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**The Education Fund Celebrates the Achievements of 16 Notable Public School Alumni including Superintendent Dr. Jose L. Dotres at For the Love of Art**  
*Fundraiser supports arts programs in Miami-Dade County Public Schools*

**MIAMI** (May 14, 2022) – The Education Fund ([EducationFund.org](https://www.educationfund.org)) will honor the achievements of Miami-Dade County Public Schools Superintendent Dr. Jose L. Dotres and 15 other notable public school alumni, and showcase the artistic talents found in public schools at ***The Education Fund For the Love of Art Charity Auction & Honoree Celebration presented by Ocean Bank*** on Thursday, May 26, at the Loews Miami Beach Hotel.

The Education Fund will auction 100 pieces of original artwork created by public school students and teachers using materials found in The Education Fund Ocean Bank Center for Educational Materials, an 11,000-square-foot school supply depot where educators stock up on free materials for their classes.

“For the Love of Art showcases our students’ talent, and how much the community wants to support arts in our public schools,” says Linda Lecht, president of The Education Fund. “We’ve seen serious art collectors take home teacher and students’ pieces that they’ve then hung next to prominent art pieces in their homes and offices.”

The money raised from the sale of student and teachers’ artwork supports visual arts programs at the school where each piece was created. Ocean Bank, Sapoznik Insurance – A World Company, Colonial Life, The Children’s Trust, and Verizon have provided major support to make the annual fundraiser possible. The Education Fund will also raise funds for its free supplies program via the auction of luxury vacations, gourmet dinners, and adventure experiences.

***For the Love of Art (#FortheLoveofArt)*** will feature an open bar with specialty drinks by Bacardi, craft beer from Biscayne Bay Brewing Company, and the Loews Hotel’s famous *paella*. Guests will be treated to live musical performances by the New World School of the Art Jazz Band.

The evening will conclude with the presentation of The Education Fund 2022 Public School Alumni Achievement Awards presented by Sapoznik Insurance, A World Company. The Education Fund’s board of directors selected each honoree for their professional accomplishments and impact on the economic vitality of Miami-Dade County. Each honoree will receive a custom portraiture done in the style of Andy Warhol and created by Jack D. Gordon Elementary School students under the guidance of art teacher Michael Flaum.

Tickets are \$150 per person. Sponsorships and ticket packages are available. Visit [EducationFund.org](https://www.educationfund.org) for details or email Marilen Marnett, [mmarnett@educationfund.org](mailto:mmarnett@educationfund.org).

Attached is the list of **The Education Fund 2022 Public School Alumni Achievement Honorees**.

**The Education Fund 2022 Public School Alumni Achievement Honorees**

Loaidyn Bolado  
*Director*  
 Allen Morris Company

Ana M. Menendez  
*CFO & Treasurer*  
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*Managing Director*  
 Morgan Stanley

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Eddie Dominguez  
*Managing SVP*  
 City National Bank

Richard C. Milstein  
*Partner*  
 Akerman LLP

Dr. José L. Dotres  
*Superintendent*  
 Miami-Dade County Public Schools

Myrna Palley\*  
*Leader in the Arts*

Gerald Grant, Jr.  
*President*  
 The G Financial Group

Rod Petrey  
*Civic Leader*

Abel Iglesias  
*President & CEO*  
 Professional Bank

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*Associate VPM*  
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 Verizon

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 Miami-Dade College

Carlos Martinez  
*President & CEO*  
 United Home Care

Leo Toca  
*Vice President*  
 Wells Fargo Bank, N.A

*\*posthumously*

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**About The Education Fund**

The Education Fund brings innovative methods to our local public schools, informs the community about public education, and encourages private sector investment in public education. Due to its success in improving student outcomes, including improving science scores by 67 percent, eating habits by 52 percent, and college enrollment by 34 percent, The Education Fund has won numerous awards, including the Greater Miami Chamber’s NOVO Award for Non-Profit Excellence and Florida Blue Foundation’s Sapphire Award. Visit [educationfund.org](http://educationfund.org).

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