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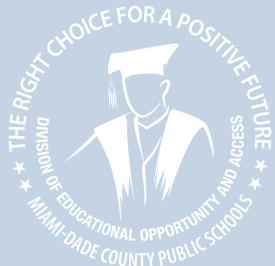
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## Recognizing 35 Years of Service: Mr. Robert G. Gornto Honored by School Board Members



▶ Administrators and staff rally around Mr. Robert G. Gornto, Assistant Superintendent, as he is recognized for his outstanding contributions

On Wednesday, August 15, 2018, Mr. Robert G. Gornto, Assistant Superintendent, retired as Head of M-DCPS Adult/Technical Colleges and Educational Opportunity and Access. Dr. Lawrence S. Feldman, School Board Member for District 9, recognized Mr. Gornto's accomplishments and life-time career at the School Board Meeting. He will be sorely missed by all.



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## Alternative Education Center Recognized: Five Consecutive Years as a Gold Model



▶ From left to right, students enjoying activities and treats in the PBIS Game room  
▶ Mrs. Gil and Mrs. Rodriguez enjoy a day at Bird Bowl with the Positive Behavior Intervention and Support (PBIS) Top 20 students



Miami MacArthur Educational Center was recognized for the fifth consecutive year as a Positive Behavior Intervention and Support (PBIS) Gold Model. To date, this school has received this acknowledgement since 2013.



▶ Students participating in the PBIS Program at Miami MacArthur Educational Center

This distinguished recognition has demonstrated a decrease in referrals, effectiveness to the behavioral tiers while applying Response to Intervention or Behavioral data in the problem-solving process. PBIS also encourages consistent and proactive strategies to prevent problems with conduct, instill appropriate behavior, and to be able to utilize effective rewards and consequences with fidelity.

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## Success Management Academy Students Receive Backpacks: Teamwork Matters!

The Honorable Chair of Miami-Dade County Public Schools, Mrs. Perla Tabares Hantman, was in attendance to recognize and support the Success Management Academy (SMA) students on August 23, 2018, during a backpack giveaway sponsored by Gus Machado Ford, Sedanos, and the Office of Miami-Dade County Commissioner Esteban Bovo. SMA is a program of choice that provides an opportunity for immigrant students, between the ages of 16 and 18. These students have an opportunity to obtain their High School Equivalency Diploma while simultaneously receiving a rigorous curriculum of English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL).



▶ Chair, Mrs. Perla Tabares Hantman, Miami-Dade County School Board (District 4)



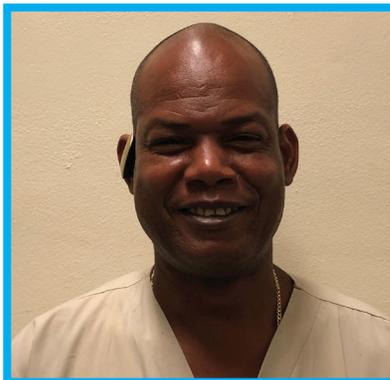
▶ Chairman, Mr. Esteban Bovo, Board of Miami-Dade County Commissioners

▶ Pictured from left to right is Mr. Alex Casañas, Principal of Hialeah Miami-Lakes and American Adult and Community Education Centers. Along with School Board Chair, Mrs. Perla Tabares Hantman. Pictured below, students lined up to receive their backpacks. Efforts sponsored by Sedanos Supermarket, Gus Machado Ford, and the Office of Miami-Dade County Commissioner Esteban Bovo.



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## A Story of Perseverance: The Key to Becoming Successful



▶ Amaury Ordaz, Graduate of the Hemodialysis program at American Adult and Community Education Center. He is currently working in his field of study

On December 22, 2013, Mr. Amaury Ordaz arrived in the United States eager to start a new life. Born in Havana, Cuba, this immigrant was ready to do whatever it took to prosper. Luckily, one of his

co-workers spoke to him about the Skills for Academic, Vocational and English Studies (SAVES) Program, and he was intrigued. Amaury enrolled at American Adult Education Center (AAEC) where he began English

classes and, afterwards, finished with his high school diploma.

Amaury continued his studies when he enrolled in Miami Lakes Educational Center & Technical College, where he would receive financial aid and the opportunity to earn his Commercial Drivers' License (CDL). After obtaining his CDL, he secured employment as a truck driver but realized, shortly thereafter, that he wanted more for his life.

He returned to AAEC to seek something different. Upon his return, Amaury learned of the Hemodialysis courses, and this is where he found his calling. Since he was a young man, Amaury wanted to become a doctor, so he was excited to complete the Hemodialysis Program.

On April 2016, he began working as a volunteer in Jackson Memorial

Hospital. Just two short weeks later, Amaury was offered employment with Apollo Renal Center, working side by side with Jackson Memorial Hospital. In March 2018, Amaury graduated from the Hemodialysis Program and began working at Jackson Memorial Hospital.

Amaury thoroughly enjoyed the training and experiences at AAEC and stated, "When you like something, you always have a good time." His story is a perfect example of how the Adult Education/SAVES program can help someone pursue a desired career path. Amaury is extremely grateful to the SAVES program for opening so many doors for him to better his future.



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## Collective Impact Empowering Students: to Reconnect with their Dreams

The Division of Educational Opportunity and Access (DEOA) Continuum of Programs addresses the needs of vulnerable students. Without a collective effort, said youth might fall through the cracks that may lead to barriers that prevents their successes and leads them down an unhealthy path.

On Tuesday, August 14, 2018, the DEOA sponsored its 4th Annual Collective Impact Community Based Organization (CBO) Networking Breakfast. This event was held at the Miami Lighthouse for the Blind and Visually Impaired with over 40 partners in attendance.



▶ Team One Stop and Miami Lighthouse for the Blind and Visually Impaired Vice President for External Relations. Cameron Sisser greets guests



▶ Mr. George Jones, Alternative Education Program



▶ CBO Partners



▶ Rachel Tourgeman FNU Powerhouse  
Dr. Tim Tyler, AGAPE Network, and granddaughter  
Susan Hansen, M-DCPS One Stop  
Mariangelli "Angie" Fernandez, State Attorney's Office

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## Saying Goodbye and Welcome: To a Fresh New Start!



▶ Ms. Karen Boyce, previous Director of the Division of Educational Opportunity and Access (DEOA)

The 8<sup>th</sup> Floor Family housed in the School Board Administration Building recently bid a fond farewell to Ms. Karen Boyce, Director of the Division of Educational Opportunity and Access (DEOA). Karen moved back to Canada to "find her wild" and to start a new chapter in her life. The DEOA staff wishes her the very best in her future endeavors!



At the same time, we welcome the arrival of Gladys Jones to the position of Director of DEOA. Ms. Jones joins the team with a wealth of experience and has wasted no time in communicating with school personnel and parents regarding proper procedures for Alternative Education assignments.



▶ Ms. Gladys Jones, Director of the Division of Educational Opportunity and Access (DEOA)

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## Opening of School's Initiative: Principal Presents New Mission for 2018-2019



▶ Left to Right Assistant Principal, Mr. T. Lorenzo Stiles; Principal, Ms. Chantal G. Osborne; Assistant Principal, Dr. Armando J. Gutierrez

The faculty and staff at Miami Beach Adult and Community Education Center also referred to as MBA were welcomed back to school on the evening of Wednesday, August 15, 2018. This year's theme at the opening-of-school's meeting, "Soaring to New Heights," was an inspiration to all stakeholders. Accentuated by imitation boarding passes and passports, invitees truly felt as though the school was taking off with "The Sky's the Limit," the theme from previous years. Everyone was treated to a sumptuous Italian dinner, compliments of REMO catering. With more than a few teachers having a second helping, it was clear that the catered meal was a great success. Following the dinner, Ms. Chantal G. Osborne, Principal of MBA, extended a warm welcome to the teachers and staff. She discussed the significance of the theme "Soaring to New

Heights," while encouraging everyone to do their best this school year. Ms. Osborne also stated the importance of the administration providing support for the faculty. Later that evening, Dr. Armando J. Gutierrez, Assistant Principal,

addressed the faculty, discussing the learning objectives for the 2018 - 2019 school year. Implicit in his remarks was what he would look for in a classroom observation. Additionally, Mr. Lorenzo T. Stiles, Assistant Principal, offered tips on

attendance and payroll procedures to help ensure a smooth academic year. Our Teachers and staff members from numerous satellite sites (Fienberg-Fisher K-8, North Miami Beach Senior High School, Treasure Island Elementary School, Biscayne Elementary School, and Miami Beach Senior High School) had a chance to meet one another and to discuss and share best practices.

As one of the teachers commented, "Before tonight, I never realized how many sites were a part of Miami Beach Adult and Community Education Center. It's interesting to have a perspective on all of the programs offered."



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## In Service Training: Let's Review District priorities for ESOL



▶ Ms. Roxana Hurtado provides guidance regarding current policies for New Language Learners

For the event held on August 16, 2018, the administration and faculty of Miami Beach Adult and Community Education Center (MBA) welcomed Ms. Roxana Hurtado, Curriculum Support Specialist from the Division of Adult and Workforce Education, to conduct an in-service workshop for teachers who work with new language learners. Using multi-media, Ms. Hurtado not only discussed district priorities

for English for Speakers of Other Languages strategies, but she also provided teachers with valuable insight and tools for motivating learners. Both new and veteran MBA professionals were fully engaged, and Ms. Hurtado made them feel renewed energy and enthusiasm for the new academic year. A big thank you, Ms. Hurtado!



▶ Staff at Miami Beach Adult & Community Education Center participates in training

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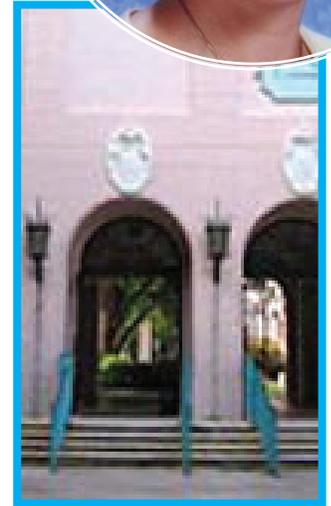


## Teacher of the Month: Let's Applaud Dr. Mary Jos Uchtman

On January 2018, the Miami Beach Adult and Community Education Center, also referred to as MBA, honored a gifted ESOL teacher, Dr. Mary Jos ("MJ") Uchtman. Although new to MBA, Dr. Uchtman is a veteran teacher who works during the day at Miami Beach Senior High School. In a matter of weeks, Dr. Uchtman has made significant improvements to the English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) curriculum, using manipulatives, charts, as well as, interview strategies to encourage newly-arrived immigrant learners to master the English language. Dr. "MJ" exhibits boundless energy and a sincere belief in the unlimited potential of the students whom she serves. The administration, faculty, and students feel fortunate to have this gifted educator as part of the



▶ Mary Jos Uchtman Ph. D interacting with one of her students. Miami Beach is Top Spot for Computer Classes in South Florida



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## Adult Education Student Success Story: Onward and Upward



▶ From left to right, Dr. Armando Gutierrez, Assistant Principal, Mr. Alejandro Santana, Student and Ms. Chantal Osborne, Principal

A hearty congratulation to Alejandro Santana, one of our recent graduates, who shared his personal story at the graduation ceremony. A native of Ecuador, Alejandro dropped out of Miami Beach Senior High School, due to numerous personal issues and the need to support himself. At the age of 18, Alejandro held two jobs and worked more than 60 hours per week.

Through perseverance and discipline, he was able to start his own company three years later, Miami Mojito Company. Alejandro's mantra is to keep moving forward and pursuing meaningful work. While enrolled at Miami Beach Adult and Community Education Center (MBA), Alejandro also finished high school and earned his diploma. Alejandro credits the following teachers

and administrators at MBA with enabling him to achieve this level of success and helping him to realize his dream: Ms. Osborne; Dr. Gutierrez; Mr. Moujahid; Ms. Garcia; Ms. Sahwell and Mr. Saiz.



▶ Above, Mr. Alejandro Santana, graduate, successfully launches company

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## Immigrant Student Realizes Her Dreams: Breaking Barriers, From M-DCPS to Fame

Ms. Michelle Susset's story is truly inspirational and remarkable. She arrived in the United States from Venezuela in 2014. She came determined to overcome adversity and realize her dreams of becoming a singer. However, in doing so, Michelle realized that she needed to learn English. To overcome the language barrier, she enrolled in the English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) program during the mornings at Ruben Dario Adult Education Center (a satellite center for Miami Coral Park Adult Education Center). After a few years of attending the program, the 22-year-old singer was able to realize her dreams by becoming an American Idol Finalist.



▶ Michelle Susset from American Idol, Age 22, Former student of Miami Coral Park Adult Education Center



▶ The Cast of American Idol



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## BizCamp™ Makes a Difference in Student's Life: Launching Entrepreneurship for a New Generation



▶ Yanna Lee a student who participated and excelled in BizCamp™ competition this summer

Many students at Jan Mann Educational Center face numerous challenges in the community that impede their success. Ms. Austin, Career and Technical Education teacher at Jan Mann, is working to help students overcome said challenges through entrepreneurship initiatives. During summer recess, her student, Ms. Yanna Lee, participated and excelled in BizCamp™ sponsored by the Network for Teaching Entrepreneurship (NFTE).



While in BizCamp™ Yanna drafted her business plan for "Bright Lights," a vehicle headlight restoration service. BizCamp™ awarded her a check in the amount of \$200.00 for competing in the Business Plan competition. Yanna stated that "working with Ms. Austin and the NFTE program has helped her develop her entrepreneurial mindset". She is anticipating about learning more of business and entrepreneurship this school year in Ms. Austin's Digital Media class.

**Imagine...**

**if we could activate the entrepreneurial mindset of an entire generation.**



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## Another George T. Baker Aviation Technical College Success: Excelling in Career Technical Education

Mr. Lazaro Gomez came to George T. Baker Aviation Technical College from John A. Ferguson Senior High School as a dual enrolled student in August 2015. He completed his General courses in Aircraft Maintenance as a 10th grader and continued with the Powerplant Program during his junior and senior years.

Mr. Lazaro Gomez has successfully completed the required Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) written examinations and, on August 23, 2018, and passed his Oral and Practical Exam, receiving his FAA Powerplant Certification.

Today, Lazaro, pictured here with the Principal of George T. Baker Aviation Technical College, **Ciro Hidalgo**, is



▶ Mr. Lazaro Gomez is pictured here with the Principal, **Ciro Hidalgo** of George T. Baker Aviation Technical College

interviewing for a technician position with a major international aircraft maintenance company.

Lazaro will continue his training at George T. Baker Aviation Technical College as an adult student and will soon receive his Airframe certification. Upon completing the program, he will be eligible to earn approximately \$70,000 annually. This young man has only been out of high school for 60 days, and he already has a bright future. Congratulations, Lazaro!

*The sky is the limit at George T. Baker!!*



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## The English Center Promotes Programs Aggressively: Increasing Public Awareness



The English Center (TEC), one of our seven Miami-Dade Technical Colleges, developed an aggressive promotional campaign to showcase all of its programs. The school has been consistently present at Calle 8 Viernes Culturales, or Calle 8 Cultural Fridays. The pictures above showcase campaign efforts.

