

# CONNECTION

A Newsletter for Miami-Dade County Public Schools Parents



LIMITED MAGNET SEATS ARE STILL AVAILABLE AT SEVERAL M-DCPS SCHOOLS

**MAGNETSCHOOLS**  
GIVING OUR STUDENTS A WORLD OF CHOICES



Don't miss out on the chance to apply to one of our Magnet programs, once again honored by Magnet Schools of America for high academic achievement. For a complete list of the Magnet programs with open seats visit <http://yourchoicemiami.org/magnet-program-availability/>.

## DATES TO REMEMBER

May 29 - Observance of Memorial Day  
June 8 - Last Day of School

## VIRTUAL LEARNING THROUGH MIAMI-DADE ONLINE ACADEMY

**Miami-Dade Online Academy**  
Accredited K-12 Instructional Program  
[mdo.dadeschools.net](http://mdo.dadeschools.net)

**Enroll Now!**  
Full-time Virtual School! Six-course Program! 24/7 Access!  
Award-winning Curriculum!

Miami-Dade Online (MDO) Academy offers students a comprehensive K-12 full-time virtual educational program providing, anytime, anywhere learning. Enrollment for the 2017-2018 school year ends July 21. For more information, visit <http://mdo.dadeschools.net/>.

## WESTLAND HIALEAH STUDENT HELPS SAVE A LIFE



Meet Thalia Rodriguez, the Westland Hialeah Senior High School student who helped save Major Carter's life by assisting in the application of a tourniquet on one of his legs. Her training with the Hialeah Fire Department and the skills she learned at her school's Health Science Academy allowed her to act quickly and decisively in an emergency.

## M-DCPS ACADEMIES RECEIVE NATIONAL RECOGNITION FOR COLLEGE & CAREER READINESS

Twelve M-DCPS academies were identified by the National Academy Foundation (NAF) network as Distinguished on their annual assessment, a designation that represents NAF's highest level of achievement. Of the 40 academies in the network that have reached the Distinguished level, 12 are in M-DCPS, the most for any district in the nation. NAF identified an additional 100 academies as Model level, of which 20 are in M-DCPS, also the most for any district.

The NAF Distinguished and Model designations indicate that these academies deliver high quality educational experiences for high school students that prepare them for success in college and careers.





## M-DCPS HIGH SCHOOLS NAMED AMONG AMERICA'S BEST BY U.S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT

U.S. News & World Report announced its annual list of America's Best High Schools and Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) was a leader both statewide and nationally. The district is home to seven of the top 100 high schools in the country, half of the schools in Florida's Top 20 and four - 40 percent - of Florida's Top 10. For the complete list visit, <https://www.usnews.com/education/best-high-schools/rankings-overview>.

## M-DCPS HOSTS VALUES MATTER MIAMI AWARDS CEREMONY

The District's first Values Matter Miami Awards Ceremony, held on May 8, provided an opportunity to celebrate the values-based education that M-DCPS provides for students. Over the last two years the Values Matter initiative has been an integral factor in the District's improved school culture and behavior. This ceremony was the culmination of the 2016-2017 effort to teach, reinforce, and celebrate student behaviors that align with the District's nine core values.

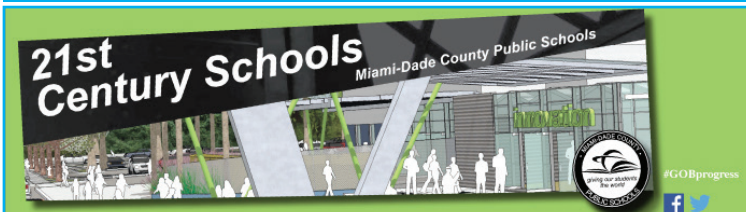


## M-DCPS EDUCATOR NAMED LIFECHANGER OF THE YEAR

LifeChanger of the Year is a national program that recognizes educators and school employees who make a positive difference in the lives of students. Ana Rubio, a physical education teacher at Earlington Heights Elementary School, was named as the winner of the 2016-2017 National Life Group Foundation's LifeChanger of the Year. Rubio is the founder of Streamline Miami <http://www.streamlinemiami.org>, a non-profit that helps underprivileged students stay active and healthy after school.



## #GOBPROGRESS CONTINUES ACROSS M-DCPS



As of April 2017, GOB expenditures and contracted work totaled approximately \$541.3 million. Visit <http://bondsfor-schools.dadeschools.net/> to view the dashboard and the progress of projects across M-DCPS.

## M-DCPS CELEBRATES FATHERS IN EDUCATION DAY



## UPCOMING SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS

May 24	10:00 a.m.	Instructional Material Public Hearing
	11:00 a.m.	Regular Meeting (Final Reading - Attendance Zones for 2017-2018)
June 21	11:00 a.m.	Regular Meeting

## The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida

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