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The Centennial CALIBER AWARDS
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Friday, April 1, 2016
The Greater Fort Lauderdale/
Broward County Convention Center
Congratulations 2016 Caliber Awards nominees and winners!

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**DID YOU KNOW?**

- **1915**: In 1915, J.M. Holding became the first Superintendent of Schools in Broward County and C.D. Kittredge was named the first Chairman of the Board of Public Instruction.

- **1920**: In 1920, salaries averaged $100 a month for teachers and $150 a month for principals.

- **1930**: The 1930s marked the establishment of the Broward County Council of Parent Teacher Associations.

- **1940**: By 1940, Broward County’s population reached 30,794. In 1947, the District had 17 schools and the Board of Public Instruction grew from three members to five.

- **1950**: By 1954, the District included a total of 41 schools.

- **1960**: In 1967, the Instructional Television Center (ITV), now known as BECON-TV (Broward Education Communication Network), broadcast for the first time.

- **1970**: In 1977, the District implemented the English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) program. This was years before the state mandated such programs in 1990.

- **1980**: In 1982, Broward County Public Schools was among the first school districts to purchase computers for classrooms, using them in business education programs.

- **1990**: In 1995, Broward County Public Schools launched its website browardschools.com, officially joining the World Wide Web.

- **2000**: In 2007, for the first time, regular School Board meetings were streamed live on the District’s website.

- **2015**: In 2015, Broward County Public Schools celebrates 100 years of educational excellence with 238 schools, centers and technical colleges. The District is now the sixth largest public school system in the nation and the second largest in Florida.
Program

Processional .................................................................Caliber Awards Nominees

Presentation of Colors ...........................................Fort Lauderdale High School
Pledge of Allegiance
Navy JROTC
Chief Daniel Tyson
Priscilla Ribeiro, Principal

National Anthem .........................................................Margaret McVay
Sound of Pride Marching Band
Cooper City High School
Chandler Wilson, Director
Wendy Doll, Principal

Musical Selection .......................................................Sound of Pride Marching Band

Welcome ..........................................................Ashley Jones, News Anchor, WSVN 7
Mistress of Ceremonies
Keith Jones, News Anchor NBC 6
Master of Ceremonies

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

Remarks .................................................................Robert W. Runcie
Superintendent of Schools

Dinner

Presenting Sponsor Remarks .......................BrightStar Credit Union

Presentation of Finalists
School-Related/District, Assistant Principal, Principal and Teacher of the Year

Platinum Sponsor Remarks .........................Bank of America, Coventry Health Care of Florida,
Lenovo Intel, Nova Southeastern University

Announcement of Winners

2016 School-Related/District Employee of the Year Award
Kenyatta Medlock, Whiddon-Rogers Education Center
2015 School-Related/District Employee of the Year

2016 Assistant Principal of the Year Award
Thomas Moncilovich, Sheridan Technical College
2015 Assistant Principal of the Year

2016 Principal of the Year Award
Angela Brown, Dillard Elementary School
2015 Principal of the Year

2017 Teacher of the Year Award
Nicole Brown, Deerfield Beach Middle School
2016 Teacher of the Year

Closing Remarks ..................................................Ashley and Keith Jones
Ashley Jones is the Today in Florida morning anchor at WSVN 7. After starting her career in finance as a licensed Estate Tax Planner, Ashley turned her attention and talents to Broadcast Journalism. She worked her way across the country in news networks such as WPIX, Bloomberg TV as an Anchor and Stocks Editor and as a Business News anchor for CBS Moneywatch. She was an NCAA, All-ACC, Full Scholarship tennis player at North Carolina State University, where she was the team captain and received the state’s “Mental Attitude and Sportmanship Award.” She maintains her passion for tennis and currently teaches the next generation of athletes.

Ashley played a news reporter in the movie “Side Effects” starring Jude Law. She has been on the cover of several magazines including 25A, Florida Creating Living and SHE, and was also featured in JACQ and Vintage NYC magazines. In January 2014, she was inducted into the first ever “Hall Of Fame” at her former school, Columbus East High School. She is actively involved in the community and hosts several events to benefit St. Jude’s Children’s Research Hospital.

Keith Jones anchors the weekend edition of the NBC 6 South Florida News at 6 p.m. and 11 p.m. Jones grew up in the suburbs of Columbus, Ohio, but he’s no stranger to South Florida, having earned a Bachelor’s degree in Broadcast Communication/Journalism from Barry University, where he attended on a baseball scholarship.

Most recently Jones worked as the morning, 9 a.m. and noon anchor at WTSP in Tampa/St. Petersburg. Prior to joining WTSP, Jones served as morning and main fill-in anchor at KDKA and weekend anchor at WPXI in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. His earlier stints as an anchor took him through WOWK Charleston, West Virginia and WTVG Toledo, Ohio.

Jones’s experience includes anchoring continuous coverage and reporting from the crash site of United Flight 93 on September 11th, field anchoring and reporting from the scene of nine trapped miners at Quecreek Mine in Pennsylvania. Jones earned EMMY nominations and numerous first place awards from the Pennsylvania AP, Cleveland Press Club, and Crystal Awards in the areas of features and spot news.

When away from work, Jones enjoys outdoor activities with his daughters, Madeline and Mary Margaret. He and his family volunteer for the American Heart Association and various children’s hospitals.
Welcome to the 2016 Caliber Awards! On this special day, we celebrate Broward County Public Schools (BCPS) heroes in education, whose steadfast commitment to our students creates a truly positive impact in our community.

Tonight’s finalists, which include Teacher of the Year, Principal of the Year, Assistant Principal of the Year and School-Related/District Employee of the Year, exemplify enthusiasm, allegiance and professionalism. They demonstrate the BCPS standard of being committed to educating today’s students to succeed in tomorrow’s world.

As we celebrate the District’s Centennial, we honor our educational leaders who not only influence our young people, but also set a great example for their colleagues. They truly capture the character and spirit of what it means to mentor and empower students and colleagues alike. This special group is developing the next generation of leaders who will make a lasting impact in this world.

We applaud all of tonight’s nominees, finalists, Caliber Awards recipients and all of the wonderful employees who have worked to make our District great over the last 100 years. We ask that you join us in recognizing these individuals for their immeasurable dedication and contribution, as we maintain our relentless focus towards providing our students with an amazing educational experience over the next 100 years.
Fort Lauderdale High School’s Navy JROTC

Fort Lauderdale High School’s Navy JROTC, also known as the Flying “L” Battalion, is a citizenship and leadership development program consisting of 9-12 grade students. Fort Lauderdale High’s Flying “L” Battalion is the 2016 Unarmed Exhibition Team State Champions. Named the Distinguished Unit for the last two years, the Flying “L” Battalion’s Academic and Orienteering Teams are ranked in the top 10 percent in the nation.

“Sound of Pride” Marching Band

The “Sound of Pride” Marching Band of Cooper City High School marching band competes on a national, state, and local level. Recently, the Sound of Pride was named “Grand Champions” of the 2016 Sugar Bowl Marching Band Competition in New Orleans, LA. The marching band has also been invited by the Lord Mayor of Westminster in London to perform at the 2018 London New Year’s Day Parade.
Mary Alvarez
Lyons Creek Middle School

As the principal’s confidential secretary and office manager, Mary Alvarez supervises a clerical staff of 11 individuals. She is personally committed to ensuring a safe, secure and welcoming school environment. Her effectiveness and knowledge of different facets of the school system proved especially valuable in providing continuity during changes in principals, a significant challenge in a school with over 1,900 students.

For sixteen years, Ms. Alvarez has had perfect attendance, reflecting her dedication and dependability. Described as a “consummate professional,” she is willing to do whatever is needed to get a job done, including working after hours during a crisis. In addition to her primary responsibilities, her creativity and initiative enable her to wear many other hats. Among these are substitute coordinator, faculty sponsor for the First Priority student organization, Relay for Life coordinator, and volunteer with the Teacher Recruitment Fair.

Ms. Alvarez has earned the respect of all who have graced the halls of Lyons Creek Middle. Her interpersonal skills contribute to the camaraderie among the clerical staff and filters to the administration, faculty, students and parents, alike.
SOLANGE DAWSON

Heron Heights Elementary School

Solange Dawson supervises Before & After School Child Care (BASCC) where she coordinates activities, leads a staff of 20 individuals in planning curriculum activities, recruits personnel, and oversees the direct supervision of children. Through her leadership, the program at Heron Heights Elementary School has grown from 100 to 300 students.

Ms. Dawson’s position requires a broad knowledge of afterschool care and business management skills for financial self-sufficiency. Ms. Dawson uses her computer skills to manage the program’s website and Facebook page to communicate effectively with parents. She has also developed training videos for schools transitioning from private providers. Her program has been the pilot site for iPad paperless parent sign-outs, an environmentally-friendly solution that also reduces printing costs.

A passion for education is Ms. Dawson’s foundation for success. She initiated diverse activities to broaden student learning while having fun. These activities have included Wacky Wild Science, Arty Van Gogh, PE. Xtreme games, and book clubs. A family science night provided an opportunity to share children’s projects.

To support her staff, Ms. Dawson holds daily meetings to strengthen communication and created team lead positions to help counselors develop their leadership skills. Hard working and conscientious, Ms. Dawson also serves as a mentor and trainer in the BASCC cadre, sharing her knowledge with those in other schools.
Nikole Gray
Dillard Elementary School

Nikole Gray’s ability to work with children from varied and difficult backgrounds contributes to her success as a paraprofessional. Formerly serving as a Community Liaison at other schools, she supplemented her innate abilities with university courses in social work, which helped her better understand family issues and relationships. In order to help bridge the gap between home and school, Ms. Gray invited teachers to accompany her to home visits, some of which she scheduled late in the evening to accommodate parents’ schedules.

Ms. Gray’s primary responsibilities are to assist with classroom instruction while providing a safe and comfortable environment and maintaining communication with parents. She often works as an interim substitute teacher in challenging classes and collaborates with teachers to find solutions for helping students. She helped create an internal suspension curriculum where students can continue with academics as an alternative to external suspension.

Empathetic and perceptive, Ms. Gray’s contributions are not limited to the classroom. She willingly shares her practices and educational expertise with others. She recruited more than 30 children for the Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten program, explaining its value to parents. Each year she coordinates a fashion show, which has increased parent participation and raised funds for school activities.

Ms. Gray has also been recognized for her work on the Art Walk, College Week, Literacy Night, Peace Week, and Multi-Cultural committees.
Shilpa Parikh
Winston Park Elementary School

As a Micro Computer Technology Specialist, Shilpa Parikh’s job is to maintain technology throughout the school. She manages the school website and is responsible for computer hardware and software, as well as for coordinating online testing.

As examples of her initiative, Ms. Parikh designed training for parents in accessing web-based resources, including District websites. She created a student-led Tech Team that trained students to use technology. With these skills, students are able to independently set up equipment for assemblies and to assist staff members with technology needs such as troubleshooting technical problems in the classroom.

Throughout the 16 years Ms. Parikh has been at Winston Park Elementary, she has not been constrained by a job title. She willingly accepts additional responsibilities, including serving as the principal’s confidential secretary and office manager. Her positive attitude and adaptability have resulted in excellent relationships with administrators, co-workers and the community; her diligence and work ethic are well known to all.

Ms. Parikh functions well both independently and as part of a team, and is a frequent volunteer. She is an active member of the Parent Teacher Association, serves on a number of school committees, and has been recognized for her contributions to Relay for Life.
Jacqueline Sanchez  
*Griffin Elementary School*

As a Micro Computer Technical Specialist at Griffin Elementary School, Jacqueline Sanchez provides technical assistance for staff in using hardware and software, supports classroom technology, and maintains the school website. As an example of her devotion to her students and their parents, she opens the computer lab at 7:30 a.m., so students and families can work on computer-based literacy activities.

In addition to her primary duties, Ms. Sanchez volunteers for other school responsibilities. She serves on the School Advisory Council committee and Safety Team, chairs the Green Team, and is a member of the Parent Teacher Advisory. She created “Tech Thursdays,” a volunteer Professional Learning Community to train faculty in technology tools. For the past eight years, Ms. Sanchez has sponsored the Eco-Patrol Environmental Club, helping students operate a recycling service and learn more about the environment. She used her technology skills to create a blog and coordinate a Skype session so that Griffin Elementary students could communicate and collaborate with counterparts in Taiwan regarding an environmental project.

Ms. Sanchez obtained grant funds for environmental education initiatives at Griffin; these initiatives include butterfly gardens, protection for burrowing owls, screech owl boxes, a gutter system to capture rainwater and an outdoor classroom. Through her leadership, Griffin Elementary has been recognized by the Broward County P3 (Preserving our Planet for Posterity) Eco-Challenge program.
Nicole Sanchez
Coral Glades High School

Nicole Sanchez has served as the administrative secretary for the Exceptional Student Education (ESE) Department at Coral Glades High School since 2008. Her responsibilities include working with Business Partners in Education and the I-Zone Committee, as well as serving as volunteer coordinator and the 5 Star Book point person.

Over the past eight years, Ms. Sanchez has contributed to the school and community beyond the duties of her position. One of her notable successes is the ESE Transition Fair, an annual event where ESE students who will graduate or age out of the program and their parents, can learn about community resources. To aid parents in becoming legal guardians for their adult children, Ms. Sanchez recruited a personal friend, an attorney, to assist with the required forms. From 10 participating agencies in 2010, the event has grown to 37 agencies with record participation by students and families from Coral Glades High and other schools.

Nicole Sanchez is a mentor to students and colleagues, a team player who participates in all school functions. Her many volunteer efforts include Adopt-A-Soldier and Navy Moms, and she and her family raise funds for the Neuroendocrine Cancer Awareness Network. For her efforts in collecting letters of appreciation for veterans through Honor Flight, Ms. Sanchez was honored by the City of Coral Springs with a plaque bestowed by the mayor.
SCHOOL-RELATED/DISTRICT EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR NOMINEES

Apollo Middle School
Atlantic Technical College
Atlantic West Elementary School
Attucks Middle School
Bair Middle School
Banyan Elementary School
Bayview Elementary School
Beachside Montessori Village
Bennett Elementary School
Bethune, Mary M. Elementary School
Blanche Ely High School
Boulevard Heights Elementary School
Boyd Anderson High School
Bright Horizons Center
Broadview Elementary School
Broward Estates Elementary School
Broward Virtual School
Castle Hill Elementary School
Central Park Elementary School
Challenger Elementary School
Chapel Trail Elementary School
Coconut Creek Elementary School
Coconut Creek High School
Coconut Palm Elementary School
Colbert Elementary School
College Academy @ BC
Collins Elementary School
Community Schools North
Community Schools South
Cooper City Elementary School
Cooper City High School
Coral Cove Elementary School
Coral Glades High School
Coral Park Elementary School
Coral Springs Elementary School
Coral Springs Middle School
Coral Springs High School
Country Hills Elementary School
Country Isles Elementary School

Kevin Oscar
Janet Rivera
Ronald McClure
Devon Chandler
Betty Jones
Dean Losasso
Mimoza Minxha
Robyn Eberhardt
Tacoya Owens
Noel Duenas
Tammy Rozier
Leticia Romero
Lakesha Wyche
Fabion Gopie
Bonnetta Nicasio
Sherry Candelaria
Liana Gonzalez
Sarah McIntosh
Pam Ogrady
Waleska Guedes
Nereida Emmanuelli
Yvette Aponte
Christopher Smart
Ivonne Rubio
Dave Gilbert
Pamela Curtis
Paulette Jackson
Linda Bellantoni
Elsa Hanzlichek
Melissa Placa
Robert Bullins
Tiffany Burnside
Nicole Sanchez
Marci Maietta
Ana Fernandez
Joanne Alonzo
Darlene Loudermilk
Sylvia Goett
Glennis Milan-Barreto
SCHOOL-RELATED/DISTRICT
EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR NOMINEES

Cresthaven Elementary School       Jose Velazquez
Croissant Park Elementary School   Chanroutie Newton
Cross Creek School Center          Robin Reichbach
Crystal Lake Middle School         Robyn Barto
Cypress Bay High School            William Lynch
Cypress Elementary School          Janette Delgado
Cypress Run Education Center       Sevenia Anderson
Dandy, William Middle School       Wendy Williams-Manlove
Dania Elementary School            Teriz Khalil
Dave Thomas Education Center       Sophia Brown
Davie Elementary School            Arlene Barcelo
Deerfield Beach Elementary School  Vicki Stadelman
Deerfield Beach Middle School      Gloria Mathis-Robinson
Deerfield Beach High School        Susan Costa
Deerfield Park Elementary School   Teresa Levy
Dillard 6-12                        Antonio Walker
Dillard Elementary School          Nikole Gray
Discovery Elementary School        Brianna Quinlan
Dolphin Bay Elementary School      Kari Miller
Drew, Charles R. Elementary School Marzaleen Bohanek Fazekas
Driftwood Elementary School        Kathleen Cooper
Driftwood Middle School            Kurt Vendryes
Eagle Point Elementary School      Kevin Cameron
Eagle Ridge Elementary School      Rino Pastor
Embassy Creek Elementary School    Donna Siggins
Endeavour Primary Learning Center  Daisy Mae Davis
Everglades Elementary School       Zoila Munoz
Everglades High School             Victoria Kozakoff
Fairway Elementary School          Portia Porter
Falcon Cove Middle School          Faith Fischer
Flamingo Elementary School         Berith Velasquez
Flanagan, Charles W. High School   Nuvia Cain
Floranada Elementary School        Donna Damore
Forest Glen Middle School          Joshua Rollins
Forest Hills Elementary School     Dale Marie Bailey
Fort Lauderdale High School        Zachary Bates
Foster, Stephen Elementary School  Raynold Moise
Fox Trail Elementary School        Sandra Hopper
Gator Run Elementary School        Idman Jeannelus
SCHOOL-RELATED/DISTRICT EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR NOMINEES

Glades Middle School
Carmen Planas
Griffin Elementary School
Jacqueline Sanchez
Gulfstream Middle School
Chris Duby
Hallandale Adult Community Center
Patricia Lewis
Hallandale Elementary School
Albert Francis
Hallandale High School
Denise Ruise
Harbordale Elementary School
Robert Biggs
Hawkes Bluff Elementary School
Richey Bourbeau
Heron Heights Elementary School
Solange Dawson
Hollywood Central Elementary School
Barbara Sanchez
Hollywood Hills Elementary School
Louise Moxley
Hollywood Hills High School
Susan Alicia Rosales
Hollywood Park Elementary School
Barbie Zuloaga
Horizon Elementary School
Stephen Allison
Hunt, James S. Elementary School
Paul Acosta
Indian Ridge Middle School
Donna Webb
Indian Trace Elementary School
William Russell
King, Jr., Dr. Martin Luther Montessori Academy
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Lake Forest Elementary School
Tramaine Brown
Lakeside Elementary School
Michell Lowry
Lanier-James Education Center
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Larkdale Elementary School
Rose Duchemin
Lauderdale Lakes Middle School
Tracyann Smith
Lauderhill 6-12 STEM MED
Julio Effio
Lauderhill Paul Turner Elementary School
Belinda Burton
Liberty Elementary School
Arlene Julienne
Lloyd Estates Elementary School
Maria Wheeler
Lyons Creek Middle School
Mary Alvarez
Manatee Bay Elementary School
David Rios-Santos
Maplewood Elementary School
Karen Hart
Margate Elementary School
Eric Beck
Margate Middle School
Keith Span
Markham, Robert C. Elementary School
Oscar Moreno
Marshall, Thurgood Elementary School
Ella Elliard
McArthur High School
Nora Mendoza
McFatter Technical College
Steven Perry
McNab Elementary School
Kenia E. Hila
SCHOOL-RELATED/DISTRICT
EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR NOMINEES

