

Dr. Dorothy Bendross-Mindingall, Board Member

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 14-021 OF
THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
RECOGNIZING THE URBAN CONSTRUCTION CRAFT
ACADEMY**

**COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY
ENGAGEMENT**

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

The Urban Construction Craft Academy (UCCA) is an inter-generational construction training program which connects the skills of experienced craftsman to a new generation of urban youth and young adults who have been marginalized by existing social systems. The program was started by William Dozier who took notice of the high number of urban youth who were jobless and unskilled in South Florida. In response to this, UCCA offers a curriculum infused with leadership and business development training.

UCCA is made up of several components that contribute to the educational growth of its students. The General Literacy & Technology components helps incoming students prepare for the General Education Development (GED) exam and learn basic computer skills. The Green Building & Renewable Energy components allow students to become familiar with eco-friendly techniques such as xeriscaping, organic farming, and recycling. Within the construction trades component, the students are instructed by industry professionals in carpentry, masonry, plumbing, electrical work, insulation, cost estimation, tile setting, heating, ventilation, and air conditioning.

Since its inception in 2012, UCCA has expanded to two campuses at William H. Turner Technical Arts Senior Adult Education Center and Robert Morgan Educational Center. The eighteen month program has the goal of certifying its participants in several construction skills and preparing them to gain their general contractor's license and business license so that they will be equipped to start their own business or enter the job market.

UCCA is to be commended for its commitment to the youth of Miami-Dade County. Their work to provide educational and business development services has enriched many South Florida students.

ACTION PROPOSED BY

DR. DOROTHY BENDROSS-MINDINGALL:

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 14-021 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing the Urban Construction Craft Academy.

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**RESOLUTION NO. 14-021
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
RECOGNIZING THE URBAN CONSTRUCTION CRAFT ACADEMY**

WHEREAS, The Urban Construction Craft Academy (UCCA) is an inter-generational construction training program which connects the skills of experienced craftsman to a new generation of urban youth and young adults who have been marginalized by existing social systems; and

WHEREAS, The program was started by William Dozier who took notice of the high number of urban youth who were jobless and unskilled in South Florida. In response to this, UCCA offers a curriculum infused with leadership and business development training; and

WHEREAS, The General Literacy & Technology components helps incoming students prepare for the General Education Development (GED) exam and learn basic computer skills. The Green Building & Renewable Energy components allow students to become familiar with eco-friendly techniques such as xeriscaping, organic farming, and recycling. Within the construction trades component, the students are instructed by industry professionals in carpentry, masonry, plumbing, electrical work, insulation, cost estimation, tile setting, heating, ventilation, and air conditioning; and

WHEREAS, Since its inception in 2012, UCCA has expanded to two campuses at William H. Turner Technical Arts Senior Adult Education Center and Robert Morgan Educational Center. The eighteen month program has the goal of certifying its participants in several construction skills and preparing them to gain their general contractor's license and business license so that they will be equipped to start their own business or enter the job market; and

WHEREAS, UCCA is to be commended for its commitment to the youth of Miami-Dade County. Their work to provide educational and business development services has enriched many South Florida students;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 14-021 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing the Urban Construction Craft Academy.

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

Presented this twelfth day of February, A.D. 2014

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary