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A Newsletter for Miami-Dade County Public Schools Parents

RUDY DIAZ NAMED M-DCPS TEACHER OF THE YEAR, DONTRICIA JONES IS ROOKIE TEACHER



Rudy Diaz is recognized by Superintendent Alberto M. Carvalho, School Board members & United Teachers of Dade president Karla Hernández-Mats.

Rudy Diaz, a TV Production teacher at South Miami Senior High, was named the 2018 Francisco R. Walker Miami-Dade County Teacher of the Year. Four finalists vied for the coveted title this year, which included one nominee from each of the District's three regions, and one from Alternative/Adult Education.

During his 30-year teaching tenure, Diaz transformed the lives of many students in his school, whether they were in his program or not. He has helped students across disciplines with college portfolios, athletic videos and other special projects. His unique instruction style has made possible the professions of hundreds of young individuals. Diaz's students know from a very young age that their future may include careers as producers, writers, editors, cameramen, anchors and reporters. Diaz's motto is "to inspire beyond the subject matter." Diaz did not start out as a teacher, but after years working in the private sector, he decided that his true vocation was in teaching others.

The runner-up was Laura Ortiz from Robert Morgan Educational Center. Also recognized at the event were top rookie teachers. Dontricia Jones, a teacher at Norland Elementary, was named Rookie Teacher of the Year. Davalyn Suarez, a teacher at Miami Senior High was the Rookie Teacher of the Year runner-up.

UPCOMING SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS

March 15	11:00 a.m.	Regular Meeting
April 5	10:00 a.m.	Conference Sessions: Attendance Zones for 2017-2018
	11:00 a.m.	Regular Meeting; Initial Reading - Attendance Zones for 2017-2018

iCHOOSE M-DCPS, YOU SHOULD TOO!



Your education or your child's education is your choice. Miami-Dade County Public Schools is out to let you know what our schools have to offer, why people love to work for the District, and why community partners and parents choose to get involved in our schools.

Every Miami-Dade public school has something unique that can benefit your child. From schools that take learning beyond the classroom and into nature by working on their food forests, to schools that offer coding and robotics beginning in the elementary grades, M-DCPS ensures our students learn skills and gain qualities that will help them become global citizens.

Our employees join our team because they are ready to help inspire, transform and leave a positive mark in the lives of children. Community partners and parents understand that the future of our community depends on the quality of education that our children receive. So next time you hear about iChoose M-DCPS, understand that it is not just a marketing campaign, it's us letting you know that the possibilities are endless when you choose M-DCPS.

Superintendent Alberto M. Carvalho hosts a LIVE Twitter Chat

Thursday,
February 23
3 - 4 p.m. EST

Join the conversation
on



by posting your Q's to
@MiamiSup
using
#AskMiamiSup



MORE THAN 20,000 ATTEND MIAMI-DADE STEAM EXPO

More than 20,000 #STEAM aficionados participated in the annual Miami-Dade STEAM Expo held on February 4. Students showcased research & engineering designs to the community while engaging in fun activities and competitions. Make sure to join us next year!



DATES TO REMEMBER

February 20 - Presidents' Day
February 26 - Miami National College Fair
March 24 - Teacher Planning Day

REGISTER NOW FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT'S 5K CHALLENGE



Registration for the 2nd Annual 5K Challenge to benefit Miami-Dade's public schools is now open. To register, visit <http://bit.ly/2hRx3ao>. The registration deadline is March 25th.

Spring Smoothies

Fuel Success

with a
Smoothie At Lunch
(Tuesdays & Thursdays)



All Students who eat school lunch each day of the week will automatically be entered to win a

Awesome Amazon Award
\$25 Amazon Gift Card



Contest Dates: February 13 – April 28, 2017

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