

Dr. Dorothy Bendross-Mindingall, Board Member

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 18-025 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING THE SCHOLASTIC ACHIEVEMENTS OF PAULA GARRANCHAN, FAITH ROBINDON, ANWAR TAYLOR, AND TRINITI WADE

COMMITTEE: ACADEMICS, INNOVATION, EVALUATION, & TECHNOLOGY

LINK TO STRATEGIC BLUEPRINT: RELEVANT, RIGOROUS & INNOVATIVE ACADEMICS

Many of the students in our school district are doing amazing things in and out of the classroom. The recognition of these students is essential in the development of their confidence, pride, and sense of responsibility. The following students have been identified from The School for Advanced Studies, North Campus, and William H. Turner Technical Arts High: Paula Garranchan, Faith Robinson, Anwar Taylor, and Triniti Wade.

Paula Garranchan migrated from Venezuela and had an immediate impact on the community. Because of her love for children with special needs, Paula began teaching dance to special needs children at Angel's Reach Academy. She also initiated "Project Move Along" to prepare children for performances in which their families would be invited to. Paula has participated in 12 seasons of ESPN's "All Stars" and was named bet dancer for the Elite All Star Tigers. Paula is a 2018 Silver Knight Nominee in Music and Dance and is a Posse Foundation Finalist for Pomona College and has earned all A's in her 60 credits at Miami-Dade College.

Faith Robinson initiated a volunteer project to combat the issue of gun violence by going to the heart of the issue and working with troubled and incarcerated teens through her "Share Faith" initiative. She has devoted over 600 hours to this effort and is a 2018 Silver Knight Nominee for Drama. Faith uses the arts to work with troubled and abandoned teens in our community to turn them from crime and point them to education and a professional career. Faith is a Black Belt and uses her skills to teach at the Family Christian Association of America (FCAA) during the summer and also devotes time to feeding the homeless every month.

Anwar Taylor is the current president of the Miami Kappa League and the National Achievers. Anwar has been accepted into a number of prestigious schools, including, Princeton University, Morehouse College, Howard University, and the University of Miami for this upcoming fall. He is currently undecided on where to attend, but intends to major in Biophysics. He's currently interested in becoming an Orthopedic Surgeon and plans to open his own office one day or possibly work alongside an NFL team. Anwar already has his Certified Nursing Assistant License, is Photoshop certified, and Microsoft certified.

Triniti Wade was named as a 2018 National Gold Medalist for Scholastic Art and Writing Awards and won a Gold Medal for her writing portfolio along with a \$10,000 scholarship, was named a 2018 Young Arts Winner in the Short Story category, and has been accepted into New York University, Pratt Institute, and Parsons New School. Triniti is one of 62 seniors in the 2018 graduating class of School for Advanced Studies North Campus who will receive their Associate in Arts degree from Miami Dade College a month before graduating from high school and will be honored at Carnegie Hall in New York City in June of 2018 when she accepts her Scholastic Award in Writing.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY
DR. DOROTHY BENDROSS-MINDINGALL:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 18-025 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing the scholastic achievements of Paula Garranchan, Faith Robinson, Anwar Taylor, and Triniti Wade.

**RESOLUTION NO. 18-025
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
RECOGNIZING THE SCHOLASTIC ACHIEVEMENTS OF PAULA GARRANCHAN, FAITH
ROBINSON, ANWAR TAYLOR, AND TRINITY WADE**

WHEREAS, the recognition of our students is essential in the development of their confidence and sense of responsibility, the following students have been identified from the School for Advanced Studies, North Campus, and William H. Turner Technical Arts High: Paula Garranchan, Faith Robinson, Anwar Taylor, and Trinity Wade; and

WHEREAS, Paula Garranchan migrated from Venezuela and had an immediate impact on the community devoting her time to children with special needs. Paula began teaching dance to children with special needs at Angel's Reach Academy, initiated "Project Move Along" to prepare children for performances, has participated in 12 seasons of ESPN's "All Stars," named as the best dancer for the Elite All Star Tigers, and is a 2018 Silver Knight Nominee in Music and Dance and is a Posse Foundation Finalist for Pomona College; and

WHEREAS, Faith Robinson initiated a volunteer project to combat the issue of gun violence in our community by working with troubled teenagers who have previously been arrested through her "Share Faith" initiative and has devoted over 600 hours to this effort. Faith is also a Black Belt in Karate and also uses her skills to teach at the Family Christian Association of America (FCAA) during the summer and also devotes time to feeding the homeless every month. Faith is a 2018 Silver Knight Nominee for Drama; and

WHEREAS, Anwar Taylor is the current president of the Miami Kappa League and the National Achievers. Anwar has been accepted into a number of prestigious schools, including, Princeton University, Morehouse College, Howard University, and the University of Miami for this upcoming fall and intends to major in Biophysics. He's currently interested in becoming an Orthopedic Surgeon and has his Certified Nursing Assistant License; and

WHEREAS, Trinity Wade was named as a 2018 National Gold Medalist for Scholastic Art and Writing Awards and won a Gold Medal for her writing portfolio along with a \$10,000 scholarship, was named a 2018 Young Arts Winner in the Short Story category, and has been accepted into New York University, Pratt Institute, and Parsons New School. Trinity will receive her associate in arts degree from Miami Dade College before graduating from high school and will be honored at Carnegie Hall in New York City when she accepts her Scholastic Award in Writing.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 18-025 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing the scholastic achievements of Paula Garranchan, Faith Robinson, Anwar Taylor, and Trinity Wade.

A copy of this resolution is placed in the permanent records of this Board.

Presented this twenty-fifth day of April, A.D. 2018

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary