

Dr. Steve Gallon III, Board Member

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**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 18-008 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING THE 5000 ROLE MODELS OF EXCELLENCE PROJECT CLASS OF 2018 WILSON SCHOLARS**

**COMMITTEE: ACADEMICS, INNOVATION, EVALUATION & TECHNOLOGY**

**LINK TO STRATEGIC BLUEPRINT: RELEVANT, RIGOROUS AND INNOVATIVE ACADEMICS**

The 5000 Role Models of Excellence Project was founded in 1993 by then-Miami-Dade County School Board Member, Dr. Frederica S. Wilson, a steadfast supporter of improving public education, and now a member of the U.S. House of Representatives. A dropout prevention program, the mission of the 5000 Role Models of Excellence Project is to intervene in the lives of at-risk youth and provide them with alternatives to dropping out of school and self-destructive behaviors. The program pairs male students, ages 9-19, with successful professional adult mentors, who provide them with advice, guidance, and educational assistance. The 5000 Role Models of Excellence Project serves more than 8,000 students in 105 schools in Miami-Dade County, 962 students in 62 chapters in Pinellas County, 364 students in 12 chapters in Duval County Public Schools and 10 chapters in Broward County Public Schools.

This year, Wilson Scholars included students from the following senior high schools: Coral Gables, Coral Reef, Felix Varela, Miami Coral Park, Miami Jackson, Miami Lakes Educational Center and Technical College, Miami Northwestern, Miami Palmetto, Miami Senior, North Miami, and William H. Turner Technical School of the Arts. Since the inception of the program, over \$10 million in scholarships have been awarded to graduating seniors.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY  
DR. STEVE GALLON III:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 18-008 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing the 5000 Role Models of Excellence Project Class of 2018 Wilson Scholars.

**RESOLUTION NO. 18-008**  
**OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,**  
**RECOGNIZING THE 5000 ROLE MODELS OF EXCELLENCE PROJECT**  
**CLASS OF 2018 WILSON SCHOLARS**

**WHEREAS**, the 5000 Role Models of Excellence Project was founded in 1993 by then-Miami-Dade County School Board Member, Dr. Frederica S. Wilson, a steadfast supporter of improving public education, and now a member of the U.S. House of Representatives; and

**WHEREAS**, the mission of the 5000 Role Models of Excellence Project is to intervene in the lives of at-risk youth and provide them with alternatives to dropping out of school and self-destructive behaviors; and

**WHEREAS**, the program pairs male students, ages 9-19, with successful professional adult volunteers who provide them with advice, guidance, and educational assistance; and

**WHEREAS**, recently, 58 graduating seniors were recognized at the 5000 Role Models of Excellence Silver Anniversary 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarship Breakfast; and

**WHEREAS**, since the inception of the 5000 Role Models of Excellence Project, more than \$10 million in scholarships have been awarded to graduating seniors.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 18-008 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing the 5000 Role Models of Excellence Project Class of 2018 Wilson Scholars.

A copy of this resolution is placed in the permanent records of this Board.

**Presented this twenty-first day of February, A.D. 2018**

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

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CHAIR

ATTEST:

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Secretary