

Luisa Santos, Board Member

SUBJECT: REQUEST APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 24-035 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP SIGNING AND COLLEGE AND CAREER DECISION DAY

COMMITTEE: ACADEMICS, INNOVATION, EVALUATION & TECHNOLOGY

LINK TO STRATEGIC PLAN: RELEVANT, RIGOROUS, & INNOVATIVE ACADEMICS

In 2010, the State of Florida enacted legislation declaring ‘Academic Scholarship Signing Day’ on the third Tuesday of April each year. Florida Statutes Section 1001.43 (14) encourages school districts to recognize the importance of motivating students to attain academic achievement and to bestow comparable recognition for both its scholars and student athletes. The School Board of Miami-Dade County Public Schools codified this celebration as part of its own School Board Policy, *5451 Student Recognitions*, which established procedures for schools to conduct these activities, on or after the third Tuesday in April annually. The policy was later updated to include a ‘College and Career Decision Day’ which serves to recognize high school seniors for their postsecondary education plans, encourage early preparation for college, and support students as they pursue advanced career pathways through the attainment of industry certifications.

School administrators, College Assistance Program (CAP) advisors and guidance counselors are uniquely positioned to effectively establish and nurture a college-going culture and guide students towards college and post-secondary readiness. With the steadfast support of the Miami-Dade County Public Schools Division of Student Services, they provide students assistance in planning, preparing, and participating in academic, career and technical programming that connects to their college and career aspirations. This item celebrates all students and their pathways to post-secondary education and acknowledges the support network within the school community that provides students and families clear guidance, strong support, and vital information and resources to help them reach their educational goals.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY
LUIA SANTOS:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 24-035 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Academic Scholarship Signing and College and Career Decision Day.

**RESOLUTION NO. 24-035 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
RECOGNIZING ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP SIGNING AND
COLLEGE AND CAREER DECISION DAY**

WHEREAS, in 2010, the State of Florida enacted legislation declaring ‘Academic Scholarship Signing Day’ on the third Tuesday of April each year. Florida Statutes Section 1001.43 (14) encourages school districts to recognize the importance of motivating students to attain academic achievement and to bestow comparable recognition for both its scholars and student athletes; and

WHEREAS, The School Board of Miami-Dade County Public Schools codified this celebration as part of its own School Board Policy, *5451 Student Recognitions*, which established procedures for schools to conduct these activities, on or after the third Tuesday in April annually; and

WHEREAS, the policy was later updated to include a ‘College and Career Decision Day’ which serves to recognize high school seniors for their postsecondary education plans, encourage early preparation for college, and support students as they pursue advanced career pathways through the attainment of industry certifications; and

WHEREAS, school administrators, College Assistance Program (CAP) advisors and guidance counselors are uniquely positioned to effectively establish and nurture a college-going culture and guide students towards college and post-secondary readiness. With the steadfast support of the Miami-Dade County Public Schools Division of Student Services, they provide students assistance in planning, preparing and participating in academic and vocational programming that connects to their college and career aspirations; and

WHEREAS, this item celebrates all students and their pathways to post-secondary education and acknowledges the support network within the school community that provides students and families clear guidance, strong support, and vital information and resources to help them reach their educational goals; and

WHEREAS, the following Miami-Dade County Public Schools students have committed to a post-secondary education upon high school graduation this spring. Yolanda Bonneannee, representing voting District 1, will be attending Florida State University. Jaylen D. Covington, representing voting District 2, will be attending Howard University. Zahra Ronizi, representing voting District 3, will be attending Harvard University. Nicole Marte, representing voting District 4, will be attending University of Florida. Sebastian Mejia, representing voting District 5, will be attending Miami Dade Honors College. Jamar Howard, representing voting District 6, will be attending Syracuse University. Alex Anteen, representing voting District 7, will be attending United States Military Academy at Westpoint. Jose Gael Cruz, representing voting District 8, will be attending Boston University. Corinne DeGazon, representing voting District 9, will be attending Duke University;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 24-035 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Academic Scholarship Signing and College and Career Decision Day in Miami-Dade County Public Schools.

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

Presented this fifteenth day of May, A.D. 2024

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

SCHOOL BOARD CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary