Center ...... Lydia Knighton Everglades Elementary School..... Jessica Schneider Everglades High School......Matthew Cordova Fairway Elementary School..... Dr. Suzanne Clarke Falcon Cove Middle School .....Judith Malone Flamingo Elementary School ...... Sally Moore Flanagan, Charles W. High School..... Kristy Modia Floranada Elementary School .....Jared Doyle Forest Glen Middle School ..... Natasha Wilson Forest Hills Elementary School.....Brenda J. Matos Fort Lauderdale High School ..... Patrick Kothe Foster, Stephen Elementary School...... Gillian Munter Fox Trail Elementary School.....Jacqueline Alberico Gator Run Elementary School .....Elayne Hollander Glades Middle School ..... Barvel Riley Griffin Elementary School ......Susan B. Hall Gulfstream Academy of

Hallandale Beach K-8 School ...... Shirline Alexander Hallandale High School ...... Derek Rivera Harbordale Elementary School ...... Aubrey Maddox Hawkes Bluff Elementary School ...... Kathleen Passerello Heron Heights Elementary School ...... Kelly Bagiotti Hollywood Central Elementary School ...... Kelly Bagiotti Hollywood Hills Elementary School ..... Stacey Vidal Hollywood Hills High School ..... Shelia Cobb-Washington Hollywood Park Elementary School ..... Melissa Clendennin Horizon Elementary School ..... Alexander Florence Hunt, James S. Elementary School ..... Nicole Nortmann Indian Trace Elementary School ...... Lourdes Arcentales King, Jr., Dr. Martin Luther

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Middle School ...... Kimberly Foster-Baldwin Lauderhill 6-12 STEM-MED School ...... Felicia Alvarez Lauderhill Paul Turner

Elementary School	Paulette Johns
Liberty Elementary School	Elizabeth Valentino
Lloyd Estates Elementary School	Sifnide Belizaire
Lyons Creek Middle School	Adrienne Rashbaum
Manatee Bay Elementary School	Sara Ndjolba
Maplewood Elementary School	Lori Moore
Margate Elementary School	Theresa Smith
Margate Middle School	Marisha Hutchinson
Markham, Robert C.	

Elementary School .....Jacqueline Richards-de' Verteuil Marshall, Thurgood

Elementary School	Elizabeth Gibbs
McArthur High School	Dolly Bembanaste
McFatter Technical College	

Elementary School	. Kenneth Stewart
North Fork Elementary School	Latoya Marshall
North Lauderdale Pre K-8 School	Ronnie Frazier
Northeast High School	Ruth Hinkson
Northside Elementary School	Marlen Angulo
Nova Blanche Forman	

Elementary School ...... Kristina Bookman Nova Dwight D. Eisenhower

Elementary School	Donna Cady
Nova High School	Joshua Bishop
Nova Middle School	Darryl Baker
Oakland Park	

Elementary School ......Sharon Stephen-Buitrago Oakridge Elementary School.....Beatrice Dworkowitz Olsen Middle School .....Jeffery Scudder Orange Brook Elementary School ......Monika Moorman Oriole Elementary School ......Kimberly Peeples Palm Cove Elementary School......Dawn Fuller Palmview Elementary School .....Jennifer Brito Panther Run Elementary School...... Tania Pinto Park Lakes Elementary School ..... Jennifer Mehu Park Ridge Elementary School ..... Soycia Jackson Park Springs Elementary School ..... Ariel Pascarella Park Trails Elementary School ..... Cynthia Goldstein Parkside Elementary School.....Cathleen Sullivan Parkway Middle School..... Ellen Morris Pasadena Lakes Elementary School ..... Arelis Cahuasqui Pembroke Lakes Elementary School ..... Elina Seguin Pembroke Pines Elementary School .....Jennifer Hamilton Perry, Annabel C. Pre K-8 School ..... Maritza Morel Perry, Henry D. Education Center ..... Antonio Babun Peters Elementary School......Krystal Applebaum Pine Ridge Education Center..... Gryssele Machicote Pines Lakes Elementary School......Kelly Creviston Pines Middle School.....Nicole Beneby Pinewood Elementary School .....Elizabeth Mathen Pioneer Middle School .....Regina Ferreira Piper High School ..... Brenda Andrus Plantation Elementary School ...... Dana Rhodes-Hurley Plantation High School ..... Opal Ferron Plantation Middle School ......Cara Correa Pompano Beach Elementary School ...... Stacey Brown Pompano Beach High School ..... Nicole Hanna Pompano Beach Middle School.....Aaron Langley Quiet Waters Elementary School..... Roberta Fasano Ramblewood Elementary School ..... Alvaro Picado Ramblewood Middle School ...... Meagan Nagy Rickards, James S. Middle School ...... Jason Wongsam Riverglades Elementary School.....Carla Puebla Riverland Elementary School......Tiqua Carty Riverside Elementary School..... Christa Wade Rock Island Elementary School ..... Amy Fuller Royal Palm STEM Museum Magnet

Elementary School .....Annette Cunningham

Sheridan Park Elementary School ......Ebony Lassiter Sheridan Technical College

& High School	Robert Decker
Silver Lakes Elementary School	Janet Blanco Soto
Silver Lakes Middle School	Mishca Ricketts
Silver Palms Elementary School	Maria Olivera
Silver Ridge Elementary School	Kimberly Vadnais
Silver Shores Elementary School	Natalie Leon
Silver Trail Middle School	Belinda Smith Daise
South Broward High School	Lara Gutzmore
South Plantation High School	Robert Rose
Stirling Elementary School	Jennifer Valliere
Stoneman Douglas,	

Marjory High School	Tammy Orilio
Stranahan High School	Arlene Miller
Sunland Park Academy	Helen Kassim
Sunrise Middle School	Tonnie Hibbert
Sunset Lakes Elementary School	Ana C. Mundy
Sunshine Elementary School	Bianca Styles
Tamarac Elementary School	Linda Walker
Taravella, J.P. High School	
Tedder Elementary School	
Tequesta Trace Middle School	Stephanie Diez
The Quest Center	Leigh Ann Townley
Tradewinds Elementary School	Jesus Villalobos
Tropical Elementary School	Jennifer Boyd
Village Elementary School	Lunston Dennis
Walker Elementary School	Kevin Peters
Watkins Elementary School	Tiffany Harris
Welleby Elementary School	Brittney Dart
West Broward High School	Jodi Tesser
West Hollywood Elementary School	Jamar Council
Westchester Elementary School	Heather Bloch
Western High School	Lauren Cohen
Westglades Middle School	Susan Buck
Westpine Middle School	
Westwood Heights Elementary Schoo	ol Keloy Snow
Whiddon-Rogers	

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Whispering Pines CenterStephanie Warren
Wilton Manors Elementary School Maria Schwartz
Wingate Oaks CenterLauren Barrett
Winston Park Elementary SchoolJustina Stage
Young, Virginia S. Montessori
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Magnet Elementary School .... Claudia Sinta-Hofmann Young, Walter C.

Middle School ..... Denise Culpepper

# TEACHER OF THE YEAR FINALISTS



Stacey Brown Pompano Beach Elementary School

As an educator, Stacey Brown's goal is to ensure her students learn. To accomplish this, she focuses on the process of teaching and learning rather than searching for a perfect product. "As teachers, we must know the standards we are teaching and the most effective strategies we can use to address student needs. As teachers, we must recognize all students are different and that we may have to adjust the strategies we are using based on how students respond to our instruction. As teachers, we must invest in our own learning to ensure we have the knowledge to teach others," says Brown. She believes that teachers have the most significant impact on student learning and education is not about the program that teachers buy, but the process and knowledge the teacher develops: "We are educating tomorrow's leaders and must be flexible and willing to continuously learn to support our students."



Diana Escobar Coral Cove Elementary School

When Diana Escobar decided to become a teacher, she had no idea that her students would shape and shift her life. Coming from a family of educators, she exhibits empathy, respect and care for her students. "I believe all students can learn and succeed, no matter their background, their interests, their skills." Escobar believes that if educators cultivate and nurture a relationship with their students, they provide the capability and drive needed to accomplish academic and social goals. A passionate literacy coach, she understands and utilizes her personal challenges and accomplishments to motivate and guide her students. "Although I want to walk my students step-bystep, I have learned to let them go to take chances, make mistakes and stand back up when they fall. I have learned to guide them, but have also learned to let them figure things out so that they can become independent problem-solvers."



Tammy Freeman Monarch High School

Freeman's teaching Tammy repertoire is based on the proverb. "Give a man a fish, and you feed him for a day; teach him how to fish and you feed him for a lifetime." Instead of giving her students the answers and having them depend on her to provide the answers each time, she empowers them by teaching them the process, which will help them become better thinkers and learners throughout their lifetimes. When educating her students, Freeman ensures every student walks out of the classroom understanding that no matter their past, through education, they can accomplish anything in life. "The biggest learning moment for me with my students has been the realization that sometimes I believe in them more than they believe in themselves," says Freeman. "I work to empower them by not only instilling skills that will help them become successful in life, but helping them see just how important their voice truly is."



# TEACHER OF THE YEAR FINALISTS



Helen Kassim Sunland Park Academy

"Education is power. Education is essential to life. Education is the gateway to professional opportunities and financial stability. I believe that every student has the potential and the right to learn," says Helen Kassim. Having taught for the past seven years, Kassim has noted that everyone, including children, struggle with their day-to-day endeavors, and she believes it is imperative that a holistic education is provided to the next generation - an education that includes academic, social emotional. professionalism, etiquette, and overall life skills. Her daily guidance is Rita Pierson's words: "Every person deserves a champion: a person who will never give up on them, who understands the power of connection, and insists they become the best they can possibly be."



Frank Pizzo Deerfield Beach High School

Safety and a positive environment are the two things that Frank Pizzo creates in his classroom - one that students run to and do not want to leave. Pizzo says, "personalizing his classroom positively impacts his students' decision-making process, and engaging students helps to promote cooperative education." In addition, his curriculum involves the development of the student's soft skills; skills that may be challenging to grasp but are most important to flourish in college or their first full-time job. "We are so overwhelmed with a massive integration of technology in our society that it is sometimes hard to learn these necessary skills," he says.



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# 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.

Anderson, Boyd H. High School.....Dr. Angel Almanzar Boulevard Heights Elementary School....Juan Alejo College Academy @ Broward College ......Deborah Davey

@ Broward College	Deborah Davey
Coral Springs Middle School	Ian Murray
Cypress Elementary School	Vanessa Schnur
Dania Elementary School	Dr. Lewis Jackson
Deerfield Beach High School	Jon Marlow
Embassy Creek Elementary School	
Falcon Cove Middle School	Mark Kaplan
Flanagan, Charles W. High School	Michelle Kefford
Floranada Elementary School	John Vetter
Gator Run Elementary School	Keith Peters
Glades Middle School	Ricardo Santana
Griffin Elementary School	Gail Silig
Gulfstream Academy of	
Hallandale Beach	Robert Pappas
Heron Heights Elementary School	Kenneth King
Hollywood Central	
Elementary School	Delicia Decembert
Hollywood Hills High School	Lourdes Gonzalez
King, Jr., Dr. Martin Luther	
Montessori Academy	Mitshuca Moreau
Lauderhill 6-12 STEM MED	Dr. Ryan Reardon
Liberty Elementary School	David Levine
Lloyd Estates Elementary School	Shawn Allen

Northeast High School Anthony Valachovic
Nova Middle School Rayner Garranchan
Oakridge Elementary SchoolEduardo Aguilar
Olsen Middle SchoolValerie Harris
Orange Brook Elementary SchoolDevon O'Neal
Pembroke Pines Elementary SchoolApril Schentrup
Perry, Henry D. Education Center Bardetta Haygood
Plantation High SchoolParinaz Bristol
Pompano Beach
Elementary School Shezette Blue-Small
Ramblewood Middle School Cory Smith
Rickards, James S. Middle School Washington Collado
Sheridan Park Elementary SchoolJacqueline Carro
Silver Lakes Elementary SchoolTammy Gilbert
Silver Lakes Middle School Alison Trautmann
Silver Ridge Elementary School Wendy Borowski
Silver Trail Middle School Stephen Frazier
Sunland Park AcademySharonda Bailey
The Quest School Michelle Laurent
Tradewinds Elementary SchoolMichael Breslaw
Walker Elementary SchoolPhilip Bullock
Westchester Elementary School Melissa Geraine
Western High SchoolJimmy Arrojo
Whispering Pines Center Michael Gleason
Young, Walter C. Middle SchoolHarold "Chip" Osborn

# **PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR FINALISTS**



Tammy Gilbert Silver Lakes Elementary School

Having served more than a decade at Silver Lakes Elementary School, Tammy Gilbert is a firm believer that "we need to meet children where they are, both academically and socially, and take them to the next level." According to Gilbert, "it is essential that they can gather information, think critically and develop solutions; however, equally important is their social development." Gilbert teaches students from an early age to accept and value differences in each other, preparing them to work with others in the future and help to solve societal problems. In addition, Gilbert communicates to the teachers at Silver Lakes Elementary that the most crucial component for student success is having adults who care in their lives. "Children who know their opinions, feelings and actions are valued by the adults around them, will work harder and tend to excel at a higher level," says Gilbert who snorkels each year with her fifthgrade students.



