

The Council wants to thank all of its partners—business leaders, philanthropists, government officials, teachers, school-based and district leaders—who supported the work of our program schools during the 2008-2009 school year. The Council office remains open and we are planning exciting upcoming activities including a Florida Leadership Academy® to be held June 21-26<sup>th</sup>. It is sponsored by **Akerman Senterfitt, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Florida, Publix Super Markets Charities and Etraffic Solutions.**

The **United Automobile Insurance Company (UAIC)** hosted the South Florida Regional PASS® CEO-to-CEO and PASS Team Meetings on May 20 at their offices in Miami Gardens. The Council thanks **Beau Parillo** for hosting these meetings. Mr. Parillo is the UAIC's Executive Vice President and a PASS CEO. UAIC sponsors a PASS model at Crestview Elementary in Miami Gardens. At the meeting, CEO's and Principals shared best practices and positive outcomes from their models. They also reviewed a video that helps new PASS CEO's implement their models. Council Co-Chair **Jeffrey Miller** (also a PASS CEO at Hialeah and Holmes Elementaries), Council President **Dr. Elaine Liftin** and South Florida PASS Coordinator **Dr. Pat Dixon** attended the event.

**Attention Principal Leaders!** The application for the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Leonard Miller Principal Leadership Award is now live on the Council website: [www.changeeducation.org](http://www.changeeducation.org). If you are a Principal who is currently or has formerly participated in a Council program/activity and you raised student achievement, empowered your staff and engaged your community, you may be a winner. One Gold Medallion winner will receive \$10,000 and two other Gold Medallion winners receive \$5,000 each. All monies are for personal use. Last year's winner was Miami-Dade Principal **Douglas Rodriguez** who received his award from special guest **Gloria Estefan**. The 2009 event will be held on Nov. 18, 2009. It is hosted by Council Educational Advancement Chair, **Sue Miller**, at her Star Island home. This year's Award sponsors are: **Akerman Senterfitt, Baptist Health South Florida, Carnival Cruise Lines, Cobb Family Foundation, Edward W. Easton, Rickard and Susan Finkelstein** and the **Lennar Foundation**.

Congratulations to **Tricia McManus** on her promotion to Manager of Leadership Training in the Staff Development Department of Hillsborough County Public Schools. Ms. McManus is the former Principal of Just Elementary and participated in a Council PASS model, which was sponsored by the **Patel Foundation for Global Understanding**. She worked with PASS CEO **Barry Preusch**, VP of **JPMorgan Chase Bank**. Congratulations also to **Susan Turner**, on the publication of her latest children's' book, *Rufus Steele 1938*. Ms. Turner is the PASS Coach for Oak Park Elementary, Palm River Elementary and Winston Elementary.

Carter Woodson Elementary in Jacksonville held an end of the year recognition event and thank you luncheon for staff and community on May 29<sup>th</sup>. The event was sponsored through the PASS model and celebrated the school's progress and accomplishments. The PASS team was honored at the event including: sponsors **Joannie Newton, Helen Lane** and **Muffet Corse**, Principal **Cheryl Gaston**, PASS Coach **Frances Gupton** and PASS Coordinator **Sherry Clarke**. District Director **Jackie Byrd**, a former PASS Principal and winner of the Leonard Miller Principal Leadership Award in 2005, represented the district.

Gulfside Elementary in Pasco County held an ALL PRO DAD event on May 28<sup>th</sup>. The ALL PRO DADS program is sponsored through their PASS model. The goal is to get more fathers actively involved at the school and in their student's educational success. Gulfside's PASS model is sponsored by the Community Foundation of Tampa Bay. **Gene Marshall**, Council Vice Chair, helped develop the partnership. PASS CEO **Lew Friedland** works with Principal **Christopher Clayton** on school improvement.

An Executive PASS® meeting for Hillsborough area program participants was held May 4<sup>th</sup> at **JPMorgan Chase**, hosted by **Mary Ann Fullerton**, VP of JPMorgan Chase Treasuries. JPMorgan is sponsoring a *New Teacher Development and Retention Program* at Sulphur Springs Elementary in Tampa. At the meeting, the Executive PASS partners shared examples of best practices.

Please read on for some success stories from the Council's Executive PASS model. The **John S. & James L. Knight Foundation** generously sponsors Executive PASS in Miami-Dade, as does the **South Florida Youth Foundation** and **SWS Charitable Foundation** (Miami Gardens). In Broward, Executive PASS is sponsored by the **Bank Atlantic Foundation** and in Orlando, by the **Nemours Foundation** and **Harris Rosen Foundation**. Executive PASS is also supported through legislative funding.

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## **EXECUTIVE PASS: *Snapshots of Success***

The **John S. and James L. Knight Foundation** generously supports the Council's Executive PASS program in Miami-Dade. Their help made it possible for 25 schools to implement this popular business and education partnership model. Executive PASS started in 2005 with the cooperation of district leadership. It is the brainchild of Council Board Chair **Steve Saiontz**. It teams a business leader and Principal to work on targeted school improvement and raise student achievement. There are now 45 statewide partnerships, including Orange and Hillsborough Counties, with Leon County coming on board.

"The Council is very appreciative of the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation's support of schools and school leaders through executive partnership. They are truly making a difference in the lives of our students," said Council President Dr. Elaine Liftin. Below is a quick look at just three of the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation supported partnerships.

**Coconut Grove Elementary: Principal Eva Ravelo and Partner David Peebles, Business Development, ETH Bioenergy, Inc.**

- Partner provided funding for an academic tutoring program and materials for its implementation.
- Employees from business leader's organization mentored and tutored students; they adopted one student from six different classrooms. Their visitations provided academic support, nurturing, and guidance.
- 72 students were tutored after school for one hour, three times per week; all of these students demonstrated academic learning gains, indicated by benchmarked and monitored student performance.

*"Our mentors accumulated a significant amount of hours. As a result of the mentoring, teachers reported an increase in student self-esteem and overall academic performance. This has been a wonderful and rewarding experience."* –Principal Eva Ravelo

**Barbara Goleman Senior High School: Principal Carlos Artime and Partner Eddy Barea, President of Ibiley Uniforms**

- Partner created a business internship experience at the Ibiley store for 30 International Business Academy students. The activity had a dual purpose: prepare students for workforce, and use profits from the enterprise for scholarships.
- Partner provided learning, aligned to the work experience, during the school year to teach students about business and its many facets. Mr. Barea worked with school to develop the curriculum and workforce experiences.
- Mr. Barea helped the school/students begin a business, "The Swamp Shop," to sell accessories for the school uniform.
- Partnered activity raised approximately \$35,000 in scholarships for students to use toward post-secondary education.

*"Our students have been exposed to an outstanding CEO who has taken the time to provide much insight into the world of business. These "real-life" lessons are seldom seen, but so needed. We appreciate Executive PASS."* –Principal Carlos Artime

**South Miami Middle School: Principal Dr. Lisa Robertson and Business Leader Pedro Munilla, MCM**

- Donation of \$75,000 for upgrades to the antiquated auditorium facility at the school, including the audio system.
- Partner and MCM employee team coordinated all aspects of the project development and implementation from architects to sound engineers and lighting experts. They worked cooperatively with the district on all phases of project.
- Renovation expanded the students' use of the facility, including providing new opportunities for students in the school's fine arts magnet. It also expanded the capacity for use by the community and other schools.

*"None of this would have been possible without MCM and their willingness to invest time, expertise and donations for our students and school. Thank you to MCM for the positive impact on our students, school and community."* –Principal Dr. Lisa Robertson