McNicol Middle School          Thedrick Ferguson
Meadowbrook Elementary School  Al Hibbert
Millennium Middle School       Douglas Mattson
Miramar Elementary School      Mary Gleicher
Miramar High School            Elaine Mamby
Mirror Lake Elementary School  Dane Wilson
Monarch High School            Amber Hendricks
Morrow Elementary School       Rossanna Guzman
New Renaissance Middle School  Carrie Jackson
New River Middle School        Ingrid Dudra
Nob Hill Elementary School    Pam Toloza
Norcrest Elementary School     Lawanda Hamon
North Andrews Gardens Elementary School  Cherise Gonzalez
North Fork Elementary School  Terrelle George
North Lauderdale Elementary School  Nakia Thomas
Northeast High School          Shedly Casseus-Panther
Northside Elementary School   Lyoness Williams
Nova Blanche Forman Elementary School  Cedric Hampton
Nova Eisenhower Elementary School  Airika Cross
Nova Middle School             Peggy Breland
Nova High School               Travis Bentley
Oakland Park Elementary School  Linda Blanco
Oakridge Elementary School    Caletha Sheffield
Olsen Middle School            Rayon Gayle
Orangebrook Elementary School  Jill Watkins
Oriole Elementary School      Lanise Stephens
Palm Cove Elementary School   Shaheena Taqi
Palmview Elementary School    Sandra Grooms-Harris
Panther Run Elementary School  Yvette Acosta
Park Lakes Elementary School  Joycelyn Foster
Park Ridge Elementary School  Debra Swain
Park Springs Elementary School  Michael M. Jones
Park Trails Elementary School  JoAnn Lenz
Parkside Elementary School    Dennis Montoya
Parkway Middle School          Melissa Brinson
Pasadena Lakes Elementary School  Claribel Hernandez
Pembroke Lakes Elementary School  Charles Giangreco
Pembroke Pines Elementary School  Nery Diaz
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Perry, Annabel C. Elementary School Janus Wesley
Perry, Henry Middle School Tarolyn Riley
Peters Elementary School Rita Nieves Crespo
Pine Ridge Education Center Betty Symonette
Pines Lakes Elementary School Christine Lafauci-Thrasher
Pines Middle School Roland Williams
Pinewood Elementary School Tyshka Brooks
Pioneer Middle School Stacey Thompson
Piper High School Jerry Jones, Jr.
Plantation Education Center Betty Symonette
Plantation Middle School Mercedes Guerrero
Plantation High School Paul Elliott
Plantation Park Elementary School William Banks
Pompano Beach Elementary School Reynaldo Sy
Pompano Beach Middle School Eadina Hunt-Jackson
Pompano Beach High School Annie Martin
Quiet Waters Elementary School Tayondric Allen
Ramblewood Elementary School Cathy Blankenship
Ramblewood Middle School Luz Stella Lerma
Rickards, James S. Middle School Luz Padilla
Riverglades Elementary School Kathleen Breitenkam
Riverland Elementary School Tracy Fortunato
Riverside Elementary School Cheryl Brown-Freeman
Rock Island Elementary School Emilia Berger
Royal Palm Elementary School Jackie Wilson
Sanders Park Elementary School Florie Constant
Sandpiper Elementary School Kelli Gooden
Sawgrass Springs Middle School Laurel Love
Sea Castle Elementary School Donna Cambron
Seagull School Noel Markowitz
Seminole Middle School Mary McKenzie
Sheridan Hills Elementary School Janet Rogers
Sheridan Park Elementary School Mayra Bido
Sheridan Tech College Karen Uris
Silver Lakes Elementary School Maria Gloria Valencia
Silver Lakes Middle School Dany Rio
Silver Palms Elementary School Kelvin Kirkland
Silver Ridge Elementary School Nancy Schuler
Silver Shores Elementary School Dolores Resila
Silver Shores Elementary School Lumony Leconte
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When Annette Johnson taught medical laboratory technology, she recognized that her students needed to learn English. Helping them led her to become ESOL Coordinator and later Assistant Principal. She now manages programs in GED, Adult Basic Education, practical nursing, surgical technology, patient care, medical coding and billing, phlebotomy, culinary arts and others. She encourages industry and advisory committee members to provide real life industry work experience and to hire students upon program completion.

As Assistant Principal, Annette Johnson is responsible for monitoring the curriculum for 55 programs serving 3,000 students across three campuses. As Accreditation Liaison, she is responsible for ensuring the school’s continuing accreditation as a postsecondary occupational education institution, accreditation that’s essential for students to receive federal financial aid and college transfer credits. Her responsibilities for the ESOL enrollment of 1,000 included oversight of construction of a six-classroom building to house this growing program. She also facilitates online Adult Basic Education, GED and ESOL programs.

A highlight of Ms. Johnson’s tenure at Sheridan was the opportunity to oversee its name change to Sheridan Technical College. Reflecting on her work with students from age 16 to 70 who come from all levels of education and skill, she is “humbled and amazed by what people can achieve if we just give them a chance.”
Wendolynn Mola
West Broward High School

Wendolynn Mola became assistant principal in 2008 and helped open the new West Broward High School. The school’s challenge was to bring together two different schools into one where personalization is the key to educational success. Ms. Mola focused on empowering teachers with the resources needed for project-based and student-centered learning, encouraging the staff to try new strategies. By 2015, West Broward High had become a community center for families and enrollment had grown from below 1,800 to nearly 2,700.

Over the past five years, under Ms. Mola’s leadership as Senior Class Administrator, the graduation rate has averaged 96% with at least a quarter of graduates earning industry certification in addition to a diploma. Ms. Mola administers the Career and Technical Programs which now include eight career/tech programs and five CAPE academies. Students in these courses benefit from working directly with professionals in medical, veterinary, childcare and multimedia fields. In the past three years, industry certification success rates have risen from 64% to 82%.

Ms. Mola runs the master activities calendar and has helped the student activities program grow to over 80 organizations with something for everyone. As Staff Liaison, she often contributes her own time to support PTSA activities and mentors PTSA members, enabling them to become successful fundraisers.
André L. Ponder  
*Forest Glen Middle School*

As an administrator, André Ponder is a team player who leads by example and who has made customer service a priority. He is sensitive to the needs of others, often counseling students needing special attention and even reaching into his own pocket to pay for a student’s meal or extracurricular activity.

Mr. Ponder is known for his energy, enthusiasm and dependability. He has initiated a variety of programs to enhance student achievement and staff morale. Academically, these included a focus on increasing student achievement in reading and math. To promote career options, he created Career Day, an annual event bringing parents and community partners from many backgrounds to talk with students. In response to the needs of underachieving adolescent males, he instituted “Mentoring Mondays” and “Necktie 2sDays” to encourage improved behavior. The “Caught Being Good” program rewards positive behavior with Wildcat Bucks redeemable at the rolling school store.

To boost staff morale, Mr. Ponder developed a series of monthly events where staff can enjoy being together. These have included a featured employee of the month and activities such as a chili cook-off, a volleyball game, and a picnic. While his role includes varied responsibilities, André Ponder goes beyond job requirements to nurture positive relationships and to help students and colleagues.

Recently appointed as assistant principal at Plantation Middle School, Mr. Ponder has already begun to build and sustain positive relationships with students and staff. He continues to use his excellent people, organizational and analytical skills to further the mission and goals of Plantation Middle.
Assistant Principal of the Year Finalist

Monica Schlosser  
Davie Elementary School

Active and involved, Monica Schlosser can be found greeting the children and parents of Davie Elementary as they arrive each morning and talking with students during the day about their academic and social progress. For Ms. Schlosser, an educator who now serves as Intern Principal at the school she attended as a child, being back at Davie has meant coming full circle.

Since joining the Davie staff, Ms. Schlosser created the Davie Rewards Card Program, an incentive program that awards parents with participation points redeemable for prizes donated by community partners. Through her leadership, both partnerships and parental involvement have doubled. Ms. Schlosser’s successful grant proposals have brought the school more than $30,000 for technology and other classroom improvements. She has been the driving force behind the school’s tutoring and mentorship programs and established a successful science lab that helped raise scores from 41% to 56%.

As a mentor to future educators, Monica Schlosser increased the number of student teachers at Davie, encouraging them to become teachers in their home communities. She has hired eight former student teachers for Davie staff, earning her appointment as District Field Experience Coordinator for 2015. Her strong background in curriculum and ESE, along with a dynamic leadership style, have helped propel Davie’s rating from C to A.
Jacqueline A. Smith
Hollywood Hills High School

In her role as Assistant Principal, Jacqueline Smith directs all aspects of school operations, including instructional leadership, data analysis and professional development. Since she joined the Hollywood Hills staff, student scores have increased significantly in reading, math, science and advanced placement exams and the school has risen from its former C and D rankings to a B.

A skilled and empathetic leader, Ms. Smith developed schoolwide reading strategies with Spartan Reads, a program designed to infuse reading into elective and content area instruction. She was also instrumental in establishing the Spartan Academy to help students improve the skills needed to pass standardized tests. Her work with the youth advisory board and Hispanic Unity in 2015 led to a $100,000 grant from State Farm to implement an afterschool program to help students prepare for college, become financially literate and create an educational app.

As one of only six CRISs trainers in the district, Jacqueline Smith has trained more than 200 teachers and assisted them in obtaining reading endorsements. She also serves as lead administrator for the School Improvement Plan, Professional Learning Communities, and the School Advisory Council. Her community involvement includes active support of the Broward Alliance of Caribbean Educators and the Urban League.
Nichele Williams
Tradewinds Elementary

From 2007 to 2015, Nichele Williams was assistant principal at Silver Lakes Middle School (SLMS), a school challenged by nearby charter school options. At SLMS she introduced changes that increased community involvement, improved the use of science and technology, and raised the school’s grade from D to C.

Ms. Williams used her science background to develop S.T.E.M curriculum that increased student science scores at SLMS by ten percent. She also initiated enrichment camps in science and writing, educational programs for parents, and service projects featuring the Glee Club to foster community involvement. Ms. Williams developed the first middle school Digital 6 program, created a reading exchange with a local elementary school, and established a dropout prevention program for struggling eighth graders. Through her efforts, SLMS added new high school credit courses, raised FCAT Writes scores to 93% proficiency, and increased enrollment.

In October, 2015 Nichele Williams joined Tradewinds Elementary where she organized a highly successful S.T.E.M family night with attendance more than double the target number. She also planned a Week of Code for all students, including pre-K and those in the autism cluster.

Nichele Williams has been commended for the quality of her planning and preparation as well as for her positive attitude and dedication to her students.
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR NOMINEES

The Outstanding Assistant Principal Achievement Award was established by the Florida Department of Education to recognize exemplary 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 join the State of Florida in recognizing these outstanding assistant principals.

Boulevard Heights Elementary School  Kristi Burdick Rippo
Coral Park Elementary School       Eddie Aguilar
Coral Springs Elementary School   Shari Brown
Coral Springs Middle School       David Argent
Cross Creek School                Sally Judd
Cypress Elementary School         Shezette Blue-Small
Dania Elementary School           Leslie Phillips
Davie Elementary School           Monica Schlosser
Embassy Creek Elementary School   Jodi Hoover
Forest Glen Middle School         André Ponder
Fox Trail Elementary School       Suzanne Nelson
Glades Middle School               Dorys Palacio
Griffin Elementary School         Angie Moodliyar-Jones
Hollywood Hills High School       Jacqueline Smith
Hollywood Park Elementary School  Michelle Dolin
Lauderhill 6-12 STEM MED           Shannon Burch
Lauderhill 6-12 STEM MED           Tariq Qaiyim
Margate Middle School             Cara J. Coletti
McNab Elementary School           Clarice Johnston
Nova Eisenhower Elementary School  Dr. Raquel Perez
Nova Middle School                 Paul Baugh
Nova Middle School                 Rayner Garranchan
Park Lakes Elementary School      Andrew Bronstein
Park Trails Elementary School     Lisa Rodriguez
Pine Ridge Education Center       Timothy Sternberg
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR NOMINEES

Pompano Beach Elementary School
Pompano Beach Middle School
Sheridan Technical College
Silver Lakes Elementary School
Silver Palms Elementary School
Sunshine Elementary School
Tequesta Trace Middle School
Tradewinds Elementary School
West Broward High School
Wingate Oaks Center

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Charles Zimmerman
Annette Johnson
Alicia Aguilar
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Cedric Maddox
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The 2016 Caliber Awards
District Screening Committee
The Floral Design Class of Miramar High School
Dr. Jermaine Fleming  
*Nova Middle School*

As an instructional leader, Dr. Jermaine Fleming’s priority is building capacity. He believes that finding and developing the best teachers are critical components of the academic culture. Dr. Fleming also believes that many middle school students can benefit from more rigorous courses. Among the innovations he has introduced are high school credit courses, including Law Studies and Debate; industry certification in Adobe Photoshop; and a variety of enrichment courses.

In his four years as principal at Nova Middle, Dr. Fleming has used his leadership skills to recruit and develop other educators and administrators. He designed a process for interviewing and evaluating teacher candidates that ensures those selected are proficient in the skills needed to foster learning and able to work with students, educators and administrators to promote educational excellence. He also embraced the Professional Learning Community (PLC) concept and ensures adequate time in the master schedule for ongoing development.

Based on the hiring process he established, Fleming was asked to consult with the Office of Talent Development. He has served on the District’s national recruitment team since 2013 and was selected to participate in the Commissioner’s Leadership Academy. He serves as coach and mentor to several principals as Intern Cadre Director and, as adjunct professor, teaches leadership skills to future administrators.
An advocate for students, Dr. Lewis Jackson views the role of principal as instrumental to the culture of education and student achievement. When he accepted the position of principal of Dania Elementary, his primary challenge was to rebuild staff morale and stakeholder involvement while striving for greater achievement for all students.

Dr. Jackson applied his earlier experience at other Title I schools and led the Dania faculty in using research-based techniques to inform instructional decisions, analyzing student and school data to pinpoint learning gaps and creating strategies for reducing those gaps and improving outcomes. To strengthen community stakeholder relationships, he established partnerships with business and community leaders and the media. As these relationships flowered, the school has blossomed as a cultural hub. Beautification projects have been completed, the media center has been updated and a variety of free clubs for students have been initiated. Teacher and parent perceptions reported on the annual customer service improved to 100%.

Dr. Jackson believes high-quality personnel almost always trump “programs.” In addition to developing a strong team at Dania, he shares his passion and professionalism as an adjunct professor teaching aspiring leaders, as a mentor and coach to other principals, and as an active member of many district committees.
When Dr. Johnson arrived at Blanche Ely High School eight years ago, enrollment was declining, the physical facility was in poor condition and students were apathetic. His goal was to transform the school, to create a stronger community, and to help students embrace their educational opportunities.

Dr. Johnson visited government leaders, churches and community agencies to communicate the value of education and his vision for the school. He founded and directed the Community Success Team to address issues of athletics, facilities, activities and academics. Initiatives such as after school tutoring, extended hours for the media center, a Saturday FCAT camp, and increased technology have all contributed to student advancement.

Since 2010, the school's rating has improved from C to A. Its enrollment has increased and dual enrollment has grown as well. The graduation rate, now the highest in school history, has reached 90 percent and the rate for black males is the second highest in the district. Ninety-six percent of Blanche Ely High's magnet students attend four-year universities and many have earned prestigious scholarships.

Through Dr. Johnson's committed leadership, Blanche Ely High has won numerous awards and recognition for student and staff achievement, and continues to pursue its mission of providing an inclusive learning community for all students.
Ernie Lozano
*James S. Hunt Elementary School*

Four years ago, Ernie Lozano introduced a new leadership style to James S. Hunt Elementary, a school accustomed to a top-down style and one where desks were in rows and teachers, using worksheets, directed learning. School grade data was on a downward trend. Today, teachers at Hunt Elementary are facilitative leaders and students learn collaboratively. As a result, 2014-2015 student results were second in SES Band 3 in ELA and math and first in text-based writing. Science proficiency had also increased significantly.

Mr. Lozano began by obtaining funds for technology and other resources teachers needed to facilitate differentiated instruction and collaborative learning. He helped a struggling PTA become a successful PTO that raises funds for literacy. He implemented school-wide systems of instruction, leading teams for two grades himself and he initiated after-school and Saturday tutoring to remediate and enrich learning. To increase ELL parent involvement, he established monthly meetings with staff able to answer questions in Spanish and Haitian Creole.

Visible and involved with teachers, students and families, Ernie Lozano also leads by example among his peers. He serves as a mentor and has shared best practices with district programs, including the Digital 5 Think Tank, the REL Southeast Early Literacy Intervention Study, and The Collaborative Transformation: Establishing Excellence in Elementary Preparation.
Jon Marlow  
*Deerfield Beach High School*

Jon Marlow implements programs that foster emotional, physical and academic well-being for all students. He has achieved this at Deerfield Beach High School by reversing poor performance and by finding solutions to problems of student behavior. The school's rating has improved from C to A and graduation rates have increased significantly.

Mr. Marlow inspires faculty and staff to connect personally with students, encouraging their involvement in school activities outside the classroom. While supporting established, successful clubs and teams, he initiated and implemented new programs which reach students not previously involved. To do so, he drew on grant funding and partnerships developed with the City of Deerfield Beach and community partners.

Examples of new initiatives include Mentoring Tomorrow's Leaders, which focuses on improving graduation rates of black males, and Investing in Women of the Future, a similar program for minority females. The 21st Century program, with nearly 200 students enrolled, offers after school modules ranging from academic tutoring to extracurricular activities such as weight lifting and cooking while the College Tour Program lets students visit college campuses and provides test tutoring.

A visible and trustworthy visionary, Mr. Marlow's focus is on the future of the school where he has created a climate for academic excellence and social development.
Elaine L. Saef
Panther Run Elementary School

Elaine Saef views her role as principal as one of removing barriers and providing essentials while leading and inspiring teachers to teach and students to learn. During her tenure at Panther Run, she created two signature programs: Pay it Forward and What I Am Makes A Difference, or PIF-WIAMAD. These award-winning innovations are unique school strengths and have been effective in developing a caring culture in the school and community.

In addition to her leadership role as an administrator, Ms. Saef’s personal involvement extends to developing multiple partnerships with businesses and coordinating fundraising for autism and other needs. She organized a STEM Olympiad, Family Math Night at Target and EduQuest at the local mall and attends all outside school functions. Her personal involvement is key to positive relations with students’ families and contributes to the participation of over 300 volunteers. In developing the school’s website herself, she added a communication tool while modeling the value of technology.

Ms. Saef’s focus on inclusion and success for all children has led to a larger ESE enrollment with five specialized program classes in autism and other ESE areas. She has developed a school culture that effectively emphasizes academics, a culture where teachers are trustworthy and adaptable and where children’s needs come first.
PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR NOMINEES

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 that 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 joins the State of Florida in recognizing the exemplary record and contributions of these nominees.

Bair Middle School
Banyan Elementary School
Blanche Ely High School
Boulevard Heights Elementary School
Coral Glades High School
Coral Park Elementary School
Coral Springs Middle School
Cypress Elementary School
Dania Elementary School
Davie Elementary School
Deerfield Beach High School
Drew, Charles R. Elementary School
Eagle Point Elementary School
Embassy Creek Elementary School
Everglades High School
Floranada Elementary School
Forest Glen Middle School
Forest Hills Elementary School
Fort Lauderdale High School
Fox Trail Elementary School
Griffin Elementary School
Heron Heights Elementary School
Hollywood Central Elementary School
Hollywood Hills High School
Hollywood Park Elementary School
Hunt, James S. Elementary School
Lauderhill 6-12 STEM MED

James McDermott
Eric Miller
Dr. Karlton Johnson
Juan Alejo
Steven Carruth
Camille Pontillo
Ian Murray
Vanessa Schnur
Dr. Lewis Jackson
Robert Schneider
Jon Marlow
Angeline Flowers
Christine de Zayas
Robert Becker
Haleh Darbar
John Vetter
Ronald Forsman
Barbara Rothman
Chris Carney
Lynn Burgess
Gail Silig
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The School Board of Broward County, Florida

The School Board congratulates all of the Caliber nominees, finalists and winners!

Top Row: (L to R) Donna P. Korn, Nora Rupert, Ann Murray, Robin Bartleman, Laurie Rich Levinson, Patricia Good, Heather P. Brinkworth

Front Row: (L to R) Dr. Rosalind Osgood (Chair), Robert W. Runcie (Superintendent of Schools), Abby M. Freedman (Vice Chair)
Racquel House uses multiple approaches to help even struggling first grade students attain reading mastery beyond their grade level. She notes, “As an educator, it is my job to not only teach children, but to instill a love of learning. Children who have a love of learning will give great effort and will overcome great obstacles because they know someone is there to support them.”

Certified to teach exceptional children and with an ESOL endorsement, House’s instructional practices feature small group and thematic methods as well as project-based learning. She teaches reading through science and social studies and infuses art into classroom activities. Her skills in grant writing have obtained more than $12,000 in funds, enhancing her teaching with technology and, most recently, with school gardens used to teach both math and nutrition.

As First Grade Team Leader, House is a mentor and role model, as well as an exceptional teacher. She assists other staff with writing their own successful grant proposals and serves as Yearbook Advisor, obtaining grant funds to purchase digital cameras so students, parents and staff could add more photos for the yearbook. As her principal commented, “Mrs. House was born to be a teacher and the teaching profession is better for it.”
Brandon Kyle Jeter  
*Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School*

For 17 of his 21 years as a science teacher, Kyle Jeter has taught an honors-level course in astronomy, a course he created with an inaugural class of 22 students. Now 235 students are part of that program. These students learn to solve complex engineering problems by using new technologies collaboratively and, in the process, become excited about the possibilities of science.

Mr. Jeter is a dynamic teacher who holds National Board certification and who recently completed a Master of Arts degree in Teaching and Learning. While he inspires students to pursue careers in science, he also helps teachers in Florida and elsewhere to apply technology to their instruction in STEM and other disciplines.

With a passion for science that extends beyond his classroom, Jeter directs a summer science camp and has published iTunes University courses and an iBook on high-altitude ballooning. His community service includes Family Science Nights at other schools and “astronomy nights” at local parks for the public. Jeter is an outstanding example of a teacher committed to lifelong learning for himself, his students and his community.
Laurie Kraus

_Hollywood Hills Elementary School_

For Laurie Kraus, each student is part of the gift that is teaching. A dynamic educator with a passion for inspiring children to read, she is now literacy coach for the school where she previously taught gifted children and grades one through five. As literacy coach, she helps teachers implement appropriate reading interventions to inspire their students.

Kraus is recognized for her extraordinary knowledge of the curriculum, her keen awareness of students’ needs and her ability to facilitate the Collaborative Problem Solving Team. As part of her school’s Senior Leadership Team, she spearheaded initiatives including delivering professional development to faculty, leading a Professional Learning Community and facilitating the creation of multiple classes.

Outside the classroom Kraus has organized school-wide events, led the drama and math clubs, and served as yearbook adviser. With grants from the district and the City of Hollywood, she has been able to involve parents in their children’s learning.

Laurie Kraus teaches with exuberance each day. She mentors colleagues and new educators and believes in providing teachers with the opportunity to inspire their students. As she notes, “Students are our priority and it is our responsibility to educate them in a way that fosters a love for lifelong learning.”
James Nance
Ramblewood Middle School

After working with technology in the business world for ten years, James Nance found his passion teaching engineering and robotics to middle school students. For the past six years he has engaged and inspired students through hands-on learning in subjects such as rocketry and underwater robotics. Learner engagement and a focus on benchmarks have led to student growth consistently averaging 50 percent.

