

Dr. Marta Pérez, Board Member

**SUBJECT: REQUEST APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 11-065 OF
THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY,
FLORIDA, HONORING MAYRA ARANA, DANIEL
HUERTAS, AND GEYDIS PUPO OF MIAMI CORAL PARK
SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL FOR EARNING GATES
MILLENNIUM SCHOLARSHIPS**

**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, Miami Coral Park Senior High School is proud that three members of the Class of 2011 are the recipients of the coveted Gates Millennium Scholarship, which is awarded to only 1,000 students in the entire country!

Mayra Arana ranks in the top 1% of her class and will graduate Summa Cum Laude with a 4.911 grade point average (GPA). She has been an active member of the Freshman Board, Student Council, English Honor Society, National Honor Society, Spanish Honor Society, Social Studies Honor Society, Debate Team, Key Club, and the Family Career Community Leaders of America (FCCLA). She proudly served as President of the Senior Class this year and works closely with struggling students at the school. Mayra has been accepted to the University of Florida.

Daniel Huertas ranks in the top 1% of his class and will graduate Summa Cum Laude with a 5.835 GPA. Daniel struggled with the English language having moved to the United States from Colombia only eight years ago, but his hard work and dedication allowed him to successfully complete the most rigorous courses offered at the school. He has participated in the Florida Action for Minorities in Engineering, the pre-Freshman Engineering Program, Nano Club, and has been Team Captain for Battle-Bots, an energetic and interactive competition. In addition to his academic pursuits, Daniel juggles community work and is involved with organizations such as the Tropical Audubon Society and Up with Down Syndrome. Daniel has been accepted to the California Institute of Technology and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Geydis Pupo arrived from Cuba only a few short years ago, but immediately challenged herself by learning English and enrolling in the most rigorous courses. She ranks in the top 1% of her class and will graduate Summa Cum Laude with a 5.537 GPA. She has been an active member of the English Honor Society, National Honor Society, Spanish Honor Society, Social Studies Honor Society, Mathematics Honor Society, Key Club, Student Council, and Senior Board. This year Geydis is a finalist in Foreign Languages for the Silver Knight Award. Her project is to collect discarded cell phones and have them reused by the youth in Cuba to enable them to communicate with others outside the island. Geydis has been accepted by Johns Hopkins University, Duke University, and the University of Miami.

These three students are the latest to follow in the footsteps of high achieving students that attend Miami Coral Park Senior High School, which can now boast of 18 Gates Scholarships in the past seven years and has been officially designated a "Gates Millennium High School".

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

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 11-065 honoring Mayra Arana, Daniel Huertas, and Geydis Pupo for earning Gates Millennium Scholarships.