

Dr. Marta Pérez, Board Member

SUBJECT: REQUEST APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 12-031 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, HONORING SCARLETT LUIS AND GABRIELLA PICO OF MIAMI CORAL PARK SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL FOR EARNING POSSE SCHOLARSHIPS

COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

LINK TO STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK: STUDENT, PARENT, AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Every year our high schools take pride in the number of their graduating seniors who are accepted to top colleges and universities and whose accomplishments reflect the efforts of so many dedicated teachers and administrators, as well as the students' families themselves, who encourage and support these high achievers.

This year, Miami Coral Park Senior High School is proud to include Ms. Scarlett Luis and Ms. Gabriella Pico in its ranks for having earned Posse Scholarships to the University of Pennsylvania and Hamilton College, respectively.

Scarlett is of Chinese and Nicaraguan descent and is proud of her rich heritage. She ranks in the top 2% of her class and currently has a 5.341 GPA. She is the highest ranking female in the senior class of 2012 at Miami Coral Park Senior High School, where she participated for four years in the school's prestigious engineering magnet program. She was part of a small group of seniors that studied at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology this past summer, learning from the best professors in the nation.

Gabriella is one of eight siblings in a family that values higher education. She ranks in the top 2% of her class and currently has a 4.5 GPA. She is active in numerous civic and charitable organizations and balances her academic pursuits with athletics. She is a member of the varsity cross country team and captain of the varsity soccer team. She has served on the Class Board at Miami Coral Park for four years and is a presence at the school's numerous fundraising activities. And to top it off, Gabriella tutors students at a nearby elementary school.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY
DR. MARTA PÉREZ:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 12-031 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, honoring Scarlett Luis and Gabriella Pico of Miami Coral Park Senior High School for earning Posse Scholarships.