

Dr. Steve Gallon III, Vice Chair

**SUBJECT: THAT THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY
RECOGNIZE KALYN LEE FOR BEING NAMED 2020 FRANCISCO
R. WALKER ROOKIE TEACHER OF THE YEAR**

**LINK TO STRATEGIC
BLUEPRINT: HIGHLY EFFECTIVE TEACHERS, LEADERS AND STAFF**

Ms. Kalyn Lee, the 2020 Francisco R. Walker Rookie Teacher of the Year is a teacher at Miami Carol City Senior High School. Speech and debate led Ms. Lee to attend the University of Alabama where she began her journey from a Political Science major to falling in love with teaching as a part of a Teach for America assignment in Miami. Her teacher career began 2.5 years ago when she moved from Birmingham, Alabama to Miami, Florida.

Ms. Lee received a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and Masters in Communications Studies from The University of Alabama. She gives the students in her English classes a voice to speak on issues and understand the power of activism using intriguing methods such as a student assembly for 10th grade students with a panel of dignitaries discussing the text from *Letters from a Birmingham Jail* is one example of how she brings learning to life.

Being a nationally ranked debater and member of the district's Coaches Council for the Miami Urban Debate League, Ms. Lee was instrumental in bringing Dual Enrollment Public Speaking and Debate to Miami Carol City Senior High School. Whether it's an open mic event entitled *Speak Like Your Life Depends on It*, or taking students to the March for Our Lives Rally in Washington, D.C., her goal for all students is to choose education and understand its value for a better future and better opportunities.

"When you walk into my classroom, you may see four walls with anywhere between 9 and 25 students and one teacher. The appearance may lead you to believe that it is a classroom, but it is a home. My students are the "mentees" and I am their "mentor". What I enjoy most about my job is that the relationship I have with my students does not end in June, it grows even when the students are no longer on my roster because this home will never evict current or past occupants." - Kalyn Lee

This item does not appear in the regular published agenda. There is good cause to vary from the published agenda in order to bring recognition to this extraordinary educator for this distinguished honor.

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

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognize Kalyn Lee for being named the 2020 Francisco R. Walker Rookie Teacher of the Year.

**Good Cause
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**THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZE
KALYN LEE FOR BEING NAMED THE 2020 FRANCISCO R. WALKER ROOKIE
TEACHER OF THE YEAR**

WHEREAS, Ms. Kalyn Lee, the 2020 Francisco R. Walker Rookie Teacher of the Year is a teacher at Miami Carol City Senior High School. Speech and debate led Ms. Lee to attend the University of Alabama where she began her journey from a Political Science major to falling in love with teaching as a part of a Teach for America assignment in Miami. Her teacher career began 2.5 years ago when she moved from Birmingham, Alabama to Miami, Florida; and

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WHEREAS, being a nationally ranked debater and member of the district's Coaches Council for the Miami Urban Debate League, she was instrumental in bringing Dual Enrollment Public Speaking and Debate to Miami Carol City Senior High School. Whether it's an open mic event entitled *Speak Like Your Life Depends on It*, or taking students to the March for Our Lives Rally in Washington, D.C., her goal for all students is to choose education and understand its value for a better future and better opportunities; and

WHEREAS, *"When you walk into my classroom, you may see four walls with anywhere between 9 and 25 students and one teacher. The appearance may lead you to believe that it is a classroom, but it is a home. My students are the "mentees" and I am their "mentor". What I enjoy most about my job is that the relationship I have with my students does not end in June, it grows even when the students are no longer on my roster because this home will never evict current or past occupants."* - Kalyn Lee

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognize Kalyn Lee for being named the 2020 Francisco R. Walker Rookie Teacher of the Year.

Presented this twelfth day of February A.D. 2020

Chair

ATTEST:

Secretary