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# 2019 CALIBER AWARDS

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# PROGRAM

<b>Processional.....</b>	<b>Caliber Awards Nominees</b>
<b>Welcome .....</b>	<b>Valerie Wanza, Ph.D. – Mistress of Ceremonies</b> BCPS Chief School Performance & Accountability Officer
	<b>James F. Griffin, II – Master of Ceremonies</b> BCPS Principal Lauderdale Lakes Middle School
<b>Greetings.....</b>	<b>Heather P. Brinkworth</b> Chair, School Board of Broward County, Florida
<b>Remarks .....</b>	<b>Robert W. Runcie</b> Superintendent of Schools

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<b>Remarks .....</b>	<b>Beau Simon</b> Student Advisor to the School Board of Broward County Cypress Bay High School

## PRESENTATION OF FINALISTS

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

## ANNOUNCEMENT OF WINNERS

<b>2019 School-Related/District Employee of the Year Award .....</b>	<b>Frinette Volquez</b> 2018 School-Related/District Employee of the Year
<b>2019 Assistant Principal of the Year Award .....</b>	<b>Winfred Porter, Jr.</b> 2018 Assistant Principal of the Year
<b>2019 Principal of the Year Award .....</b>	<b>Michelle Kefford</b> 2018 Principal of the Year
<b>2020 Teacher of the Year Award .....</b>	<b>Tammy Freeman</b> 2019 Teacher of the Year
<b>Closing Remarks.....</b>	<b>Master and Mistress of Ceremonies</b>

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**Robert W. Runcie**  
*Superintendent of Schools*

## A MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Welcome to the 2019 Caliber Awards Ceremony. Each year, we are honored to host this celebratory event recognizing Broward County Public Schools outstanding teachers, principals, assistant principals and school-related/District employees.

Congratulations to our Caliber Awards nominees and finalists. Thank you for your exemplary services, and for your commitment and enthusiasm demonstrated in classrooms and schools across our District every day. Because of you, our students are motivated to succeed.

Your hard work is recognized by many others in our community who appreciate your selfless acts of kindness and professionalism, all part of providing exceptional education for every one of our students.

This is not only a time to acknowledge the exemplary work of nominees, but to also shine a well-deserved spotlight on our District's education community. The nearly 700 nominees we honor tonight, represent the thousands of extraordinary leaders, teachers and support staff who serve and support our students. Thank you for your dedication and commitment to the impactful work you do with students.

Special thanks and congratulations to each of tonight's finalists. Your achievements are a testament to your dedication to excellence in education. Your families, friends and colleagues join me in saluting and celebrating you. We are proud of your accomplishments. Best of luck to all of you.



The School Board  
of Broward County,  
Florida

**Heather P. Brinkworth**  
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## 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 such a 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 27-year career with the 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 the District's 226 schools and five central office support departments. Additionally, she serves as an adjunct professor in Florida Atlantic University's Department of Educational Leadership & Research.

Dr. Wanza possesses a wealth of respected knowledge and experience in the educational field and our diverse community. She is privileged to serve on a number of advisory boards and is a member in good standing on 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. Among those, she is most humbled by being named the 2006 State of Florida Middle School Principal of the Year, a 2015 Broward Education Foundation Alumni Hall of Fame Inductee and 2016 Florida Atlantic University Distinguished Alumna Honoree for the College of Education.

She and her late husband, Charles, have two adult children and four grandchildren.

## MASTER OF CEREMONIES

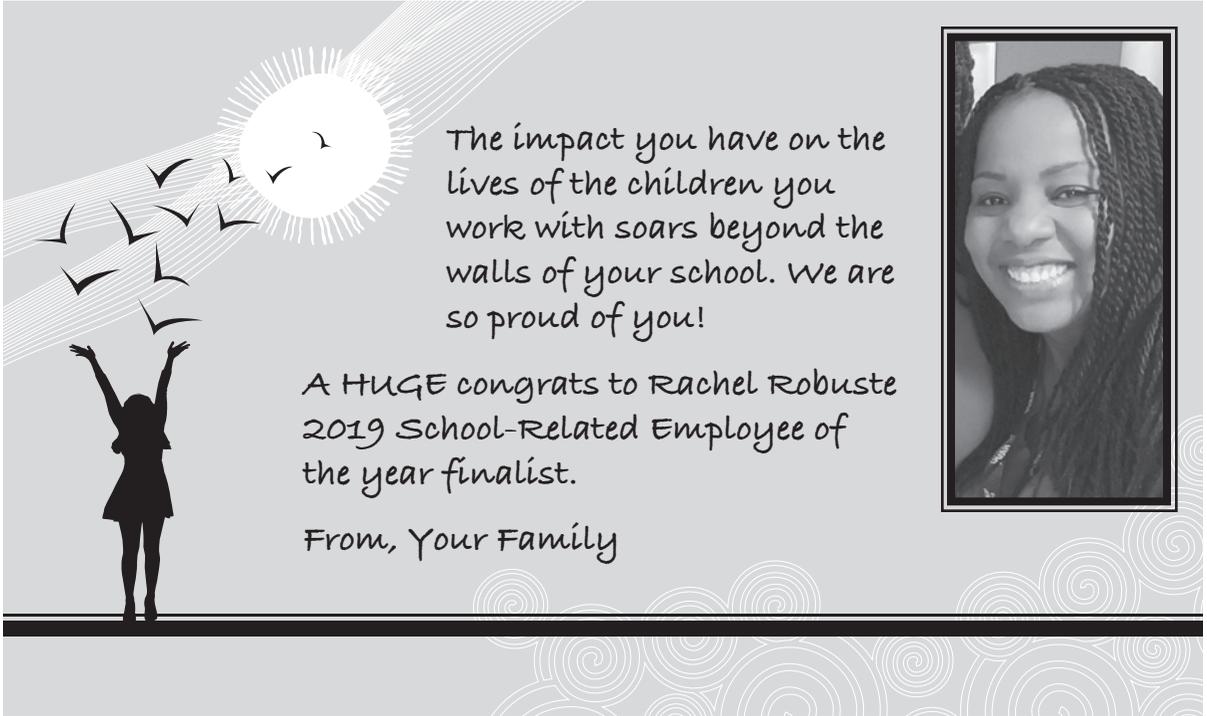


James F. Griffin, II is a native of Fort Lauderdale, Florida. He graduated from Dillard High School in 1989, before matriculating to the home of the Wildcats, Bethune-Cookman University. At Bethune-Cookman, he earned dual degrees in Elementary Education and Specific Learning Disabilities. Mr. Griffin later attended Nova Southeastern University where he

earned a Master's Degree in TESOL and a certificate in Educational Leadership.

Mr. Griffin joined Broward County Public Schools in 1993. He has taught grades K – 5, as well as Adult Basic Education, General Education and English to second language learner adults from Haiti, Peru, Russia, Cuba, Brazil and China. He was appointed as an Assistant Principal at North Fork Elementary School in 2003. During his tenure at North Fork Elementary, Mr. Griffin was recognized as a 2007 finalist for Assistant Principal of the Year. Mr. Griffin received international recognition as an Elluminate Hero and Promethean Torchlight. He was appointed principal of Rock Island Elementary in 2007 and his accomplishments garnered him the esteemed privilege of being named Broward County's and the State of Florida's Principal of the Year for 2010. He now serves as Principal of Lauderdale Lakes Middle School.

Mr. Griffin is emerging as a global steward. He was invited by the Bahamian Ministry of Education to assist with the government's largest technology initiative in schools. He also funded the construction of a classroom through Free the Children in an underprivileged and underserved community in India. Some of Mr. Griffin's latest accolades include being inducted into the Broward Education Foundation's Alumni Hall of Fame in 2017, honored by Legacy South Florida magazine as one of the "50 Most Powerful and Influential Leaders" of 2016, and named a 2014 JM Lexus African American Achiever.

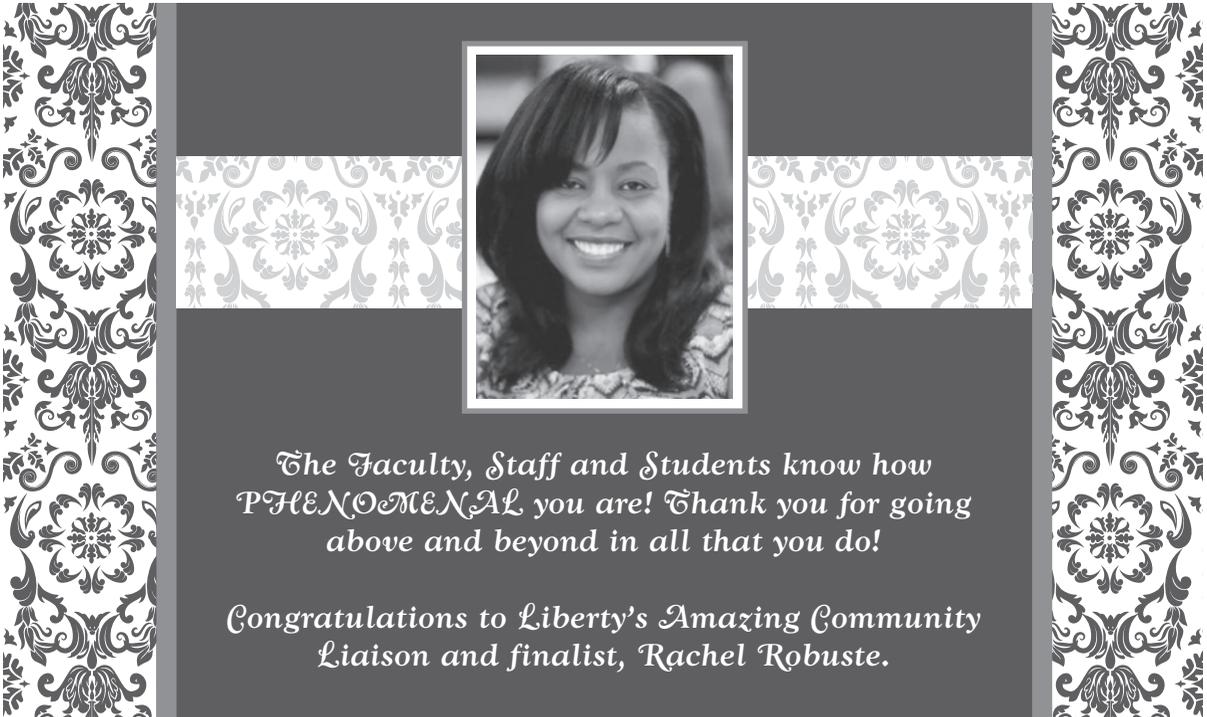


The impact you have on the lives of the children you work with soars beyond the walls of your school. We are so proud of you!



A HUGE congrats to Rachel Robuste 2019 School-Related Employee of the year finalist.

From, Your Family



*The Faculty, Staff and Students know how PHENOMENAL you are! Thank you for going above and beyond in all that you do!*

*Congratulations to Liberty's Amazing Community Liaison and finalist, Rachel Robuste.*



## 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 school systems.

**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 High School ..... Lydia Cox-Creary  
 Apollo Middle School ..... Joan Hernandez  
 Atlantic Technical College  
 & High School ..... Charmaine Lawrence  
 Atlantic West Elementary School ..... Denese Barrett  
 Attucks Middle School ..... Malvina Baker  
 Bair Middle School ..... Amy Gilson  
 Banyan Elementary School ..... Kimberly Williams  
 Bayview Elementary School ..... Alison Dallavalle  
 Beachside Montessori Village ..... Edward Dave  
 Bennett Elementary School ..... Dawn Locascio  
 Bethune, Mary M. Elementary School ...Antionette Trujillo  
 Boulevard Heights  
 Elementary School ..... Priscilla Remon Weathersby  
 Bright Horizons Center ..... Cecilia Rodriguez  
 Broadview Elementary School ..... Brittany Denise Poitier  
 Broward Estates Elementary School ..... Sherry Candelaria  
 Broward Virtual School ..... Liana Avila  
 Castle Hill Elementary School ..... Bennie McClam  
 Central Park Elementary School ..... Tammy Melton  
 Challenger Elementary School ..... Claude Clark  
 Chapel Trail Elementary School ..... Minerva Taveras  
 Coconut Creek  
 Elementary School ..... Gladys Yvette Aponte  
 Coconut Creek High School ..... Maryann Velasco  
 Coconut Palm Elementary School ..... Yolanda Rodriguez  
 Colbert Museum Magnet  
 Elementary School ..... Arnold Lee Wilkins  
 College Academy @ BC ..... Janet Davila

Collins Elementary School ..... Taura Parrish  
 Community Schools North ..... Rebecca Wright  
 Community Schools South ..... Myrtis LaFavors-Williams  
 Cooper City Elementary School ..... Natalie Perez  
 Cooper City High School ..... Ligia Trask  
 Coral Cove Elementary School ..... Jannia Fernandez  
 Coral Glades High School ..... Mark Rissky  
 Coral Park Elementary School ..... Maria Frank  
 Coral Springs High School ..... George Heck  
 Coral Springs Middle School ..... Cheryl Newman  
 Coral Springs Pre K-8 School ..... Debra Guerriero  
 Country Hills Elementary School ..... Maria Metichecchia  
 Country Isles Elementary School ..... Valerie Jones  
 Cresthaven Elementary School ..... Denise Racaniello  
 Croissant Park Elementary School ..... Grecia Tineo  
 Cross Creek School ..... Nadine Chin-Sue  
 Crystal Lake Middle School ..... Jeffrey Dove  
 Cypress Bay High School ..... Cristina Contro  
 Cypress Elementary School ..... Christie Fargas  
 Cypress Run Education Center ..... Andrew Garnett  
 Dandy, William Middle School ..... Erica Sawyer  
 Dania Elementary School ..... Christel Maska  
 Dave Thomas Education Center ..... Brenda Vancooten  
 Davie Elementary School ..... Pam Downing  
 Deerfield Beach Elementary School ..... Chelsea Reeves  
 Deerfield Beach High School ..... Linda Louise Deck  
 Deerfield Beach Middle School ..... Adriann Farrington  
 Deerfield Park Elementary School ..... Teresa Levy  
 Dillard 6-12 School ..... Danyell Law

Dillard Elementary School .....Stephanie Moncrief  
 Discovery Elementary School .....Kim L. McFadden  
 Dolphin Bay Elementary School ..... Mayra I. Sanchez  
 Drew, Charles R. Elementary School..Jerome Washington  
 Driftwood Elementary School ..... Suzanne Mohler  
 Driftwood Middle School.....Khristopher Jackson  
 Eagle Point Elementary School..... Soledad Abin  
 Eagle Ridge Elementary School ..... Brenda Piccone  
 Ely, Blanche High School .....Anthony Jordan  
 Embassy Creek Elementary School..... Ann Hiller  
 Endeavour Primary Learning Center ..Coreen Wellington  
 Everglades Elementary School ..... Robin Krauss  
 Everglades High School..... John Geiger  
 Fairway Elementary School..... Monica Burrows  
 Falcon Cove Middle School ..... Christina Luria  
 Flamingo Elementary School ..... Debora Robino  
 Flanagan, Charles W. High School.....Matthew Winans  
 Floranada Elementary School ..... Susan Merriman  
 Forest Glen Middle School ..... PaQuia Witherspoon  
 Forest Hills Elementary School ..... Rosa Cacace-Perez  
 Fort Lauderdale High School .....Judy Jay  
 Foster, Stephen Elementary School.....Ana Maria  
 Fox Trail Elementary School.....Maxine Williams  
 Gator Run Elementary School ..... Sol Martinez  
 Glades Middle School ..... Jose Magdaleno  
 Griffin Elementary School .....Tanya Lacasse  
 Gulfstream Academy of Hallandale

Beach K-8 School .....Crystal Giuffre  
 Hallandale High School..... Margaret Castro  
 Harbordale Elementary School ..... Kindria Davis  
 Hawkes Bluff Elementary School ..... Cara Barnes  
 Heron Heights Elementary School..... Katherine Curran  
 Hollywood Central Elementary School.....Gina Periat  
 Hollywood Hills Elementary School.....Marla Eberlin  
 Hollywood Hills High School ..... Ricardo Espinosa  
 Hollywood Park Elementary School ..... Julia Lazo  
 Horizon Elementary School ..... Jairo Garcia  
 Hunt, James S. Elementary School.....Jimmy Selby  
 Indian Ridge Middle School..... Nicole Alazraki  
 Indian Trace Elementary School.....Luz Nelida Tieder  
 King Jr., Dr. Martin Luther

Montessori Academy ..... Iris Connery  
 Lake Forest Elementary School..... Tramaine Brown  
 Lakeside Elementary School.....Suzan David  
 Lanier-James Education Center .....Maggie Lane  
 Larkdale Elementary School ..... Althea Davis  
 Lauderdale Lakes Middle School..... John Rachel

Lauderhill 6-12 STEM-MED School ..... Kristian Holmes  
 Lauderhill Paul Turner Elementary School...Shamira Bynes  
 Liberty Elementary School.....Rachel Robuste  
 Lloyd Estates Elementary School ..... Debra Holdren  
 Lyons Creek Middle School.....Evalina Franklin  
 Manatee Bay Elementary School ..... Nancy Gracia  
 Maplewood Elementary School... Mercedes Speid-Whyte  
 Margate Elementary School.....Pat Crowe  
 Margate Middle School .....Gerald Jones  
 Markham, C. Robert

Elementary School ..... Dorothy Collins  
 Marshall, Thurgood Elementary School ..... Ella Elliard  
 McArthur High School.....David Skula  
 McFatter Technical College &

High School ..... Sandra Marshall  
 McNab Elementary School..... Jacqueline Kathmeyer  
 McNicol Middle School .....Micole Walters  
 Meadowbrook Elementary School ..... Danielle J. Kelly  
 Millennium 6-12 Collegiate Academy .....James Wright  
 Miramar Elementary School.....Shuntill Demps  
 Miramar High School ..... Clyde Pruitt  
 Mirror Lake Elementary School ..... Osvaldo Hernandez  
 Monarch High School .....Michelle Zegarelli  
 Morrow Elementary School.....Christopher King  
 New Renaissance Middle School..... Paola Quezada  
 New River Middle School .....Tantanika Smith  
 Nob Hill Elementary School ..... Yingming Liang  
 Norcrest Elementary School..... Darryl Klein  
 North Andrews Gardens

Elementary School .....Tanya Jose  
 North Fork Elementary School..... Arprentina L. Archer  
 North Lauderdale Pre K-8 School ..... Tamala Thompson  
 Northeast High School .....Audwin Dante Bynes  
 Northside Elementary School.....Denise Jenkins  
 Nova Blanche Forman

Elementary School .....Oussama Naami  
 Nova Dwight D. Eisenhower

Elementary School ..... Jill Martinez  
 Nova High School .....Samuel G. Edward  
 Nova Middle School ..... Dawn Fatout  
 Oakland Park Elementary School ..... Ivelise Rivera  
 Oakridge Elementary School..... Tricia Gaynor  
 Olsen Middle School.....Bobby Jones  
 Orange Brook Elementary School.....Tikeisha Reid  
 Oriole Elementary School..... Mario Bynes  
 Palm Cove Elementary School..... Isis Ayubi  
 Palmview Elementary School .....Althea Gray

Panther Run Elementary School..... Edith Diaz (RETIRED)  
 Park Lakes Elementary School..... Angelo Rainey  
 Park Ridge Elementary School ..... Jamesena Nero  
 Park Springs Elementary School ..... Latrisha Paul  
 Park Trails Elementary School..... Joseph Gormley  
 Parkside Elementary School..... Vanessa Godinho  
 Parkway Middle School..... Rasheed Gray  
 Pasadena Lakes Elementary School .... Beatriz Chamorro  
 Pembroke Lakes Elementary School ..... Jennifer Mally  
 Pembroke Pines Elementary School ..... Artur A. Sapko  
 Perry, Annabel C. Pre K-8 School ..... Brittany Casaus  
 Perry, Henry D. Education Center ..... Dean Brant  
 Peters Elementary School..... Rebeca Scroggin  
 Pine Ridge Education Center ..... Kevin Williams  
 Pines Lakes Elementary School..... Diane Desilva  
 Pines Middle School ..... Anamarie Estrada  
 Pinewood Elementary School ..... Cynthia Feyers  
 Pioneer Middle School ..... Steven Rosenhoch  
 Piper High School ..... Mary Paul  
 Plantation Elementary School ..... Brian Golden  
 Plantation High School ..... MariAnne McDonnell  
 Plantation Middle School..... Nestor Montanez  
 Plantation Park Elementary School..... Elizabeth Hagan  
 Pompano Beach

Elementary School ..... Suzanne Guild Watkins  
 Pompano Beach High School ..... Erika Rodriguez  
 Pompano Beach Middle School..... Courtney Bailey  
 Quiet Waters Elementary School..... Hirany C. Morabito  
 Ramblewood Elementary School .. Graciela DeSabatino  
 Ramblewood Middle School..... Shaune Cannon  
 Rickards, James S. Middle School .... Gregory Hammond  
 Riverglades Elementary School.. Michelle C. Martinez-Hill  
 Riverland Elementary School..... Lucrecia Soriano  
 Riverside Elementary School..... Francesca Elmo  
 Rock Island Elementary School ..... Chante Sutton  
 Royal Palm STEM Museum Magnet

Elementary School ..... Carlyle Raymond  
 Sanders Park Elementary School..... Sharika Porter  
 Sandpiper Elementary School ..... Abby Newkirk  
 Sawgrass Elementary School..... Tiffany Brown  
 Sawgrass Springs Middle School..... Kenlinton Small  
 Sea Castle Elementary School ..... Teresa Ramirez  
 Seagull Alternative High School ..... Luisa Rebellon  
 Seminole Middle School..... Deborah Aaron  
 Sheridan Hills Elementary School..... Verol Frith  
 Sheridan Park Elementary School ..... Maria E. Rivera  
 Sheridan Technical College & High School ... Elsa Hodge

Silver Lakes Elementary School..... Tracey Kaplan  
 Silver Lakes Middle School ..... Kathleen Pesce  
 Silver Palms Elementary School ..... Gloria Rosenhoch  
 Silver Ridge Elementary School ..... Monica Jobs  
 Silver Shores Elementary School ..... Michelle Juengel  
 Silver Trail Middle School..... Jennifer Wilson  
 South Broward High School..... Shaun Puzon  
 South Plantation High School ..... Tyler Hankerson  
 Stirling Elementary School ..... Paul Fletcher  
 Stoneman Douglas, Marjory High School .. Raul Bermudez  
 Stranahan High School..... Carlton Mapp  
 Sunland Park Academy ..... Eddie Harmon  
 Sunrise Middle School..... James Alston  
 Sunset Lakes Elementary School ..... Guy Manfra  
 Sunshine Elementary School..... Pier Anson  
 Tamarac Elementary School..... Aarron Power  
 Taravella, J.P. High School..... Anuradha Mahabir  
 Tedder Elementary School ..... John James  
 Tequesta Trace Middle School ..... Margaret Giraldo  
 The Quest Center ..... Denise Daniel  
 Tradewinds Elementary School ..... Kevin Muller  
 Tropical Elementary School..... Michelle D. Andujar  
 Village Elementary School ..... Ronnie Turner  
 Walker Elementary School ..... Lourdes Griffin  
 Watkins Elementary School..... Rocksroy Bailey  
 Welleby Elementary School ..... Donna Everett  
 West Broward High School ..... Marta Rodriguez  
 West Hollywood Elementary School ..... Tamu Murrel  
 Westchester Elementary School..... Andrea Geller  
 Western High School..... Christopher Luis Barroso  
 Westglades Middle School..... Latanya Fondren  
 Westpine Middle School..... Kevin Walsh  
 Westwood Heights

Elementary School ..... Elzbieta Glogowska  
 Whiddon-Rogers Education Center..... Reggie Grier  
 Whispering Pines Center..... Frank Schioppa  
 Wilton Manors Elementary School.. Amy Harney-Yergeau  
 Wingate Oaks Center..... Wendy Smith  
 Winston Park Elementary School..... Mary Williams  
 Young, Virginia S. Montessori Magnet

Elementary School ..... Michelle Freeman-Introini  
 Young, Walter C. Middle School..... Luis Gomez

#### **DEPARTMENT NOMINEES**

Food and Nutrition Services ..... Sue DePasquale  
 Procurement and Warehousing Services... Deanna Martin  
 Talent Acquisition and Operations..... Lori Rosenblum



## SCHOOL-RELATED/DISTRICT EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR FINALISTS



**Iris Connery**

*Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.  
Montessori Academy*

Iris Connery, a 28-year Broward County Public Schools veteran, believes that "if ethnic and social barriers are removed, every child is capable of learning and succeeding." She uses her love of history and her Native American heritage stories to influence the next generation, instilling in students that education is still relevant in today's world. "As adults, we have to acknowledge the next generation is more sophisticated at a younger age," says Ms. Connery. "The technology they hold in their hands is powerful and should be used to shape their future."



**Sue DePasquale**

*Food and Nutrition Services  
Department*

For nearly 35 years, Sue DePasquale has encouraged students to learn something new every day. Ms. DePasquale believes that equal opportunity is key to educating the next generation. Additionally, through her career growth from a general cafeteria worker to an assistant coordinator, she realizes that every student wants the same thing - positive acknowledgment. Her influence on the students she encounters daily is evident. "I believe in their potential to be great, regardless of their physical, mental, financial or parental circumstance," states Ms. DePasquale. An avid Miami Dolphins fan, Ms. DePasquale is holding on to the hope that they will be great again.



**Paul Fletcher**

*Stirling  
Elementary School*

Paul Fletcher is very passionate about his role at Broward County Public Schools. Once appointed as the Exceptional Student Education (ESE) teacher's assistant, he enrolled in several online classes and read numerous books to familiarize himself with the unique developmental abilities, challenges and opportunities of his students. As an advocate for ESE students, he speaks on their behalf at community and school advisory board meetings. Like his father, famous African-American leader and activist, Arthur Fletcher, who coined the statement, 'A mind is a terrible thing to waste,' Mr. Fletcher plans to complete his career by continuing to mentor and fight for those who may not be able to fight for themselves.

# SCHOOL-RELATED/DISTRICT EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR FINALISTS



**Brittany Poitier**  
*Broadview  
Elementary School*

"The next generation are the future leaders of our nation," says Brittany Poitier, who believes that guiding, supporting and showing love to her students prepares them for leadership roles. She focuses on the whole student and takes the time to address the root of any issue, which may include hunger, homelessness and social need. "A student cannot function if he or she is hungry, homeless or in need of social services for him or herself and family. Once we assist in getting the student's social, emotional, and environmental needs met, you will then see the student blossom in a way never seen before." A spokesperson for autism awareness and a drag race car driver, Ms. Poitier is fully equipped to drive her students to achieve their goals.



**Rachel Robuste**  
*Liberty  
Elementary School*

Rachel Robuste counts on her words and actions to ignite the potential of her students. Each day, she greets students individually and uses this opportunity to infuse value and self-esteem in them. This, she says, makes them feel accepted and confident. "Children have a natural desire to be accepted, so when that need is met, it becomes easier for them to be successful in school," says Ms. Robuste. "A confident student is able to strive for excellence. In addition to academics, students today need increased opportunities to develop skills of empathy, tolerance and respect."



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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.

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

Anderson, Boyd High School ..... Wanda Bush  
Apollo Middle School ..... Andrea Markowitz  
Atlantic Technical College & High School ... Michelle King  
Atlantic West Elementary School ..... Gracie Beish  
Attucks Middle School..... Keturah Somoza  
Bair Middle School .....Joyvancia Gaines  
Banyan Elementary School..... Brian Carson  
Bayview Elementary School..... Amanda Benson  
Beachside Montessori Village ..... Kathy Wills  
Bennett Elementary School ..... Shaneka Walstine  
Bethune, Mary M.

Elementary School ..... LeAnna Greenidge  
Boulevard Heights Elementary School..... Lauren Alfred  
Bright Horizons Center..... Michelle Sergel  
Broadview Elementary School..... Marcia J. Mitchell  
Broward Estates Elementary School..... Rasheeda West  
Broward Virtual School ..... Satoko Fisher  
Castle Hill Elementary School ..... LaKeisha Moore Smith  
Central Park Elementary School..... Lisa Raska  
Challenger Elementary School..... Deasha Whyte  
Chapel Trail Elementary School..... Mayra DeArmas  
Coconut Creek Elementary School..... Tiffany Lewis  
Coconut Creek High School..... Tiffany Carrasco  
Coconut Palm Elementary School..... Melinda Walters  
Colbert Museum Magnet

Elementary School ..... Jeania Pierre  
College Academy @ BC ..... Cinda Kane  
Collins Elementary School..... Tikysha Maloney-Parrott  
Community Schools North ..... Ezra Quarrie  
Community Schools South ..... Leona McCall

Cooper City Elementary School..... Caroline Darcy  
Cooper City High School..... Loretta Coyne  
Coral Cove Elementary School..... Deanna Deluna  
Coral Glades High School..... Olga Coy  
Coral Park Elementary School..... Ellen Emery  
Coral Springs High School ..... Aruna Lien  
Coral Springs Middle School..... Bettania Opthof  
Coral Springs Pre K-8 School ..... Monford Johnson  
Country Hills Elementary School ..... Julia Tezekjian  
Country Isles Elementary School ..... Andrea Davalos  
Cresthaven Elementary School..... Katrina Zaiff  
Croissant Park Elementary School..... Rachele Blain  
Cross Creek School ..... Tyler Jordan  
Crystal Lake Middle School..... Cassandra Blume  
Cypress Bay High School..... Bo Diaz  
Cypress Elementary School..... Regine Tertulien  
Cypress Run Education Center ..... Nordia Barber  
Dandy, William Middle School..... William Howell, III  
Dania Elementary School..... Ashley Zotter  
Dave Thomas Education Center..... Sharnett Morris  
Davie Elementary School..... Jennifer Godbey  
Deerfield Beach

Elementary School ..... Corali de Pablos Cardona  
Deerfield Beach High School..... Melynda Gregory  
Deerfield Beach Middle School .. Juanita Kearsse-Creech  
Deerfield Park Elementary School..... Natasha Purdum  
Dillard 6-12 School..... Regina Rhue  
Dillard Elementary School ..... Donahue Byrd  
Discovery Elementary School ..... Damarlie Doriah  
Dolphin Bay Elementary School ..... Kristy Pagan

Drew, Charles R. Elementary  
 School .....Bridgett Brown Burkes  
 Driftwood Elementary School ..... Rita Rodriguez  
 Driftwood Middle School.....Angela Rigdon  
 Eagle Point Elementary School..... Kristin Violante  
 Eagle Ridge Elementary School..... MaryAnn Hawker  
 Ely, Blanche High School..... Chana-Kay Pommels  
 Embassy Creek Elementary School.....Beth Castro  
 Endeavour Primary Learning Center ..... Sebrina Kizer  
 Everglades Elementary School.....Pilar Villegas  
 Everglades High School.....Christine Becher  
 Fairway Elementary School..... Myrna Gardner  
 Falcon Cove Middle School ..... Jennifer Roca  
 Flamingo Elementary School .....Bianca Mathes  
 Flanagan, Charles W. High School.....Tribawan Singh  
 Floranada Elementary School..... Jennifer Black  
 Forest Glen Middle School ..... Eric Kornhauser  
 Forest Hills Elementary School.....Carolina Sanclemente  
 Fort Lauderdale High School ..... Bruce Evans  
 Foster, Stephen Elementary School..... Pauline Latorre  
 Fox Trail Elementary School..... Lori Miller  
 Gator Run Elementary School ..... Angela Davis  
 Glades Middle School .....Sondra Lieber\*  
 Griffin Elementary School..... Donna Menendez  
 Gulfstream Academy of  
 Hallandale Beach K-8 School ..... Janet Capote  
 Hallandale High School.....Iquo-Ote Spence  
 Harbordale Elementary School ..... Kelly Hardison  
 Hawkes Bluff Elementary School .....Cassandra Simmons  
 Heron Heights Elementary School.....Meridith O’Rorke  
 Hollywood Central Elementary School.....Lisa LaBruto  
 Hollywood Hills Elementary School..... Lisa Thayer  
 Hollywood Hills High School ..... Diana Cabot  
 Hollywood Park Elementary School...Stephanie Jacome  
 Horizon Elementary School ..... Sabrina Cespedes  
 Hunt, James S. Elementary School.....Mercedes Vazquez  
 Indian Ridge Middle School..... Shannon Rosado  
 Indian Trace Elementary School..... Jennifer Espinosa  
 King Jr., Dr. Martin Luther  
 Montessori Academy..... Sennio Taylor  
 Lake Forest Elementary School..... Jordana Levinson  
 Lakeside Elementary School.....Julia Freer  
 Lanier-James Education Center ..... Delecia Francis  
 Larkdale Elementary School.....Avis White-Purcell  
 Lauderdale Lakes Middle School....Lasrene Farquharson  
 Lauderdale 6-12 STEM-MED Magnet School.. Renee Barnett  
 Lauderdale Paul Turner Elementary School ....Crystal Glover

Liberty Elementary School.....Patrick F. Houle  
 Lloyd Estates Elementary School ..... Saba Moin  
 Lyons Creek Middle School.....Karen Nussbaum  
 Manatee Bay Elementary School ... Paula June Fijalkowski  
 Maplewood Elementary School.....Cheryl Davila  
 Margate Elementary School.....Althea Edwards  
 Margate Middle School ..... David Bass  
 Markham, C. Robert Elementary School... Martine Joseph  
 Marshall, Thurgood  
 Elementary School ..... Hendrick Shackleton  
 McArthur High School..... Gerald Armbrister, Jr.  
 McFatter Technical College  
 & High School..... Franzie Sicard Williams  
 McNab Elementary School.....Cortney Casella  
 McNicol Middle School .....Melissa Goulet  
 Meadowbrook Elementary School..... James W. Carr  
 Millennium 6-12 Collegiate Academy...Heather Mattson  
 Miramar Elementary School.....Marisol Homidas  
 Miramar High School ..... Jonell Studstill  
 Mirror Lake Elementary School .....Enid Chevannes  
 Monarch High School ..... Michelle Albahae  
 Morrow Elementary School..... Benita Small-Williams  
 New Renaissance Middle School..... Solmarie Ortiz  
 New River Middle School ..... Amy Doyle-Bennett  
 Nob Hill Elementary School ..Penelope Roderick Reinman  
 Norcrest Elementary School..... Kimberly Ruggieri  
 North Andrews Gardens  
 Elementary School ..... Yesenia Sanchez  
 North Fork Elementary School.....Jessica Miller  
 North Lauderdale Pre K-8 School ..... Cory Brown  
 Northeast High School..... Lise Clara Mabout  
 Northside Elementary School..... LaMarsharee Wilson  
 Nova Blanche Forman Elementary School....Attiya Batool  
 Nova Dwight D. Eisenhower  
 Elementary School ..... Lorraine Fischer  
 Nova High School .....Basma Andre  
 Nova Middle School ..... Kristin Murphy  
 Oakland Park Elementary School ..... Ricky Walker  
 Oakridge Elementary School.....Kelly Moore  
 Olsen Middle School.....Tysheena Boggan  
 Orange Brook Elementary School..... Maria Sanabria  
 Oriole Elementary School.....Elza Lucius-Robinson  
 Palm Cove Elementary School..... Robert Bieber  
 Palmview Elementary School ..... Joline Green  
 Panther Run Elementary School..Jill Dominick-Romberger  
 Park Lakes Elementary School..... Seretha Stroud  
 Park Ridge Elementary School ..... Cherelle Martin

Park Springs Elementary School ..... Mia Hansen  
 Park Trails Elementary School.....Amy Stewart  
 Parkside Elementary School..... Colleen Boyle  
 Parkway Middle School..... Antashia Brown  
 Pasadena Lakes Elementary School ..... Clara Balboa  
 Pembroke Lakes Elementary School ..... Brenna McAteer  
 Pembroke Pines Elementary School ... Jacqueline Wholey  
 Perry, Annabel C. Pre K-8 School ..... Charles Sanders  
 Perry, Henry D. Education Center .....Brenda Michel  
 Peters Elementary School.....Sylvia M. Hernandez  
 Pine Ridge Education Center .....Susan Baran  
 Pines Lakes Elementary School..... Carey Hastings  
 Pines Middle School.....Tameika Haynes  
 Pinewood Elementary School ..... Amy Norcutt  
 Pioneer Middle School ..... Jo Mattocks McKerlie  
 Piper High School ..... Matthew Lewis  
 Plantation Elementary School ..... Akilah O'Brady  
 Plantation High School ..... Clemisha Garnet  
 Plantation Middle School..... Kimarya Carter-Martin  
 Plantation Park Elementary School..... Allison Welch  
 Pompano Beach Elementary School ..... Kendra Torrella  
 Pompano Beach High School..... Florence Petit  
 Pompano Beach Middle School..... Jolie Steven  
 Quiet Waters Elementary School.....Veronica Moncrief  
 Ramblewood Elementary School .....Rosanne Durante  
 Ramblewood Middle School..... Delroy Thompson  
 Rickards, James S. Middle School .....Michelle Tillett  
 Riverglades Elementary School.....David Hammer  
 Riverland Elementary School.....Krishna Boodhoo  
 Riverside Elementary School..... Lauren Young  
 Rock Island Elementary School ..... Sophia Smart  
 Royal Palm STEM Museum Magnet  
 Elementary School ..... Latoya Hamilton  
 Sanders Park Elementary School..... Jenny Mann  
 Sandpiper Elementary School.....Mary Ann Harman  
 Sawgrass Elementary School..... Michele Brown  
 Sawgrass Springs Middle School.....Tosha Knibb  
 Sea Castle Elementary School .....Monica Olivares  
 Seagull Alternative High School ..... Barbara Lang  
 Seminole Middle School.....Debra Simpson  
 Sheridan Hills Elementary School.....Emily Wood  
 Sheridan Park Elementary School .....Marleyns Armelo  
 Sheridan Technical College  
 & High School.....Renka Friedman  
 Silver Lakes Elementary School.....Soidemer Nunez  
 Silver Lakes Middle School ..... Jillian Mostal  
 Silver Palms Elementary School .....David Phillips

Silver Ridge Elementary School ..... Erica Sivert-Doyle  
 Silver Shores Elementary School .....Gabrielle Nieves  
 Silver Trail Middle School..... Bryan Lucena  
 South Broward High School..... Tamara Chaplin  
 South Plantation High School ..... Barbara McNeile  
 Stirling Elementary School .....John Alvarez  
 Stoneman Douglas, Marjory High School....Ronit Reoven  
 Stranahan High School..... Donna Newbold  
 Sunland Park Academy ..... Carmen Rosario  
 Sunrise Middle School.....Neka Scatliffe  
 Sunset Lakes Elementary School ..... Herman Sakowitz  
 Sunshine Elementary School..... LaKeisha Sorey  
 Tamarac Elementary School.....Beth Ann Fraser  
 Taravella, J.P. High School.....Madison Rabun  
 Tedder Elementary School .....Susan James  
 Tequesta Trace Middle School ..... Scot Piglia  
 The Quest Center ..... Burlynn Irving  
 Tradewinds Elementary School ..... Karen Grills Matiuk  
 Tropical Elementary School..... Virginia Fetscher  
 Village Elementary School .....Sheldon Jordan  
 Walker Elementary School ..... Jacqueline Kawarsky  
 Watkins Elementary School.....Lurleen McCogg  
 Welleby Elementary School ..... Shelly Kazanjian  
 West Broward High School .....Ariana Lozano  
 West Hollywood Elementary School ..... Brenda Kobrin  
 Westchester Elementary School.....Sotoya Bell  
 Western High School..... Brett Williams  
 Westglades Middle School.....Paul Battaglia  
 Westpine Middle School..... Edwin Munoz  
 Westwood Heights Elementary School....Jessica Childers  
 Whiddon-Rogers Education Center.....Garrett Schubert  
 Whispering Pines Center.....Daniel Jones  
 Wilton Manors Elementary School.....Catherine Lozada  
 Wingate Oaks Center.....Lindsey Way  
 Winston Park Elementary School..... Sylvia Simmons  
 Young, Virginia S. Montessori Magnet  
 Elementary School ..... Kelly Glendon-Wood  
 Young, Walter C. Middle School..... Sande Hartman

\*Deceased

# TEACHER OF THE YEAR FINALISTS



**Satoko Fisher**  
*Broward  
Virtual School*

"Learning must be fun and exciting! I 'edutain' my students," says Satoko Fisher, a veteran teacher with the District. Having taught Japanese for more than 26 years, Ms. Fisher has learned that keeping an open mind is the key to effectively teaching students. "Our generation has been changing and, as teachers, we need to keep up with them and accept the change." Ms. Fisher came to the United States to learn English, as she was fascinated with the American culture. She has visited more than 30 countries and enjoys experiencing different foods, people and customs. She uses that same drive to motivate and encourage her middle and high school students. Teaching a foreign language via distance learning may be a challenge for some, but Ms. Fisher says, "I am willing to learn and adopt new technology into my teaching."



**Sheldon Jordan**  
*Village  
Elementary School*

Sheldon Jordan's teaching philosophy is to teach a child, you must first reach a child. Mr. Jordan believes that as an educator, it is his job to provide students with a safe and nurturing learning environment. "Scholars must feel valued, respected and loved into achieving their full academic and social potential," says Mr. Jordan. He encourages his students by telling them that it does not matter what they did last year, last month, last week, yesterday, or even the moment before entering class—what matters is now. A proud graduate of Broward County Public Schools, Mr. Jordan takes his job as an educator personally. Realizing that his students are people first, his goal is to give every student an opportunity to become successful. "My goal is to create champion students who go on to change the world."



**Catherine Lozada**  
*Wilton Manors  
Elementary School*

Catherine Lozada strives to create a classroom community where students of all abilities learn and grow together. "I believe in modeling the character traits of love, tolerance, trust, respect and acceptance. Although some students may be differently-abled, everyone deserves the opportunity to reach his/her fullest potential," says Ms. Lozada. With nearly 20 years of experience as a teacher, this baseball fan has learned that being calm is her superpower. Her unlimited amount of patience has allowed her to recognize the social, emotional and behavioral needs of her students. "The years of experience with my students have taught me that no matter what struggles they are facing, keep teaching, keep trying, never give up. I have learned to recognize and honor their potential and to guide them in being the best that they can be!"

# TEACHER OF THE YEAR FINALISTS



**Lise Clara Mabour**  
*Northeast  
High School*

There is a video recording of Lise Clara Mabour as a high school senior, more than six years ago, stating that her hope is to inspire invention and leave a legacy of innovation at Northeast High School. Years later, she returned to her alma mater as a biology teacher, with a strong determination to achieve this goal by igniting the same passion in her students. "The focus for educating our future generations needs to be on teaching students how to appropriately use the new technology and resources available to make rational and informed decisions and inquiries." The first person in the history of the Lemelson-MIT InvenTeam program to complete a project as a student and an educator, Ms. Mabour continues to work every day to fulfill the goal she set many years ago.



**Kristin Murphy**  
*Nova  
Middle School*

"Be respectful and never lie are the only rules in my classroom. Character development is what matters most when it comes to educating the next generation," says Kristin Murphy. "To always do the right thing is, perhaps, one of the most important lessons we can teach our students." An educator for more than 20 years, Ms. Murphy believes that a good teacher adjusts his/her teaching style to meet the needs and strengths of each student. She never accepts anything less than a student's true potential and encourages her students to do the same. "Some of my students are living the difficult situations we discuss in class. I now know that every word that comes out of my mouth has the ability to affect my students." When she is not in class, Ms. Murphy is a CrossFit competitor and a Dragon boat racer, who spends hours preparing for competition.





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congratulate

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Mr. Reggie Grier, Employee of the Year





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Autism Coach



**Congratulations on being honored as a  
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Congratulations to Deerfield Park Elementary's Wonderful Women of the Year, Natasha Purdum, Teacher of the Year and Teresa Levy, School-Related Employee of the Year. We are "fawn-tastically" excited and proud to have you represent our school! Best Regards, Jocelyn Reid, Principal & Donna Rucker, Asst. Principal



*Congratulations  
Sebrina "Queen" Marshall  
Teacher of the Year Nominee  
Endeavour Primary Learning Center*

*We love you,  
Elton, Della, Armani and Giovanni*



# 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

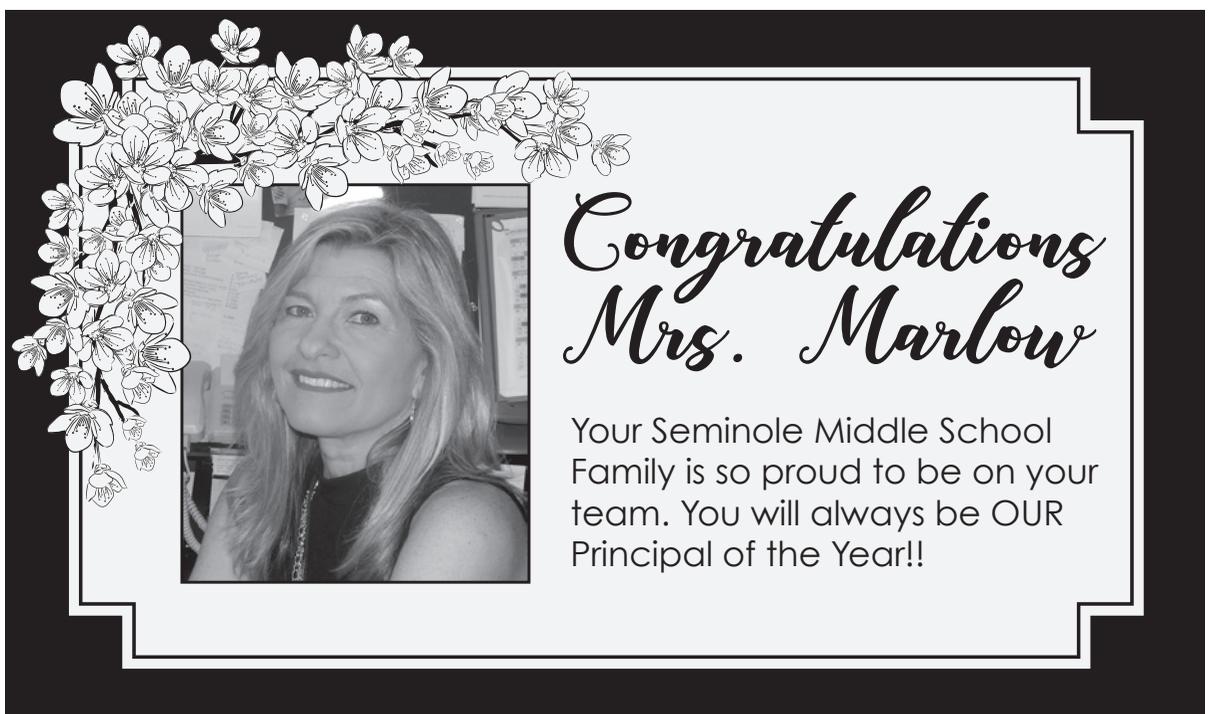
## **Broward County Public Schools is proud to recognize and congratulate the following outstanding nominees for the Principal of the Year award:**

Anderson, Boyd High School .....Dr. Angel Almanzar  
 Apollo Middle School ..... Shawn Aycock  
 Atlantic Technical College  
     & High School ..... Robert Crawford, Jr.  
 Atlantic West Elementary School ..... Diane Eagan  
 Bair Middle School ..... Dr. Keietta Givens  
 Banyan Elementary School.....Dr. Eric Miller  
 Boulevard Heights Elementary School.....Juan Alejo  
 Bright Horizons Center..... Ann Andersen- Kowalski  
 Challenger Elementary School.....Tara Zdanowicz  
 College Academy @ BC .....Deborah Davey  
 Cooper City High School..... Wendy Doll  
 Coral Glades High School.....Steven G. Carruth  
 Coral Park Elementary School ..... Camille Pontillo  
 Coral Springs Pre K-8 School .....Vonda L. Oliver  
 Croissant Park Elementary School..Michelle-Anne Allison  
 Cypress Bay High School..... Charles S. Neely  
 Cypress Elementary School..... Vanessa Schnur  
 Dave Thomas Education Center..... Tracy Lockhart-Talley  
 Dolphin Bay Elementary School ..... Sandra L. Nelson  
 Eagle Ridge Elementary School.....Thomas Redshaw  
 Embassy Creek Elementary School..... Robert Becker  
 Endeavour Primary Learning Center...Denise H. Lawrence  
 Everglades Elementary School..... Eliot Tillinger  
 Falcon Cove Middle School ..... Mark Kaplan  
 Flamingo Elementary School ..... Janice Crosby  
 Floranada Elementary School ..... John Vetter  
 Forest Glen Middle School ..... Ronald Forsman  
 Forest Hills Elementary School..... Barbara Rothman

Fox Trail Elementary School..... Lynn Burgess  
 Gator Run Elementary School .....Keith Peters  
 Gulfstream Academy of Hallandale  
     Beach K-8 School ..... Robert Pappas  
 Hollywood Central Elementary School...Delicia Decembert  
 Hollywood Hills Elementary School.....John Fossas  
 Hollywood Hills High School ..... Lourdes Gonzalez  
 Hollywood Park Elementary School...MariaElena Menendez  
 Indian Ridge Middle School..... Ian Murray  
 King Jr., Dr. Martin Luther  
     Montessori Academy ..... Mitshuca Moreau  
 Lake Forest Elementary School.....Sharon Boyd  
 Lanier-James Education Center .....Kelvin Lee  
 Larkdale Elementary School ..... Carla Hart  
 Lauderdale 6-12 STEM-MED School .....Dr. Ryan Reardon  
 Manatee Bay  
     Elementary School .....Heather Hedman-DeVaughn  
 Margate Elementary School.....Thomas Schroeder  
 Marshall, Thurgood Elementary School ..... Michael Billins  
 McArthur High School.....Todd J. Lapace  
 McNab Elementary School..... Dorys Palacio  
 McNicol Middle School ..... Melissa Gurreonero  
 Miramar High School ..... Maria Formoso  
 Mirror Lake Elementary School ..... Marlen Veliz  
 Monarch High School..... James Neer  
 New River Middle School .....Melinda Wessinger  
 Nob Hill Elementary School.....Jeannie B. Floyd  
 North Andrews Gardens  
     Elementary School ..... Catrice Duhart

North Lauderdale Pre K-8 School ..... Nichele Williams  
 Northeast High School ..... Anthony Valachovic  
 Nova High School ..... Dr. John LaCasse  
 Oakridge Elementary School ..... Eduardo U. Aguilar  
 Orange Brook Elementary School ..... Devon A. O'Neal  
 Oriole Elementary School ..... Sheneka Blue  
 Palm Cove Elementary School ..... Davida Johnson  
 Panther Run Elementary School ..... Elaine Saef  
 Park Ridge Elementary School ..... Joseph Balchunas  
 Park Springs Elementary School ..... Katherine Policastro  
 Park Trails Elementary School ..... Charles McCanna  
 Pasadena Lakes Elementary School ..... Janet Phelps  
 Pembroke Lakes Elementary School ... Marsha M. Wagner  
 Perry, Annabel C. Pre K-8 School ..... Thomas J. Correll  
 Peters Elementary School ..... Dr. Joyce Krzemienski  
 Pines Middle School ..... Carlton Campbell  
 Piper High School ..... Angel Gomez  
 Plantation Elementary School ..... Judith Pitter  
 Plantation Middle School ..... Dr. Sherri Wilson  
 Pompano Beach Elementary School .. Shezette Blue-Small  
 Pompano Beach High School ..... Hudson B. Thomas  
 Pompano Beach Middle School ..... Sonja Braziel  
 Ramblewood Middle School ..... Cory Ann Smith  
 Riverglades Elementary School ... Jo-Anne Misiewicz-Seltzer

Riverland Elementary School ..... Oslay Gil  
 Sanders Park Elementary School ..... Karen Nesbeth  
 Sea Castle Elementary School... Riquelme (Rick) Rodriguez  
 Seminole Middle School ..... Kathryn Marlow  
 Sheridan Hills Elementary School ..... Josetta Campbell  
 Sheridan Park Elementary School ..... Jacqueline Carro  
 Silver Lakes Elementary School ..... Tammy Gilbert  
 Silver Lakes Middle School ..... Alison Trautmann-Lopez  
 South Broward High School ..... Olayemi Awofadeju  
 Stoneman Douglas, Marjory High School ..... Ty Thompson  
 Sunshine Elementary School ..... Donna Aaron  
 Taravella, J.P. High School ..... Jason Nault  
 Tedder Elementary School ..... Shinita Coachman-Beavers  
 Tradewinds Elementary School ..... Michael Breslaw  
 Walker Elementary School ..... Philip Bullock  
 Watkins Elementary School ..... Lori Mendez  
 Westchester Elementary School ..... Melissa Geraine  
 Western High School ..... Jimmy Arrojo  
 Westglades Middle School ..... Matthew Bianchi  
 Westwood Heights Elementary School.. Jodi Washington  
 Whiddon-Rogers Education Center... Wylie L. Howard Jr.  
 Whispering Pines Center ..... Michael Gleason  
 Wilton Manors Elementary School ..... Melissa Holtz  
 Wingate Oaks Center ..... Donald Cottrell



*Congratulations  
 Mrs. Marlow*

Your Seminole Middle School Family is so proud to be on your team. You will always be OUR Principal of the Year!!



## PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR FINALISTS



**Philip Bullock**  
*Walker  
Elementary School*

"We can never lose sight of the fact that every student is unique with very different academic and social needs. Therefore, instruction must be adjusted to meet these needs," says Philip Bullock, in his fourth year as principal of Walker Elementary School. A Broward County Public Schools educator for more than 30 years and a father of five children, Mr. Bullock has firsthand knowledge of what students need to achieve success. "It has been my experience that for students to learn at their maximum potential, we must truly know what motivates them. We cannot only teach the curriculum, we must also teach the child and meet them where they are, not where we want them to be."



**Kathryn Marlow**  
*Seminole  
Middle School*

Having served nearly a decade at Seminole Middle School, Kathryn Marlow is a firm believer that "student learning increases significantly when the student has a positive relationship with the teacher and knows that the teacher truly cares." This lover of rock and roll music is dubbed by her students as a cool principal. Ms. Marlow believes, "it is critical to offer engaging curriculum and courses that speak to the 21st century learner. High-interest literature classes such as the Dark Side of Fairy Tales, Music Through the Ages and Sports & Politics, take reading in middle school to the next level. Courses such as Rockets, Theme Park Engineering and Exploring Computer Science (Coding), will have students running to class."



**Cory Ann Smith**  
*Ramblewood  
Middle School*

As an educator, Cory Ann Smith focuses on the needs of the students she serves. Whether as a teacher or an administrator, Ms. Smith believes that, "all students need to feel a connection with their teachers and leaders. There must be a genuine caring relationship established for them to learn and grow." She continues, "as educators, we should never stop learning ourselves. Being a life-long learner only benefits our students and their families, as we adapt to their changing needs and our available resources." When Ms. Smith entered Florida State University, she was a communications major with a goal of becoming a news broadcaster. More than 20 years later, she is in her fifth year as the principal of Ramblewood Middle School and does not regret her career change. "I am exactly where I was meant to be."



# 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

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

Anderson, Boyd High School .... Leinani (Linda) Humphrey  
Anderson, Boyd High School .....Paula Peters  
Apollo Middle School ..... Lloyd P. Manda  
Atlantic Technical College

& High School.....Andre L. Newton  
Atlantic Technical College & High School...Tonya Hefley  
Attucks Middle School.....Erick Gurreonero  
Bayview Elementary School.....Christina Murphy  
Bethune, Mary M. Elementary School .... Theon A. Eames  
Boulevard Heights

Elementary School .....Sylvia Correa Gonzalez  
Bright Horizons Center.....Carol Levin  
Challenger Elementary School.. Laferne A. McLean-Cross  
Coconut Creek High School..... Alfred Broomfield  
Coconut Creek High School.....Edward Rodriguez, Jr.  
Colbert Museum Magnet

Elementary School .....Dorsett M. McLeod  
Cooper City High School..... Vera Perkovic  
Coral Springs High School .....Tameka King  
Country Hills Elementary School ..... Veronica Roberts  
Cresthaven Elementary School.....Jan Heavner  
Cypress Bay High School.....Debra Santoro-Hubert  
Cypress Bay High School.....Jeffrey Nelson  
Cypress Run Education Center ..... Janet D. Jackson  
Deerfield Beach Elementary School...Dr. Latonya Cooper  
Deerfield Beach Middle School .....Ryan Atwood

Deerfield Park Elementary School..... Donna Rucker  
Discovery Elementary School .....Raylene Z. Thomas  
Eagle Point Elementary School..... Kizzy Dailey  
Ely, Blanche High School..... Malcolm E. Spence  
Embassy Creek Elementary School..... Jodi Hoover  
Embassy Creek Elementary School.....Michelle Dolin  
Flamingo Elementary School ..... Arlene Manville  
Forest Glen Middle School ..... Tiffany Barnett  
Fox Trail Elementary School.....Jennifer McGreevy  
Gulfstream Academy of Hallandale

