

*Executive PASS<sup>®</sup> News:*

- The students in the broadcast magnet program at Brownsville Middle School in Miami-Dade, and their Principal **Sharon Johnson**, will have some new friends as school begins this year. Thanks to their Executive PASS business partner, **Beth Czeskleba** of **Miami Today News**, students will take tours and learn from staff at **WPBT Channel 2**. Beth has recruited assistance for the school from **Neal Hecker**, VP of Program Services at Channel 2, as well as **Carlos Lopez**, Sales Executive of Dodd Communications, who will publish the school's parent newsletter.
- Welcome new Executive PASS principals in Miami-Dade County who have transferred to schools with existing partnerships:
  - Dr. Jean Teal** - Fulford Elementary- partner **Sheldon Anderson**, **Northern Trust Bank**
  - Orlando Gonzalez** - Henry Flagler Elementary - partners **Dr. Narendra Kini** and **Jose Perdomo**, President and CEO of **Miami Children's Hospital**
  - Renny Neyra** - Pine Villa Elementary - partner **Brenda Hill-Riggins**, **MARS Contractors, Inc.**
  - Haydee Villanueva** - South Hialeah Elementary - partner, **Elisa Robles**, **Citibank**
  - Dr. David Moore** - Miami Southridge Sr. - partner, **Keith Diego**, **Omnipoint, Inc.**
  - Guillermo Munoz** - Westland Hialeah Sr. - partner, **Dr. Norma Martin Goonen**, President of **Miami-Dade College Hialeah Campus**.
- Congratulations to the students and staff of Scott Lake Elementary for achieving the Alliance for a Healthier Generation's bronze award. The Alliance is a partnership between the William J. Clinton Foundation and the American Heart Association whose goal is to combat childhood obesity. **Valerie Ward**, Principal of Scott Lake, accepted the award in New York City. **Dr. Cynthia Clay**, former Reading Coach, also received a Champions award, one of nine recognized champions in the nation.
- We are very grateful to our Executive PASS sponsors around the State: **John S. & James L. Knight Foundation**, **Bank Atlantic Foundation**, **South Florida Youth Foundation**, **SWS Charitable Foundation**, **Nemours Foundation** and the **Harris Rosen Foundation**.

**SAVE THE DATE:**

**November 18, 2009** is the date of the annual Leonard Miller Principal Leadership Award luncheon. The Keynote Speaker for this prestigious event will be announced at a later date.

**Attention Principal Leaders!** Apply now for the Seventh Annual Leonard Miller Principal Leadership Award. The application is now live on the Council's website: <http://www.changeeducation.org>. If you are a Principal who is currently or has formerly participated in any Council program/activity, you may be a winner. The first place award is \$10,000 and \$5,000 each for *finalist* - Gold Medallion Winners. Last year's winner, Miami-Dade Principal **Douglas Rodriguez**, received his award from special guest **Gloria Estefan**. The 2009 event is planned for Nov. 18<sup>th</sup>, and will be hosted by Council Educational Advancement Chair, **Sue Miller**, at her Star Island home. This year's Award program and event sponsors are: **Akerman Senterfitt**, **Baptist Health South Florida**, **Carnival Cruise Lines**, **Cobb Family Foundation**, **Edward W. Easton**, **Richard and Susan Finkelstein** and the **Lennar Foundation**.

## ***Back To School 2009 – 2010***

- Teachers at Brentwood Elementary School, along with their Principal, **Dr. Sharon Jackson**, headed back to school at **Miami-Dade College**. Sharon's mentor, **Dr. Jose A. Vincente**, President, and four of his Deans hosted the opening of school meeting at the college's North Campus. After breakfast, the teachers toured the campus and were given a hand sanitizer pen with the logo of the college.
- Eighty students at Bunche Park attended a summer camp program for four weeks from 8:30 – 12:30 funded by PASS<sup>®</sup> business partner **Dr. Gerald Glass of Automated HealthCare Solutions**. The program involved activities in reading, math, sports, and computers; and included both breakfast and lunch. Fridays were devoted to trips to a bowling alley and the Miami Seaquarium. Ten teachers implemented the program with ten high school students who earned 75 hours of community service. **Dr. Viola Irons** is the Principal, **Dr. Geneva Woodard** is the PASS Coach, and **Dr. Patricia Dixon** is the PASS Coordinator.



- Holmes and Hialeah Elementary Schools' staff in Miami-Dade County were treated to a spectacular 'Welcome Back' breakfast and lunch sponsored by their PASS CEO, **Jeffrey Miller**. **Freddy Royero**, Mr. Miller's Assistant, engaged the staff at Holmes with icebreaker activities in which barbeque grills, other outdoor cooking equipment, and Dolphin football tickets were given away!! Thank you Mr. Miller!!
- During August, the Council conducted workshops for teachers involved in the training initiative to support and retain new teachers. These mentors attended trainings on tenets of effective mentoring and were provided opportunities to practice essential skills. The **Helios Education Foundation Teachers'** and the **J.P. Morgan Chase Teachers' Initiative** workshop was held on August 15<sup>th</sup> in Tampa, and the **Wal-Mart Foundation Teacher Empowerment and Mentoring** workshop was held on August 22<sup>nd</sup> in Orlando.
- Gulfside Elementary PASS partners consider the planning, review, and focus aspect of the model to be integral in developing successful PASS initiatives. Business Mentor **Lew Friedland**, Principal **Chris Clayton**, PASS Coach **Max Ramos**, and Assistant Principal **Claudia Steinacker**, go the extra mile to have powerful meetings. They invited **Gene Marshall**, CEC Board member, **Dawn Wilson**, CEC Vice President, **Dave Scanga**, Assistant Superintendent. of Elementary Education for Pasco County Public Schools, and **Sherry Clark** PASS Coordinator, to join their August 11<sup>th</sup> PASS planning meeting. The focus of the meeting was short range goals for this year, and long range goals for the next several years. Max was in Scotland at the time, but attended the meeting via computer video conferencing.



## ***Welcome Aboard***

**Fred Ulrich** will be working with the Executive PASS schools in Hillsborough County. Fred is a recently retired St. Petersburg principal. **Arlene Babanats** will be joining us shortly when she retires as a Hillsborough principal and will be working with the Executive PASS schools in Osceola County. Both Fred and Arlene bring with them wonderful experiences and skills in developing community and business partnerships.

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