

Dr. Lawrence S. Feldman, Board Member

Co-Sponsor: Ms. Lubby Navarro, Board Member

**SUBJECT: REQUEST APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 16-008 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING THE 2015 FLORIDA EXEMPLARY MIGRANT EDUCATION AWARDS**

**COMMITTEE: PERSONNEL SERVICES AND STUDENT AND SCHOOL SUPPORT**

**LINK TO STRATEGIC BLUEPRINT: SAFE, HEALTHY AND SUPPORTIVE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT**

The Florida Migrant Interstate Program, housed under the Florida Department of Education's Migrant Education Program, provides services to educators and migrant families to ensure that migrant students are prepared for the ultimate goal of graduating from high school and enrolling in college. The Florida Exemplary Migrant Education Awards Project celebrates the success of Florida's graduating migrant high school seniors, migrant parents, school support personnel, and community partners.

This school year, Miami-Dade County Public Schools had seven winners recognized by the state for their hard work and dedication to the District's Title I Migrant Education Program (MEP).

Dr. Eduardo M. Barreiro was named the 2015 Migrant Administrator of the Year. A 29-year veteran of the school system, Dr. Barreiro, an Executive Director, has helped MEP achieve a higher level of success through innovative technology, resources and training. Working with Migrant families to increase collaboration and ensure accountability for student outcomes, he has secured more than 2000 books, audiovisual and computer technology, laptops and countless consumable supplies all for the benefit of this fragile community.

Tony Stout was named the 2015 Exemplary Migrant Education Home-School and Community Educator. After serving 22 combat tours as a United States Marine, Mr. Stout pursued his interest in becoming an educator. He has been with MEP for over 18 years and serves 235 migrant students throughout each week as a teacher, advocate, home visitor, recruiter and parental outreach professional. Mr. Stout also ran the largest Migrant Boy Scout Troop in the nation.

Sarah Torres has been named the 2015 Exemplary Migrant Supportive Services of the Year. A graduate of Homestead Senior High School, Ms. Torres is the oldest of five children. Her parents were migrant workers, who provided her the experience that makes her an invaluable asset to the Migrant Education Program. She is responsible for the Migrant Student Record Exchange and her vast knowledge of how to utilize supportive services procedures is instrumental in the successful exchange of records.

Dahlia Peña has been named the 2015 Exemplary Parent of the Year. Ms. Peña has three children whom she has raised to be self-sufficient, responsible and active in their schools and community. Ms. Peña has been an advocate of the program helping new migrant parents get integrated into the school system. Often called a “right hand” and an asset to the community, Ms. Peña has raised funds and acquired grants towards trips and supplies.

Julio Cesar Gómez has been recognized as an Exemplary Migrant Student. Julio was the first in his family to graduate from high school. He was in the top five percent of his graduating class earning him the Take Stock in Children Scholarship, which provides fully paid college tuition.

Andrea Nuno has been recognized as an Exemplary Migrant Student. A senior at South Dade High School, Andrea has an un-weighted GPA of 3.268. She has four siblings and both her parents have long been migrant farm workers. She plans to attend Miami Dade College and one of her goals is to open a childcare facility in the future. She currently is working on her childcare certification.

Heavy Legacy Foundation has been recognized as the Migrant Volunteer Organization of the Year. The foundation is dedicated to providing a variety of educational and artistic outreach services to underprivileged and underachieving children and young adults in low-income communities. Heavy Legacy Foundation has provided community support through art and music programs, which have been found to greatly enhance the educational prospects of children. It also has provided generous donations bringing joy to migrant children and their families.

The School Board commends all the amazing winners of the Florida Exemplary Migrant Education Awards.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY  
DR. LAWRENCE S. FELDMAN:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 16-008 of the School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing the 2015 Florida Exemplary Migrant Scholars.

**RESOLUTION NO. 16-008  
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,  
RECOGNIZING THE 2015 FLORIDA EXEMPLARY MIGRANT SCHOLARS**

**WHEREAS**, the Florida Exemplary Migrant Education Awards Project celebrates the successes of Florida's graduating migrant high school seniors, migrant parents, school support personnel, and community partners; and

**WHEREAS**, this school year, Miami-Dade County Public Schools had seven winners recognized by the state for their hard work and dedication to the District's Title I Migrant Education Program (MEP); and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Eduardo M Barreiro was named the 2015 Migrant Administrator of the Year. A 29-year veteran of the school system, Dr. Barreiro, an Executive Director, has helped MEP achieve a higher level of success through innovative technology, resources and training; and

**WHEREAS**, Tony Stout was named the 2015 Exemplary Migrant Education Home-School and Community Educator, he has been with MEP for over 18 years and serves 235 migrant students throughout each week as a teacher, advocate, home visitor, recruiter and parental outreach professional. Mr. Stout also ran the largest Migrant Boy Scout Troop in the nation; and

**WHEREAS**, Sarah Torres has been named the 2015 Exemplary Migrant Supportive Services of the Year. A graduate of Homestead Senior High School, Ms. Torres is an invaluable asset to the Migrant Education Program. She is responsible for the Migrant Student Record Exchange and her vast knowledge of how to utilize supportive services procedures is instrumental in the successful exchange of records; and

**WHEREAS**, Dahlia Peña has been named the 2015 Exemplary Parent of the Year. Ms. Peña has three children whom she has raised to be self-sufficient, responsible and active in their schools and community. Ms. Peña has been an advocate of the program helping new migrant parents get integrated into the school system; and

**WHEREAS**, Julio Cesar Gomez has been recognized as an Exemplary Migrant Student. Julio was the first in his family to graduate from high school, was in the top five percent of his graduating class earning him the Take Stock in Children Scholarship, which provides fully paid college tuition; and

**WHEREAS**, Andrea Nuno has been recognized as an Exemplary Migrant Student. A senior at South Dade High School, Andrea has an un-weighted GPA of 3.268. She plans to attend Miami Dade College and one of her goals is to open a childcare facility in the future. She currently is working on her childcare certification; and

**WHEREAS**, the Heavy Legacy Foundation has been recognized as the Migrant Volunteer Organization of the Year. The foundation is dedicated to providing a variety of educational and art and music programs, and generous donations to bring joy to migrant children and families.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No.16-008 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing the 2015 Florida Exemplary Migrant Scholars.

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

Presented this thirteenth day of January, A.D. 2016

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

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CHAIR

ATTEST:

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Secretary