

Dr. Steve Gallon III, Board Member

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 26-012 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING THE 5000 ROLE MODELS OF EXCELLENCE PROJECT CLASS OF 2026 WILSON SCHOLARS**

**COMMITTEE: ACADEMICS, INNOVATION, EVALUATION & TECHNOLOGY**

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

The *5000 Role Models of Excellence Project* was founded in 1993 by then-Miami-Dade County School Board Member, Dr. Frederica S. Wilson, a steadfast supporter of improving public education, and now a member of the U.S. House of Representatives. A dropout prevention/mentoring program, the mission of the *5000 Role Models of Excellence Project* is to intervene in the lives of urban city youth and provide them with alternatives to dropping out of school and self-destructive behaviors. The program pairs male students, ages 9-19, with successful professional adult mentors, who provide them with advice, guidance, and educational assistance. The *5000 Role Models of Excellence Project* serves more than 8,000 students in 131 chapters in Miami-Dade County. Chapters are also located throughout Florida - Pinellas County, Duval County, Broward County and in Los Angeles Unified School District.

This year, Wilson Scholars include students from the following senior high schools: Alonzo & Tracy Mourning, Coral Gables, Coral Reef, G. Holmes Braddock, iTech, Miami Beach, Miami Central, Miami High, Miami Lakes Educational Center, Miami Norland, Miami Northwestern, North Miami, North Miami Beach, South Dade, Southridge, and William H. Turner Technical Arts. Since the inception of the program, over \$50 million in scholarships have been awarded to graduating seniors.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY  
DR. STEVE GALLON III:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 26-0012 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing the 5000 Role Models of Excellence Project Class of 2026 Wilson Scholars.

**RESOLUTION NO. 26-0012**  
**OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING THE**  
**5000 ROLE MODELS OF EXCELLENCE PROJECT CLASS OF 2026**  
**WILSON SCHOLARS**

**WHEREAS**, the *5000 Role Models of Excellence Project* was founded in 1993 by then-Miami-Dade County School Board Member, Dr. Frederica S. Wilson, a steadfast supporter of improving public education, and now a member of the U.S. House of Representatives; and

**WHEREAS**, the mission of the *5000 Role Models of Excellence Project* is to intervene in the lives of urban city youth and provide them with alternatives to dropping out of school and self-destructive behaviors; and

**WHEREAS**, the program pairs male students, ages 9-19, with successful professional adult volunteers who provide them with advice, guidance, and educational assistance; and

**WHEREAS**, recently, 50 graduating seniors were recognized at the *5000 Role Models of Excellence Project* 33rd Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarship Ceremony; and

**WHEREAS**, since the inception of the *5000 Role Models of Excellence Project*, more than \$10 million in scholarships have been awarded to graduating seniors.

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

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 26-012 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing the *5000 Role Models of Excellence Project Class of 2026 Wilson Scholars*.

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

**Presented this eleventh day of February, A.D. 2026**

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

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SCHOOL BOARD CHAIR

ATTEST:

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Secretary