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M-DCPS' Career Academies Outperform All School Districts as Nationally-Recognized Programs

Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) will add four new Distinguished Academies to its existing 12 Distinguished NAF Career Academies. Hialeah Gardens Senior High School added its Academy of Finance (AOF) and Academy of Hospitality (AOHT) to its other three themed Distinguished Academies, making it the first Miami-Dade high school as well as the first in the NAF network to earn this prestigious distinction for all five NAF Academy themes. The Academy of Hospitality & Tourism (AOHT) at John A. Ferguson and the Academy of Information Technology (AOIT) at William H. Turner Technical Arts Senior High School also achieved Distinguished status.

M-DCPS now has 16 of the 68 nationally recognized high-quality academies, demonstrating that our career academy programs perform at the highest level in preparing students for college and careers. This national distinction is the most of any school district for delivering high-quality educational experiences for high school students.

In addition, Miami-Dade has 14 Model Academies meeting the highest proportion of academic standards as evidenced on NAF's annual assessment that allow academies to assess their progress and increase their alignment to NAF's standards developed by national researchers. These career academies are aligned with the One Community One Goal initiative targeting major industries that impact the county's economy.

M-DCPS' award-winning NAF Academies for 2018 are as follows:

SCHOOL	ACADEMY THEME	AWARD
Alonzo & Tracy Mourning Senior High School	Hospitality & Tourism	Distinguished
Barbara Goleman Senior High School	Finance	Model
	Hospitality & Tourism	Model
Booker T. Washington Senior High School	Finance	Model
Coral Gables Senior High School	Finance	Distinguished
Coral Reef Senior High School	Finance	Distinguished
G. Holmes Braddock Senior High School	Information Technology	Distinguished
John A. Ferguson Senior High School	Hospitality & Tourism	Distinguished
Hialeah Gardens Senior High School	Engineering	Distinguished
	Finance	Distinguished
	Health Sciences	Distinguished

	Hospitality & Tourism	Distinguished
	Information Technology	Distinguished
Homestead Senior High School	Hospitality & Tourism	Model
Miami Beach Senior High School	Hospitality & Tourism	Distinguished
Miami Central Senior High School	Information Technology	Distinguished
Miami Edison Senior High School	Finance	Model
Miami Jackson Senior High School	Finance	Model
Miami Lakes Educational Center	Health Sciences	Distinguished
	Information Technology	Distinguished
Miami Springs Senior High School	Hospitality & Tourism	Model
Miami Sunset Senior High School	Engineering	Model
	Finance	Model
	Hospitality & Tourism	Model
	Information Technology	Model
North Miami Senior High School	Finance	Model
Robert Morgan Educational Center	Hospitality & Tourism	Model
Southwest Miami Senior High School	Finance	Distinguished
William H. Turner Technical Senior High School	Finance	Model
	Information Technology	Distinguished

The academies will be recognized at NAF's annual professional development conference, in Washington, DC this July.

NAF is a national network of education, business, and community leaders, who work together to ensure high school students are ready for college, career and their future. M-DCPS has exemplified significant strategic commitment to and investment in NAF academies and student enrollment goals, strong demonstration of the NAF model and outstanding leadership capacity within the network.

M-DCPS' Division of Academics, Department of Career and Technical Education (CTE) provides students with high quality, relevant, career technical education, giving students the skills and knowledge they need to succeed in college and careers and for life. For additional information, please contact CTE at 305-693-3030 or visit: <http://dcte.dadeschools.net>.

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