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The mission of the Division of Educational Opportunity and Access is to provide an environment for all students to become responsible, productive citizens, lifelong learners and positive contributors to society. Our schools are designed to enable the students to be successful.

Division of Educational Opportunity and Access
Collective Impact Group Networking Breakfast

The Division of Educational Opportunity and Access is proud of the efforts in which we have been involved in support of our students. However, we would not be able to do this work without the collaboration of our community partners. On Tuesday, March 29, 2016, Robert Morgan Educational Center and Technical College graciously hosted our first DEOA Collective Impact Group Networking Breakfast. More than twenty professionals representing various organizations convened in Giorgio’s Café for a gourmet breakfast, collaborative conversation and strategic planning/asset mapping. The purpose of this gathering was to ensure an awareness of the different programs and services being offered by each organization and our DEOA programs, so that we can solidify partnerships, build capacity and reduce duplication of services. Collective action results in collective impact.

Superintendent’s 5K Run Challenge

Mr. Luis Diaz raced among 2,500 participants in the Superintendent’s 5K Challenge, Saturday, April 2, 2016.

Happy Administrative Professionals Day!
Thank you Fatima and Grace for EVERYTHING you do!

Good Luck to all students and teachers!

ONE CHILD, ONE TEACHER, ONE PEN AND ONE BOOK CAN CHANGE THE WORLD.”
MALALA YOUSAFZAI

Kimberly Gonzalez is a 12TH grader at Dorothy M. Wallace COPE Center. She is the recipient of the 2016 Youth Fair Scholarship Award valued at $1,000. Kimberly Gonzalez’s future aspiration is to become a police officer. CONGRATULATIONS!

Way to go School Operations!
Dewand Hamment, Brownsville Middle School Student Leader Meets with Superintendent Alberto Carvalho

Dewand Hamment missed 89 days from school and as a result of being truant, earned F’s in every class. Still, Dewand managed to outperform many of Brownsville Middle School’s “high achieving” students on the state-mandated FSA test. He scored a Level 3 on the math component of the test, which is impressive considering his circumstances. Staff at Brownsville Middle School recognized his many gifts. Not only is he bright, but Dewand is what one may refer to as “street smart”. His gifts and talents are his compassion for others and his ability to lead his peers. He is a kind and helpful student who does not hesitate to assist when asked.

Dewand was placed in the Creating Community Change: Youth Engagement Program (CCC:YEP) where his attendance is closely monitored and the counselors meet with his teachers on a weekly basis. The CCC:YEP program provides students with opportunities for service-learning, youth engagement, youth empowerment and youth leadership. Recently, Dewand was invited to meet with Superintendent Carvalho. During the meeting, he not only shared some of his challenges, but he also told the Superintendent that he would have probably already dropped out of school if it hadn’t been for CCC:YEP and the CCC:YEP Team Leader, School Counselor, Dr. Sonya R. Durden. The Superintendent also recognized the potential of Dewand and presented him with a new laptop computer. Dewand plans to continue helping others and serving his community. He will attend George T. Baker Aviation Technical College Fall 2016. We have confidence in Dewand and know that with his talent and compassion, his dreams will come true.

Dewand Hammett with Dr. Sonja Durden representing CCC: YEP at the Youth Empowerment Summit

Vocational Services Back on the Rise

The Department of Labor Team at AMIkids Miami Dade North introduces their new construction instructor, Ms. Pamela Mendoza. In 1993, Ms. Mendoza received her Bachelors of Art in Economics from the Andres Bello Catholic University in Caracas, Venezuela. That same year, she moved to the US, where she learned English and validated her degree with the Florida Department of Education. Ms. Medoza owns her own construction company and has her residential contractor license. She has been an Assistant Project Manager supporting all the administrative aspects of the construction process (Permits, Budgets, timeline progress, trade supervision, City and County Inspector and Official Coordination, Architects, etc.).

In February, she was given the opportunity to work for AMIkids Miami Dade North. “I truly enjoy working here. The staff is like a family with a can do attitude and truly lives the mission of kids first. I am excited to teach NCCER and have great expectations for my future students”, says Ms. Medoza.

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Dorothy M. Wallace COPE Center

1st Place at the Youth Fair

Children’s Literacy Books
Winners: Alyze Torres, Aaroni Ruiz & Emily Sensie

Sewing-Garment Construction Winners:
Kim Aime
Natalia Martinez
Shaniqua Jackson
Jhenelle Burton
Kimberly Gonzalez

Pants converted into a skirt
Pajamas
Skirts