

ALL PRINCIPALS/APs/TEACHERS: Miami Dade Council for the Social Studies Awards Dinner  
*Category: For Your Information*

**Audience:** All Principals/APs, All Teachers  
**Due Date:** n/a  
**Meeting Date:** n/a  
**Attachment(s):** [2017-18 MDCSS TOY RSVP flyer.doc](#)

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To announce the finalists for the Miami Dade Council for the Social Studies 2017-18 Teacher of the Year and other annual awards, as well as provide information regarding the awards dinner.

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- The Division of Academics, Department of Social Sciences and the Miami Dade Council for the Social Studies (MDCSS) is pleased to announce the finalists for the 2017-18 Social Studies Teacher of the Year.
- **Elementary School Teacher of the Year Finalist:**
  - **Ms. Sandra Perez** - Palmetto Elementary, Mr. Eric Torres, Principal
- **Middle School Teacher of the Year Finalists:**
  - **Ms. Mabel D. Abascal** - West Miami Middle School, Ms. Katyna Lopez-Martin, Principal
  - **Ms. Naiky M. Brown** - Air Base K-8 Center for International Education, Mr. Raul Calzadilla, Principal
  - **Ms. Stephanie Cortina** - Miami Art Studio @ Zelda Glazer 6-12, Dr. Miguel Balsera, Principal
- **Senior High School Teacher of the Year Finalists:**
  - **Mr. John Burkowski Jr.** - Academy for Advanced Academics, Dr. Omar Monteagudo, Principal
  - **Mr. Jason Chohonis** - Cutler Bay Senior High School, Mr. Lucas De La Torre, Principal
  - **Mr. Michael Pena** - Miami Art Studio @ Zelda Glazer 6-12, Dr. Miguel Balsera, Principal
  - **Dr. Khalifa Stanford** - I-Tech @ Thomas A. Edison Educational Center, Dr. LaShinda S. Moore, Principal
- Please join your fellow teachers on their special night where the council will present the Elementary, Middle School and Senior High School Teacher of the Year Awards.
- Every year MDCSS recognizes a person that has gone above and beyond to serve the Social Studies community through their work with students, schools, the Miami Dade Council for the Social Studies and the Social Studies department in Miami Dade County. This year's recipient of the **Paul Hanson Social Studies Award** is:

***Dr. Susan Douglass***

K-14 Education Outreach Coordinator

Center for Contemporary Arab Studies

Georgetown University

- The Miami Dade Council for the Social Studies (MDCSS) and the Division of Academics, Department of Social Sciences are pleased to announce the winners of the annual John R. Doyle MDCSS Senior High School Student of the Year Scholarship and the annual MDCSS Middle School Student of the Year Book Award recipient.
- These students were selected on their academic achievement in the Social Studies along with their participation in Social Studies based extracurricular activities as well as their community and school service projects.
- **The 2017-18 John R. Doyle MDCSS Senior High School Student of the Year Scholarship award recipients are as follows:**
  - Student: **Alessandro Daniel Pereira**  
School: MAS @ Zelda Glaser 6-12  
  
Principal: Dr. Miguel Balsera
  - Student: **Max Lukas Salazar**  
School: MAS @ Zelda Glaser 6-12  
  
Principal: Dr. Miguel Balsera
  - Please note: each student will receive a \$500 scholarship for their college education.
- **The 2017-18 Regina Stuck Middle School Student of the Year Book Award recipient is as follows:**
  - Student: **Arturo Izquierdo**  
School: West Miami Middle School  
  
Principal: Ms. Katyna Lopez-Martin
- These students, along with the Social Studies Teachers of the Year will be honored at the annual MDCSS Teacher of the Year Dinner being held on **Tuesday, April 24, 2018 at Jungle Island.**
- Please see the attached invitation and RSVP form with all pertinent information.
- Should you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Mr. Daniel Vinat, MDCSS President, at [dvinat@dadeschools.net](mailto:dvinat@dadeschools.net).

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