The Department of Social Sciences is pleased to announce the state winners of the Project Citizen Showcase for the 2016-17 academic year.

- Project Citizen is a program implemented across the nation and the world.
- The purpose of the program is to engage students in the legislative process by having them identify a community problem and propose a public policy solution.
- The program is sponsored by the Center for Civic Education, a global leader in civic education, and the Florida Law Related Education Association.
- The Department of Social Sciences provides professional development to teachers in order to implement the program with their students. The 2016-2017 Law Studies Institute took place at Miami Lakes Educational Center from October until March.
- The 2017 Middle and Senior High School District winners representing M-DCPS at the State Competition, which was held at Nova Southeastern University on Friday, May 26, 2017, are as follow:
  - **Middle School:**
    - Bob Graham Education Center: Ms. Ingy Cruz, teacher
    - Hialeah Gardens Middle School: Ms. Maribel Lopez, teacher
    - Norman S. Edelcup Sunny Isles Beach K-8: Ms. Rosa Carvajal, teacher
  - **High School:**
    - Miami Killian Senior High School: Ms. Amy Lander-Rolon, teacher
    - Westland Hialeah Senior High School: Ms. Brenda Garcia Hernandez, teacher
    - Hialeah Miami Lakes Senior High: Ms. Rukayat Adebisi, teacher
- **Following are the results from the Project Citizen State Competition.** The competitions consist of a middle school and senior high school winning and advancing to the national competition as well as ranking participating schools in the oral hearing portion of the competition.
- **The 2017 Middle School Florida State Winners, representing the State of Florida at the National Competition are:**
  - **1st Place:** Bob Graham Education Center: Congratulations to Ms. Ingy Cruz and her talented students. (Best Portfolio and Oral Hearing)
  - **2nd Place:** Norman S. Edelcup Sunny Isles Beach K-8, (Oral Hearing and Portfolio).
  - **3rd Place:** Hialeah Gardens Middle School, (Oral Hearing and Portfolio).
- **The 2017 Senior High School Florida State Winner, representing the State of Florida at the National Competition is:**
  - Westland Hialeah Senior High School: Congratulations to Ms. Brenda Garcia Hernandez and her talented students.
- **High School Oral Hearing State Winner:**
  - Hialeah Miami Lakes Senior High: Congratulations to Ms. Rukayat Adebisi and her students.
- Should you need additional information or have questions, please contact Ms. Jackie Viana, District Supervisor, Department of Social Sciences, jviana@dadeschools.net or see the contact information below.

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