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TASTE OF EDUCATION



A FOOD, WINE AND CRAFT BEER FESTIVAL

The Taste of Education supports culinary arts within Miami-Dade County Public Schools by teaching students food preparation, presentation, service, and safety, while also providing leadership, communication, and employment skills. Students are learning to be the chefs of tomorrow.

At this signature event, more than 200

students from Miami-Dade's public school culinary programs create 30+ dishes to compete for top prizes and impress more than 500 top business executives and community leaders, but that's not all.

The Taste of Education also:

- Showcases all of our programs
- Celebrates a successful Teach-A-Thon
- Provides a valuable career development opportunity for M-DCPS' culinary students

Raises money for public school culinary programs













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MEAT

All American Steak Fajitas

BBQ Sliced Pork Loin with Spicy Cole Slaw

Curry Lamb with Basmati Rice and Charred Naan

French Dip with Au Jus

Savory Duck Confit Cheesecake with Caramelized Onion Jam

Sweet and Spicy Smoked Baby Back Ribs

Taste of the Caribbean



SEAFOOD

Hawaiian Salmon Poke

Pirate's Snapper Ceviche with Chips

Seafood Cornbread

Sensational Spicy Lobster Roll with Forbidden Rice

Sugarcane Shrimp

Escargot Three Ways

Tropical Crab Cake with Chili Pineapple/Mango Salsa

Tuna Tataki with Pineapple Papaya Salsa

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VEGETARIAN

Goi Mit Tron (Young Jackfruit Salad)

Pearls with a Twist

Pikliz, Vegan "Griyo," Plantain Crisp

Pistachio Pesto Lasagna

Spicy Strawberry Watermelon Gazpacho

Vegan Pigs in a Blanket

Vegetarian Stuffed Mushrooms

DESSERT

We invite guests to vote for the "People's Choice" Awards, sponsored by

Architectural Delectable

Berry Treasure Mousse

'Bullistic' Cheesecake Shooters

Cherry Pistachio Biscotti with Hot Cocoa

French Macaroons

Havana Oh-La-La - Latin Trifle

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ABOUT THE EDUCATION FUND WHERE INNOVATION IS FUNDAMENTAL

A Taste of What We Do

- Impact more than 330,000+ students annually, in all 470+ Miami-Dade County Public Schools
- Offer support and professional development to more than 20,000+ educators annually
- Involve the private sector in designing and implementing new initiatives that improve public education
- Direct resources where they are needed most and where inequities exist
- Operate up to a dozen model programs at any given time
- Evaluate pilot program effectiveness to improve outcomes
- Help all children in public schools reach their full potential



FOR EXCELLENCE IN MIAMI-DADE PUBLIC SCHOOLS







A Taste of Our Accomplishments

- 34% increase in students' college enrollment
- \$80 million+ raised for public schools
- 71% of students increased science achievement
- 78% of students improved math knowledge
- 203,000+ students and teachers recognized for their artwork
- \$24+ million in classroom supplies donated, benefiting 3.7+ million children
- 265,000+ harvest food bags provided to low-income students' families
- 6,900+ Food Forest harvests served in students' cafeteria meals
- \$3 million+ provided for projects in 5,400+ classrooms
- 20,000+ educators encouraged to use and share best practices annually
- 3,000+ business professionals recruited to teach for a day and become teacher advocates





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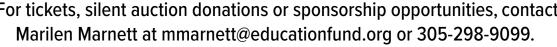


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For tickets, silent auction donations or sponsorship opportunities, contact Marilen Marnett at mmarnett@educationfund.org or 305-298-9099.

















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THE TEACH-A-THON

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Great Teachers = Student Achievement

To raise awareness of the needs in our public school classrooms, The Education Fund implements the Teach-A-Thon. During this countywide campaign, business professionals walk in the shoes of a teacher, teaching an actual lesson or two!

It's not career day. Instead, business leaders experience what is happening in our public schools -- seeing the needs, struggles, and joys. Since the campaign began, we recruited more than 3,000+ business professionals to teach in Miami-Dade County Public Schools. This rewarding experience creates empathy for teachers and students, and a newfound respect for the teaching profession and our public schools.



Chef Paulette Bilsky, @the305chef, at Miami Jackson Senior High

Using a walk-a-thon model, these 'Public School Champions' tell the story of public education to their friends and colleagues to raise funds for the participating classrooms and other programs of The Education Fund. Since the program's inception, our Champions have raised \$700,000+ to support our public schools.



Ray Dueñas, Miami Herald, at Royal Palm Elementary

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Mabel Morrison, Assurant, with teacher Sara Alfaro, at True North Classical Academy





Nick Tootle, Kaufman Rossin, at Kensington Park Elementary



Hector Ponte, Wells Fargo, with teacher Navia Gomez, at Dante B. Fascell Elementary



Darrell Payne, Stearns Weaver, at Miami Carol City Senior High







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Ernest Modock, Jr., Ford Motor Company, at Charles R. Hadley Elementary



Pablo Pino, TD Bank, with teacher Raquel Gibson, at American Senior High School



Carolyn Guerra, TD Bank, at Twin Lakes Elementary



Ana VeigaMilton, Jose Milton Foundation, at Coral Gables Senior High



Pradna Kudav, World Kinect at Doral Academy Elementary Charter



Joe Natoli, Baptist Health South Florida, at Sunset Elementary

As of 2/15/2024



Programs

FOOD FORESTS FOR SCHOOLS

This pioneering initiative puts 28,000+ students in the center of sustainable seedto table eco-labs, teaching them to plant and cultivate superfoods used in school meals and at home. Children learn nutrition. resiliency, math, biology, environmental science and have the test scores to prove it. Seventy-eight percent of students in a 2022-23 TD Ready Commitment pilot increased their math knowledge, and 71% increased their science achievement. This was despite pandemic-related learning losses reflected across the country. More than half increased their nutrition knowledge. This was despite pandemic-related learning losses reflected across the country.

"My students have shared the various ways their families use plantain trees based on their culture. We have learned that some families use the leaves to cook and some boil the plantain fruit, based on their country. They are all very interested in the different preparations and can't wait to try the new recipes they have learned!"

Our district's new eligibility to provide 100% of students with federal food aid underscores the urgent need for this program. To help students and their families, we've distributed 265,000+ harvest bags full of fresh produce.

Food Forests for Schools, an awardee of grants from U.S. EPA, USDA, and many foundations, received the first-ever \$1 million TD Ready Challenge grant, and is a recipient of the prestigious "Sapphire Award" from The Blue Foundation.



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THE OCEAN BANK CENTER FOR

EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS

This student lifeline solicits surplus inventory from businesses and makes these supplies available — for free — to teachers, schools, and non-profits to help public school students and their families throughout Miami-Dade County. Since inception, more than 3.7+ million students benefited from more than \$24+ million in materials distributed. Teachers in all subjects continually use supplies from the Ocean Bank Center to enhance lessons. Additionally, art teachers enjoy special visit days and unique workshops to teach the art of found objects, transforming the donated materials into amazing pieces of art.







"It is always exciting to visit The Education Fund Ocean Bank Center for Educational Materials and see what cool materials I'll find for the classroom. On my last visit, I was able to get a box of reusable goggles for my scientists in class. Prior to that, I have been able to get poster paper, expo markers, pouches, and so much more. I cannot wait for my six months to pass so I can once again go find new treasures for my students. Thank you to all the donors for making this possible, every little bit helps!" Stephanie Trenholm, Dr. Toni Bilbao Preparatory Academy



ART OF FOUND OBJECTS EXHIBITION

Annually, we display, jury, and award prizes for student and teacher art, created from recycled materials from the Ocean Bank Center. Many pieces from the **Art of Found Objects Exhibition** progress to our annual **For the** Love of Art Charity Auction. This event raises thousands of dollars that fund participating classrooms, enabling art teachers to provide a better arts education to students.







FOR THE LOVE OF ART AUCTION

This highly successful annual event, presented by Ocean Bank, highlights the essential role of visual arts in stimulating creativity and academic success for children. More than 400 business leaders, philanthropists, and collectors attend, bidding on 150+ one-of-akind art pieces created by the extraordinary talent in our public schools, and on 100+ luxury items. Additionally, we honor successful public school alumni, demonstrating how much you can achieve with a public school education.







Found Objects Exhibition. Her piece was made with supplies from the Ocean Bank Center for Educational Materials.

Credit - Miami-Dade College, Hialeah Campus





Programs

SMARTPATH

The Education Fund's SmartPath aims to embed a college-going culture in high schools, empowering low-income and first-generation students to graduate and successfully prepare for college and careers SmartPath is changing the lives of students in five public senior high schools in Miami-Dade who attend weekly College Clubs to research colleges and improve study habits. College and technical school field trips inspire students to set career goals, while FAFSA workshops help parents and students apply for financial aid. Our pilot schools achieved a 34% increase in college enrollment, and since our expansion in 2013, there has been a 21% increase in college enrollment rates across all SmartPath schools.













"This was such a great experience! I've learned so much through the college and career club and now visiting colleges. With the support of the club and our meetings, I feel like I have a chance to succeed after high school. Thank you for bringing us here!" said a student at Booker T. Washington Senior High School.

IDEAS WITH IMPACT

This initiative helps teachers raise student achievement! Mentor teachers train their peers at the annual *Idea EXPO - The Teacher* Conference, attracting over 500 educators for hands-on, teacher-led workshops, featuring innovative ideas with new ways to inspire students. The Idea EXPO includes projects for all grade levels and all subject areas, with free curriculum materials that meet Florida education standards. As a result, 37,000+ students annually receive improved instruction from teachers who attend our Idea EXPO. Ideas with IMPACT also provides grants to teachers for unique, creative classroom projects and materials that enliven and enrich standard curriculum. Most recently, Ideas with IMPACT has provided grants for student-led podcasts and music education.

"The grants I've received helped me purchase robotics kits and create exciting learning activities that my kids absolutely love. My kids are learning programming languages with real-world applications such as cyber defense, game development, virtual reality, problem-solving, and critical thinking - all of which will help them succeed in whatever career they choose."

Michael Sakowicz, iPrep Academy North.

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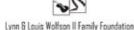




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Tonight, as we celebrate the 10th Anniversary of the Taste of Education, we honor our top donors for their dedication to The Education Fund's General Fund.

With your support during the past decade, we have met our Challenges – from the TriMix Foundation Challenge, to the Ford Global Giving Fund Match, to our 2023 Give Miami Day Challenge donors, including Rod

and Lucy Petrey, Louis Wolfson III Family, The Roland Hartley Foundation, Collins Aerospace, and Lisa Sloat and Hank Klein. We thank all of you for stepping up to the plate for our public school children and their devoted teachers.

We still need your help to continue to meet the obstacles facing our students and teachers. Please help us by making a gift or a multi-year pledge to our General Fund.

For more information or to make a pledge, please contact Mimi Pink at 786-734-6099 or mpink@educationfund.org. Your past, present and future unrestricted gifts support all our programming.

Together, we can ensure Miami-Dade County public school students and teachers thrive!



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NEW GRANT - NEW DONOR!

The Education Fund is thrilled to announce a \$50,000 grant award from Life Time Foundation to support our Food Forests for Schools program operating in 51 public elementary and K-8 schools across Miami-Dade County. Life Time Foundation's award will allow The Education Fund to increase the number of trees that provide both canopy and an abundance of high-nutrient food. That means more nutritionrich fruits and vegetables for students to harvest for cafeteria meals and homebound bags. In these outdoor eco-labs, filled with trees, bushes, vines, ground cover, and walking paths, students improve their academic achievement, nutritional health, and their ability to learn about the environment. Last year, more than 78% of students improved their math knowledge and 70% improved their science achievement. With Life Time Foundation's mission to inspire Healthy People, a Healthy Planet, and a Healthy



Way of Life, more than 25,000 public school students will benefit from this new collaboration. Thank you Life Time Foundation for joining with our other major Food Forests for Schools donors: TD Ready Commitment, The Frederick A. DeLuca Foundation, The Jorge M. Pérez Family Foundation, The Batchelor Foundation, Braman Family Foundation, and the USDA.



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Please join us in bringing innovation to our public schools and providing resources that open the door for children to learn and to be excited about learning.

Support a program today — online at www.educationfund.org, or by calling Mimi Pink at 786-734-6099 or emailing mpink@educationfund.org.

Thank you in advance for making a difference for children in our public schools.







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Adina Brunetti

Hospitality Expert, Entrepreneur

Adina Brunetti, a dedicated advocate for education and an active community contributor—a fitting collaborator for the Taste of Education event. Adina's commitment to education and community involvement sets her apart.

In ensuring the upcoming event's success, Adina's generosity is a driving force for creating a meaningful experience for both children and attendees. As the Founder of AJMB Hospitality, a notable player in Miami's hospitality industry, Adina leads various restaurant projects. Additionally, she holds the role of creative director at Adina Creative Food, AB 27 Group, and Hialeah Events, adding a layer of versatility to her contributions.

Within AB 27 Group, Adina has successfully managed the development and promotion of diverse restaurants, bars, and international events. The projects and partnerships fostered by AB 27 Group have received recognition through prestigious awards in the U.S. and abroad. Adina Brunetti's leadership is a solid asset to the Taste of Education initiative, ensuring a thoughtful and impactful event.



















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Miami-Dade County Mayor Daniella Levine Cava congratulates The Education Fund on its role in providing private sector leadership and support for innovation in public education.

Thank you for shaping a brighter future for the students of Miami-Dade County.

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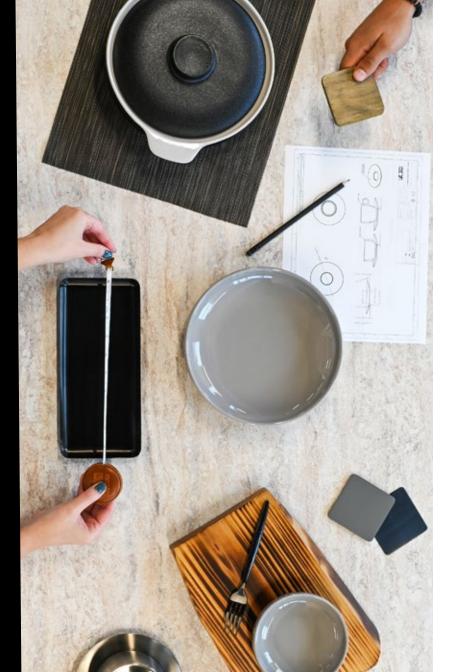






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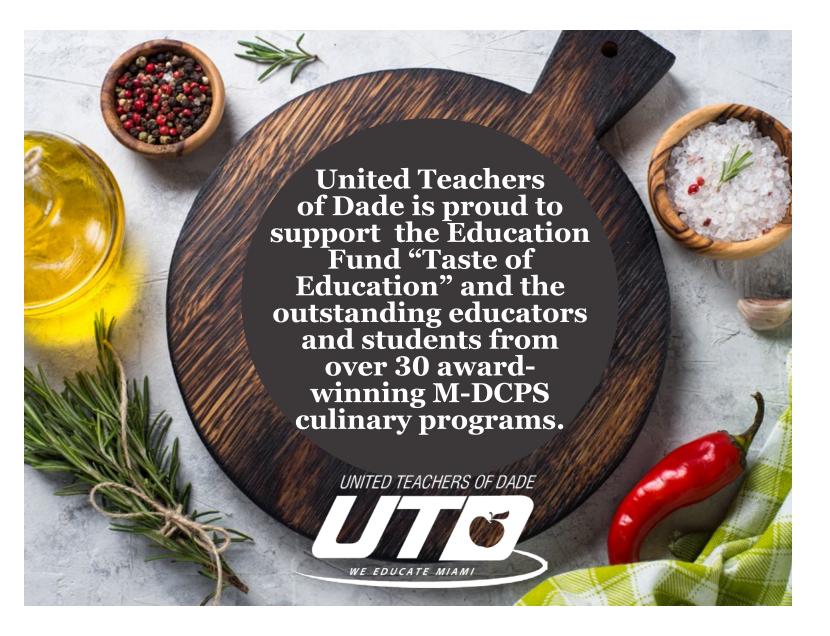
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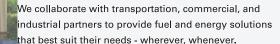
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