

Ms. Lubby Navarro, Board Member

**SUBJECT: REQUEST APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 18-019 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING THE 2018 JUNIOR LEAGUE OF MIAMI SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS: MS. TELKEVIA MACKEY, MS. ANDREA LLAMAS SANCHEZ, MS. LOURDES TATEM AND MS. CHRISTY CURRAS**

**COMMITTEE: FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY & GOVERNMENT RELATIONS**

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The Junior League of Miami, Inc., is an organization of women committed to promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women, and improving communities through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. The Junior League of Miami, Inc., sponsors the Junior League of Miami (JLM) Scholarship, a scholarship that is awarded to female high school seniors in the Miami-Dade County Public School System since 1985. The students must exhibit superior community service involvement during their high school years, while maintaining high academic achievement. This year, there are four scholarship recipients: Ms. Telkevia Mackey is the recipient of the 2018 JLM scholarship funded by the Uppaluri family foundation, Ms. Andrea Llamas Sanchez and Ms. Lourdes Tatem are the recipients of JLM scholarship in honor of Kathryn Menke Miller, and Ms. Christy Curras will be the recipient of the JLM scholarship presented by Erin Knight, the 2009-2010 JLM president.

Ms. Telkevia Mackey, a senior at iPreparatory Academy, is an ambitious young lady who devotes most of her time to helping others in the community. Ms. Mackey, spends the majority of her time at the Overtown Youth Center tutoring students, helping with the upkeep of the center and supervising the second graders in their summer camp. Also, she is an aspiring physical therapist who has completed an internship at Jackson Memorial Hospital's Rehabilitation Center where she had the opportunity to observe and assist therapists while working with patients.

Ms. Andrea Llamas Sanchez, a senior at Jose Marti MAST 6-12 Academy, has demonstrated exemplary leadership as the founder of her own non-profit organization, *Silver Knights Take Action*. The organization raises money annually for various programs by hosting uniform collections that are cleaned, repaired and then are shipped to underprivileged youth in Panama, Cuba and Columbia. A dedicated student, Ms. Llamas Sanchez has achieved academic excellence. She would like to pursue a career in medicine with an emphasis on cancer research and pediatric oncology.

Ms. Lourdes Tatem, a senior at School for Advanced Studies, Wolfson Campus, has also achieved academic excellence while undertaking the challenges of a dual enrollment program. As a dedicated volunteer and aspiring nurse, Ms. Tatem has been volunteering at the Bruce W. Carter Veteran's Administration (VA) Medical Center for the past two years. She works directly with veterans suffering from advanced dementia, taking them to doctor's appointments, assisting the medical team and participating in recreational activities.

Ms. Christy Curras, a senior at School for Advanced Studies, Homestead Campus, is the founder and leader of a mentoring program that empowers, enriches and supports female students at her former middle school, Herbert Ammons Middle School. The program is designed to help young girls develop high self-esteem and maturity by initiating active discussions on difficult topics and providing community service opportunities. Furthermore, through the mentoring program they have collected over 200 toys for children at abuse shelters, written and delivered letters to young cancer patients, hosted a toiletry drive for the less fortunate and baked dozens of Christmas treats for the elderly.

Ms. Telkevia Mackey, Ms. Andrea Llamas Sanchez, Ms. Lourdes Tatem and Ms. Christy Curras are to be commended for their extraordinary academic achievements in Miami-Dade County Public Schools and for their service to our community.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY  
LUBBY NAVARRO:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 18-019 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing the 2018 Junior League of Miami scholarship recipients: Ms. Telkevia Mackey, Ms. Andrea Llamas Sanchez, Ms. Lourdes Tatem and Ms. Christy Curras.

**RESOLUTION NO. 18-019  
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,  
RECOGNIZING THE 2018 JUNIOR LEAGUE OF MIAMI SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS**

**WHEREAS**, the Junior League of Miami, Inc., is an organization of women committed to promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women, and improving communities through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. The Junior League of Miami, Inc., sponsors the Junior League of Miami (JLM) Scholarship, a scholarship that is awarded to female high school seniors in the Miami-Dade County Public School System since 1985; and

**WHEREAS**, the students must exhibit superior community service involvement during their high school years, while maintaining high academic achievement. This year, there are four scholarship recipients: Ms. Telkevia Mackey is the recipient of the 2018 JLM scholarship funded by the Uppaluri family foundation, Ms. Andrea Llamas Sanchez and Ms. Lourdes Tatem are the recipients of JLM scholarship in honor of Kathryn Menke Miller, and Ms. Christy Curras will be the recipient of the JLM scholarship presented by Erin Knight, the 2009-2010 JLM president; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Telkevia Mackey, a senior at iPreparatory Academy, is an ambitious young lady who devotes most of her time to helping others in the community. Ms. Mackey, spends the majority of her time at the Overtown Youth Center tutoring students, helping with the upkeep of the center and supervising the second graders in their summer camp. Also, she is an aspiring physical therapist who has completed an internship at Jackson Memorial Hospital's Rehabilitation Center where she had the opportunity to observe and assist therapists while working with patients; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Andrea Llamas Sanchez, a senior at Jose Marti MAST 6-12 Academy, has demonstrated exemplary leadership as the founder of her own non-profit organization, *Silver Knights Take Action*. The organization raises money annually for various programs by hosting uniform collections that are cleaned, repaired and then are shipped to underprivileged youth in Panama, Cuba and Columbia. A dedicated student, Ms. Llamas Sanchez has achieved academic excellence. She would like to pursue a career in medicine with an emphasis on cancer research and pediatric oncology; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Lourdes Tatem, a senior at School for Advanced Studies, Wolfson Campus, has also achieved academic excellence while undertaking the challenges of a dual enrollment program. As a dedicated volunteer and aspiring nurse, Ms. Tatem has been volunteering at the Bruce W. Carter Veteran's Administration (VA) Medical Center for the past two years. She works directly with veterans suffering from advanced dementia, taking them to doctor's appointments, assisting the medical team and participating in recreational activities; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Christy Curras, a senior at School for Advanced Studies, Homestead Campus, is the founder and leader of a mentoring program that empowers, enriches and supports female students at her former middle school, Herbert Ammons Middle School. The program is designed to help young girls develop high self-esteem and maturity by initiating active discussions on difficult topics and providing community service opportunities. Furthermore, through the mentoring program they have collected over 200 toys for children at abuse shelters, written and delivered letters to young cancer patients, hosted a toiletry drive for the less fortunate and baked dozens of Christmas treats for the elderly; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Telkevia Mackey, Ms. Andrea Llamas Sanchez, Ms. Lourdes Tatem and Ms. Christy Curras are to be commended for their extraordinary academic achievements in Miami-Dade County Public Schools and for their service to our community.

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

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 18-019 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Ms. Telkevia Mackey, Ms. Andrea Llamas Sanchez, Ms. Lourdes Tatem and Ms. Christy Curras the 2018 Junior League of Miami scholarship recipients.

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

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

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

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CHAIR

ATTEST:

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Secretary