

Dr. Marta Pérez, Board Member

**SUBJECT:                   REQUEST APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 14-053 OF  
THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,  
HONORING PATRICIA PINCKOMBE OF JOHN A.  
FERGUSON SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL**

**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 2014 as a recipient of the coveted Gates Millennium Scholarship, which is awarded to only 1,000 students in the entire country!

Patricia Pinckombe currently has a GPA of 7.047 and is enrolled in the school's International Baccalaureate program. In addition to her outstanding academic record, Patricia serves as president of the Spanish Honor Society and the National Technical Honor Society, and is the co-captain of the West Pines soccer team, which plays against some of the most elite teams in the nation. The team participates in tournaments that help raise money for cancer patients and disaster relief organizations.

Patricia gives back to her community in countless ways, including creating the "For Haiti" project which provides poor children in Haiti with school supplies, and she founded the Falcon Food Pantry that benefits homeless children. As an additional feather in her cap, Patricia is a Silver Knight nominee. Patricia plans to attend the University of Pennsylvania and study medicine.

Patricia Pinckombe inspires admiration and respect and should be commended for her outstanding academic 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. 14-053 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, honoring Patricia Pinckombe of John A. Ferguson Senior High School for earning a Gates Millennium Scholarship.

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