

Dr. Martin Karp, Board Member

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 12-109 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING KELLEY KESSELL, ALEJANDRO KRAUSKOPF AND JESSICA SUHR AS PRESIDENTIAL SCHOLARS

COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

LINK TO STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK: STUDENT, PARENT AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

The United States Presidential Scholars Program is one of the nation's highest honors for high school students. The program recognizes distinguished graduating seniors who personify excellence in education. Established in 1964 by Executive Order of the President, up to 141 Presidential Scholars are selected each year.

Annually, a male and female graduate from each state, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico as well as Americans living abroad are honored. In addition, 15 at-large graduates and up to 20 arts students are selected. This year, Miami-Dade County Public Schools has the distinction of having three of its students recognized as Presidential Scholars. Kelley Kessell and Jessica Suhr of New World School of the Arts were honored as Presidential Scholars in the Arts.

Kelley Kessell, a student in the NWSA music-theater was nominated in the category of Pop Vocal for her impeccable delivery of "At Last" during YoungArts. Kelley, a singer, actor and pianist is the recipient of the Merit Award in Music Theater and was a YoungArts nominee in Pop Vocal. She plans to attend Florida State University where she will major in computer science and continue honing her music skills.

Jessica Suhr, a talented visual artist, has participated in 2011 Art Basel Miami and the Coconut Grove Art Festival. Jessica's nomination was the result of her photo-painting artwork reminiscent of her youth in her native Venezuela. She plans to attend the Maryland Institute College of Art where she will double major in humanitarian studies and sculpture.

Alejandro Krauskopf of Dr. Michael M. Krop Senior High School is a Gates Millennium and Questbridge scholar. Alejandro only speaks Spanish at home and English is his second language, yet when he sat down last year for his first try on the SATs he scored a perfect 800 on both the verbal and mathematics sections. He plans to attend the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Kelley Kessell, Jessica Suhr and Alejandro Krauskopf were chosen as Presidential Scholars based on their exemplary principles of leadership, service, creativity and scholarship. Their selection as Presidential Scholars is a strong indicator of their high potential for achievement.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY
DR. MARTIN KARP:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 12-109 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Kelley Kessell, Alejandro Krauskopf and Jessica Suhr.

**Replacement
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**RESOLUTION NO. 12-109
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
RECOGNIZING KELLEY KESSELL, ALEJANDRO KRAUSKOPF AND
JESSICA SUHR AS PRESIDENTIAL SCHOLARS**

WHEREAS, the United States Presidential Scholars Program is one of the nation's highest honors for high school students. The program recognizes distinguished graduating seniors who personify excellence in education; and

WHEREAS, this year, Miami-Dade County Public Schools has the distinction of having three of its students recognized as Presidential Scholars; and

WHEREAS, Kelley Kessell, a student in the NWSA music-theater was nominated in the category of Pop Vocal for her impeccable delivery of "At Last" during YoungArts. Kelley, a singer, actor and pianist is the recipient of the Merit Award in Music Theater and was a YoungArts nominee in Pop Vocal. She plans to attend Florida State University where she will major in computer science and continue honing her music skills; and

WHEREAS, Jessica Suhr, a talented visual artist, has participated in 2011 Art Basel Miami and the Coconut Grove Art Festival. Jessica's nomination was the result of her photo-painting artwork reminiscent of her youth in her native Venezuela She plans to attend the Maryland Institute College of Art where she will double major in humanitarian studies and sculpture; and

WHEREAS, Alejandro Krauskopf of Dr. Michael M. Krop Senior High School is a Gates Millennium and Questbridge scholar. Alejandro only speaks Spanish at home and English is his second language, yet when he sat down last year for his first try on the SATs he scored a perfect 800 on both the verbal and mathematics sections. He plans to attend the Massachusetts Institute of Technology; and

WHEREAS, Kelley Kessell, Alejandro Krauskopf and Jessica Suhr were chosen as Presidential Scholars based on their exemplary principles of leadership, service, creativity and scholarship. Their selection as Presidential Scholars is a strong indicator of their high potential for achievement;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 12-109 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Kelley Kessell, Alejandro Krauskopf and Jessica Suhr.

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

Presented this thirteenth day of June A.D. 2012

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary