

Dr. Martin Karp, Board Member

SUBJECT: RECOGNIZING THE STUDENT WINNERS OF THE YOUTH CRIME WATCH OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY POSTER AND ESSAY CONTESTS

COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

LINK TO STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK: STUDENT, PARENT AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Created in 1979, the Youth Crime Watch of Miami-Dade County relies on the principle of good citizenship, by which youths take an active role in addressing the problems around them. Students are taught that they are part of their community. Youths of all backgrounds are brought together to identify and correct problems unique to their schools and communities.

The program empowers youths to take ownership of their own Youth Crime Watch program for their school, neighborhood, public housing site, recreational center or park. They also are provided with the tools, guidance and self-confidence to prevent crime, violence and drug abuse.

Each year the Youth Crime Watch sponsors essay and poster contests open to elementary and middle school students in Miami-Dade County Public Schools. Entries are judged on how well they convey the contest theme. This year's theme was "Preventing Theft in Your School."

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The poster and essay contest winners in the elementary school category include first place winners Isaiah James from Olinda Elementary, Maria Andere from Eugenia B. Thomas K-8 Center, and Maya Kreger from North Beach Elementary. The second place winners include Keyshawn Bennett from Olinda Elementary, Eden Rotbart from Ruth K. Broad/Bay Harbor K-8 Center, and Helaina Harris from North Beach Elementary. The third place winners include Robert Janos from Lenora B. Smith Elementary, Anabella Maltese from Oliver Hoover Elementary, and Daniel Perez from Eugenia B. Thomas K-8 Center.

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The winners in the middle school category include first place winners Natalie Orellana from Richmond Heights Middle in the poster and essay contest. The second place winners include Sofia Calle from Ruth K. Broad/Bay Harbor K-8 Center and Laura Gomez from W. R. Thomas Middle School. The third place winners include Emily Diaz from W. R. Thomas Middle School, and Gabriela Monteagudo from W.R. Thomas Middle School.

The Youth Crime Watch of Miami-Dade County continues to provide generous support of Miami-Dade County Public Schools and its students; as such, it clearly deserves special recognition for its valuable contributions.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY
DR. MARTIN KARP:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognize the student winners of the Youth Crime Watch of Miami-Dade County Poster and Essay contest.