

Ms. Perla Tabares Hantman, Board Member

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 04-54 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING NOVA SOUTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY, FISCHLER SCHOOL OF EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES, AND THE HISPANIC ADVISORY BOARD FOR FOUNDING THE CERVANTES AWARDS TO HONOR EDUCATORS, COMMUNITY MEMBERS, AND STUDENTS ENGAGED IN THE PURSUIT OF EXCELLENCE IN THE HISPANIC COMMUNITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA

COMMITTEE: LEGISLATIVE RELATIONS, PUBLIC RELATIONS AND PERSONNEL SERVICES

Nova Southeastern University, Fischler School of Education and Human Services, and the Hispanic Advisory Board have sponsored the Cervantes Awards to pay tribute to educators, community members, and students engaged in the pursuit of excellence in the Hispanic community of South Florida. The award was instituted in 1998, and it has become a major celebration event of Hispanic Heritage Month in our community.

This event honors three levels of contributors in promoting excellence in the Hispanic community. Recipient categories are:

- The Cervantes Outstanding Student Essay Awards – honoring students in grades 5, 8, and 12 who submitted essays on specific topics.
- The Cervantes Outstanding Educator Awards – honoring educators who have made significant contributions to promoting excellence in the education of Hispanic students.
- Nova Southeastern University, Fischler School of Education Hispanic Advisory Board Honoree – honoring a community member who has contributed to the welfare and advancement of the Hispanic members of this community.

The school district is fortunate to be a part of this effort. Therefore, it is appropriate for this School Board to recognize Nova Southeastern University, Fischler School of Education and Human Services, and the Hispanic Advisory Board with a resolution in their honor.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY
MS. PERLA TABARES HANTMAN:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 04-54 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Nova Southeastern University, Fischler School of Education and Human Services, and the Hispanic Advisory Board for the founding the Cervantes Awards to honor educators, community members, and students engaged in the pursuit of excellence in the Hispanic Community of South Florida.

**RESOLUTION NO. 04-54
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
RECOGNIZING NOVA SOUTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY, FISCHLER SCHOOL OF
EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES, AND THE HISPANIC ADVISORY
BOARD FOR FOUNDING THE CERVANTES AWARDS TO HONOR
EDUCATORS, COMMUNITY MEMBERS, AND STUDENTS ENGAGED IN THE
PURSUIT OF EXCELLENCE IN SOUTH FLORIDA'S HISPANIC COMMUNITY**

WHEREAS, since 1998, Nova Southeastern University, Fischler School of Education and Human Services, and the Hispanic Advisory Board have sponsored the Cervantes Awards to pay tribute to educators, community members, and students engaged in the pursuit of excellence in South Florida's Hispanic community; and

WHEREAS, there are three different categories of awards, all of which represent exceptional contributions to achieving excellence; and

WHEREAS, the Cervantes Outstanding Student Essay Award is presented to the student in grade 5, to the student in grade 8 and to the student in grade 12 who have submitted winning essays on a specific topic; and

WHEREAS, the Cervantes Outstanding Educator Award is presented to the educator who has made significant contributions to promoting excellence in the education of Hispanic students; and

WHEREAS, the Nova Southeastern University, Fischler School of Education, Hispanic Advisory Board Honoree Award is presented to a community member who has contributed to the welfare and to the advancement of the Hispanic members of our community; and

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County Public Schools is fortunate to have the opportunity to participate in the Cervantes Awards initiative;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 04-54 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Nova Southeastern University, Fischler School of Education and Human Services, and the Hispanic Advisory Board for founding the Cervantes Awards to honor educators, community members, and students engaged in the pursuit of excellence in South Florida's Hispanic community.

Presented this twentieth day of October, A.D. 2004

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary