



Outstanding Volunteers and Business Partners Honored

City of Delray Beach Inducted Into Business Partner Hall of Fame

Over 600 volunteers, community partners, school administrators and support staff attended the School District's 2010 Volunteer and Business Partners Awards Recognition breakfast. Sally Severeid with KOOL, 105.5's Mo & Sally Morning Show was the Mistress of Ceremonies for the event which celebrated school volunteers, business partners and community involvement in education. School Superintendent Dr. Art Johnson recognized the Volunteers and Business Partners for the major contributions they make to our schools and students every day.

Over 36,000 people volunteered 1,056,193 hours of service to help students and schools achieve academic success. The Palm Beach County Outstanding Student, Adult and Senior School Volunteers were recognized. Brandon Corsentino a senior at Palm Beach Central High School is the Student Volunteer of the Year, Debbie Ellman from Spanish River High School is the Adult Volunteer of the Year and Arnold Rich from Park Vista High School is the Senior Volunteer of the Year. Ms. Ellman was also honored as a State Volunteer of the Year. Lori Vassalotti, the Volunteer Coordinator at Palm Beach Gardens High School was presented Clear Channel Radio's School Volunteer Coordinator of the Year Award.

The School District has over 900 valuable business partners and along with honoring 27 of these partners with "Outstanding Business Partner Awards" the School District also recognized three districtwide business partners, the Norton Museum of Art, Costco and Chick-fil-A. In addition to honoring these business partners this year's School District Business Partner Hall of Fame winner was announced. The Hall of Fame is made up community partners who have won recognition awards year after year and continue to play critical roles in supporting schools and students. Members of the Hall of Fame have also been recognized at the state level by the Commissioner of Education. Washington Mutual had the honor of being the first partner in the Hall of Fame, followed by Columbia Hospital, Nutrition S'Mart, Wachovia Bank and the Anne and Sam Klein Jewish Coalition for Literacy.

This year's Hall of Fame award was presented to The City of Delray Beach. Delray Beach is known as the Education City for its continued commitment to education. Home to three International Baccalaureate programs from elementary to middle and through high school, the City of Delray Beach does not take its good fortune for granted. The City supports their schools by words and deeds. The City provided seed money to fund the Atlantic High School Eagle Nest Construction Academy project and put that school program on the road to economic self sufficiency. The Criminal Justice Academy at Atlantic High School is a national model led by a Delray Beach police officer. Atlantic's Sports Marketing Academy works closely with the City's International Tennis Center to organize events throughout the year.

School District Community Partners, Dr. Roy King, The Flagler Museum and Lockheed Martin MS2, Riviera Beach were also honored for receiving the Florida Commissioner of Education Business Recognition Award.

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