

Carver Middle...

Principal Kiwana Alexander-Prophete of Carver Middle School in Palm Beach County is extremely grateful for the support of the PASS program. As a result of their hard work, the school's Robotics Team is headed to the State finals! Additionally, Carver Middle was recognized for its PASS partnership with the CEO of IT'SUGAR, Jeff Rubin and The Council for Educational Change at the school board meeting in December. The partnership which is funded by the City of Delray Beach, was recognized for its success in providing students with opportunities to engage in learning experiences centered around entrepreneurship, business plans, and marketing. The school was presented with a check for \$6,000 to purchase classroom resources needed to increase student achievement and for student and teacher incentives.

Delray Beach has chosen to expand on its PASS sponsorship that benefits Carver Middle School. This is due to the program's overwhelming success. Some of the grant dollars will be used by Carver to provide for the expansion of the existing program. The remaining funds will be used to help develop articulation activities that could possibly result in an Executive PASS partnership at Pine Grove Elementary School to develop a medical arts choice program. Mayor Cary Glickstein said there has always been a desire to create a program that allows students to study the medical arts from elementary through high school because Delray Medical Center is the city's largest employer.

Spotlight: Dr. Malou Harrison

Dr. Malou C. Harrison was among the first of the Council's Executive PASS partners in higher education. Not only has the number of her partnerships increased, but she has been extremely influential in encouraging all of the other campuses to participate in the program. Her school partnerships include: **Brentwood Elementary, Jose Marti MAST 6-12 Academy, Miami Lakes K-8, Mater Lakes Academy, and North Miami Beach Senior High.** Dr. Harrison has been a participant in the program for approximately 10 years.

Dr. Harrison is the President of **Miami Dade College's (MDC) North Campus** which boasts an enrollment of some 50,000 students and a most diverse student body. With over 35 years of leadership experience championing the cause of underserved students in public higher education, she also oversees the institution's academic center, the **Carrie P. Meek Entrepreneurial Education Center** in urban Miami's Liberty City. Dr. Harrison has served MDC for 27 years in various capacities including Chief of Staff, Dean of Students, and adjunct professor, prior to which she served as an administrator at the State University of New York at Buffalo.

She earned her Baccalaureate, Master's, and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Buffalo, Florida International University, and Walden University, respectively. Her passion and advocacy for the cause of immigrant and international education is evidenced by the substantial growth of Study Abroad and Global Affairs programs on her campus, as well as collaborations such as her service on the Advisory Board of the Community College Consortium on Immigrant Education. Locally, she serves on the University Relations Board of the City of North Miami; Board of Directors of Camillus Health Concern, Inc.; and the Board of Directors of the Miami Urban Debate League, Inc.

Dr. Harrison's tireless empowerment of youth and adult learners through the opportunity of a higher education has led her to share her expertise as co-author of scholarly articles in the League for Innovation in the Community College's Student Services Dialogues: Community College Case Studies to Consider; and also the Association of American College and Universities' (AAC&U) Peer Review: Models for Student Success: Developing a Community College Student Roadmap. Her recognitions run the gamut and include Miami Dade County's ***In the Company of Women Award for Education and Research***, the Florida College System's ***Cameron Hall Practitioner Honoree*** for demonstrating high levels of humanitarianism; and in Diversity Journal's ***Women Worth Watching***.

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The Biltmore Elementary staff and community members were excited at the PASS kickoff when Principal **Sabrina Session Jones** shared an excellent PowerPoint presentation providing PASS plan focus areas to support student achievement initiatives at the school. **Russell Newton**, the PASS business CEO, is already visible and active at the school, along with PASS Coach **Frances Gupton** and PASS Coordinator **Sherry Clarke**. The children at Biltmore are getting to know Mr. Newton as well and made a wonderful welcome poster for another recent visit. Along with valuable business expertise, Mr. Newton brings wonderful PASS experience with him. He has been involved with PASS since 2003. Assistant Principal **Derriell Morris** will serve as PASS Historian.

On February 10th and 17th, the **Miami Dade College Homestead** campus sponsored college tours for students of their Executive PASS Partners at **Homestead High, Southridge High, South Dade High, and MAST Academy**. The College Tours were arranged at the specific ask of the principals at these high schools. On the tours,



students got a unique opportunity to visit the campus and take part in classroom activities and discussions and were able to discover what life is like as a college student.

Students got to speak with faculty members, admissions staff and financial aid advisers and ask specific questions about college in general and campus life in particular. When asked specifically what they most enjoyed, one student commented that he learned how to code in HTML, and another said she enjoyed working on the aviation simulators. The college tours were arranged by the Department Chairperson of the School of Business, Engineering and Technology, **Lynne Arguelles** and the Director of Student Services, **Jim Watson**. The two business partners from MDC - Homestead are **Lynne Arguelles** and **Dr. John Barimo**.

New Executive PASS partnerships in Miami Dade include: **Fulford Elementary** –Principal **Dr. Jean Gordon**, and Business Partner **Jonathan Kadoch, Unloathe.com**; **Alonzo and Tracy Mourning Senior** – continued partnership with new Principal **Chris Shinn**, and Business Partner **Stuart Rohatiner, Gerson, Preston, Robinson & Company, P.A.**; **Lenora B. Smith Elementary** – continued partnership with new principal **Shawntai Dalton**, and Business Partner **Mike Hill, Marlins Ayudan**; **Ruben Dario Middle** – Principal **Dr. Verona McCarthy**, and Business Partner **Dr. Mark Everett, MDC – Medical Campus**; **John I. Smith K-8 Center** – Principal **Genaro Navarro**, and Business Partner **Hank Clements, Covanta Energy**.

Save The Date...

The Spring Executive PASS networking meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 5th. The event will be held at **Miami Dade College – West Campus**.

Additional information will be forthcoming with the official invitation and parking instructions.

Please put the date on your calendar and plan to attend.

Dates to Remember...

Mar 1 – Ash Wednesday

Mar 13 – St. Patrick's Day

Mar 22 – Leadership Broward Networking Session

Executive PASS Expanding in Broward County...

On February 2, Council staff conducted an orientation session for five new partnerships including:

- **Mirror Lake Elementary** – Principal **Marlen Velez**, with Business Partners **Dr. Verda Farrow, After School Programs (ASP)** and **Fernando Recalde, Evershore Financial Group**;
- **Hollywood Hills Elementary** – Principal **John Fossas** with Business Partner **Connie Booth, Evershore Financial Group**
- **Larkdale Elementary** – Principal **Carla Hart** with Business Partners **Diane Hickman** Director and **Ginny Anderson, Learning for Life**;
- **McNicol Middle School** – Principal **Melissa Gurreonero** and Business Partner **Fernando Recalde, Evershore Financial Group**;
- **Flanagan High School** – Principal **Michelle Kefford** with Business Partner **Henry A. Rose, Falcon Foundation**.