The Miami Dade County Council for the Social Studies (MDCSS) is currently taking applications for the first annual Social Studies Student of the Year award. See important details below and an application attached to this briefing.

- MDCSS is taking applications for MDCSS Student of the Year.
- This scholarship is open to all seniors in Miami-Dade County Public Schools.
- Below are the qualifications:
  - 4 years of Social Studies and have earned nothing lower than a "B" in the four courses;
  - An overall GPA (weighted) of a minimum of a 3.0; and
  - Active in a social studies organization at their school, social studies competitions, and/or participate in community service that is social studies in nature.
- The winner of the scholarship will be awarded $500.00 and be notified by March 15, 2010. The winning student will also be invited to the MDCSS Annual Teacher of the Year dinner and be presented with the scholarship accordingly.
- Following is the application process:
  - Submit a typed student application (attached);
  - Submit an unofficial transcript showing the four social studies courses as well as evidence of the GPA requirement;
  - Submit a 250 word essay on the following topic:
    - How has the Social Studies prepared you to be a better citizen in society? (see attachment for further essay requirements)
  - Submit the application, required documentation, and essay to Daniel Vinat, Felix Varela Senior High School, 15255 SW 96 Street, Miami, Florida, 33196 by March 1, 2010.
- See the attached application for all other details.
- Should you have any questions or need additional information, please email rbrazofsky@dadeschools.net or see the contact information below.