Michelle Kefford Charles W. Flanagan High School

"When educating the next generation, it is critical that we provide exciting and relevant learning experiences for all students," says Michelle Kefford, who is in her seventh year as principal of Charles W. Flanagan High School. Quality education is a family tradition for Kefford, who says its value "was instilled in me from a very young age," and is herself the mother of two teachers. She has firsthand knowledge of what Broward County Public Schools (BCPS) students need to achieve success. She is also a BCPS graduate, and has been a BCPS educator for 19 years. Kefford emphasizes the importance that students have ownership of their learning, and BCPS gives them the resources and technological tools they need, with a strong support structure. She recalls her mother urging her to teach, and says, "I am grateful every day that I took her advice."



Kenneth King Heron Heights Elementary School

Mahatma Gandhi's famous words, "Be the change that you wish to see in the world," is the statement that drives the professional career of Kenneth King, principal of Heron Heights Elementary School. "In educating the next generation, we have to recognize that what we did in the past might not be most effective today. To make the next generation most successful, we will have to change our own views and assumptions," says King, who believes that education should be about change, as students should be transformed every day to meet the needs of the changing world. One of King's greatest joys is seeing Heron Heights Elementary's alumni and hearing them speak about the time they spent at the school, and the impact it had on their lives. These interactions always remind him of the reason he chose his career path, and that educators are obligated to be stewards of effective teaching, character building, and lifelong learning.







On behalf of the Broward Principals and Assistants Association, congratulations to all Caliber nominees.

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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
  Creativity and Innovation
- Leadership

- Professional Recognition and Awards

Achievements

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Atlantic Technical College	
& High School	Andre Newton
Attucks Middle School	Erick Gurreonero
Banyan Elementary SchoolN	1ayra Hernandez
Bethune, Mary M. Elementary School	
Coral Springs Middle School	David Argent
Cresthaven Elementary School	Jan Heavner
Cypress Elementary School	Claudine Dunbar
Dania Elementary School	
Davie Elementary School	Dawn Graber
Embassy Creek Elementary School	Michelle Dolin
Embassy Creek Elementary School	Jodi Hoover
Everglades High School	Daniel Most
Falcon Cove Middle School	Cheryl Rubin
Flanagan, Charles W. High School	Jay Milmed
Gulfstream Academy of	
Hallandale Beach	Candy Boyce
Harbordale Elementary School	
Hollywood Hills High School	
Hollywood Hills High School	Dr. Maureen Lue

Hollywood Hills High School .....Dr. Jacqueline Smith Larkdale Elementary School ..... Nicole Williams Lauderdale Lakes Middle School......Jill Slesinski Lauderhill 6-12 STEM MED School ...... Keisha Maxwell Manatee Bay Elementary School ...... Giselle del Barrio Manatee Bay

Elementary School .... Marie Dominique Price-Dumervil Maplewood Elementary School..... Camille Orr Marshall, Thurgood

Elementary School Angie Moodliyar-Jones
Millennium 6-12 Collegiate Academy Sabrina Elsinger
Miramar High School John Murray
Mirror Lake Elementary SchoolJoan Rosa
Monarch High School Dr. Moira Sweeting-Miller
Monarch High SchoolKarleen Thompson
New Renaissance Middle SchoolRicardo Angus
Nova High School Ricky Chiappelli
Nova High School Heidi Jones
Nova Middle School Melissa Johnkins
Nova Middle SchoolCassandra Woehr
Perry, Henry D. Education Center Lynnette Drayton
Plantation High SchoolMatthew Fritzius
Plantation High School Deborah Stubbs
Pioneer Middle SchoolSuzanne Keneth
Ramblewood Middle SchoolKathleen Neville

Sanders Park Elementary School...... Karen Nesbeth Sheridan Park Elementary School .....Susan Suarez Sheridan Technical College

& High School..... Annette Johnson Silver Lakes Elementary School..... Alicia Aquilar Silver Lakes Middle School .....Jeffrey Williams Silver Ridge Elementary School ......Nancy Long South Broward High School.....Bryan O'Toole Stoneman Douglas, Marjory

High School ...... Winfred Porter, Jr. Sunland Park Academy .....Nikia Ragin Walker Elementary School ......Tauri Eligon Westchester Elementary School ..... Avis Goodman Western High School ..... Christine Graf Western High School..... Missy Jones Westglades Middle School......Shari Schwartz Westwood Heights Elementary School .....Lavina Robinson Whispering Pines Center..... Emanuel Hunter Whispering Pines Center.....Andrea Swift Young, Walter C. Middle School ..... Lorry Greenberg Young, Walter C. 

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Dr. Ruth Hinkson **Teacher of the Year Nominee** 

#### Mr. Michael Ash School Related Employee of the Year Nominee

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Northeast High School

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# ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR FINALISTS



Annette Johnson Sheridan Technical College and High School

According to Annette Johnson, assistant principal of Sheridan Technical College and High School, student success depends on the educator's ability to exercise patience, and utilize a variety of methods and strategies. "I believe that educators should not just lecture but also allow students to contribute to the classroom, by communicating and working cooperatively with each other," says Johnson. A Broward County Public Schools educator for almost 30 years, Johnson remains in awe after every graduation. "Every time I attend graduation and I shake the students' hands and remember how hard it was for some of our graduates to get to that moment in time, I am amazed by what a student can achieve if we show them some kindness and give them a good education." A mother of a talented multi-platinum music producer, a Harvard alumnus studying to be a lawyer, and a Baylor University-educated future lawyer, Johnson is propelled daily by Nelson Mandela's words: "education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world."



John Murray Miramar High School

"Knowledge is power, and education is the great equalizer," John Murray, assistant says principal at Miramar High School. An educator for more than 20 years, Murray goes to work each day with the purpose of making a positive difference in his students' lives. In 1996, he learned his most important lesson - a teacher may have all the knowledge in the world, but if s/he is unable to relate to the students, then the knowledge will not be transferred. The realization made him successful then, and he passes this knowledge along to teachers now, even in interviews. "When I interview individuals who want to join the Miramar High family, I only need to know one thing ... Can you work with my children?" Murray, a former mathematics teacher, says this is his focus, as the next generation needs someone who believes in them and knows how to motivate them to succeed. "I learned how to teach math without being the sage on the stage...I taught them to discover the beauty of mathematics through questioning, rather than telling."



Winfred Porter, Jr. Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School

For the last five years, Winfred Porter, Jr. has served as the assistant principal at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School. For more than a decade, Porter has leveraged student ingenuity and curiosity by placing them in real-world situations. "It is up to educators to find unique ways to prompt students to soak up information and apply it in unique and creative ways that impact the world," he says. One of Porter's strengths is his ability to build positive relationships with his students. "Building relationships with students is like opening a checking account," says Porter. "When it comes time to make a withdrawal you must have something in the bank. As an administrator, there are so many opportunities to make withdrawals (disciplinary corrective interactions with or students), but I have made it a priority to make as many deposits (encouraging words and other positive interactions) as possible, to ensure a productive understanding is developed." "At the end of the day," says the father of a young entrepreneur, "students have respected me for being consistent with them."



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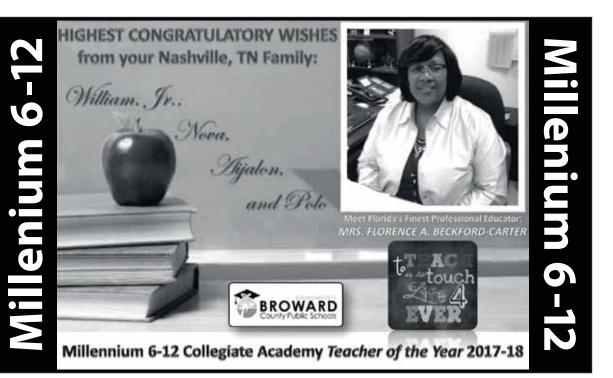


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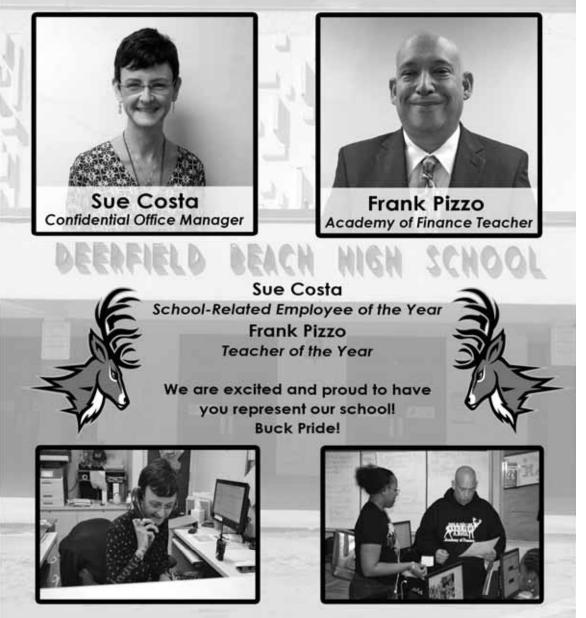


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Tammy Gilbert - Principal of the Year FINALIST





Soyica Jackson: The staff, students and community of Park Ridge congratulate Mrs. Jackson on being selected as our Teacher of the Year. We love you, Mrs. Jackson!!!



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