Nance developed an engineering-focused STEM elective, which made Ramblewood the hub of a new pre-engineering innovative zone that includes feeder elementary and high schools. His afterschool STEM club competes successfully at local, state and national levels. Nance himself was selected as Broward County SECME Coordinator of the Year for 2014. His collaboration with the ESE Department allows SVE students to work on projects alongside their general education peers. Noted for his ability to build rapport with his students and to bring real-world connections into the classroom, Nance reflects the positive impact provided by his own teachers, commenting, “I enter my classroom every day hoping to teach the course I wish I were in as a teenager.”
Lara Ruddy
McNicol Middle School

Lara Ruddy embodies her own educational philosophy: Know your subject and love your students. Her passion and enthusiasm for science and for her students have made her a leader.

Ruddy is a flexible problem solver who cultivates learners by differentiating instructional approaches to help each student learn effectively. Her past achievements include guiding the development of STEM curriculum to implement a portion of an $8.5 million grant awarded to only six schools. She also designed a school-wide program of environmental awareness that includes student activities such as weekend beach clean ups and community resources fairs. As a result of her experience and example in teaching science to SVE classes, these students are now integrated into general education classes throughout the school.

She is passionate about involving parents, families and the community, and about the need to improve the educational system to benefit all children. Ruddy relates education to the community by bringing experts to the classroom and by taking students to community events.

Ruddy’s primary training as a scientist has given her the ability to analyze data, to develop programs that meet students’ needs and to empower both students and fellow teachers. In speaking of Ms. Ruddy, a former student explained, “She put the love of science in my heart.”
Donna Yard
West Broward High School

Since 2008, Donna Yard has taught West Broward High students in two very different courses, biology and leadership skills. In her biology classes, where students learn about life sciences, they have maintained a minimum 80% pass rate on End of Course exams, exceeding county and state averages. In her leadership classes, where they learn problem solving, decision making and communication skills, students prepare to become leaders of the future.

Yard has mentored students through more than 80 school and community improvement projects each year, encouraging students to leave their comfort zones and expand their leadership skills. She also sponsors the Student Government Association and many extracurricular activities.

Through her role as Biology and Earth Space Science Team Leader, Yard helped streamline curriculum evaluation and summative assessments. In a time of transition, she freed her team to become more innovative by creating a one-stop information guide. Serving as part of the Common Core Cadre Community, she also shares her experience with other colleagues. She seeks opportunities to support other faculty and staff and to promote collegiality.

As a lifelong learner herself, Yard models an enthusiasm for learning. She exudes both a passion for teaching and a love for all students.
2017 TEACHER OF THE YEAR NOMINEES

Apollo Middle School  Pilar Arroyo-Marquez
Atlantic Technical College  Rebecca Magnetta Miller
Atlantic West Elementary School  Michelle Harley-Nixon
Attucks Middle School  Imiereo Kerobo
Bair Middle School  Paulette Daley
Banyan Elementary School  Cynthia Sciullo
Bayview Elementary School  Paula Mouton Cohen
Beachside Montessori Village  Wendy Watson
Bennett Elementary School  Rachelle Boggan
Bethune, Mary M. Elementary School  Melissa Hallett-Ramirez
Bianche Ely High School  Osner J. Philisaire
Boulevard Heights Elementary School  Deborah Santiago
Boyd Anderson High School  David Katz
Bright Horizons Center  Julie Levelis-Davis
Broadview Elementary School  Valene Kalloo
Broward Estates Elementary School  Krystle Fitzpatrick
Broward Virtual School  Nadine Anchell
Castle Hill Elementary School  Easter Huggins Anderson
Central Park Elementary School  Joel Vailllo
Challenger Elementary School  Karen Stultz-Parkins
Chapel Trail Elementary School  Vivian L. Munoz
Coconut Creek Elementary School  Christine Bazos
Coconut Creek High School  Carol Johnson-Coote
Coconut Palm Elementary School  Marlen Triguero
Colbert Elementary School  Casey Fox
College Academy @ BC  Lynne Voet
Collins Elementary School  Jahneka Cole
Community Schools North  Catalina Cruz
Community Schools South  Richard McElhaney
Cooper City Elementary School  Sheila Rainford
Cooper City High School  David Schultz
Coral Cove Elementary School  Tiffany Burnside
Coral Glades High School  Anita Gelman Natale
Coral Park Elementary School  Monica Hillebrand
Coral Springs Elementary School  Colleen Malehorn
Coral Springs Middle School  Billie Dollins
Coral Springs High School  Brett Dawson
Country Hills Elementary School  Judith Phalen
Country Isles Elementary School  Joanne Loy
Cresthaven Elementary School  Tyffany Fulmore
Croissant Park Elementary School  Marcie Laing
Cross Creek School  Tameka Solomon
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Indian Trace Elementary School Jackelyn Chang
King, Jr., Dr. Martin Luther Louis Louissaint
Montessori Academy
Lake Forest Elementary School Amy Perez
Lakeside Elementary School Cynthia Schissler
Lanier-James Education Center Synthia Crawford
Larkdale Elementary School Lachanda Collins
Lauderdale Lakes Middle School Corey Harmon
Lauderhill 6-12 STEM MED Renee Barnett
Lauderhill Paul Turner Satura Thomas
Elementary School
Liberty Elementary School Chauncey Brown
Lloyd Estates Elementary School Lewis Striggs
Lyons Creek Middle School Alisa Feldman
Manatee Bay Elementary School Kaitlyn Marshall
Maplewood Elementary School Cheri Celesti
Margate Elementary School Marilyn Greenbaum
Margate Middle School David Bass
Markham, Robert C. Elementary School Lavone Davidson
Marshall, Thurgood Elementary School Marlene Hunt
McArthur High School Claire Norris
McFatter Technical College Lori Borrelli
McNab Elementary School Erin Ryan
McNicol Middle School Lara Ruddy
Meadowbrook Elementary School Clara Balboa
Millennium Middle School Sandy Leung
Miramar Elementary School Yanneka Goulbourne
Miramar High School Cameron Underwood
Mirror Lake Elementary School Melissa Smiley
Monarch High School Darrell Haynes
Morrow Elementary School Marcia Pasqualin
North Andrews Gardens Elementary School Amy Torres
New Renaissance Middle School Marlin Robinson
New River Middle School Tony Murphy
Nob Hill Elementary School Kathleen Beckwith
Norcrest Elementary School Maria Rietberg
North Fork Elementary School Natacha Alabre
North Lauderdale Elementary School Monica Stokes
Northeast High School Leonardo Bacigalupi
Northside Elementary School Grace Allette
Nova Blanche Forman Elementary School Jodi Perraud
Nova Eisenhower Elementary School Jennifer Blake
Nova High School Stefany Coalla
Nova Middle School Eli Atlas
2017 TEACHER OF THE YEAR NOMINEES

Oakland Park Elementary School Kim Murney
Oakridge Elementary School Ann Marie Hernandez
Olsen Middle School Nicole Renton-Murray
Orangebrook Elementary School Suzanne Roberts
Oriole Elementary School Kenya Keppel
Palm Cove Elementary School Lisa Hopkins
Palmview Elementary School Evadne Johnson
Panther Run Elementary School Michelle Mejido
Park Lakes Elementary School Sathasha Williams
Park Ridge Elementary School John Calnon
Park Springs Elementary School Maria Macias
Park Trails Elementary School Lisa B. Olson
Parkside Elementary School Corrie Lohr
Parkway Middle School LaTonya Dixon
Pasadena Lakes Elementary School Sotoya Bell
Pembroke Lakes Elementary School Brian Doogue
Pembroke Pines Elementary School Azaly Colome
Perry, Annabel C. Elementary School Simone Lewis
Perry, Henry Middle School Christopher Jarrett
Peters Elementary School Darcy Alana Goldman-Dodge
Pine Ridge Education Center Natasha Jones
Pines Lakes Elementary School Jennifer Correll
Pines Middle School Michelle Paugh
Pinewood Elementary School Janice Wright
Pioneer Middle School Kelly Brennan
Piper High School Sonya Williams
Plantation Elementary School Mabley, Melissa
Plantation Middle School Solange Joseph
Plantation High School Joseph Vallone
Plantation Park Elementary School Paula Ciotti-Crisanti
Pompano Beach Elementary School Latonya L. Cooper
Pompano Beach Middle School Mary McIntyre
Pompano Beach High School Muriel Martin-Dupre
Quiet Waters Elementary School Sally Tully
Ramblewood Elementary School Sandy Bachmann
Ramblewood Middle School James Nance
Rickards, James S. Middle School Yulanda Ellis
Riverglades Elementary School Joy Kertes
Riverland Elementary School Laura Dimario
Riverside Elementary School Yahira Tamayo
Rock Island Elementary School Sebrina Kizer-Marshall
Royal Palm Elementary School Don Stramanak
Sanders Park Elementary School Zobeida Baldwin
Sandpiper Elementary School Carmen Pellissery
Sawgrass Elementary School Michelle Amento
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1. Who were the first two teachers in Broward County?
2. When was the Board of Public Instruction established?
3. What was the name of the principal who produced the first graduating class of African-American 12th grade students in Broward County?
4. What year was Broward’s English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) program implemented?
5. Name the division that was renamed in 1998, and was once called The Instructional Television Center.
6. Between 1992 and 1995 the District obtained its first Web server, giving the District presence on the Internet. What is our website?
7. The District was awarded the NTI Award of Honor in Hurricane Communications - Grace Under Fire, in recognition of its admirable performance in providing the leadership and communication through which hurricanes?
8. How many times was BCPES selected as a finalist for the Broad Prize for Urban Education?
9. Name the District’s 6 year-round schools.
10. In what month and year did Superintendent Robert W. Runcie become the 20th Superintendent of Schools?

**Answers on page 58**

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**Congratulations to Mr. Andre' Ponder**

Assistant Principal • Forest Glen Middle School

You are a leader who promotes the success of all students by collaborating with families, community members and mobilizing community resources. You always act with integrity, fairness, and in an ethical manner. As the advisor for the Kids of Love Club at Forest Glen, you were a true leader and inspired many students to make a difference in the lives of children with needs. Thank you for always empowering children to be the best they can be.

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~ John Maxwell

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Nicole Sanchez, one of the strongest women I know. Great friend, wife, mother and supporter. Her will to help and support her loved ones is second to none. Her beautiful personality and great big smile always shines through.

Ann Vitale

Nicole Sanchez
2016 School-Related/District Employee of the Year Finalist

Congratulations Nicole! I’m so proud of you. You represent all good things in a company. Your determination, hard work & effectiveness is so deserving.

Linda Grippo

On Behalf of the Broward Principals and Assistants Association, congratulations to all Caliber Nominees.

We are so proud of our Principals and Assistant Principals!

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Congratulations to my incredible most deserving wife, Nicole, aka, Lucy, Debra on being chosen as one of the finalist for this year’s caliber awards. You are the hardest working person that I’ve ever known.

You amaze me every day with your undying dedication to the students and volunteer groups, not only within the Board of Education, but also the ones that have become part of our everyday lives. Anyone who knows you knows how difficult it is for you to be in the limelight, you would rather be the person behind the scenes that makes sure everything goes perfect. You are truly the definition of perfection. No matter the outcome you will always be number one in my eyes.

I will love you every day with all my heart and soul, your husband, best friend, and partner!

Jeff, aka, Ricky, Ray
Congratulations on being recognized as the Employee of the Year at Oakridge Elementary School! Your hard work and compassion is greatly appreciated.

Nicole Sanchez,
I was incredibly blessed when your parents chose me to be your godmother. They would have been so proud of you and all of your accomplishments as am I.

Love, Aunt Holly
You are a phenomenal leader and Principal!

Your commitment and passion to educate every child who passes through Hunt’s doors is contagious!

You inspire each and every one of us to go above and beyond every day.

You are an amazing force in education, and we are so proud of you!

The James S. Hunt Elementary Staff
Congratulations to Nicole Sanchez
School-Related Employee of the Year Finalist
Lorenzo Wood,
Assistant Principal,
Coral Glades High School

Nicole Flynn Sanchez
School Related/
District Employee
of the Year Finalist
I am so proud
of you gram!
Love, Olivia

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Congratulations Solange Dawson

School-Related/District Employee of the Year Finalist
Child Care Supervisor at Heron Heights Elementary

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Your HHE Family
Forest Glen
Middle School
Ronald Forsman, Jr., Principal

Congratulations
Andre Ponder

“To accomplish great things we must not only act, but also dream; not only plan, but also believe.”

Our heartiest congratulations on your achievement today. You really deserve it. You have made us all proud.

Nicole Sanchez
2016 School-Related/District Employee of the Year Finalist

We would like to congratulate you on your nomination for such a wonderful award. It’s a pleasure to see all your hard work and dedication being recognized as it should. You are a true inspiration to everyone you encounter. You’re very special to each and every one of us. We love you and wish you the best of luck.

Love,
Marty, Christine, Andrew, Sean and Ashley
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We are blessed to have you as part of the Oakridge Elementary School staff.

Ann Marie Hernandez

Congratulations on being recognized as Teacher of the Year at Oakridge Elementary School!

Nicole Sanchez

2016 School-Related/District Employee of the Year Finalist

Congratulations to Nicki Sanchez at Coral Glades High School, the best sister-in-law in the whole world, on her Caliber Award nomination for ESE Secretary.

We love you!

Don Caracciolo and family

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  * Endeavour Prim. Learning Center
  * Fairway Elementary
  * Glades Middle
  * Harborcote Elementary
  * Margate Elementary
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Congratulations Nicki!

We love you and are so proud of you!!

Love Always-
Michelle, Lauren, Nick, Katie, Joey & Olivia

XOXOXO

Nicole Sanchez

Congratulations on being selected as a finalist for Broward County’s School Employee of the Year! Jag clerical team stands behind you. You are always our winner.
We congratulate Andre Ponder as a finalist for Assistant Principal of the Year.

Broward County is lucky to have him on staff. He is a WINNER!!!!

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Congratulations to Caliber Award Finalist Nicole Sanchez from your friends at the Neuroendocrine Cancer Awareness Network

Answers to quiz on page 46

1. Ivy Cromartie Stranahan and Mary Butler
2. 1915
3. Clarence Walker
4. 1977
5. BECON (Broward Education Communication Network)
6. www.browardschools.com
7. Katrina and Wilma
8. 3
9. Colbert, Hallandale, Lake Forest and Watkins Elementary; Gulfstream and McNicol Middle
10. October 2011
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