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M-DCPS STUDENTS ATTEND MEGA NAF INDUSTRY CONFERENCE



More than 1,500 students had the opportunity to hear from business and industry leaders at the MEGA Industry Conference, which highlighted the importance of college, career and life readiness. #MDCPSFutureReady

VALUES MATTER MIAMI AWARDS CEREMONY

The District's second annual Values Matter Miami Awards Ceremony celebrated the values-based education that M-DCPS provides for students daily.

Over the last three years, the Values Matter Miami initiative has made tremendous progress as evidenced by our improved school culture and student behavior. The ceremony is the culmination of this year's effort to teach, reinforce and celebrate behaviors that align with the



District's nine core values. Students, staff, and schools that have exemplified and promoted each value were

recognized. The winners were selected from over 4,000 nominations.

SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS

JUNE 20

11 a.m.

Regular Meeting

JULY 25

11 a.m.

Regular Meeting

6:00 p.m.

First Budget Public Hearing and Tentative Adoption of 2018-2019 Millage Levy and Annual Budget

AUGUST 15

11 a.m.

Regular Meeting

IMPORTANT DATES & INFORMATION

May 28 - Observance of Memorial Day

June 7 - Last Day of School

June 8 - Teacher Planning Day

August 20 - First Day of School

SPRING IMMUNIZATIONS



M-DCPS has partnered with Healthy Schools to offer a no-cost Tdap vaccine to your child during the school day from May 21-31, 2018.

Florida law requires that all students receive a Tdap vaccine before they enter the 7th grade. The Tdap booster will be administered by nurses from Healthy Schools, the same partner that administers flu shots to our students.

Parents should contact their child's school for specific dates and times of the clinics. A consent form will be sent home with each student.

For more information about Healthy Schools LLC or for assistance in completing the consent form, please call School Operations/ Comprehensive Health Services at 305 805-4600.

OFF-CYCLE MAGNET APPLICATION PERIOD OPEN!



For the third year, Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) is offering available Magnet School seats to students on a first-come, first-serve basis. The Off-Cycle Magnet Application Period is currently running and offering seats at select Magnet schools throughout Miami-Dade County. Magnet schools that have seats remaining after the regular Magnet application period ended, are now making those seats available to students who are interested.

If you are interested in attending a Magnet school for the 2018-2019 school

More than 70,000 students are enrolled in over 380 magnet programs offered at 114 schools district-wide.

year, please visit

www.yourchoicemiami.org/programoptions

for a full list of available Magnet schools still accepting applications. Contact the school of interest directly for enrollment and any questions you might have.

M-DCPS' Magnet programs continue to garner national recognition.

For the 7th straight year, M-DCPS received more National Magnet Merit Awards than any other district. Magnet Schools of America (MSA), a national organization representing over 4,300 magnet schools and programs, annually recognizes magnet schools and programs for their commitment to high academic standards, curriculum innovation, successful diversity efforts, specialized teaching staffs, and parent/community involvement. M-DCPS was honored with 54 awards for the 2017-2018 award cycle.

PROM FOR STUDENTS WITH ASD



More than 400 high school students attended the 8th Annual Prom for Students with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) on May 8. This milestone event provides an unforgettable experience as students with ASD bonded with their peers in celebrating this important rite of passage. Students participated in the total "prom" experience by dressing in tuxedos and formal dresses, taking a prom picture, dancing to music provided by a professional disc jockey and crowning a king and a queen.

The prom is free for participating students with ASD, thanks to the generosity of community agencies, educational partners and local/national businesses that have provided funding to support this memorable event.

STUDENTS HONORED BY PRESTIGIOUS ELIE WIESEL FOUNDATION

The prestigious Elie Wiesel Foundation for Humanity recognized 10 M-DCPS high school students for their entries in the 2018 Prize in Ethics Essay Contest. For the fifth year, M-DCPS is the only district in the nation to have high school juniors and seniors participate in this contest originally created for college students. Thousands of young people have participated in the Foundation's Prize in Ethics at the college level since its inception in 1989.

Ana Blanco, a junior at TERRA Environmental Research Institute, won first place and received a \$3,000 college scholarship for her essay "The Sound of Silence and Fury of Action." Second place was



awarded to Estefania Caputo, senior, Ronald W. Reagan/Doral Senior High, who received \$2,000. Third place went to Paola Genera a senior at Cutler Bay Senior High. She received \$1,000. The runners-up were Mariana Penaloza, a senior at School for Advanced Studies North Campus; and Carolina Bello a junior at TERRA Environmental

Research Institute.

Five finalists were Samuel Isenberg – iPreparatory Academy; Elizabeth Rodriguez – Academy for Advanced Academics South; Olivia Ruiz – iPreparatory Academy; Johan Soto – Coral Gables Senior High; and Jaime Fernandez – Miami Beach Senior High.

STUDENT JOURNALISM FORUM



M-DCPS' Office of Communications recently hosted the annual Student Journalism Forum. Pulitzer Prize-nominated and Emmy Award-winning media professionals reflected on the most rewarding aspects of their careers. Students gained valuable insight as to how social media is revolutionizing the world of journalism and learned about internship opportunities.

A NEW CAR!



In recognition of his outstanding service, Toyota of North Miami awarded M-DCPS' Principal of the Year, Humberto Miret, with a new 2018 Toyota Camry SE. Miret has served as principal of Miami Southridge Senior since 2015. Before that, he was principal at Shenandoah Middle. He began his 23-year education career teaching health to 10th-grade students at South Miami Senior High.

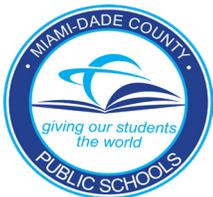
PARENT E-TIPS:

Primary:

Help A Frustrated Student
<https://bit.ly/2rziADW>

Secondary:

Modify Your Strategy If Your Teen Gets A Poor Report Card
<https://bit.ly/2ldtbKR>



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