

Dr. Marta Pérez, Board Member

**SUBJECT: REQUEST APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 13-071 OF
THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
HONORING SUSAN TAGHIOFF OF JOHN A. FERGUSON
SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL FOR EARNING A GATES
MILLENNIUM SCHOLARSHIP**

**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, John A. Ferguson Senior High School is proud to have a member of the Class of 2013 as a recipient of the coveted Gates Millennium Scholarship, which is awarded to only 1,000 students in the entire country!

Susan Taghioff plans to attend the University of Miami to study medicine. Susan currently has a GPA of 5.8. She is enrolled in the International Baccalaureate program at G. Holmes Braddock. Susan has served as captain of the girls' basketball team where she demonstrated her leadership skills as she encouraged and motivated her teammates. She devoted countless hours to serving her community through working with children and packaging food for the poor at local charities.

Susan created a unique community service project, "Mi Agua Mi Salud", a fundraising project for impoverished school children in El Salvador who lacked clean drinking water. Through her efforts, the children's school now has the ability to filter water for the students.

Susan Taghioff inspires admiration and respect and should be commended for her outstanding school career at Miami-Dade County Public Schools.

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

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 13-071 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, honoring Susan Taghioff of John A. Ferguson Senior High School for earning a Gates Millennium Scholarship.

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