Beach K-8 School .....Candy Boyce  
Gulfstream Academy of Hallandale

Beach K-8 School .....Maximo Castillo  
Harbordale Elementary School ..Jennifer Woertz-Kashdin  
Hollywood Central Elementary School..... Kelly Heverly  
Hollywood Hills High School ..... Erin Brown  
Hollywood Hills High School .....Maureen Lue  
Larkdale Elementary School..... Cynthia Woods  
Lauderdale Lakes Middle School.....Rosheika Y. H. Rolle  
Liberty Elementary School..... Donna M. Styles  
Lyons Creek Middle School.....Dory Vega Rodriguez  
Manatee Bay Elementary School ..... Giselle Del Barrio  
Maplewood Elementary School..... Camille Orr  
Margate Elementary School..... Vicki Flournoy  
Markham, C. Robert Elementary School..... Erica Levine  
Meadowbrook Elementary School .....Aleshia Coleman

Millennium 6-12 Collegiate Academy .... Brian Chartrand  
 Miramar Elementary School..... Marie D. Price-Dumervil  
 Miramar High School .....Kaila Marie Bergeron  
 Miramar High School .....Cristina N. Selvidge  
 Mirror Lake Elementary School ..... Joan Rosa  
 Monarch High School ..... Dr. Moira Sweeting-Miller  
 New River Middle School .....Robert Rivera  
 North Lauderdale Pre K-8 School ..... Nicole Neunie  
 Northeast High School .....Lora Boltz  
 Nova High School .....Christine Sexton  
 Nova High School ..... Rick Chiappelli  
 Nova Middle School ..... Andre Jones  
 Oakland Park Elementary School ..... Nicole Williams  
 Orange Brook Elementary School.....Suzett Ledesma  
 Oriole Elementary School.....Carol King-Roberts  
 Park Springs Elementary School ..... Denise Hanson  
 Parkway Middle School.....Christine Centrone Walker  
 Pembroke Lakes Elementary School ..Lacresha L. Cooper  
 Perry, Annabel C. PreK-8 School ... Jennifer Williams-O'Neal  
 Piper High School ..... Colleen M. Hogan  
 Plantation High School .....Matthew A. Fritzius  
 Pompano Beach Elementary School .....Jamie Ferguson  
 Pompano Beach Middle School..... Karen Karras  
 Quiet Waters Elementary School..... William S. Hartner  
 Ramblewood Middle School.....Kathleen Neville  
 Riverland Elementary School.....Te'Anka Pinder  
 Sandpiper Elementary School ..... Melissa Hernandez  
 Seminole Middle School..... Jill Fiorentino

Seminole Middle School.....Shantell Curry  
 Sheridan Park Elementary School .....Susan Suarez  
 Sheridan Technical College &  
 High School.....Barrett Goldman  
 Sheridan Technical College & High School...Mary A. Barba  
 Silver Lakes Elementary School..... Alicia D. Aguilar  
 Silver Shores Elementary School ..... Lisa Monroe  
 South Broward High School.....Stefanie Itzkowitz  
 South Plantation High School ..... Cindy O'Brien  
 South Plantation High School ..... Hernan Borja  
 Stoneman Douglas, Marjory High School..... Denise Reed  
 Sunland Park Academy ..... Nikia D. Ragin  
 Sunrise Middle School.....Tashe Freeman  
 Sunset Lakes Elementary School ..... Cynthia D. Slater  
 Sunshine Elementary School.....Denise Dorsett  
 The Quest Center ..... Michelle Laurent  
 Tradewinds Elementary School ..... Sabrina Sheib  
 Tradewinds Elementary School ..... Tracy Gruendel  
 Tropical Elementary School..... Teresita Miranda  
 Walker Elementary School ..... Tauri J. Eligon  
 Welleby Elementary School .....Anthony Favata  
 Westchester Elementary School..... Avis S. Goodman  
 Westchester Elementary School.....Craig Saban  
 Western High School..... Missy Jones  
 Westglades Middle School.....Shari Schwartz  
 Westwood Heights Elementary School...Lavina Robinson  
 Whispering Pines Center.....Andrea Swift



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

**We are so proud of our Principals and Assistant Principals!**

## ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR FINALISTS



**Mary A. Barba**  
*Sheridan Technical College  
and High School*

For the last five years, Mary Barba has served as the assistant principal at Sheridan Technical College & High School. Spanning more than 18 years, her career started as a fifth-grade classroom teacher. As an assistant principal, Ms. Barba builds relationships with her students, as she believes this is most important when educating the next generation. "I would like students to know that their voices need to be heard and their opinions matter. They have the power to effect change, not only for themselves, but for future generations as well," says Ms. Barba. The first female athlete from Cooper City High School to receive a full-ride scholarship to a major university, Ms. Barba, has always focused on the big picture and her long-term goals. Her philosophy on education is simple - learn for the sake of education, not for the reward.



**Erin Brown**  
*Hollywood Hills  
High School*

"What matters most when educating our students," says Erin Brown, assistant principal at Hollywood Hills High School, "is teaching our students morals, perseverance and a strong work ethic." An educator for more than 15 years, Ms. Brown goes to work each day with the purpose of providing a safe, engaging, and caring learning environment with numerous opportunities to develop students' talents and interests. "Throughout my career, I have learned that modeling the behavior you wish your students to exhibit, as well as establishing a caring relationship, will assist students in meeting the expectations set for them," says Ms. Brown. "As an educational leader, I believe it is our duty to help produce productive, ethical members of society."



**Dr. Moira  
Sweeting-Miller**  
*Monarch High School*

According to Dr. Moira Sweeting-Miller, assistant principal of Monarch High School, students succeed best when they are college, career and life ready. "This not only means that they are college or career bound when they graduate, but also that they are literate and able to think critically," says Dr. Sweeting-Miller. She has worked with the District for more than 23 years and is a firm believer in lifelong learning. "In life, learning is the key to success, and I encourage students and teachers to become lifelong learners. I am dedicated to motivating and encouraging students and teachers to strive for excellence, and wish for every student to graduate, pursue his/her dreams with passion and most of all to dance like no one is watching."

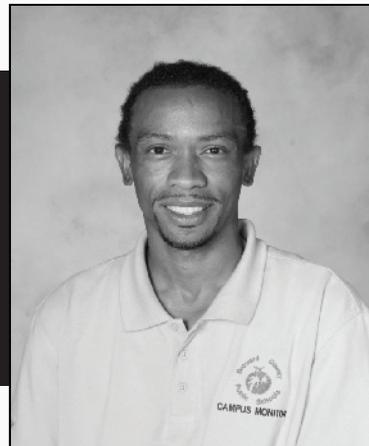
# *Congratulations*



**Lise C. Mabour**  
*Teacher of the Year Finalist*  
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family could not be more  
proud of you!

# *Congratulations*

**Audwin Bynes**  
*NEHS Employee of the Year*  
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*Ramblewood Elementary EOY*



**PAMELA DOWNING**  
*Davie Elementary EOY*



**ANDREA GELLER**  
*Westchester Elementary EOY*



**YING MING LIANG**  
*Nob Hill Elementary EOY*



**TAMALA THOMPSON**  
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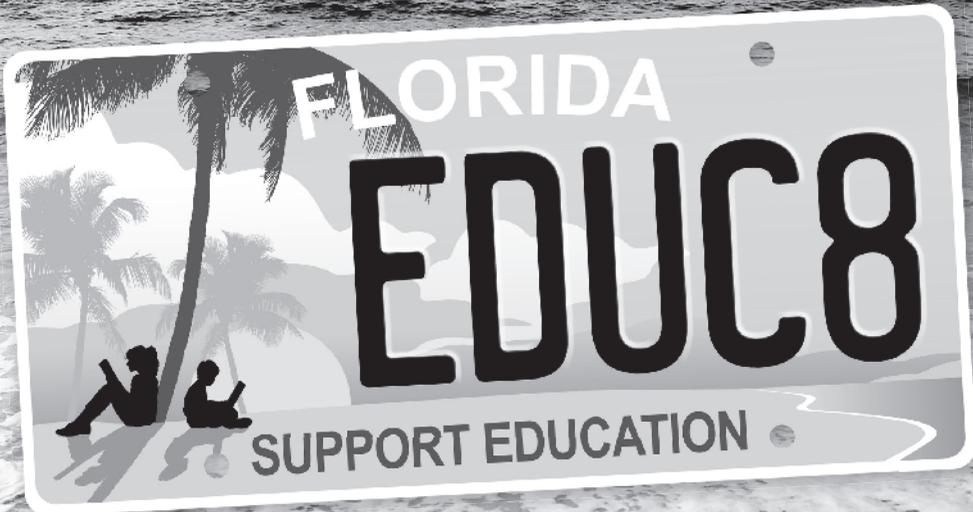


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