



# WORKFORCE WIRE

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Rendering of Hialeah-Miami Lakes Senior High School Planetarium

## HOT OFF THE WIRE

Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) is now a **Space Florida** school district! Space Florida, the state's aerospace finance and development authority, is beginning implementation of the **Space Florida Academy Program** to allow students to gain skills and acquire credentials needed to help them launch careers in the aerospace industry, including courses in aviation and aerospace, advanced manufacturing, construction, cybersecurity/IT, logistics and semiconductors.

**To the future, and beyond!**

## iLead

"iLead with vision and purpose, setting clear goals and high expectations, while fostering an environment where everyone feels valued and empowered."

— Chantal G. Osborne  
Director

Lindsey Hopkins Technical College  
2024 M-DCPS Principal of the Year

## BODY & MIND

The Mediterranean diet, generous in grains, legumes, tree nuts, seeds, fresh fish and olive oil, is nearly perfectly balanced and reduces health risks such as heart disease and diabetes. Try this spicy fish entrée, this couscous salad, or this sweet, nutty snack.

Hispanic Heritage Month begins September 15. **NEW!** Alumni305 has launched **Alumni305 News!** Are you #MDCPSAlumni? Join our alumni network [here](#). **NEW!** Check out **WirED** on theHub! Listen to the latest radio and podcast episodes featuring District leadership guests. Click [here](#) for more.

## ABOVE & BEYOND

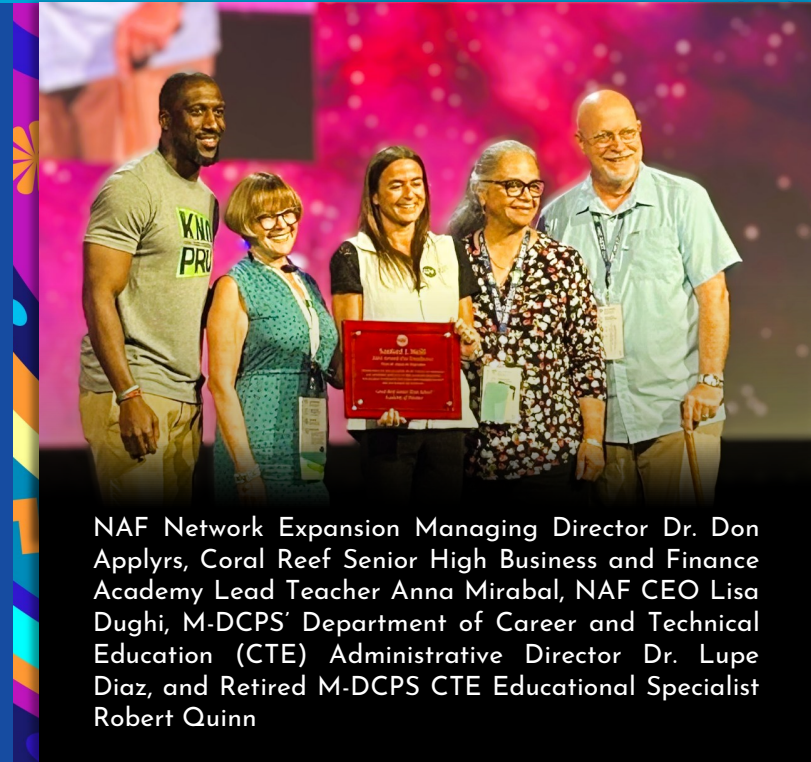
Paige Karaboyas is an art teacher at Norma Butler Bossard Elementary. A 30+ year veteran educator, Ms. Karaboyas has won numerous Art Education awards at local and state levels and her students have been featured in many Authentic Assessment exhibitions and have won numerous awards during her tenure. She also hosts a Painting with Parents program to encourage students and their parents to bond and enjoy the visual arts together.



## The Reef Awarded

Coral Reef Senior High School's **Academy of Finance** was honored over the summer in Orlando, Florida at the National NAF Conference with the prestigious **Sanford I. Weill Academy of Excellence Award**.

The Weill Award was established in 2013 on the occasion of Mr. Weill's 80th birthday and is awarded to the NAF academy exhibiting the **highest standards for public-private partnerships for the benefit of students**.



NAF Network Expansion Managing Director Dr. Don Applyrs, Coral Reef Senior High Business and Finance Academy Lead Teacher Anna Mirabal, NAF CEO Lisa Dughi, M-DCPS' Department of Career and Technical Education (CTE) Administrative Director Dr. Lupe Diaz, and Retired M-DCPS CTE Educational Specialist Robert Quinn



(l-r) Technician of the Year Award winner Monica Gort and finalists Erik DeLeon, Jerrell Boykin, Jorge Lopez, Charles Leon and Omar Verdi

## Connecting the Future

M-DCPS' Office of Infrastructure & Systems Support has presented its Inaugural **Technician of the Year Award** to Hialeah-Miami Lakes Senior High School technician Monica Gort in recognition of her hard work, dedication, and expertise in the field. ITS region finalists also included Miami Norland SHS' Erik DeLeon, Miami Northwestern SHS' Jerrell Boykin, Coral Gables SHS' Jorge Lopez, TERRA's Charles Leon, and Caribbean K-8/Pine Villa Elementary's Omar Verdi. Congratulations to all!

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