

Mr. Carlos L. Curbelo, Board Member

**SUBJECT: REQUEST APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 12-025 OF
THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA
HONORING MS. JENNIFER CERNADA**

**COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY
ENGAGEMENT**

**LINK TO STRATEGIC
FRAMEWORK: STUDENT, PARENT, AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

School for Advanced Studies (SAS), South Campus student Jennifer Cernada was recently awarded a QuestBridge Scholarship to attend Rice University in Houston, Texas. Rice University is ranked among the top 20 universities in the United States by U.S. News and World Report. Jennifer plans to major in biochemistry and later attend medical school to study anesthesiology. The QuestBridge Scholarship covers the cost of tuition, room and board, textbooks, personal expenses, and round-trip airfare between Houston and Miami twice a year.

Jennifer was born in the United States to first generation immigrants from Colombia and the Dominican Republic. A dedicated student, Jennifer ranks in the top ten percent of her class. She will graduate from high school in June 2012 from the School for Advanced Studies already having earned an Associate in Arts degree from Miami Dade College. Jennifer has also earned the distinction of graduating Magna Cum Laude with an impressive 6.10 GPA. She also received recognition from the College Board as a National Hispanic Scholar and Advanced Placement Scholar with Distinction.

An advocate for community service, Jennifer volunteered more than 800 hours as a companion to the elderly at Angel's Retirement Community throughout her high school years. She also serves as president of the SAS South Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD) Club and is a member of the National Honor Society.

Miami-Dade County Public Schools commends School for Advanced Studies student Jennifer Cernada for her dedication and commitment to education.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY
MR. CARLOS L. CURBELO:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 12-025 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing School for Advanced Studies student Jennifer Cernada for earning a QuestBridge Scholarship.

**RESOLUTION NO. 12-025
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
RECOGNIZING SCHOOL FOR ADVANCED STUDIES STUDENT JENNIFER
CERNADA FOR EARNING A QUESTBRIDGE SCHOLARSHIP**

WHEREAS, School for Advanced Studies (SAS), South Campus student Jennifer Cernada was recently awarded a QuestBridge Scholarship to attend Rice University in Houston, Texas. She plans to major in biochemistry and later attend medical school to study anesthesiology; and

WHEREAS, a dedicated student, Jennifer ranks in the top ten percent of her class. She will graduate from high school in June 2012 from the School for Advanced Studies already having earned an Associate in Arts degree from Miami Dade College; and

WHEREAS, Jennifer has earned the distinction of graduating Magna Cum Laude with an impressive 6.10 GPA. She also received recognition from the College Board as a National Hispanic Scholar and Advanced Placement Scholar with Distinction; and

WHEREAS, an advocate for community service, Jennifer volunteered more than 800 hours as a companion to the elderly at Angel's Retirement Community throughout her high school years. She also serves as president of the SAS South Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD) Club and is a member of the National Honor Society; and

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County Public Schools commends School for Advanced Studies student Jennifer Cernada for her dedication and commitment to education;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 12-025 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing School for Advanced Studies student Jennifer Cernada for earning a QuestBridge Scholarship.

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

Presented this fifteenth day of February, A.D. 2012

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary