

## Broadening Community-Based Support

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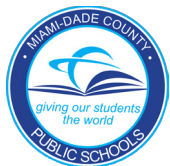
It allows us to utilize successful graduates as role models and provides a venue for alumni to build relationships with other classmates.



# Behind every great Miamian there's a teacher.



**Senator Bob Graham**  
(Miami Senior High, Class of 1955)  
salutes his most inspiring teacher,  
**Lamar Louise Curry**



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**Miami-Dade County Public Schools  
Alumni Hall of Fame  
Inaugural Inductees**

A panel of community leaders met May 11, 2011 to select the first inductees into the District's new Alumni Hall of Fame. The panel chose by consensus the following alumni in established categories:

**Arts & Entertainment**

**Andy Garcia**

***Actor***

Miami Beach Senior High School (Class of 1974)

Nautilus Junior High School

Biscayne Elementary School

**Business**

**Jeffrey Preston Bezos**

***Founder & CEO, Amazon.com***

Miami Palmetto Senior High School (Class of 1982)

**Public Service**

**Bob Graham**

***Former Florida Governor***

***Former U.S. Senator***

Miami Senior High School

**Science, Technology, Engineering & Math**

**Wendy Chung, M.D., Ph.D.**

***Molecular Geneticist***

***Assistant Professor for Pediatrics, Columbia University Medical Center***

***Westinghouse Science Prize Winner***

Miami Killian Senior High School (Class of 1986)

Glades Middle School

Kenwood Elementary School

**Sports**

**Andre Dawson**

***Major League Baseball Hall of Famer***

Southwest Miami Senior High School (Class of 1972)

South Miami Junior High School

**Singular Achievement**

**Dr. Dorothy Jenkins Fields**

***Historian, Preservationist, retired M-DCPS Librarian***

Booker T. Washington High School (Class of 1960)

Phillis Wheatley Elementary School



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In addition to naming an inductee in each established category, the panel also chose to award a special citation to the four M-DCPS alumni who have flown in space as U.S. astronauts:

**Dominic Lee Gorie**  
***Pilot and Commander, Space Shuttle Discovery***  
Miami Palmetto Senior High School (Class of 1975)

**Dr. William B. "Bill" Lenoir**  
***Space Shuttle Columbia***  
Coral Gables Senior High School (Class of 1957)

**Rear Admiral Thomas K. "Ken" Mattingly**  
***Apollo 16***  
Miami Edison Senior High school (Class of 1954)

**Capt. Winston Scott**  
***Space Shuttle Endeavour***  
Coral Gables Senior High School (Class of 1968)  
Frances S. Tucker Elementary School

Superintendent Alberto M. Carvalho also has identified four alumni to be inducted as "Local Heroes" for their accomplishments, as well as their service to Miami-Dade County and students. Those individuals are:

**Juan del Busto**  
***Miami Regional Executive, Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta***  
Miami Coral Park Senior High School (Class of 1972)  
West Miami Junior High School  
Coral Terrace Elementary School  
Miramar Elementary School

**Barrington Irving**  
***Aviator, Aviation Educator***  
Miami Northwestern Senior High school (Class of 2002)  
Norland Middle School  
Parkview Elementary School

**Ron Magill**  
***Zoologist, Zoology Educator***  
Miami Palmetto Senior High School (Class of 1988)  
Highland Oaks Junior High School

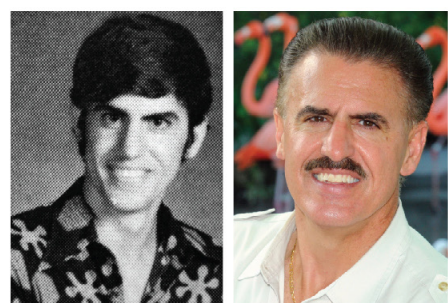
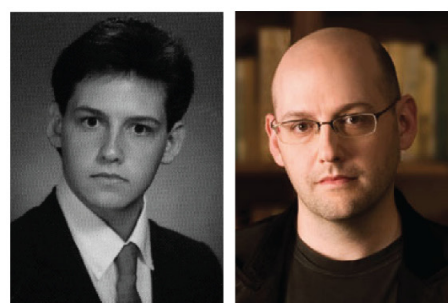
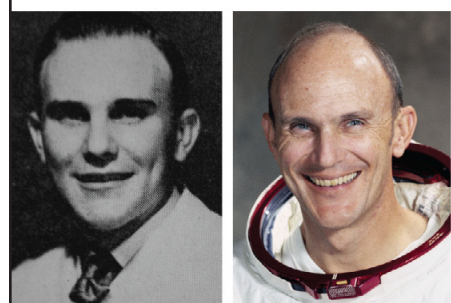
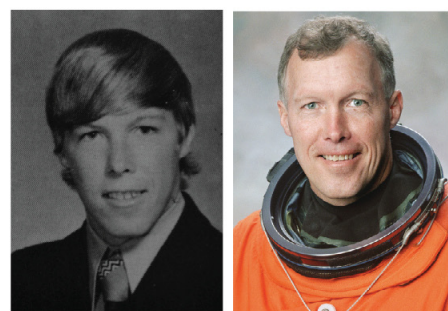
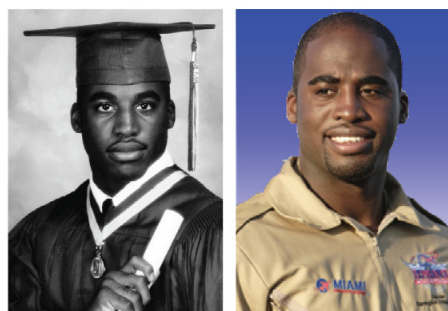
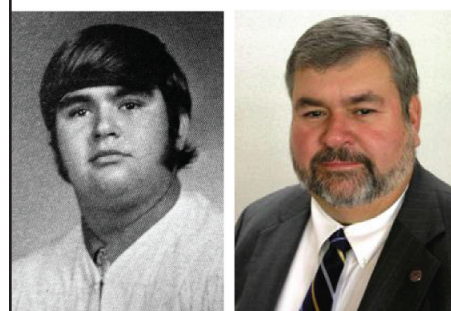
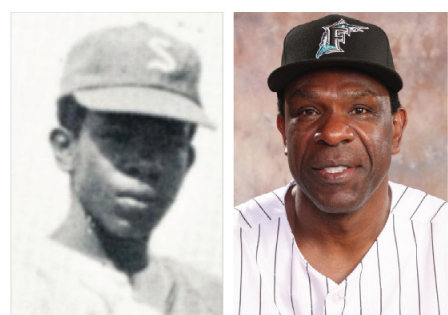
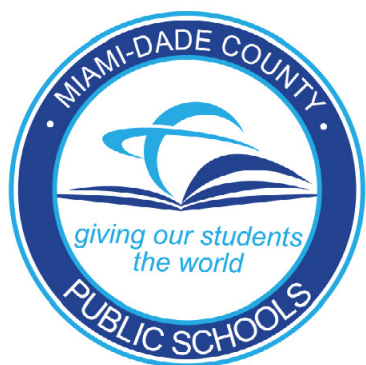
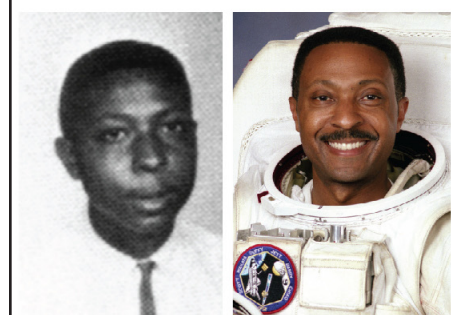
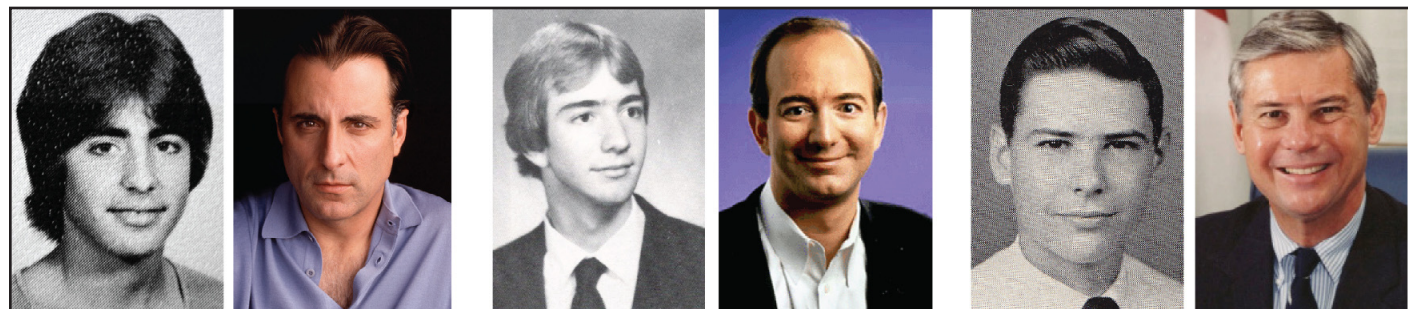
**Brad Meltzer**

***Bestselling Author***

North Miami Beach Senior High School (Class of 1988)

Highland Oaks Junior High School





# Miami-Dade County Public Schools Alumni Hall of Fame

Induction Ceremony & Reception

New World Center • 500 17th Street, Miami Beach, FL 33139

Monday, October 8, 2012

Reception 6:00 p.m. • Ceremony 7:00 p.m. • Cocktail or business attire

**Andy Garcia**

Oscar-nominated Actor

**Bob Graham**

U.S. Senator • Florida Governor

**Dorothy Jenkins Fields**

Historian • Preservationist • Librarian

**Dominic L. Pudwill Gorie**

Astronaut, Space Shuttle Discovery

**Thomas K. Mattingly**

Astronaut, Apollo 16

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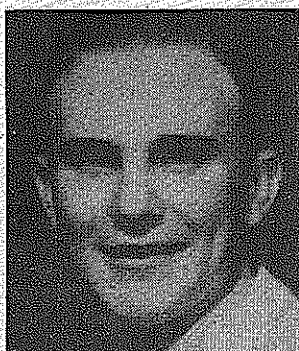
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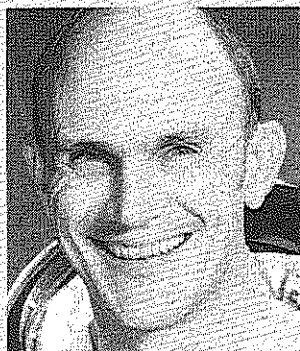


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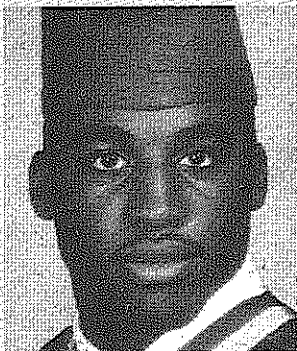
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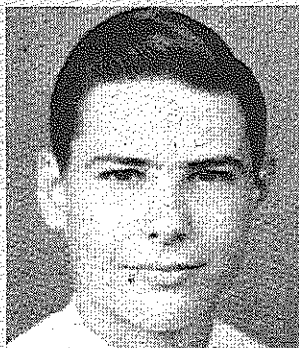
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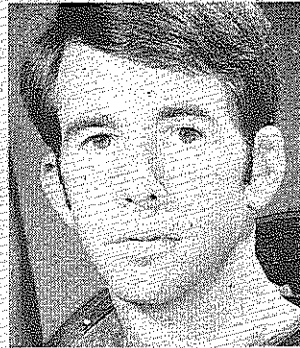
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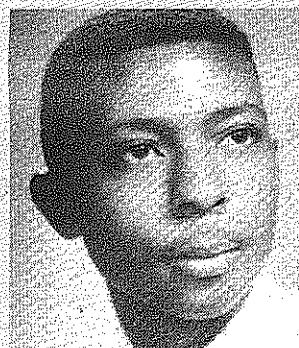
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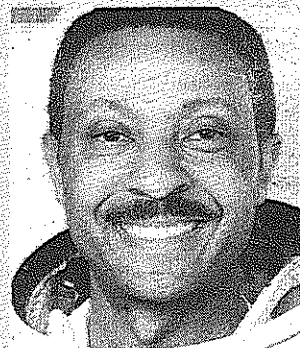
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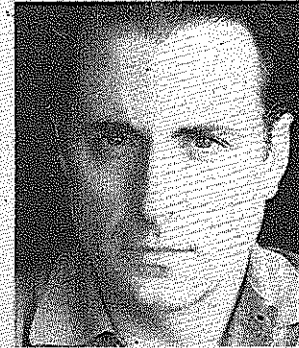
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FEDERAL RESERVE EXEC: JUAN DEL BUSTO, MIAMI CORAL PARK, CLASS '73.



ASTRONAUT: DOMINIC GORIE, MIAMI PALMETTO, CLASS OF '75.



ACTOR: ANDY GARCIA, MIAMI BEACH, CLASS '74.

Miami-Dade Public Schools will induct 14 notable alumni into its brand-new Hall of Fame

## STAR STUDENTS

BY HOWARD COHEN hcohen@MiamiHerald.com

An early personal computer that helped inspire Bill Gates to start Microsoft was created by Henry Edward Roberts, a member of Miami Senior High's class of 1959.

Before Bucky Dent hit the three-run homer that led the New York Yankees to victory over the Boston Red Sox in a one-game playoff in 1978, he was the shortstop on the Hialeah High baseball team that won the 1969 state title.

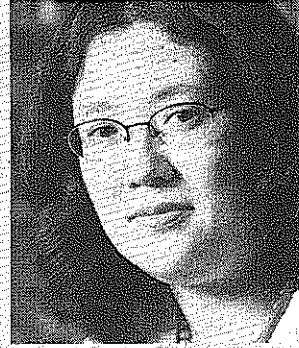
And before Sheryl Sandberg was one of the top faces at Facebook, she graced the

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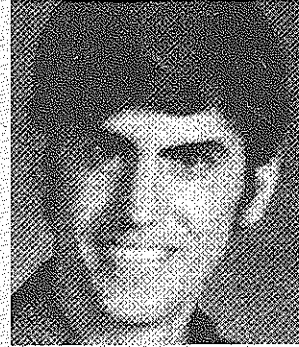
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GENETICIST: WENDY CHUNG, MIAMI KILLIAN, CLASS OF '86.



AMAZON FOUNDER: JEFF BEZO, MIAMI PALMETTO, CLASS OF 1982.



WILDLIFE EXPERT: RON MAGILL, MIAMI PALMETTO, CLASS OF '77.



### IN MY OPINION

## Here we go again: Wholesome commercial stirs breastfeeding brouhaha

Seen the new Luvs commercial?

The spot, one of four in a new campaign for the diaper compa-

second baby in the same restaurant. No blanket. When the waiter's eyes wander downward, her fingers prod his gaze toward her



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there done that, comes across loud and clear.

Response from the media has been overwhelmingly positive, a

Journal: "Smart, funny and graceful." And cafemom.com: "Great job, Luvs. And thank you!"

But support from the public?



## PUBLIC SCHOOLS

## Meet Miami-Dade's Hall of Famers

• HALL OF FAME, FROM 1E

yearbook at North Miami Beach Senior High, class of 1987.

These are just a few of the noteworthy graduates of Miami-Dade Public Schools, which on Monday celebrates its 125-year history by launching an Alumni Hall of Fame.

Fourteen people made the inaugural cut, including Jeff Bezos, founder and CEO of Amazon.com (Palmetto High); Bob Graham, Florida's 38th governor and former U.S. senator (Miami High); actor Andy Garcia, an Oscar nominee for *The Godfather III* (Miami Beach High); and four astronauts, including Apollo 16 pilot Thomas Mattingly (Edison High). The inductees' teachers also will be honored.

"If past is prologue, then the 14 great Miamians we're honoring Oct. 8th predict great things for our students today and tomorrow," Superintendent Alberto Carvalho said in a statement. "How can you look at that roster and not say 'Wow?' These people are us. They've lived on our streets and attended our schools."

Judges from the Black Archives History & Research Foundation of South Florida, HistoryMiami, Miami-Dade County Public Library, Miami-Dade Sports Commission, Arts for Learning and the Greater Miami Convention & Visitors Bureau made the picks from 78 nominees.

"We're very proud," said Adele Khoury Graham, wife of Graham and a 1956 Edison graduate.

Here is a closer look at six of the inductees:

#### DOROTHY JENKINS FIELDS

Booker T. Washington Jr./Sr. High, 1960; founder, Black Archives of South Florida.

Thanks to teachers at Booker T. Washington Jr./Sr. High, the youngster from Overtown found herself in a



SHANNON

one-on-one interview with Florida's 33rd governor in his Tallahassee office.

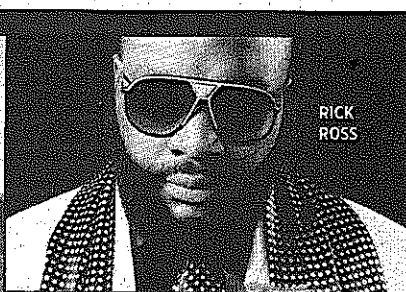
"Mrs. Marian Shannon told my mother I should enroll in journalism," Fields said. "I had never written anything. I didn't know why that was necessary. What will I write about?"

Shannon, her high school journalism teacher, encouraged Fields to interview classmates about their concerns. She suggested Fields pose the same question to Leroy Collins, Florida's governor from 1955 to 1961. Collins answered her questions and promised to give her an audience.

"I was blown away. We got to Tallahassee and the time came for me to go to the governor's office and Mrs. Shannon said, 'Your taxi is here.' I got to the door



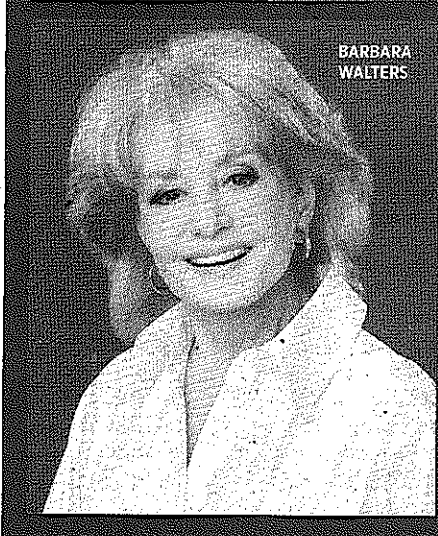
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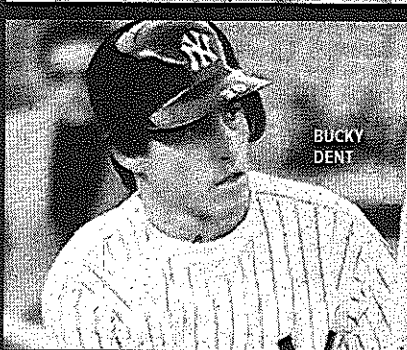
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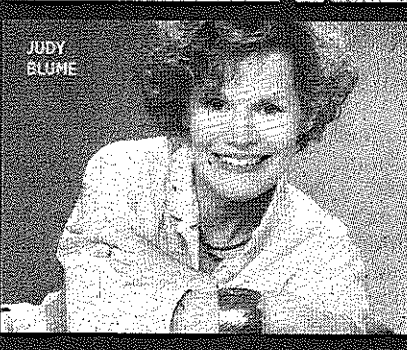
BARBARA WALTERS

#### Other distinguished alumni

Desi Arnaz, actor, Miami High  
Judy Blume, children's author, Fienberg-Fisher Elementary  
Bill Conti, Oscar-winning composer (*Rocky*), North Miami High  
Bucky Dent, Major League Baseball player, Hialeah High  
David Landsberg, Miami Herald publisher, Coral Gables High  
Victoria Principal, actress, South Dade High  
Janet Reno, U.S. attorney general, Coral Gables High  
William Leonard Roberts II (Rick Ross), rapper, Carol City High  
Marco Rubio, U.S. senator, South Miami High  
Sheryl Sandberg, Facebook COO, North Miami Beach High  
Barbara Walters, TV journalist, Miami Beach High



BUCKY DENT



JUDY BLUME

and she's not behind me.

"I'm thinking this lady is crazy. No way I can meet the governor of Florida by myself. I walk up the stairs to the Capitol. I gave my name. They said, 'Governor Collins is waiting for you.'"

"It was quite an experience for me. The big thing was that he took the time to meet with me. I was very honored."

Fields, 69, credits her years at Booker T. with launching her career as a writer, historian and founder of the Black Archives of South Florida.

"If it had not been for the faculty and staff of Booker T. in Overtown, I would not have been able to do the things I'm doing now."

#### BOB GRAHAM

Miami Senior High, 1955; U.S. senator 1987-2005, Florida governor 1979-1987.

Lamar Louise Curry, a member of one of Key West's founding families, taught all the Graham children at Miami High, a point she reiterated on the first day of class.

"She got to my name and said, 'Robert, do you see this desk?' and pointed to a desk to the side of the room.

"That's where your brother Phillip sat. He was a very good student. Robert, do you see this other desk? That's where your sister Mary sat. She was a very good student. Finally, do you see this desk? That's where your brother William sat and he was a very good student. I expect you to be a very good student."

"That's what she called

leadership by intimidation," Graham said. "That was my introduction, a wonderful, life-changing experience. She taught me a love of American history, taught me order and discipline and did most of her things in a Roman numeral outline context. If I'm doing a speech or writing an article I do a Roman numeral outline based on Mrs. Curry."

His only regret about his schooling, says Graham, 75, is that segregation was still in force.

"I graduated a year after Brown vs. the Board of Education and didn't go to school with any African Americans. That was a big deficiency in Hialeah and Miami High to a wide range of young people."

He recalled that his father, an engineer, came to South Florida in 1920 to run a sugar plantation and went on to start a dairy and cattle business.

"Many times I heard him say the best value he got in any one year were the taxes he paid to the Dade County school system because they gave his four children a great education — and I would agree."

#### RON MAGILL

Miami Palmetto Senior High, 1977; Zoo Miami communications director.

Magill says he wasn't voted "most likely to succeed" at Cutler Ridge Middle and Palmetto High in the 1970s.

On the contrary, because he was younger than his classmates (he'd skipped the fourth grade) and considerably taller, he was called Lurch or Magilla Gorilla.

"I had a tough time growing up," he says. "I thought I'd never be able to do anything."

But then Palmetto's bas-

ketball coach asked him to try out for the team.

"I shuddered. I tripped and fell and didn't even make it to the basket at tryouts."

But the 6-foot-6-inch Magill made the team, and by his senior year was starting center on one of the top basketball teams in the district.

"That was a pivotal point in my entire life in getting confidence and doing something."

The next game-changer was Magill's biology teacher, the late Bill McCreary.

"I never made an A in this guy's class but he's the guy who, every day, he would tell me I was brilliant," said Magill, 52. "I wasn't brilliant but he made me believe I was. When you got a kid called Lurch and Frankenstein, to have a teacher tell you you're brilliant, it just changed my life."

#### BRAD MELTZER

North Miami Beach Senior High, 1988; author, screenwriter.

Meltzer wrote the best-selling political thriller *The Inner Circle*, the nonfiction hits *Heroes for My Son* and *Heroes for My Daughter*, and

co-created the WB television series *Jack & Bobby*. Quite likely, none of these stories would have been told without his teachers.

"I went to Highland Oaks and North Miami Beach, and it changed my life," Meltzer says.

English teacher Sheila Spicer wanted to place Meltzer in an honors English class but couldn't make it fit into his schedule, so she fashioned a personalized program for him.

"She was the first person who ever told me I could write, the first person other than my parents that told me you're good at something," he says.

A decade later, when Meltzer's first book was published, he knocked on her classroom door. She didn't recognize him at first — he had hair when he was in school — but when she found out how much she had inspired him, she cried.

"These people, I owe them every day," says Meltzer, 42, who names characters in his books after his favorite teachers. "Always the good guys."

#### THOMAS 'KEN' MATTINGLY

Miami Edison Senior High, 1954; Apollo 16 astronaut.

Flying to the moon on the

1972 Apollo mission was an honor for Mattingly, the command module pilot for Apollo 16.

"It was a fun, exciting thing that had some danger but, my goodness, what an exceptional opportunity."

Mattingly, 76, looks back fondly on his Edison years, remembering a chemistry teacher who stressed discipline.

"The other person who had a big impact — probably not intentional — in the way my career unfolded was Bob Lawrence, the orchestra director. He was a character."

Lawrence was an ROTC advisor and was supposed to line up graduating seniors for the exam. He had forgotten and urged his music students to sign up at the last minute so the school would have enough applicants.

"He was the catalyst who got me a Navy ROTC scholarship. Without that, my world would have been, who knows?"

#### WINSTON SCOTT

Coral Gables Senior High, 1968; Space Shuttle Endeavour astronaut.

Winston Scott performed five space walks in his two flights aboard Space Shuttle Endeavour in 1996 and 1997. Walking the halls of Coral Gables High decades earlier as a member of the first integrated class helped him find his way.

"I went to Gables with the first large number of African Americans," says Scott, 62. "This was a large cultural shift for us. Gables was a huge school, historically white. This broadened our opportunities because we were exposed to such a nice facility, nice books, equipment."

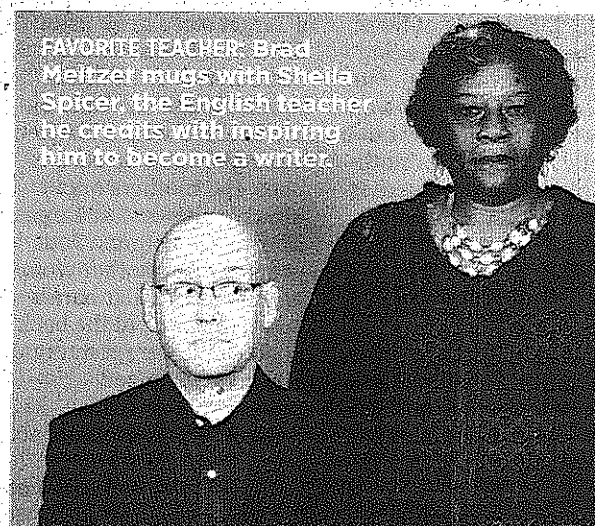
Scott played in the school band, graduated from Florida State University and completed naval aviation training, which led to NASA.

"I can trace that back to Gables. I would not have had the perspective and education which led to my career."

The Hall of Fame induction, he says, is particularly poignant.

"I'm always invited to go to places all over the world, but it's nice to be invited back home and recognized by the hometown crowd."

Follow @HowardCohen on Twitter.



FAVORITE TEACHER: Brad Meltzer mugs with Sheila Spicer, the English teacher he credits with inspiring him to become a writer.

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The 66th Miami International Orchid Show

Autumn Festival of Orchids

Hall of Fame



# Miami-Dade County Public Schools Alumni Hall of Fame

To celebrate our rich, 128-year history of excellence, Miami-Dade County Public Schools is seeking nominations for the next inductees into its Alumni Hall of Fame, established in 2011.

Each Miami-Dade public school is invited to nominate up to three alumni for induction into the Hall of Fame.

## Eligibility

- A nominee must have attended a Miami-Dade County public school at some point during his or her K-12 and/or adult/vocational education. Graduation is not required for consideration.
- A nominee must have received recognized success in his or her field(s) and/or in service to society.
  - A nominee must be a positive role model for Miami-Dade County Public Schools students.

To submit a nomination, please complete this two-page, fillable PDF application and return it by May 16, 2013, to [alumni@dadeschools.net](mailto:alumni@dadeschools.net).

Please use a separate application for each nomination.

*Contact Jeff Ronci at 305-995-2651  
or [alumni@dadeschools.net](mailto:alumni@dadeschools.net) for more information.*

School submitting nomination: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominating school's principal: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

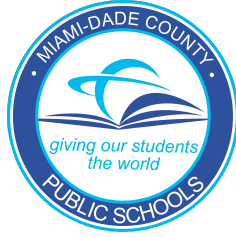
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# Nomination Form

1. Nominee's Name \_\_\_\_\_
2. Nominee's name while attending school (if different from above) \_\_\_\_\_
3. Category in which nominee should be recognized (please mark one):  
 Business     Public Service     Arts & Entertainment     Science, Technology, Engineering, Math     Sports     Other
4. Nominee's profession(s) and/or area(s) of distinction (e.g. Astronaut; founder of X company; first woman to cross the Pacific in a glider)
5. Distinctions attained while attending Miami-Dade County Public Schools (e.g. Pres. of sr. class; head cheerleader; National Merit Scholar)
6. Please describe how/why the nominee may be considered to have reached the pinnacle of success in his or her particular field(s).
7. Please explain how the nominee has made a significant, lasting, and positive impact on society.
8. Please explain how/why the nominee is a positive role model for current and future students of Miami-Dade County Public Schools.
9. Miami-Dade County public schools attended and corresponding years:  
Elementary School Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Year(s) attended: \_\_\_\_\_  
Jr. High or Middle School Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Year(s) attended: \_\_\_\_\_  
Sr. High School Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Years attended: \_\_\_\_\_  
Did alumnus graduate from this high school?  Yes (Class of \_\_\_\_\_) or  No  
Other(s): \_\_\_\_\_





**Distinguished Alumni:  
Miami-Dade County Public Schools**

*Following is a partial list of distinguished people who have attended Miami-Dade County Public Schools:*

**Vicki Haberkorn Abeles**

Documentary filmmaker (“Race to Nowhere”)  
Miami Killian Senior High School (Class of 1979)

**Agustin Acosta**

Radio talk show host/producer, WQBA-FM (Miami)  
Miami Lakes Educational Center

**Rodney Adkins**

Senior vice president for IBM’s Systems and Technology Group  
Miami Jackson Senior High School (Class of 1976)

**Raquel Aedo**

Dancer with Mikhail Baryshnikov’s White Oak Dance Project  
New World School of the Arts

**Jade Alexander**

Entertainment Reporter, Channel 4 (Miami)

**Enrique Alvarez**

President of Avborne Heavy Maintenance  
George T. Baker Aviation School (graduated June 1965)

**Antonio Amadeo**

Actor, Theater producer  
Miami Killian Senior High School (Class of ca. 2000)

**Gilbert Amelio**

Former Apple Computer Chairman & CEO  
Miami Senior High School (Class of 1961)

**Jay Amor**

Stunt actor, Stunt coordinator (“True Lies,” “Miami Vice,” “Django Unchained”)

Miami Central Senior High School  
Madison Junior High School  
Broadmoor Elementary School

**Daniel Andai**

Concertmaster, Philharmonic Orchestra of the Americas  
Concertmaster, Miami Symphony Orchestra  
Violin Professor, New World School of the Arts  
New World School of the Arts (Class of 2001)

**Elliott Arkin**

Painter (works displayed in the Louvre and Whitney museums)  
South Miami Senior High School (Class of 1978)

**Bruce Armstrong**

Six-time Pro-Bowl NFL Player (New England Patriots)  
Miami Central Sr. High

**Desi Arnaz**

Pioneering TV producer, actor  
Miami Senior High School

**Frank Artiles**

Member, Florida House of Representatives  
Hialeah-Miami Lakes Sr. High School (Class of 1991)  
Miami Lakes Jr. High School

**Robert Bailey**

NFL football player  
Member of two Super Bowl teams (Dallas Cowboys, Baltimore Ravens)  
Miami Southridge Senior High School (Class of 1987)

**Alfredo J. “Freddy” Balsera**

Founder and Managing Partner of Balsera Communication  
Political and Policy Consultant (Obama for President, 2008 & 2012)  
South Miami Senior High School (Class of 1994)

**Raymond Douglas Bare**

Major League Baseball player (St. Louis Cardinals, Detroit Tigers)  
Southwest Miami High School (Class of 1967)

**Dr. Jamie Barkin**

Major General, Southern Medical Unit, U.S. Army  
Chief of Gastroenterology, Mount Sinai Medical Center (Miami Beach)  
Professor, University of Miami School of Medicine  
Miami Beach High School (Class of 1961)



**Denise Barrett-Johnson**

Educator, Florida Assistant Principal of the Year (2013)  
Miami Norland Senior High School (Class of 1989)

**Henry Barrow**

Sports Broadcaster  
Coral Gables Senior High School (1954)

**Micheal Barrow**

National Football League Player (Houston Oilers, Carolina Panthers, New York Giants, Washington Redskins, Dallas Cowboys)  
Homestead Senior High School (Class of 1988)

**Hernan Bas**

Visual Artist (work displayed in London's Saatchi Gallery, Brooklyn Museum, Whitney Biennial, Museum of Modern Art/New York)  
New World School of the Arts (Class of 1996)

**Robert Battle**

Artistic Director, Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater  
New World School of the Arts (Class of ca. 1990)  
Miami Northwestern Senior High School

**Steven Bauer** (aka Rocky Echevarria)

TV/film actor ("Traffic," "Scarface," "Que Pasa USA")  
Coral Park Senior High School (Class of 1974)

**Natalia Benedetti**

Professional exhibiting artist  
New World School of the Arts

**Gio Benitez**

ABC News correspondent  
Miami Coral Park Senior High School (Class of 2004)

**Michelle Bernstein**

Chef, restaurateur  
North Miami Senior High School

**Skip Bertman**

Four-time National Baseball Coach of the Year  
Miami Beach High School (Class of 1956)

**Kurt Bevacqua**

Major League Baseball Player (San Diego Padres, 1984 World Series)

North Miami Senior High School (Class of 1965)

**Jeff Bezos\***

Founder/President/CEO/Chairman, Amazon.com  
Miami Palmetto Senior High School (Class of 1982)

**Atari Bigby**

NFL football player, Green Bay Packers, Miami Dolphins, New York Jets  
Miami Senior High School

**Michael Bileca**

Member, Florida House of Representatives  
Miami Sunset Sr. High School (Class of 1988)

**Seneca Black**

Lead trumpet player for Wynton Marsalis  
New World School of the Arts (Class of 1996)

**Daniel Frederick Blonsky**

\$1 million winner on “Who Wants to Be a Millionaire?”  
Miami Palmetto Senior High School (Class of 1983)

**Judy Blume**

Popular author of books for children and young adults  
Fienberg-Fisher Elementary School (1946 to 1948)

**John Bobbitt**

Television Broadcaster (ABC), Actor, Fundraiser  
North Miami Senior High School (Class of 1952)

**Nisha Hitchman Botchway**

Board Member, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention  
Associate Professor, City and Regional Planning, Georgia Institute of Technology  
Miami Norland Senior High School (Class of ca. 1993)

**Esteban L. Bovo, Jr.**

Member, Florida House of Representatives  
Miami Sunset Sr. High School

**Oscar Braynon II**

Member, Florida House of Representatives  
North Miami Beach Sr. High School (Class of 1995)

**Ted Bridis**

Decorated U.S. veteran, Paralympics champion, U.S. Coast Guard engineer  
Miami Senior High School (Class of 1963)



**Gail Bright**

Investigative reporter, WPLG-Channel 10 (Miami)  
Miami Lakes Educational Center

**Maria Brito**

Painter, Sculptor, Installation Artist  
Exemplar of renowned “Miami Generation” movement  
Coral Gables Senior High School

**Les Brown**

Motivational speaker, author, TV talk show host  
Booker T. Washington Senior High School

**Carol Browner**

White House Climate Change Advisor (2008-2011)  
Environmental Protection Agency Administrator (1993-2001)  
One of four M-DCPS alumni in President Bill Clinton’s cabinet  
Southwest Miami Senior High School (Class of 1973)

**Dwight M. Bullard**

Member, Florida House of Representatives  
Miami Killian Sr. High School (Class of 1995)

**Marc Buoniconti**

Advocate for the disabled  
President, The Miami Project to Cure Paralysis  
President, The Buoniconti Fund to Cure Paralysis  
Miami Palmetto Sr. High School

**Andrea Burns**

Stage Actor (national touring company of “The Full Monty”)  
New World School of the Arts (Class of 1989)

**Devin Bush**

Football Player (1993 National Champion FSU Seminoles, Atlanta Falcons, St. Louis Rams, Cleveland Browns)  
Hialeah-Miami Lakes Senior High (Class of 1991)

**Marty Bystrom**

Major League Baseball player  
Miami Killian Sr. High School (Class of 1976)

**Ed Calle**

Jazz saxophonist, recording artist  
Southwest Miami Senior High (Class of 1977)  
Miami Coral Park Senior High (Class of 1977)

**John Cabrera**

Actor, TV's "Gilmore Girls"  
Miami Killian Senior High (Class of ca. 1994)

**Tom Cabrerizo**

Founder, Trends Clothing  
Hialeah-Miami Lakes Senior High School (Class of 1980)

**Jencarlos Canela**

Actor, singer  
New World School of the Arts (Class of 2006)

**Jose Canseco**

Major League Baseball player  
Miami Coral Park Senior High School

**Stephanie Caputo**

Lead flute player for Andrea Bocelli  
New World School of the Arts

**Vernon Carey**

NFL football player (Miami Dolphins)  
Miami Northwestern Senior High (Class of 1999)

**Art Carlson**

Journalist/TV news anchor  
Coral Gables Senior High School (Class of 1967)

**Steve Carlton**

Major League Baseball Hall of Famer  
North Miami Senior High School (Class of 1962)

**Bruce W. Carter**

Private 1<sup>st</sup> Class Marine, posthumously awarded Medal of Honor for heroism in Vietnam War  
Hialeah Senior High School (Class of 1968)  
also attended Miami Springs Senior High, Filer Junior High, Miami Springs Junior High, and Miami Springs Junior High

**Harry Wayne Casey**

"K.C." of K.C. and the Sunshine Band  
Hialeah Senior High School (Class of ca. 1969)

**Carlos Castellanos**

Illustrator , Nationally-syndicated Comic Strip Artist (“Baldo”)  
North Miami Senior High School

**Bernard Chang**

Comic book/Graphic-novel illustrator (Marvel and DC comics)  
Animator for Disney Studios  
New World School of the Arts (Class of 1990)

**Desmond Child**

Musician/Writer  
Miami Beach Senior High School (Class of 1974)

**Rhea Chiles**

former First Lady of Florida (widow of Gov. Lawton Chiles)  
Coral Gables Elementary

**Wendy Chung, M.D., Ph.D.\***

Molecular Geneticist, Columbia University Medical Center  
Assistant Professor, Pediatrics, Columbia University Medical Center  
Westinghouse Science Prize winner  
Miami Killian Senior High School (Class of 1986)  
Glades Middle School  
Kenwood Elementary School

**Neal Colzie**

NFL Football Player  
Coral Gables Senior High School (Class of 1970)

**Bill Conti**

Oscar-winning composer (“The Right Stuff,” Theme from “Rocky”)  
North Miami Senior High School (Class of 1961)

**Erik Compton**

PGA Golfer, Organ Transplant Role Model & Advocate  
Two-time heart-transplant recipient  
Only pro golfer to compete with a transplanted heart  
Miami Palmetto Senior High School (Class of ca. 1998)

**Frances Cook**

Former U.S. Ambassador to Oman  
South Dade High School (Class of 1963)

**Mark Cooper**

NFL football player (Denver Broncos)



Miami Killian Senior High School (Class of 1978)

**Billy Corben**

Film Director

New World School of the Arts (Class of 1996)

**Joey Cornblit**

World jai-alai champion

Miami Carol City Sr. High School (Class of ca. 1974)

**Lee Corso**

Championship college football coach

College football analyst, broadcaster (ESPN)

Miami Jackson Senior High School

**Jennifer Lynn Crittenden**

TV producer and writer (“Everybody Loves Raymond,” “Seinfeld,” “The Simpsons”)

Miami Palmetto Senior High School (Class of 1984)

**Whitney Crockett**

Principal Bassoonist, Los Angeles Philharmonic

Formerly with Metropolitan Opera, Montreal Symphony Orchestra

Miami Senior High School (Class of ca. 1981)

**Nilo Cruz**

Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright (“Anna in the Tropics”)

Miami Senior High School (Class of ca. 1978)

Shenandoah Jr. High School

**Ivonne Cuesta**

Miami-Dade County Court Judge

First Mariel refugee to sit on bench

Miami Senior High School

**Ann Curless**

Pop singer/recording artist (member of top-selling 1980s trio Exposé)

Miami Beach Senior High School (Class of 1982)

**Susanna Daniel**

Author, “Stiltsville”

Coral Gables Sr. High (Class of 1993)

Ponce de Leon Middle School

Carver Elementary

Sunset Elementary

**Dorothy Marie Dartland**

TV producer (“Dharma and Greg,” “Caroline in the City”)  
Miami Palmetto Senior High School (Class of 1982)

**John Dasburg**

Chairman/CEO, ASTAR Air Cargo  
former Chairman/CEO, DHL Airways  
former President/CEO, Burger King Corp.  
former Chairman/CEO, Northwest Airlines  
Miami Senior High School (Class of ca. 1961)

**Julie Sandra Davis**

Movie director, writer, producer, actor (“I Love You, Don’t Touch Me”)  
Miami Palmetto Senior High School (Class of 1984)

**Andre Dawson\***

Major League Baseball Hall of Famer  
Southwest Miami Senior High School (Class of 1972)  
South Miami Junior High School  
J.R.E. Lee Elementary School

**Helen Conger Dayton**

Pioneering Medical Doctor  
Founding board member, North Shore Hospital  
Andrew Jackson High School (Class of 1939)  
Comstock Elementary School

**Juan Del Busto\***

Regional executive of the Miami Branch of the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta  
Miami Coral Park Senior High School (Class of 1972)  
West Miami Junior High School  
Coral Terrace Elementary School  
Miramar Elementary School

**Joe del Toro**

Chief Financial Officer, Topps Corporation  
Former General Manager, Time, Inc.  
Former Finance Director, Time Warner  
Miami Sunset Senior High School (Class of 1989)

**Jonathan Demme**

Oscar-winning Film Director (“The Silence of the Lambs”)  
Southwest Miami Senior High School (Class of 1962)

**Bucky Dent**

Major League Baseball player  
Shortstop for World Series champion New York Yankees (1977, 1978)

World Series MVP (1978)  
Hialeah Senior High School (Class of ca. 1970)

**Teri Desario**

Pop singer (“Yes, I’m Ready,” “Ain’t Nothing Gonna Keep Me from You”)  
Hialeah Senior High School (Class of 1970)

**Manny Diaz, Jr.**

Florida State Representative  
Miami Springs Senior High School (Class of 1990)

**Tramar Dillard (Flo-Rida)**

Rapper and Recording artist  
Miami Carol City Senior High School

**Vincent D’Onofrio**

Actor (“Law & Order: Criminal Intent,” “Full Metal Jacket,” “Men in Black”)  
Hialeah-Miami Lakes Senior High School (Class of 1977)

**Jim Dooley**

NFL player; former Chicago Bears Head Coach  
Miami Senior High School

**Albert E. Dotson, Jr.**

Chairman, 100 Black Men of America  
Miami Palmetto Senior High School (Class of ca. 1978)

**Sean Patrick Doyle**

Actor (2010 Broadway revival of “La Cage Aux Folles”), playwright  
New World School of the Arts (Class of 2001)

**Judy Drucker**

Founder and president of the Concert Association of South Florida  
Miami Beach High School (Class of 1945)

**Tananarive Due**

Popular novelist  
Miami Southridge Senior High School (Class of 1983)  
Cutler Ridge Junior High School

**Gail Edwards**

Actor (“Full House,” “Blossom”)  
Coral Gables Senior High School (Class of 1970)

**Pauline Bauman Eisenstadt**

State Senator of New Mexico



Miami Beach High School (Class of 1956)

**Emilio Estefan**

Music Producer, Musician (Miami Sound Machine)  
Miami Senior High Adult School

**Lily Estefan**

TV Talk Show Host, Univision  
Miami Coral Park Senior High School

**Alina Falcon**

Executive Vice President, News and Alternative Programming, Telmundo Media  
former President of News, Univision Communications  
Miami Killian Senior High School (Class of 1979)

**Joseph P. Farina**

Chief Judge (Retired) Eleventh Judicial Circuit of Florida  
(longest-serving judge in the court's history)  
Miami Senior High School (Class of 1963)

**Dante Fascell**

former U.S. Representative from Florida  
Ponce de Leon Senior High School  
Coral Gables Elementary School

**Marie Ferdinand**

WNBA Pro Basketball Player  
Miami Edison Senior High School (1997)

**Wilkie Ferguson**

Pioneering African-American Judge  
Northwestern Senior High School (Class of 1956)

**Ivan Fernandez**

Miami-Dade County Circuit Judge  
Miami Sr. High School (Class of 1970)  
Citrus Grove Jr. High School  
Citrus Grove Elementary School

**Maria Jose de Pablo Fernandez (AKA "Cote de Pablo")**

ALMA Award-winning Stage & Television Actress (CBS's "NCIS")  
New World School of the Arts (Class of ca. 1998)  
Arvida Middle School

**Teresita Fernandez**

Sculptor, MacArthur Foundation "Genius" Fellowship recipient (2005)

Southwest Miami Senior High School (Class of 1986)

**Wifredo Ferrer**

U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of Florida  
Hialeah-Miami Lakes Sr. High (Class of ca. 1985 - valedictorian)

**Timothy Ferris**

Award-winning Science Writer (“Coming of Age in the Milky Way”)  
 (“Coming of Age in the Milky Way” has been translated into fifteen languages and was named by *The New York Times* as one of the most important books of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century.)  
Coral Gables Senior High School (Class of 1962)

**Dorothy Jenkins Fields\***

Historian, Preservationist, Librarian, Teacher  
Founder, The Black Archives history & Research Foundation of South Florida  
Librarian/Teacher, Miami-Dade County Public Schools (1964-2004)  
Booker T. Washington Junior and Senior High School (Class of 1960)  
Phillis Wheatley Elementary School

**Eugene J. Fierro**

Circuit Court judge  
Miami Beach High School (Class of 1959)

**Katie Finneran**

Two-time Tony-winning actor (Broadway’s “Noises Off” & “Promises! Promises!”)  
New World School of the Arts (Class of 1989)

**Roy Firestone**

Sportscaster, ESPN  
Miami Beach Senior High School (Class of 1971)  
Treasure Island Elementary School

**Naomi Fisher**

Renowned artist and photographer, represented by Frederic Snitzer Gallery  
New World School of the Arts (Class of 1994)  
Perrine Elementary School

**Carlos Alberto Fleitas**

Architect, Spillis Candela DMJM in Miami  
New World School of the Arts (Class of 1987)

**Robert L. Floyd**

Mayor, City of Miami (elected 1947 at 26, the city’s youngest mayor to date)  
Florida State Representative (1951-54)  
Circuit Judge (elected 1954 & 1960)  
Miami Senior High School (Class of ca. 1939)

**Thomas Michael Foley**

Major League Baseball 2nd baseman (Montreal Expos)  
Miami Palmetto Senior High School (Class of 1977)

**Sylvia Fowles**

WNBA Pro Basketball Player  
Olympic Gold Medalist (Beijing)  
Miami Edison Senior High School (Class of 2004)

**Fred Francis**

NBC News Foreign Correspondent  
North Miami Senior High School (Class of 1961)

**Michael Friedman**

Educator, Elected Official  
Teacher, Miami-Dade County Public Schools (1971-2012)  
Vice-Mayor, City of Miami Beach (1977-80)  
Florida State Representative (1980-92)  
Miami Beach Senior High School (Class of 1967)

**Timothy E. Gaither**

General Manager, Aviation Propeller, Inc.  
George T. Baker Aviation School (graduated June 1977)

**Terri Leslie Garber**

TV Actor (“Dynasty,” “North & South,” “As the World Turns”)  
Miami Palmetto Senior High School (Class of 1978)

**Andy Garcia\***

Oscar-nominated actor (“The Godfather: Part III”)  
Miami Beach Senior High School (Class of 1974)  
Nautilus Junior High School  
Biscayne Elementary School

**Luis R. Garcia, Jr.**

Member, Florida House of Representatives  
Miami Beach Sr. High School

**Rene Garcia**

Member, Florida Senate  
Hialeah Senior High School (Class of ca. 1992)  
Hialeah Middle School

**Henry Lawrence Garrett III**

former U.S. Navy Secretary (under President George H. W. Bush)



Miami Edison Senior High School

**Cheryl Rowely-Gaskings**

Dancer with the Alvin Ailey Dance Company  
New World School of the Arts (Class of 1992)

**Dan Gelber**

former Florida State Senator, Democratic Nominee for Florida Attorney General (2010)  
Miami Beach Sr. High School (Class of ca. 1978)

**Jamil Ghani**

Vice President, Enterprise Strategy, for Target Corporation  
Miami Sunset Senior High School (Class of 1995)  
Howard D. McMillan Middle School  
Winston Park Elementary School

**Oliver G. Gilbert III**

Mayor, City of Miami Gardens  
Miami Norland Senior High School

**Mitch Glazer**

Movie/TV producer, writer, actor (“Saturday Night Live,” “Lost In Translation,” “Great Expectations,” “Scrooged”)  
Miami Beach Senior High School (Class of 1970)

**Paul Gleason**

TV and film actor (“The Breakfast Club,” “All My Children”)  
North Miami Senior High School (Class of 1958)

**John D. Glover**

Pioneering African-American FBI agent  
Vice President, Bristol Myers Squibb Co.  
Booker T. Washington Sr. High School (Class of 1957)  
Booker T. Washington Jr. High School  
Douglas Elementary School

**John Goble**

NBA referee, former NBA player  
Miami Senior High School

**Alan S. Gold**

US. District Court Judge in Miami  
Miami Beach Senior High School (Class of 1962)

**Terry Goldman**

Teacher, Baseball Coach

High school coach to American League MVP and Cy Young Award winner Justin Verlander  
Miami Senior High School (Class of ca. 1964)

**Mark Goldweber**

former ballet master and principal dancer with the Joffrey Ballet  
Coral Gables Senior High (Class of 1976)  
Ponce de Leon Junior High  
Coral Park Elementary

**Alex Gonzalez**

Major League Baseball Player (1994-2006)  
Miami Killian Senior High School (Class of 1991)

**Aminda Marques Gonzalez**

Executive Editor, The Miami Herald (second woman, first Hispanic)  
Hialeah Senior High School (Class of ca. 1982)

**Danny Gonzalez**

Owner, Ampersand Design Group in Miami  
New World School of the Arts (Class of 1989)

**Eduardo “Eddy” Gonzalez**

Member, Florida House of Representatives  
Hialeah Sr. High School (Class of ca. 1988)

**Fredi Gonzalez**

Manager, Florida Marlins  
Miami Southridge Senior High School (Class of 1982)

**Lynda Goodfriend**

Film, TV Actor (“Happy Days”)  
North Miami Senior High School (Class of 1968)

**Michael Gordon**

Classical music composer  
Miami Beach Senior High School (ca. 1979)  
Nautilus Junior High School  
Treasure Island Elementary School  
North Beach Elementary School

**Frank Gore**

Pro Football Player (San Francisco 49ers)  
Coral Gables Senior High (Class of 2001)

**Dominic Lee Gorie\***

Astronaut (Space Shuttles Discovery, Endeavour)  
Miami Palmetto Senior High School (Class of 1975)  
Palmetto Junior High School

**Bob Graham\***

U.S. Senator from Florida  
Florida Governor  
Miami Senior High School (Class of 1955)  
Hialeah Grammar School

**Adele Khoury Graham**

former First Lady of Florida  
Wife of Former Fla. Governor and U.S. Senator Bob Graham  
Edison Senior High School (Class of 1956)

**Gil Green**

Acclaimed hip-hop music video director  
West Laboratory Elementary School  
South Miami Middle School  
Coral Gables Senior High School (Class of 1993)

**Steven J. Green**

U.S. Ambassador to Singapore  
Miami Beach Senior High School (Class of 1963)

**Adler Guerrier**

Visual artist exhibited at the Whitney Biennial 2008  
Design and Architecture Senior High (DASH), Class of ca. 1996

**Sydney Guillaume**

Choral music composer  
Coral Reef Senior High School (Class of 2000)

**Darrell Gwynn**

World champion racecar driver  
North Miami Senior High School (Class of 1979)

**Afua Shantala Hall**

Dancer  
New World School of the Arts (Class of 1999)

**Judi Harvest**

Visual artist, with New York & Venice gallery/museum installations  
Miami Coral Park Senior High (Class of ca. 1970)

**Udonis Haslem**

NBA forward (Miami Heat)  
Miami Senior High School (Class of ca. 1998)

**Ebony Haswell**

Dancer with the Dance Theater of Harlem  
New World School of the Arts (Class of 2000)

**Comas Haynes**

Senior Research Engineer, Innovative Fuel Cell and Battery Technologies  
Georgia Tech Research Institute  
Miami Norland Senior High School

**Ted Hendricks**

NFL Hall of Fame member (Oakland Raiders)  
Hialeah Senior High School (Class of 1965)

**William Henry Herbstman**

12-time Emmy-winning TV sports producer  
Miami Palmetto Senior High School (Class of 1979)

**Rosie Herrera**

Choreographer, Rosie Herrera Dance Theatre  
New World School of the Arts (Class of 2006)

**Sylvia Louise Hitchcock**

Miss USA/Miss Universe 1967  
Miami Palmetto Senior High School (Class of 1964)

**Jennifer Hoffmann**

Fiscal adviser to the North Carolina Legislature  
Redland Middle School (Class of 1981)

**Scholanda Hoston**

WNBA Pro Basketball Player  
Miami Edison Senior High School (Class of 2001)

**Hsin-ya Hou**

Dancer with HT Chen and Dancers in New York  
New World School of the Arts

**Charlie Hough**

Major League Baseball player  
Hialeah Senior High School

**Kim Hunter**

Oscar-winning Actor (Stella in "A Streetcar Named Desire")



Miami Beach Senior High School (Class of 1940)

**Tera W. Hunter**

Professor, History and African-American Studies, Princeton University  
Miami Edison Sr. High (Class of 1978)

**Raúl Javier Ibáñez**

All-Star Major League Baseball outfielder  
All-Star (2009)  
Sunset Sr. High (Class of ca. 1990)

**Lindy Infante**

former Head Coach, NFL's Green Bay Packers  
Miami Senior High School

**Richard L. Ingraham**

Private chef  
Miami Norland Senior High School (Class of 1998)

**Barrington Irving\***

First Black and youngest pilot to fly solo around the world  
Miami Northwestern Senior High School (Class of 2002)  
Norland Middle School  
Parkview Elementary School

**Bershawn Jackson**

Olympic Bronze Medalist (400 m hurdles, 2008 Summer Games, Beijing)  
Miami Central Sr. High (Class of 2001)

**Charles Jackson**

Professional Football Player, Community Activist  
North Miami Senior High School (Class of 1982)

**Ricky Jean-Francois**

NFL football player, San Francisco 49ers  
Miami Carol City Senior High School

**Andre Johnson**

Pro Football Player (Houston Texans)  
Miami Senior High, Class of 1999

**Chad Javon Johnson (AKA Chad Ochocinco)**

All-star NFL football player (Cincinnati Bengals, New England Patriots, Miami Dolphins)  
Miami Beach Senior High School (Class of 1996)

**John Johnson**

Pioneering African-American Judge  
Booker T. Washington Senior High (Class of 1931)

**Donald Justice**

Pulitzer Prize-winning poet  
Miami Senior High School (Class of ca. 1944)

**Mitchell Kaplan**

Owner, Books & Books; founder, Miami Book Fair International; National Book Award winner  
Former M-DCPS teacher (Southridge Sr. High)  
Miami Beach Senior High School (Class of 1972)

**Susan Kaplan**

Oscar-nominated documentary filmmaker (“Small Wonders”)  
Miami Beach Senior High School (Class of 1981)

**Maxine Kasselmann-Clark**

Founder & CEO, Build-A-Bear Workshop  
Coral Gables Senior High School (Class of 1967)

**Barbara Keegan**

Emmy award-winning actor  
(only performer to win special EMMY award for work in television commercials)  
Miami Beach Senior High School (Class of 1969)

**Cal Stewart Kellogg**

Internationally acclaimed conductor, composer  
Miami Palmetto Senior High School (Class of 1965)

**Tracy Kerdyk**

LPGA Golfer  
Coral Gables Senior High School (Class of 1984)

**Cristie Kerr**

LPGA Champion Golfer  
Miami Sunset Senior High School (Class of ca. 1986)

**Lloyd Knight**

Dancer (Martha Graham Dance Company soloist)  
William H. Turner Technical Arts High School (Class of 2000)

**Gerald Kogan**

former Chief Justice of the Florida Supreme Court, 1996-98

Miami Beach Senior High School (Class of 1950)

**David Kotkin**

Inventor (“Avenger” digital gaming device), Teacher (Braddock Sr. High)  
Miami Killian Senior High School (Class of 1985)

**Gina Kreiezmar**

Actor, Singer (“Forbidden Broadway”)  
North Miami Beach Senior High School (Class of 1982)

**Alex Lacamoire**

Tony- and Grammy-winning Orchestrator, “In the Heights”  
Southwood Middle School, ca. 1990  
New World School of the Arts (Class of 1992)

**Veronica Lake** (*née* Connie Keane)

Iconic 1940s movie actor (“Sullivan's Travels”) and model  
Miami Senior High School (Class of ca. 1930)

**David Landsberg**

Publisher, The Miami Herald  
Coral Gables Senior High School (Class of 1980)

**Mindy Lang**

Assistant Producer / Music Director/D.J., WMXJ-FM (Majic 102.7 Miami)  
Miami Lakes Educational Center

**Calvin Lee**

Professional opera singer  
New World School of the Arts

**Charles Lee**

National Football League Player (Green Bay Packers)  
Homestead Senior High (Class of 1996)

**Dexter Lehtinen**

Former U.S. Attorney/Southern District of Florida  
Former Florida State Representative and Senator  
Miami Palmetto Senior High School (Class of 1964)

**William B. Lenoir\***

U.S. Astronaut  
Coral Gables Senior High School (Class of 1957)  
Ponce de Leon Junior High School  
Coral Gables Elementary School

**William Levy** (aka William Gutierrez and William Levy Gutierrez)  
Actor, various telenovelas  
Barbara Goleman Senior High Schools (Class of ca. 1998)

**Lucas Leyva**  
Filmmaker, Playwright  
Founder, Borscht Film Festival  
New World School of the Arts (Class of 2005)

**Doug Lindsay**  
TV/ radio producer and national voice talent  
Miami Lakes Educational Center

**David C. Litt**  
U.S. Ambassador to the United Arab Emirates, 1995  
Miami Beach Senior High School (Class of 1967)

**Larry Little**  
NFL Player (Miami Dolphins, San Diego Chargers)  
Pro Football Hall of Famer (1993)  
Booker T. Washington Senior High School (Class of ca. 1964)

**Rodolfo Llanes**  
Assistant Chief of Police, Miami Police Department  
Miami Senior High School

**Ana Rivas Logan**  
Member, Florida House of Representatives  
Miami Coral Park Sr. High (Class of 1978)

**Lourdes Lopez**  
Artistic Director, Miami City Ballet (Starting May 1, 2013)  
Shenandoah Jr. High School (ca. 1972)  
Coral Way Elementary School

**Gloria Loring (née Goff)**  
Singer (#1 hit “Friends and Lovers”) and Actor (“Days of Our Lives”)  
Miami Beach Senior High School (Class of 1968)

**Mike Lowell**  
Third Baseman, Florida Marlins  
Coral Gables Senior High School (Class of 1992)

**Julie Ann Lowery**  
TV Actor (“As the World Turns”)  
Miami Palmetto Senior High School (Class of 1982)



**Amos J. Machanic, Jr.**

Dancer with the Alvin Ailey Dance Company  
New World School of the Arts (Class of 1992)

**Ivette Machin**

Producer and On-Air Talent, Telemundo 51's Aceso Total  
Coral Gables Senior High, Class of 1993

**Scott Maddox**

Mayor, City of Tallahassee  
Redland Middle School (Class of 1982)

**Ron Magill\***

World-renowned Wildlife Expert and Educator  
Communications Director, Zoo Miami  
Miami Palmetto Senior High School (Class of 1977)  
Cutler Ridge Junior High School

**Shareef "Mark" Malnik**

Owner, The Forge restaurant  
Miami Beach Sr. High, Class of ca. 1977

**Myriam Márquez**

Executive Editor, El Nuevo Herald  
Miami Senior High School, Class of ca. 1973

**Eli Marrero**

Catcher, St. Louis Cardinals  
Coral Gables Senior High School (Class of 1993)

**Marvis Martin**

Opera Singer  
Miami Jackson Senior High School

**Juan "Johnny" Martinez**

City Manager, City of Miami  
Miami Senior High School (Class of 1970)

**Thomas K. "Ken" Mattingly\***

U.S. Astronaut (Apollo 16, Space Shuttles Columbia, Discovery)  
Edison Senior High School (Class of 1954)  
Hialeah Junior High School  
Miami Springs Elementary School

**Robert McCabe**

former President, Miami-Dade Community College  
Coral Gables Senior High School

**Tarell Alvin McCraney**

Acclaimed playwright (“The Brother/Sister Plays”, “Wig Out”)  
New World School of the Arts (Class of ca. 1998)

**Willis McGahee**

Pro Football Player (Denver Broncos)  
Miami Central Senior High School (Class of 2000)

**Dennis McKinnon**

Pro Football Player (1985 Super Bowl Champion Chicago Bears, Dallas Cowboys)  
South Miami Senior High (Class of 1979)

**Mark Medoff**

Tony Award-winning playwright, “Children of a Lesser God”  
Oscar-nominated screenwriter, “Children of a Lesser God”  
Miami Beach High School (Class of 1958)

**Kendrick Meek**

former member, United States Congress  
Miami Springs Senior High School (ca. Class of 1984)

**Brad Meltzer\***

Bestselling Author  
TV Producer/Host, “Brad Meltzer’s Decoded”  
North Miami Beach Senior High School (Class of 1988)  
Highland Oaks Junior High School

**Frank Mercado-Valdes**

President and CEO, The Heritage Networks (black TV syndicate); philanthropist  
(producer of The Steve Harvey Show, The Parkers)  
Coral Gables Senior High School (Class of 1980)

**Adrian Mesa**

Radio D.J., WRMQ-FM  
Miami Lakes Educational Center

**Willie Middlebrooks**

National Football League player (Denver Broncos)  
Homestead Senior High School (Class of 1997)

**Tracy Middendorf**

TV Actor (recurring roles in “Ally McBeal,” “The Practice,” “Beverly Hills 90210” )  
New World School of the Arts (Class of 1998)

**Cheryl Mizell**

Radio on-air personality, WEDR-FM (Miami)  
free-lance voice talent  
Miami Lakes Educational Center

**Orson Odell Mobley**

NFL football tight end (Denver Broncos)  
Miami Palmetto Senior High School (Class of 1981)

**Eugene Montsanto**

Founder, Lucky Jeans  
Miami Norland Senior High School

**Ed H. Moore**

President, Independent Colleges and Universities of Florida  
Carol City Junior High School  
Central Beach Elementary School  
Southside Elementary School  
North Carol City Elementary School  
North County Elementary School

**Nat Moore**

Pro Football Player (Miami Dolphins, 1974-86; Pro Bowl, 1977)  
Philanthropist (NFL's "Man of the Year," 1984; founded Nat Moore Foundation, 1998)  
Miami Edison Senior High School (Class of ca. 1968)

**Santana Moss**

NFL football player  
Miami Carol City Senior High School

**Sinorice Moss**

NFL football player  
Miami Carol City Senior High School

**Winston Moss**

All-pro NFL linebacker (Los Angeles Raiders)  
NFL coach (New Orleans Saints)  
Miami Southridge Senior High Schools (Class of 1983)

**Gardnar Mulloy**

Tennis great  
Miami Senior High School (Class of ca. 1931)

**Vivek Murthy**

U.S. Surgeon General (nominated by President Obama November 2013)

Hospitalist and Attending Physician, Instructor in Medicine, Brigham and Women's Hospital at Harvard Medical School  
Miami Palmetto Senior High School (Class of ca. 1995)

**Newman A. Nahas**

Rhodes Scholar  
Coral Gables Senior High School (Class of 1996)

**Howard Neu**

City of North Miami mayor and councilman, attorney, municipal judge  
North Miami Senior High School (Class of 1958)

**Paul Novack**

Mayor, Town of Surfside  
Miami Beach Senior High School

**Marjorie Olster**

Associated Press (AP) Mideast Editor  
Miami Killian Senior High School (Class of 1979)  
South Miami Junior High School

**Sandrine Orabona**

Cinematographer (Michael Jackson's "This Is It") and film editor  
Coral Gables Senior High School (ca. Class of 1993)

**Manuel Orosa**

Chief of Police, City of Miami Police Department  
Miami Senior High School

**Ralph Ortega**

NFL Football player  
Coral Gables Senior High School (Class of 1971)

**Pablo Ortiz**

Educator, Florida Principal of the Year (2013)  
Southwest Miami Senior High School (Class of 1986)

**Len Pace**

Radio producer and on-air talent, WLRN-FM (Miami)  
Miami Lakes Technical Center

**Aris Paganakis**

Collectible Furniture Designer  
President, Design-O-Matic  
North Miami Senior High School (Class of ca. 1981)

**Orlando Palmeiro**

Major League Baseball designated hitter (Anaheim Angels)  
Miami Southridge Senior High School (Class of 1987)

**Alfred Browning Parker**

Famed Modernist architect  
Miami Senior High School (Class of ca. 1934)  
Citrus Grove Elementary School

**Arva Moore Parks**

Miami Historian  
Edison Senior High School (Class of 1956)

**JoMarie Payton**

Actor, TV's "Family Matters"  
Miami Carol City Senior High School

**Robert Payton**

International restaurateur and hotelier  
Miami Beach Senior High School (Class of 1971)

**Wendy Pedersen**

Jazz Singer  
Southwest Miami Senior High School (Class of 1984)  
Miami Northwestern Senior High School (Class of 1984)

**Kimberly Peirce**

Award-winning film director ("Boys Don't Cry," "Carrie")  
South Miami Senior High School (Class of 1985)  
Miami Sunset Senior High School (Class of 1985)  
South Miami Junior High School  
Ludlam Elementary School  
Tropical Elementary School

**Armando Christian Pérez** (AKA "Pitbull")

Rapper, recording artist  
Miami Coral Park Senior High School (Class of 2000)  
West Miami Middle School  
Sylvania Heights Elementary School

**Brett Perriman**

NFL football Player (Detroit Lions)  
Miami Northwestern Senior High, Class of 1984

**Brian Peterson**

2009 Interior Motives Design Award-winning car designer



Interior Designer at Kia Motors America, formerly with Chrysler  
Design & Architecture Senior High (DASH), Class of 2005

**Kenny Philips**

NFL football player (NY Giants)  
Miami Carol City Senior High School

**Pedro Pizarro**

Presidential Scholar  
Miami Southridge Senior High School (Class of 1983)

**Carlos Ponce**

Singer, Songwriter, Actor  
South Miami Senior High School

**Susana Prieto**

Founder, Ballet Etudes  
Miami Springs Senior High School (Class of ca. 1971)

**Victoria Principal**

TV Actor (“Dallas”)  
South Dade Senior High School (Class of 1968)

**Marco Ramirez**

Award-winning playwright  
Coral Reef Senior High School  
DuPuis Elementary School

**Chelsea Rathburn**

Award-winning poet  
Miami Palmetto Senior High School (Class of 1993)  
Southwood Middle School

**Brett Ratner**

Movie producer and director (“Rush Hour”, “X-Men: The Last Stand”)  
Miami Beach Senior High School (Class of 1986)

**Billy Raven**

Radio D.J., WLVE (Miami)  
Miami Lakes Educational Center

**Steven S. Reinemund**

former Frito-Lay Chairman & CEO  
former Pepsico Chairman & CEO  
former Pizza Hut Chairman & CEO  
Coral Park Senior High School (Class of 1966)

**Elaine Rinaldi**

Founder & Artistic Director, Orchestra Miami  
Southwest Miami Senior High School (Class of 1984)

**Janet Reno**

U.S. Attorney General (1993-2001)  
(one of four M-DCPS alumni on President Bill Clinton's cabinet)  
Coral Gables Senior High School (Class of 1956)

**Lauren Reskin**

Indie music promoter  
Owner, Sweat Records  
Miami Killian Senior High School (Class of ca. 2000)

**Gino "Latino" Reyes**

Radio D.J., WMGE  
Miami Lakes Educational Center

**Kimba Ricci**

Radio D.J. / Music Director  
Miami Lakes Educational Center

**Nan H. Rich**

Member, Florida Senate  
Miami Beach Sr. High School (Class of 1959)  
Nautilus Jr. High School  
Biscayne Elementary School

**Richard Riley**

U.S. Secretary of Education  
(one of four M-DCPS alumni on President Bill Clinton's cabinet)  
Coral Gables Elementary School

**Henry Edward Roberts**

Inventor of the first personal computer (PC)  
Miami Senior High School (Class of 1959)

**William Roberts**

NFL football player (retired), NY Giants, NE Patriots, NY Jets  
Miami Carol City Senior High School

**William Leonard Roberts II (AKA Rick Ross),**

Rapper  
Miami Carol City Senior High School

**Amasvido "Amos" Rodriguez**

Director of Maintenance for JRM Aircraft TechService Corp.  
Director of Maintenance for Allegro Airlines  
George T. Baker Aviation School (graduated December 1980)

**Bert Rodriguez**

Artist  
New World School of the Arts (Class of ca. 1993)

**Beverly Counts Rodriguez**

Journalist/TV news anchor and reporter  
Coral Gables Senior High School (Class of 1971)

**Jennifer Rodriguez**

Olympic bronze medal-winning speed skater  
Miami Palmetto Senior High School

**Luis Rojas**

Florida State Representative, 1988-2000  
Hialeah Senior High School (Class of 1971)  
Palm Springs Junior High School  
Milam Elementary School

**Antrel Rolle**

Pro Football Player (New York Giants)  
South Dade Senior High (Class of 2001)

**Esther Rolle**

Emmy Award-winning TV, film, and stage actor ("Good Times," "Maude," "Driving Miss Daisy")  
attended Booker T. Washington High (Class of ca. 1938)  
Graduated from high school in Pompano Beach, Florida

**Ileana Ros-Lehtinen**

Member, United States Congress  
Southside Elementary School  
West Miami Jr. High School  
Southwest Miami Senior High School (Class of 1970)

**Al Rosen**

former Major League Baseball player and executive  
Miami Senior High School

**Lynn Rosenthal**

White House Adviser on Violence Against Women (appointed 2009)  
Executive Director, National Network to End Domestic Violence (2000-06)

Miami Killian Senior High School (Class of 1976)

**Stephen M. Ross**

Founder & Chairman, The Related Companies (global real estate developers)  
Owner, The Miami Dolphins and Sun Life Stadium  
Miami Beach Senior High School (Class of 1958)

**Mickey Rourke**

Oscar-nominated film actor  
Miami Beach Senior High School (Class of 1971)

**Wade Lee Rowdon**

Major League Baseball player (Chicago Cubs, Baltimore Orioles)  
Miami Palmetto Senior High School (Class of 1978)

**Robert Rubin**

U.S. Secretary of the Treasury, 1995-1999  
(one of four M-DCPS alumni on President Bill Clinton's cabinet)  
Miami Beach Senior High School (Class of 1956)

**Marco Rubio**

U.S. Senator  
Former Speaker of the Florida House of Representatives  
South Miami Senior High School (Class of 1989)

**Katherine Fernandez Rundle**

Miami-Dade State Attorney  
Miami Palmetto Senior High School (Class of ca. 1969)

**Jerry Rushin**

Vice President / General Manager, WEDR/WHQT  
Miami Lakes Educational Center

**Karen Russell**

Acclaimed author ("Swamplandia!")  
Named one of *New Yorker* magazine's "20 Under 40" up-and-coming writers (2010)  
Coral Gables Senior High School (Class of 1999)

**James A. Ryder**

Founder, Ryder System, Inc.  
Miami Edison Senior High School (Class of 1934)

**Ron Sachs**

Strategic Communications Professional  
Communications Director, Executive Office of the Florida Governor (1992-96)  
Editorial Director, WPLG-Channel 10

Miami Norland Senior High School (Class of 1968)

**William Sadowski**

Member, Florida House of Representatives (1976-1982)  
Coral Gables Senior High School (Class of 1962)

**Cécile McLorin Salvant**

Grammy-nominated jazz singer  
Thelonious Monk International Jazz Vocals Competition winner (2010)  
Coral Reef Senior High School (Class of ca. 2008)  
G.W. Carver Middle School  
Sunset Elementary School

**Sheryl Sandberg**

Facebook COO  
North Miami Beach Senior High School (Class of 1987)  
Highland Oaks Junior High School

**Dennis Scholl**

Vice President/Arts & Miami Program Director  
John S. and James L. Knight Foundation;  
Respected art collector and philanthropist  
Miami Norland Senior High School

**Winston Scott\***

U.S. Astronaut (Space Shuttles Endeavour, Columbia)  
Coral Gables Senior High School (Class of 1968)  
George Washington Carver Junior High School  
Frances S. Tucker Elementary School

**Steve Scully**

Drummer for recording artist Mary Karlsen and other bands  
New World School of the Arts (Class of 1990)

**Jon Secada**

Grammy Award-winning singer, songwriter  
Hialeah Senior High School (Class of 1979)

**Amy Serrano**

Filmmaker, Writer, Producer, Humanitarian  
Homestead Senior High School (Class of 1984)

**Glenn Sharpe**

NFL football, New Orleans Saints  
Miami Carol City Senior High School

**Ward Shelley**

Sculptor, Mixed-Media Artist  
North Miami Senior High School (Class of 1968)

**Jeffrey Silver**

Emmy-winning film & television producer (“The Wonder Years,” “300,” “Sex, Lies and Videotape,” “Training Day” )  
Coral Gables Senior High School (Class of 1973)

**Don Slesnick,**

Mayor, City of Coral Gables (2000-2010)  
President, Florida League of Mayors (2009 - 2010)  
Miami Senior High School (Class of 1961)

**George Smathers**

former U.S. Senator and U.S. Representative from Florida  
Miami Senior High School

**Corrie Solomon-Everett**

Founder, New Tampa School of Music  
New World School of the Arts (Class of 1989)

**Alfred Spellman**

Film producer  
North Miami Beach Senior High School (Class of 1996)

**Cynthia A. Stafford**

Member, Florida House of Representatives  
Miami Northwestern Sr. High School (Class of 1985)  
Madison Middle School  
Kelsey Pharr Elementary School  
Comstock Elementary School

**Richard L. Steinberg**

Member, Florida House of Representatives  
Miami Beach Sr. High School (Class of ca. 1991)

**Paul Steinhardt**

Albert Einstein Professor in Science, Princeton University  
Director, Princeton Center for Theoretical Science  
Coral Gables Senior High School (Class of 1970)

**Leilani Strokin**

Westpoint Graduate, Blackhawk helicopter pilot  
Miami Southridge Senior High School (Class of 1993)



**Shannon Stuart**

Major League Baseball outfielder (Toronto Blue Jays)  
Miami Southridge Senior High School (Class of 1992)

**Robert A. Swanson**

Biotechnology pioneer; founder, Genentech Engineering, one of the world's leading biotech firms  
Cited in the book "1,000 Years, 1,000 People: Ranking the Men and Women Who Shaped the Millennium"  
Hialeah Senior High School (Class of ca. 1965)

**Steve Tanner**

Pro Football Player (New York Jets)  
Southwest Miami Senior High School

**Daniel I. Taradash**

Oscar-winning screenwriter of "From Here to Eternity"  
President of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences, 1970-73  
Miami Beach Senior High School (Class of 1929)

**Danny Tartabull**

Major League Baseball Player  
Miami Carol City Senior High School

**Nina Tassler**

President, CBS Entertainment  
Coral Gables Senior High School (Class of 1975)

**Derrick Thomas**

NFL football player (Kansas City Chiefs)  
South Miami Senior High School (Class of 1984)

**Kurt Thomas**

Olympic Gymnast  
Miami Central Senior High School

**Dianne Edwards Thorington**

Associate TV Producer ("Family Ties")  
Coral Gables Senior High School (Class of 1966)

**Gerald Tinker**

Olympic Gold Medal Winner (Track and Field) - Munich, 1972  
NFL Football Player (Atlanta Falcons, Green Bay Packers), 1974-75  
Coral Gables Senior High School (Class of 1969)

**Chuck Todd**

NBC Chief White House Correspondent  
Miami Killian Sr. High (Class of 1990)

**Rose-Marie Toussaint**

Leading surgeon specializing in liver and kidney transplants  
North Miami Beach Senior High School (Class of 1974)

**Kenneth Treister**

Architect and Sculptor of the Miami Beach Holocaust Memorial  
Miami Beach Senior High School (Class of 1948)

**Christy Turlington**

Top Fashion Model, Humanitarian  
Southwood Junior High School  
Coral Reef Elementary School

**Andrew Varela**

Actor (Valjean on Broadway and Javert in U.S. National Tour of “Les Miserables”)  
Arvida Middle School

**Jorge L. Varona**

Artist  
Miami Coral Park Sr. High (Class of 1973)

**Rommel Vega**

Industrial designer for DC Shoes, Puma, Converse, Fossil  
(designed Olympic Gold medalist Usain Bolt’s running shoes for 2012 London games)  
Design and Architecture Senior High (DASH), Class of 2002

**Sandy Veith**

TV Screenwriter (“Maude,” “The Jeffersons,” “Good Times,” “Different Strokes,”  
“Northern Exposure”)  
Miami Beach Senior High School (Class of ca. 1966)

**Bob Vila**

Home design guru; host, “This Old House” (PBS)  
Miami Jackson Senior High School

**Jonathan Vilma**

NFL linebacker (2010 Super Bowl Champion New Orleans Saints)  
2001 National Champion Miami Hurricanes  
Coral Gables Senior High School (Class of 1999)

**Octavio J. Visiedo**

former Superintendent, Dade County Public Schools  
Miami Springs Senior High School

**Barbara Walters**

Pioneering TV journalist  
Miami Beach Senior High School

**Neal Walk**

Pro Basketball Player (Phoenix Suns, New Orleans Jazz, New York Knicks)  
Miami Beach Sr. High School (Class of 1965)

**Joseph B. Warshaw**

Dean, University of Vermont Medical School (2000-2004)  
Chairman, Department of Pediatrics, Yale Medical School (1987-2000)  
Miami Senior High School (Class of ca. 1955)

**Nate Webster**

NFL Football Player (Tampa Bay Buccaneers, Cincinnati Bengals, Denver Broncos)  
Miami Northwestern Senior High (Class of 1996)

**Sanford Weill**

former Chairman, Citigroup  
Miami Beach Senior High School (Class of ca. 1951)

**Miriam Weintraub**

Documentary filmmaker  
former producer, "60 Minutes" (CBS)  
Two-time Emmy Award Winner  
Treasure Island Elementary School (1975-78)

**Jerry Weiss**

Painter  
North Miami Senior High School (Class of 1976)

**Florence Williams**

WNBA Pro Basketball Player  
Miami Edison Senior High School (Class of 2001)

**Joel Williams**

NFL football player (Atlanta Falcons)  
North Miami Senior High School (Class of 1974)

**Dave Wilson**

Senior Editor/Administration, The Miami Herald  
North Miami Senior High School (Class of 1976)

**Frederica S. Wilson**

Member, U.S. House of Representatives

Miami Northwestern Sr. High (Class of ca. 1961)

**George Winston**

Pianist, composer, recording artist  
Coral Gables Senior High School (Class of 1967)

**Woody Woodward**

former Major League Baseball player &  
Vice President/General Manager, Seattle Mariners  
Coral Gables Senior High School (Class of 1960)

**Jeannie Wolf**

Entertainment journalist  
Miami Beach Senior High School (Class of 1955)

**John Wolin**

Miami Herald reporter and editor  
Coral Gables Senior High School (Class of 1965)

**Betty Wright**

Chart-topping, Grammy-winning singer (“Clean Up Woman”)  
Allapattah Junior High School  
Edison Junior High School  
Holmes Elementary School

**Don Wright**

Two-time Pulitzer Prize-winning editorial cartoonist  
Miami Edison Senior High School (Class of 1952)

**Naomi Wright-Warren**

Community Affairs Director, Pro Player Stadium  
Miami Lakes Educational Center

**Ivan Yaeger**

Inventor/Entrepreneur/Philanthropist  
Central Senior High School (Class of 1984)

**Bernie Yuman**

Entertainment Executive/promoter for major entertainment stars  
Miami Beach Senior High School (Class of 1961)

**Pedro Zamora**

AIDS educator & activist, “Real World: San Francisco” cast member  
Miami Coral Park Senior High School (Class of 1990)

**Jeff Zucker**

President, CNN Worldwide  
Former CEO, NBC Universal Television Group  
North Miami Senior High School (Class of 1982)

**Ellen Taaffe Zwilich**

first woman composer to win Pulitzer Prize  
Coral Gables Senior High School (ca. Class of 1957)

*\*Member, Miami-Dade County Public Schools Alumni Hall of Fame*

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