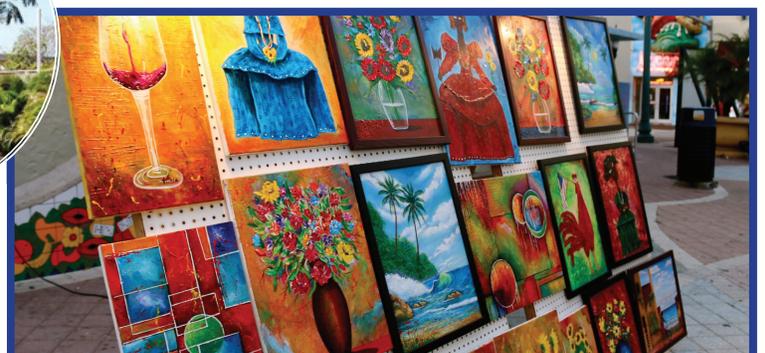
Ms. Valdes, a representative of the school, featured in the

images, is standing next to the art galleries along Calle 8. In addition to this, the school was also present at Kensington Park Elementary School's Open House, which was held over a two-day period. Both Ms. Valdes and Mr. Bernal actively promoted all programs and course offerings.

*Go TEC!*



▶ Pictured left to right Mr. Mario Bernal, Teacher, Success Pathways Programs, Mr. Mario Bernal, Ms. Beatriz Cano, and Ms. Mercedes Valdes. Below Mercedes Valdes and Lenier de Varona

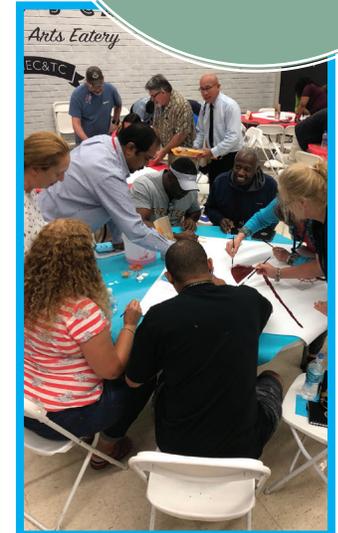


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## Opening of School: Carpe Diem We are here to "Sieve the Day"



The dynamic staff of Robert Morgan Educational Center & Technical College (RMEC&TC) is excited to "SEAS" the Day/Carpe Diem for the 2018-2019 school year. What a better way to start the year than with a breakfast with faculty and staff from the technical college and high school. RMEC&TC consists of two campuses which represents one family with "Pirate Pride." As a team, energized with love and education, we can create change in our world.

► *Administrative Team: Mr. Robert Armand, Vice Principal; Mrs. Ericka-Caldwell, Assistant Principal; Mr. Ricardo Blanco, Assistant Principal; Mr. Reginald J. Fox, Principal; Mrs. Jennifer Rodriguez Ledesma, Vice Principal; and Mr. Bernard A. Johnson, Assistant Principal. Not pictured: Mr. Scott W. Neufeld, Assistant Principal*

► *Team members participating in The Opening of School Teambuilding Exercise*

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## Cleanup: Students Help Beautify School Grounds



► *Students at the English Center manicuring the grounds to perfection. This exercise is in an effort to build morale and help students take pride in their environment*

On August 23, 2018, students in the Success Pathways Program, at The English Center, decided to beautify their school by using recycled tires, unused wooden pallets, paint, plants, and mulch to create their own garden to showcase their hallway at the

school. This beautification endeavor was cost neutral. All items and materials were donated by faculty, staff, and students at the school. Their effort is demonstrative of how wonderful these students are and how bright their futures may be.



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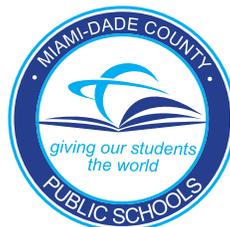
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