

ORANGE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

# CRYSTAL AWARDS



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# LETTER FROM THE SCHOOL BOARD CHAIR AND SUPERINTENDENT

# SCHOOL BOARD OF ORANGE COUNTY

Dear OCPS Volunteers, Partners and Coordinators:

Welcome to the 2026 Crystal Awards! We are truly honored to celebrate the incredible ADDitions School Volunteers and Partners in Education who go above and beyond for our students, staff and families.

We are deeply grateful that you have committed to giving your time and talents to Orange County Public Schools. Your generosity helps our students succeed academically, socially, and personally. By reading with our students, assisting our teachers, and mentoring our teens, you help us prepare, inspire and empower our students.

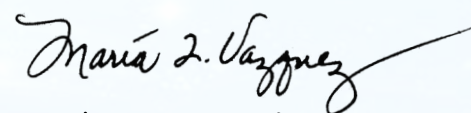
Your contributions bring much-needed resources to our 201,500 students across the eighth-largest school district in the nation. Our business partnerships - both new and long-term - truly go the distance. Whether you are fulfilling campus needs, showing appreciation for our staff, or providing workforce opportunities, you are making a lasting impact on our school communities.

As an A-rated district, we know our success is built on the strength of our OCPS community. Your support and dedication make it possible to lead students to success. And we need you now more than ever. Thank you for your heart – and for being a voice for our students, our teachers and for public education.

Sincerely,



Teresa Jacobs  
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**DIEGO "WOODY"  
RODRIGUEZ**  
Board Chair  
Foundation for Orange County Public Schools  
OCPS Crystal Awards Host

Diego "Woody" Rodriguez is a Director of External Affairs with Walt Disney World Parks and Resorts, joining the company in 2023 on their Government Relations team. He previously served as General Counsel to the School Board of Orange County, FL, and then as General Counsel to the Central Florida Expressway Authority.

He received both his B.A. in English with an Emphasis on Business and his J.D. from Florida State University (FSU) and is a Past President of the Orange County Bar Association (OCBA), the Hispanic Bar Association of Central Florida and the OCBA Young Lawyers' Section. Woody currently serves as one of three representatives from the Ninth Circuit on the Florida Bar Board of Governors and has been recognized by the Florida Bar and the OCBA for his contributions. Since 2006, he has been Board-certified in City, County, Local Government Law, a Certified Circuit Court Mediator and has been a Registered Parliamentarian since 2011.

In the community, Woody has a deep commitment to children and issues related to education. He currently serves as Board Chair of the Foundation for Orange County Public Schools and is a Past President of the Foundation for Foster Children. He is a passionate college football fan and serves on the Elected Board for Florida Citrus Sports, where he has been a member for over 25 years. But his greatest passions are watching FSU sporting events, traveling to national parks and spending time with his family.

Woody grew up in Miami as the son of Cuban immigrants and is fluent in Spanish. He currently resides in Maitland with his wife of 29 years, Ninth Circuit Court Judge Heather Pinder Rodriguez. Together they have a daughter, Ella Grace, who graduated from the University of Southern California, and a sophomore son, Keyes, studying Industrial Engineering at that other state university located in Gainesville.



**DEBI PEDRAZA**  
Executive Director  
Foundation for Orange County Public Schools  
OCPS Crystal Awards Host

A proud graduate of Florida public schools and the University of Pennsylvania, Debi Pedraza has spent the last 29 years in educational fundraising and development, actively participating on teams that have raised more than \$130 million for educational institutions in Massachusetts, Maryland, and Florida.

Debi joined Orange County Public Schools in February 2013 as the district's first Director of Philanthropic Development. She worked closely with the Foundation for Orange County Public Schools to secure resources to implement districtwide initiatives described in the OCPS Philanthropic Strategic Plan. In 2016, she was named Senior Director of the Foundation, then Executive Director in 2020.

A former United Way of Caroline County (MD) board member and long-time member of the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education, Debi served for three years as VP-Education on the board of directors for the Central Florida chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals. She is a member of CHIEF, the Edyth Bush Institute for Nonprofit Leadership, 100 Women Strong, and the Fellowship of Women Leaders. She is also a certified TetraMap© facilitator and trained in group dynamics.

Debi lives in Orlando with her husband Abraham, a design engineer and consultant, and their son David, a student in the Performing Arts magnet (musical theatre track) at University High. And last but certainly not least, she is an OCPS volunteer, tutoring first graders at Vista Lakes Elementary School for Read2Succeed and supporting David and his peers at their performances.

RECEPTION  
PERFORMANCE

**Colonial Cheer Team**, Colonial High  
**Jasmine Salmon**, Coach

HOSTS

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Director, External Affairs - Disney Parks, Experiences & Products  
**Debi Pedraza**, Executive Director, Foundation for Orange County Public Schools

CEREMONY  
PERFORMANCE

**Eagle Encore**, Independence Elementary  
**Andrea Wellmaker**, Music Teacher

RECOGNITION OF  
HONOREES

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AWARD  
PRESENTATIONS

**Volunteer Program Coordinators**

ADDitions School Volunteer Coordinators  
Partners in Education Coordinators  
Community Involvement Coordinator  
Rising Coordinator  
Diamond Coordinator

**Anniversary Recognitions**

ADDitions Lifetime of Impact Award  
Heart of Gold Volunteer Award

**Outstanding ADDitions School Volunteers**

School Honorees  
Cadre and District Program Honorees  
Districtwide Honorees

**Outstanding Partners in Education**

School Honorees  
Cadre and District Program Honorees  
Districtwide Honorees

SPECIAL THANK YOU  
& CLOSING REMARKS

**Pam Carson**, Assistant Director, Foundation for Orange County Public Schools



# CRYSTAL AWARDS

## OUTSTANDING VOLUNTEER PROGRAM COORDINATORS

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*The Diamond Volunteer Coordinator of the Year represents more than 875 program coordinators across the district who are dedicated to managing community involvement activities on their school campus or within their department, and embodies the overall characteristics of an exemplary site-based coordinator.*

*This coordinator is highly respected by the school staff and community, and is extremely consistent in the efforts of recruitment, retention and recognition of the school's volunteers and/or business partners. The Diamond Coordinator must serve in a community involvement coordinator role for more than 10 years.*

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**VELORIA GADSON**  
Diamond Coordinator  
Washington Shores Elementary  
School Transformation Office - Cadre 1

Veloria Gadson is the heartbeat of Washington Shores Elementary, a shining example of what true community involvement looks like. Every day, she pours her compassion, energy and unwavering dedication into connecting families with the resources they need to thrive. Through her leadership, volunteers, partners and sponsors come together with purpose, creating opportunities that lift students academically, emotionally and socially. From holiday support and attendance initiatives to clothing, food, and confidence-boosting care, she meets every need with dignity and love. Her warm presence brightens hallways, her advocacy opens doors, and her belief in every child strengthens the entire school community. She is the bridge between school and neighborhood, turning challenges into hope and transforming lives through kindness and action. Veloria embodies the very essence of service.

**TATIANA VEGAS-FEO**

*Community Involvement  
Coordinator of the Year  
John Young Elementary  
Elementary Schools - Cadre 3*

Tatiana Vegas-Feo is the compassionate force that brings the John Young Elementary community together. As School Registrar and a dedicated coordinator for ADDitions School Volunteer and Partners in Education programs, she welcomes every family with patience, warmth and genuine care. Tatiana guides new parents through every step, builds strong relationships with volunteers and partners, and ensures everyone feels valued and included. Her support for ESOL families, her leadership at school events, and her constant encouragement create a school climate rooted in trust and belonging. Tatiana's kindness, professionalism and unwavering dedication make her an extraordinary coordinator and a beloved member of the John Young Elementary community.

**LAURA ELLIS**

*ADDitions School Volunteer  
Coordinator of the Year  
Hillcrest Elementary  
Elementary Schools - Cadre 5*

For twelve years, Laura Ellis has been the driving force for the Hillcrest Elementary volunteer community, transforming it into a vibrant source of support for students, families and staff. She

creates meaningful opportunities for every volunteer and honors their service with genuine appreciation and beautifully planned recognition events. Her welcoming spirit is felt in every interaction, from the Volunteer Hub she created to the way she knows families by name and shows up for students beyond campus. Laura's empathy, dedication and unwavering presence strengthen the school in immeasurable ways. She is truly the soul of the Hillcrest Elementary volunteer program.

**ADRIAN THOMAS**

*Partners in Education  
Coordinator of the Year  
Colonial High  
High Schools - Cadre 1*

*Adrian Thomas has built a thriving network of volunteers, mentors and business partners by consistently promoting meaningful opportunities that connect the community to Colonial High. Through classroom support, mentoring, career presentations and partnership events, she ensures every business partner volunteer can make a purposeful impact. Her exceptional leadership fosters strong relationships, provides thoughtful training, and celebrates contributions with genuine appreciation. By creating an inclusive, welcoming climate and collaborating closely with school leadership, Adrian designs programs that meet academic, social and community needs. Her work strengthens student achievement, deepens community engagement, and makes Colonial High a better place for all.*

**JEANETTE JONES**

*Rising Coordinator of the Year  
Orange County Virtual School  
School Choice*

Jeanette Jones is a powerful force for connection, visibility and community at Orange County Virtual School. With unwavering determination, she builds meaningful partnerships with businesses, organizations and local groups, ensuring OCVS students and staff feel supported and celebrated. She represents OCVS with professionalism at every district event, trains staff with care, and uplifts OCVS Brand Ambassadors through purposeful outreach. Her weekly efforts to meet partners, secure resources and highlight their impact strengthen the school culture in profound ways. Jeanette serves with heart, creativity and purpose—an exceptional ambassador for OCVS and public education.

**ANNIVERSARY HONOREES**

**JOAN RUFFIER**

**ADDitions Lifetime of Impact Award**  
Districtwide

In 1971, a bold vision took root in Orange County that would forever change the landscape of OCPS classrooms. It began with one leader—Joan Ruffier—and a dedicated group from the Junior League who believed that community involvement was the key to student success. They started with just 200 volunteers. Today, 55 years later, that “addition” has multiplied into a movement of nearly 79,000 volunteers annually. From the front office to the field trip, Joan’s legacy is felt in every “helping hand” extended across Orange County Public Schools.

The ADDitions Lifetime of Impact Award embodies exactly what Joan sparked five-and-a-half decades ago: a vision so powerful that it continues to touch the lives of millions of students, teachers, staff, employees and volunteers. Her belief in community engagement didn’t just add support to the schools—it multiplied it beyond anything imagined.

**GINGER GADSDEN**

**Heart of Gold Volunteer Award**  
Foundation for Orange County Public Schools

For more than a decade, Ginger Gadsden has generously shared her public speaking expertise and news anchor talents with Orange County Public Schools’ students, staff and community. Ginger’s gift of giving begins with her genuine love for OCPS students—whether she is emceeding competitions at the OCPS Fourth-Grade Math Bee Invitational or celebrating young performers at the OCPS Top Talent Live event.

Ginger shows every student that the stage is a place where their potential can shine. Her personal pep talks, heartfelt encouragement and unwavering commitment to motivating the next generation are evident in every interaction. Through her energy, authenticity and ability to engage any audience, she inspires students to believe in themselves and embrace excellence.

CATEGORIES INCLUDE: YOUTH, ADULT AND SENIOR

## DISTRICTWIDE HONOREES

### MADISON LINDHORN

*Outstanding Youth Volunteer of the Year  
Blankner School  
K-8 Schools - Cadre 1*

Madison's exceptional dedication to volunteering at Blankner School has made a meaningful and lasting impact on both the school and the wider community. Her steady support for students and staff, combined with her enthusiastic involvement in numerous school activities, reflects her commitment to consistently going above and beyond. As a member of the Safety Patrol, Madison played a vital role in ensuring the safety and well-being of her fellow students. One of her favorite responsibilities is greeting and comforting kindergarteners each morning, helping them start their day with reassurance and a smile. In addition to her patrol duties, Madison provides valuable assistance during summer pre-planning and post-planning, helping teachers prepare for a smooth and successful school year. Her strong organizational skills and dedication to excellence contributes to a positive, productive environment from the very beginning. Having her support in the classroom truly makes a difference for both students and teachers.

### WHITNEY STEPHENS

*Outstanding Adult Volunteer of the Year  
Panther Lake Elementary  
Elementary Schools - Cadre 3*

Whitney Stephens is a shining example of what this recognition represents. As a dedicated parent volunteer, she is a passionate advocate for Panther Lake Elementary and Orange County Public Schools. With two children enrolled in OCPS – one at Panther Lake Elementary and the other at Hamlin Middle – Whitney's support extends far beyond her own children's classrooms. She consistently contributes her time and effort to benefit all students in her child's grade level and frequently steps up to support the entire school community, positively impacting more than 800 students. Whenever assistance is needed for school events, Panther Lake Elementary can always count on Whitney. Her involvement spans a wide variety of activities, including classroom support, class celebrations, field trips, field day and fundraising efforts. In addition to volunteering her time, Whitney regularly donates items for school projects and provides essential supplies to help teachers create strong and well-supported learning environments.

### JEFFREY PLUTZ

*Outstanding Senior Volunteer of the Year  
Orange Technical College -  
West Campus  
Career and Technical Education*

Jeffrey Plutz has been a dedicated ADDitions Volunteer at Orange Technical College-West Campus for the past 10 years. His commitment to sharing his extensive industry knowledge and experience in Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning, and Refrigeration (HVAC/R) has made a meaningful and lasting impact on countless students. With more than 40 years of experience in the hotel industry – most notably serving as Chief Engineer for Marriott Hotels – Jeff brings invaluable real-world expertise to the classroom. Throughout his career, he gained hands-on experience across multiple trades, including carpentry, building construction, HVAC, electricity, plumbing and welding. Recognizing the depth of his background, instructors at Orange Technical College invited him to join the HVAC 1 and HVAC 2 Program Advisory Boards in 2015. In these roles, he not only provides critical industry insight but also stays connected to emerging trends and workforce demands in Central Florida.

## CADRES AND DISTRICT PROGRAM HONOREES

### YOUTH VOLUNTEER HONOREES

#### JAKE CHESTNUT

*Avalon Elementary  
Elementary Schools - Cadre 5*

Jake is a dedicated teen volunteer who has spent the past four years leading the STEM Club at Avalon Elementary. Passionate about technology and youth development, he introduces 4th- and 5th-grade students to robotics through hands-on activities, team challenges, and beginner coding projects. His leadership ignites curiosity and builds confidence in students who may be exploring STEM for the very first time. By creating a welcoming and encouraging environment, Jake empowers young learners to experiment, problem-solve, and discover their interests before entering middle school. His commitment and guidance have helped make the STEM Club a meaningful, engaging and memorable experience for all who participate.

#### LOXLEIGH MILLER

*Horizon High  
High Schools - Cadre 1*

Loxleigh Miller is an exceptional student volunteer whose dedication to service, leadership and academics sets her apart. Since her freshman year, she has served as a student athletic trainer at Horizon High, consistently supporting student athletes and contributing meaningfully to the athletic program.

Ranked in the top 5% of her class, Loxleigh will earn her Associate of Arts degree before receiving her high school diploma – an impressive achievement that reflects her strong work ethic, discipline and drive.

#### GABRIEL VALENTIN

*Magnolia School  
Exceptional Student  
Education - Cadre 1*

Gabriel Valentin joined Magnolia School as an ADDitions Youth Volunteer in 2023 and quickly became an essential part of our community. Always eager to help, he supports school events, assists teachers with classroom preparation, and manages student stations during school-wide activities. His dedication, flexibility and positive attitude make him a trusted resource for staff and students alike.

Gabriel's compassion is further strengthened by his personal experience supporting his brother, who has a significant cognitive disability – giving him a deeper understanding of the students he serves. His presence enriches the Magnolia School community and reflects his genuine heart for service.

#### CAMILA VAZQUEZ-BERRIZ

*Sally Ride Elementary  
Elementary Schools - Cadre 10*

Camila Vazquez Berriz, a proud Sally Ride Elementary alumna, is a dedicated 19-year-old youth volunteer whose commitment to service began in childhood and continues to thrive. Each summer, she returns to support teachers by preparing classrooms, organizing lab materials, and setting up STEM spaces for the school's Aviation and Aerospace Magnet program.

Throughout the year, Camila volunteers at OCPS STEM competitions, Saturday chess tournaments, multicultural events and Magnet family meet-ups. Her reliability, warm spirit and STEM expertise make her an invaluable asset who elevates every event and inspires students to embrace curiosity and community.

#### JOCELYN DEPRIEST

*Windy Ridge K-8  
K-8 Schools - Cadre 1*

Jocelyn DePriest is a proud graduate of Windy Ridge K-8. After completing her elementary and middle school years with Windy Ridge, she is now a dedicated 10th grader giving back to the community that shaped her. Twice a week, she returns to campus to volunteer in a Kindergarten classroom, where her positive attitude and natural talent for working with young children shine. A stellar student and uplifting presence, Jocelyn supports lessons, guides students through activities, and offers encouragement that helps the youngest learners thrive. She is a fantastic role model whose kindness, commitment and school pride remind the students, teachers and staff why the Windy Ridge community is so special.

**CATEGORIES INCLUDE: YOUTH, ADULT AND SENIOR**

**ADULT VOLUNTEER  
HONOREES**

**TIFFANY HARRIS**

*Horizon High  
High Schools - Cadre 1*

Tiffany Harris is the backbone of Horizon Athletics, contributing nearly 350 volunteer hours in just 18 months and serving as a cornerstone of the program since its opening in 2021. Her work spans essential game-day operations, meal coordination that fosters resiliency and team bonding, and – most recently – assistant coaching for the track team, where she fills a critical mentorship gap. Tiffany’s “CEO-style” efficiency, creativity and organizational leadership have transformed parent involvement into a streamlined, collaborative support system that strengthens the school’s culture and community engagement. Her service reaches 100 to 150 student-athletes directly and benefits hundreds more through well-run events that save the athletic department significant time and resources.

**ROSANA MONTEIRO  
BARCELLOS**

*Independence Elementary  
Elementary Schools - Cadre 1*

As a dedicated PTO Board member and the primary liaison to our Brazilian community, Rosana Barcellos serves as a vital cultural bridge for nearly 300 ELL students and their families. Her influence extends across campus: coordinating the School Advisory Council, ensuring the continued success of the media center, and mentoring students through the Art Club. Rosana’s unwavering “service-first” mindset is unmatched. With 396 documented volunteer hours over the past two years, she has strengthened resiliency, fostered inclusion, and helped build a supportive foundation for the entire student body of 850 at Independence Elementary.

**MAITREYA MILLIGAN**

*Maxey Elementary  
Elementary Schools - Cadre 8*

Maitreya Milligan’s volunteer service at Maxey Elementary has been truly transformative. Since October 2023, she has provided free, specialized literacy instruction as a certified Orton-Gillingham instructor, directly addressing critical needs for students with dyslexia and significant reading challenges. Through a multisensory, explicit approach, she strengthens foundational skills in phonics, letter-sound correspondence and spelling. Her intervention not only boosts academic progress but also fosters resilience, helping students build confidence, reduce frustration and experience success in reading.

**REGINA SINGLETON**

*Orange County Virtual School  
School Choice*

Regina Singleton is the devoted grandmother and legal guardian of three full-time Orange County Virtual School students: Elijah (8th grade); Regina (7th grade); and Caleb (6th grade). She is a volunteer the school can always depend on, supporting not only her own grandchildren but anyone she meets within the OCVS community. Grandmother Singleton is a consistent presence at award ceremonies and enthusiastically assists school clubs during community volunteer events. She proudly represents OCVS, warmly welcomes new families, and offers helpful guidance to those navigating the virtual learning environment. Her commitment, kindness and positive spirit make her an invaluable member to the students, teachers and staff of OCVS.

**VALENTINA ATOY**

*Orange Technical College -  
South Campus  
Career and Technical Education*

Valentina Atoy, a proud graduate, has returned to campus to generously support the programs that shaped her success. She volunteers with both the Digital Media Multimedia and Digital Photography Technology programs, offering guidance, encouragement and hands-on help to current students. As a recent Digital Media graduate, she uses her own experience to mentor students and motivate them toward their goals.

In addition to program support, Valentina helps with schoolwide initiatives and even serves as a substitute teacher when needed. Her kindness, reliability and willingness to jump in wherever she’s needed make her an exceptional role model for students.

**ALLEN WILSON**

*Universal Education Center  
School Choice*

Allen Wilson is a dedicated advocate for education and student success. As the General Manager of Revenue Operations for Universal Orlando, he extends his influence far beyond his professional role. In addition to serving as a formal mentor to one of the students, Allen makes a point to connect with all students, offering guidance, encouragement and genuine support that make a meaningful difference. His commitment to the Universal Education Center community is evident in every interaction – from cultivating strong partnerships to creating opportunities that enrich student learning and growth. Allen’s generosity with his time, expertise and leadership reflects his deep belief in empowering the next generation.

**SHARON WARNER**

*Washington Shores Elementary  
School Transformation Office - Cadre 1*

Sharon Warner is an exceptional ADDitions volunteer whose dedication, compassion and creativity have profoundly enriched the Washington Shores Elementary community. As the founder of Youth Families and Communities United, she generously shares her time, talents and resources to uplift students, families and staff. Sharon is a consistent and inspiring presence on campus, facilitating resiliency workshops, strengthening family engagement events, encouraging students during testing seasons, and designing meaningful experiences that foster confidence and connection. Her steadfast commitment to supporting the whole child makes her an invaluable asset to the Jaguar community and a truly deserving volunteer honoree.

**JULIANN HOBBY**

*Wedgfield School  
K-8 Schools - Cadre 1*

Juliann is a dedicated and enthusiastic volunteer with experience supporting art programs, theater productions, front-office operations and VPK classrooms. She helps create welcoming, creative environments by assisting with setup, guiding guests and supporting students as they explore their talents. In the front office, she provides dependable administrative support and warmly greets families, helping ensure smooth daily operations. Her work with VPK students is especially meaningful as she contributes to early learning through hands on activities and positive engagement. Juliann’s teamwork, strong communication and commitment to meaningful experiences make her a valued part of the Wedgfield School community.

**GREG HERSEY**

*Read2Succeed  
District Program*

Greg Hersey is a long-time Orlando resident, North Carolina native, and graduate of North Carolina A&T State University who has served as a dedicated Read2Succeed volunteer since 2019. A committed literacy mentor, he works weekly with first- and second-grade students, strengthening vocabulary, reading fluency, confidence and overall engagement while fostering a calm, supportive environment for children facing academic or personal challenges. Greg builds strong relationships, collaborates with teachers, and tailors instruction to meet diverse student needs. His consistency, compassion and belief in “being a blessing to others” make him a trusted volunteer in advancing early literacy and student well-being across OCPS.

**SENIOR VOLUNTEER  
HONOREES**

**OLYMPIA WHITE**

*Lake Gem Elementary  
Elementary Schools - Cadre 7*

Olympia White has been an exceptional volunteer at Lake Gem Elementary for the past three years, consistently showing her commitment to student success and family engagement. She supports the school in many ways, including mentoring students, welcoming families at events, collecting attendance, distributing resources, and assisting with refreshments. She also serves on the School Advisory Council, helping guide decisions that strengthen the school community. A former OCPS teacher, coach and coordinator, Olympia brings invaluable experience to every role. Her dedication, expertise and warm presence continue to make a lasting impact on Lake Gem Elementary.

**LUCY PIERCE**

*Lake George Elementary  
Elementary Schools - Cadre 6*

For the past decade, Lucy Pierce has been a shining example of love and lifelong service at Lake George Elementary. A cherished senior volunteer and former campus nurse, she brings a gentle steadiness to the cafeteria each day— offering not just help, but kindness, encouragement and the wisdom of a life dedicated to caring for others. Lucy gives of herself with the same compassion and professionalism that defined her nursing career, touching the lives of students and staff alike. With more than 300 volunteer hours already contributed this school year, she has become a true heartbeat of the Lake George community—making the school a warmer, brighter and more compassionate place through her unwavering dedication.

**LOUIS MITCHELL**

*Magnolia School  
Exceptional Student Education - Cadre 1*

Louis Mitchell is a lifelong educator and a cherished member of the Magnolia School community. He served as both a classroom teacher and later the school’s music teacher before retiring. Louis’ deep commitment to Magnolia students brought him back to campus as soon as he was able. He now volunteers daily, offering support wherever it is most needed. Louis intentionally asks to work with students who exhibit challenging behaviors, believing that this is where he can make the greatest difference. His compassion, patience and unwavering dedication continue to positively influence students and staff alike.

**CATEGORIES INCLUDE: YOUTH, ADULT AND SENIOR**

**LYNN SWENSON**

*Pershing School  
 K-8 Schools - Cadre 1*

Marcia "Lynn" Swenson is an exceptional and dedicated volunteer who has been serving and mentoring at Pershing School since her retirement in 2012. She currently volunteers fifteen hours each week in Mrs. Little's third-grade classroom, and she has already contributed more than 300 hours this school year. Always willing to step in wherever she is needed, Lynn is a constant source of support, kindness and commitment, making her an invaluable member of the school community.

**WAYNE LOGSDON**

*Wekiva High  
 High Schools - Cadre 3*

Wayne, a retired educator with more than 30 years of experience as a teacher, administrator and Area Superintendent in Illinois, has spent the past five years as a transformational volunteer for the Wekiva Basketball program. Since moving to Florida for retirement, he has dedicated approximately 10 hours each week to mentoring nearly 35 student-athletes annually, modeling consistency, professionalism and hard work through his daily presence. His leadership, administrative insight and steady guidance have strengthened both the athletic program and the school community, providing structure, conflict-resolution support and essential academic mentorship. By helping athletes develop resilience, academic discipline and life skills, Wayne has elevated Wekiva Basketball into a program where athletic excellence and academic achievement go hand-in-hand.

**MICHAEL CRONYN**

*Read2Succeed  
 District Program*

Michael Cronyn brings a lifetime of service, compassion and professional expertise to the students of Oak Hill Elementary. Through his volunteer work, he supports early literacy by providing one-on-one and small-group reading sessions that strengthen students' vocabulary, fluency and comprehension. Many of the children he serves face academic gaps, limited access to books at home, or personal challenges that affect their confidence. Michael's calm and encouraging presence helps meet these resiliency needs by offering individualized attention, steady mentorship and a safe, supportive environment where students can build skills and grow with confidence.

**CATEGORIES INCLUDE: YOUTH, ADULT AND SENIOR**

(ALPHABETICAL BY SCHOOL AND LAST NAME)

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| <b>Katherine Wingfield</b><br>Aloma Elementary          | <b>Stephanie Smith</b><br>Dr. Phillips High           | <b>Deborah Kramer</b><br>Lake Nona Middle                       | <b>Aimee McFarland</b><br>Palm Lake Elementary                  | <b>Katie Marquiss</b><br>Summerlake Elementary    |
| <b>Teresa Idasxpe-Yovais</b><br>Apopka Middle           | <b>Rosanne Esposito</b><br>Eagle Creek Elementary     | <b>Caroline Jones</b><br>Lake Sybelia Elementary                | <b>Jacqueline Rosado</b><br>Palmetto Elementary                 | <b>Chad Smith</b><br>Sun Blaze Elementary         |
| <b>Rowan Brooks</b><br>Arbor Ridge K-8                  | <b>Mariela Potenza</b><br>Eagle's Nest Elementary     | <b>Jessica Green</b><br>Lake Sybelia Elementary                 | <b>Othellus Swift</b><br>Phillis Wheatley Elementary            | <b>Victoria Muramatsu</b><br>SunRidge Middle      |
| <b>Sharon Millan</b><br>Arbor Ridge K-8                 | <b>Chelsea O'Hara</b><br>East Lake Elementary         | <b>Richel Coble</b><br>Lake Whitney Elementary                  | <b>Ethel Wood</b><br>Phillis Wheatley Elementary                | <b>Michael Wise</b><br>Sunrise Elementary         |
| <b>Lucas Cavalcanti</b><br>Atwater Bay Elementary       | <b>Minta Lopez-Torres</b><br>Edgewater High           | <b>Deborah Brooks</b><br>Lakemont Elementary                    | <b>Maidalis Cubillan</b><br>Pinar Elementary                    | <b>Valerie Esoff</b><br>Sunset Park Elementary    |
| <b>Naomi Wai</b><br>Audubon Park School                 | <b>Leidyn Felix</b><br>Endeavor Elementary            | <b>Kari Liby</b><br>Lakemont Elementary                         | <b>Jannelle Ramos</b><br>Prairie Lake Elementary                | <b>Rosemary Lipman</b><br>Sunshine Elementary     |
| <b>Amanda Greenfield</b><br>Avalon Elementary           | <b>Shirley Nesmith</b><br>Evans High                  | <b>Jessica Donovan</b><br>Lakeview Middle                       | <b>Toneicia Turner</b><br>Prairie Lake Elementary               | <b>Matthew Adkins</b><br>Thornebrooke Elementary  |
| <b>Stephanie Shadrick</b><br>Baldwin Park Elementary    | <b>Jett Bunselmeyer</b><br>Hamlin Elementary          | <b>Irasema Cardenas</b><br>Lancaster Elementary                 | <b>Meegan Yockus</b><br>Prairie Lake Elementary                 | <b>Patricia Leader</b><br>Thornebrooke Elementary |
| <b>Paureh Goncalves</b><br>Bay Meadows Elementary       | <b>Katrell Gray</b><br>Hamlin Elementary              | <b>Debora Toro Montoyo</b><br>Lancaster Elementary              | <b>Todd Baxter</b><br>Princeton Elementary                      | <b>Katy Barnes</b><br>Tildenville Elementary      |
| <b>Nichole Ladde</b><br>Blankner School                 | <b>Patricia Snyder</b><br>Hamlin Elementary           | <b>Beverly Brownell</b><br>Legacy Middle                        | <b>David Gourley</b><br>Randall Academy - Alternative Education | <b>Susan Smith</b><br>Tildenville Elementary      |
| <b>Suzanne Lincoln</b><br>Blankner School               | <b>Darlene Scott</b><br>Hiawassee Elementary          | <b>Katherine Hayes</b><br>Legacy Middle                         | <b>Kaline Lapommeray</b><br>Read2Succeed                        | <b>Carmen Rodriguez</b><br>Union Park Elementary  |
| <b>Cheyenne Miller</b><br>Blankner School               | <b>Michael Nepywoda</b><br>Hospital Homebound         | <b>Holly Fullmer</b><br>Little River Elementary                 | <b>Diana Gamble</b><br>Ridgewood Park Elementary                | <b>Karan Duggar</b><br>Union Park Middle          |
| <b>Youvone Dain</b><br>Bonneville Elementary            | <b>Jennifer Alvarado</b><br>Howard Middle             | <b>Traci Kimes</b><br>Lockhart Middle                           | <b>Donald Jacobson</b><br>Roberto Clemente Middle               | <b>Kanisha James</b><br>University High           |
| <b>Joanne Gifford</b><br>Bonneville Elementary          | <b>Lorri Fletcher</b><br>Howard Middle                | <b>Carter Hutchinson</b><br>Maxey Elementary                    | <b>Lillie Williams</b><br>Rock Lake Elementary                  | <b>Iriannys Artigas</b><br>Ventura Elementary     |
| <b>Nadia Nohar</b><br>Camelot Elementary                | <b>Kathryn McCarthy</b><br>Hunter's Creek Elementary  | <b>Julia Fox</b><br>Meadow Woods Elementary                     | <b>Omar Aguila</b><br>Rolling Hills Elementary                  | <b>Maria Da Silva</b><br>Village Park Elementary  |
| <b>Cynthia Strauss</b><br>Camelot Elementary            | <b>Lorena Montoya</b><br>Hunter's Creek Elementary    | <b>Denise Baughman</b><br>Moss Park Elementary                  | <b>Derron Hendrickson</b><br>Rolling Hills Elementary           | <b>Megan Angle</b><br>Water Spring Elementary     |
| <b>Marsha Taylor</b><br>Clay Springs Elementary         | <b>Marzena Batignani</b><br>Hunter's Creek Middle     | <b>Hadley Kessler</b><br>NorthLake Park Community School        | <b>Fay Hurdle</b><br>Rolling Hills Elementary                   | <b>Andressa Colombo</b><br>Water Spring Middle    |
| <b>Caroline Mitchell</b><br>Colonial High               | <b>Jennifer Carney</b><br>Independence Elementary     | <b>Gisele Rolim</b><br>NorthLake Park Community School          | <b>Mary Sawchuck</b><br>Rosemont Elementary                     | <b>Lee Yarborough</b><br>Wedgefield School        |
| <b>Valerie Calderin</b><br>Columbia Elementary          | <b>Olivia Pavone</b><br>Independence Elementary       | <b>David Reike</b><br>Ocoee Middle                              | <b>Jose Oropeza</b><br>Sally Ride Elementary                    | <b>Tiffany Acuzar</b><br>West Creek Elementary    |
| <b>Sandra Molina</b><br>Conway Elementary               | <b>Viviane Vaders</b><br>Innovation High              | <b>Toni Crabtree</b><br>OCPS Academic Center for Excellence     | <b>Shawn Staneff</b><br>Sally Ride Elementary                   | <b>Mary Dysart</b><br>Westbrooke Elementary       |
| <b>Nicole Pierce</b><br>Conway Elementary               | <b>Alisha Vozella</b><br>Innovation Middle            | <b>Deja Hayes</b><br>OCPS Academic Center for Excellence        | <b>Jane Bullion</b><br>Sand Lake Elementary                     | <b>Wendy Darre</b><br>Windermere Elementary       |
| <b>Joaquin Rodriguez Hernandez</b><br>Conway Elementary | <b>Jayden Pryor</b><br>Ivey Lane Elementary           | <b>Emilio Stewart</b><br>OCPS Academic Center for Excellence    | <b>Bay Hart</b><br>Sand Lake Elementary                         | <b>Alyson Hupp</b><br>Windermere Elementary       |
| <b>Kiana Hill</b><br>Corner Lake Middle                 | <b>Michelle Giammarinaro</b><br>John Young Elementary | <b>Kaleb Salmon</b><br>Odyssey Middle                           | <b>Maria Veglucci</b><br>Shenandoah Elementary                  | <b>Holli Kennedy</b><br>Windy Ridge K-8           |
| <b>Barbara Barber</b><br>Dillard Street Elementary      | <b>Mikayla Allen</b><br>Jones High                    | <b>Janie Rambert</b><br>Orange County Virtual School            | <b>Jose Cardenas</b><br>South Creek Middle                      | <b>Melanie Markey</b><br>Windy Ridge K-8          |
| <b>Leisel Healy</b><br>Dillard Street Elementary        | <b>Emily Tornatore</b><br>Keene's Crossing Elementary | <b>Regina Singleton</b><br>Orange County Virtual School         | <b>Norberto Neto, Jr.</b><br>South Creek Middle                 | <b>Jennifer Ho</b><br>Winter Park High            |
| <b>Kelly Kusterman</b><br>Dillard Street Elementary     | <b>Rebecca Hendrickson</b><br>Kelly Park School       | <b>Michael Wilkie</b><br>Orange Technical College - Main Campus | <b>Norberto Neto, Sr.</b><br>South Creek Middle                 | <b>Kathryn Berry</b><br>Wolf Lake Middle          |
| <b>Judith Hastings</b><br>Discovery Middle              | <b>Evann Abalo</b><br>Lake George Elementary          | <b>Elika Duvras</b><br>Orlo Vista Elementary                    | <b>Theresa Hasegawa</b><br>Stone Lakes Elementary               |   |
| <b>Casey Breedlove</b><br>Dommerich Elementary          | <b>Stacy Mahar</b><br>Lake George Elementary          | <b>Donna Massol</b><br>Palm Lake Elementary                     | <b>Christina Pender</b><br>Stone Lakes Elementary               |   |

**ORANGE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
PARTNERS OF THE YEAR**

**DISTRICTWIDE HONOREES**

**WASHINGTON SHORES  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

*Faith-Based  
Washington Shores Elementary  
School Transformation Office -  
Cadre 1*

Washington Shores Presbyterian Church (WSPC) has been a constant source of hope and support for the students, staff and families of Washington Shores Elementary. Through compassion, generosity and action, WSPC removes barriers and meets needs – both seen and unseen – ensuring students have the resources to learn, teachers feel valued, and families feel connected. Their involvement extends from classrooms and mentoring to literacy events, staff appreciation, and student-centered initiatives that build confidence and pride. This sustained partnership helps drive academic, attendance and social-emotional growth, contributing to the school's transformation from an "F" to a "B." Most importantly, WSPC shows students that their circumstances do not define their future and that with support, belief and opportunity, anything is possible.

**AFTERMEDIA**

*Professional  
Community Outreach  
Districtwide*

AfterMedia is the brainchild of Scotty Holland, the son of a teacher and a military service member, whose vision was to create a company rooted in gratitude and recognition. Built on the belief that everyday heroes deserve extraordinary appreciation, AfterMedia specializes in honoring outstanding members of the HEROES program within public school systems and the military community. Through this mission, AfterMedia has awarded more than 70 OCPS employees with unforgettable vacation stays – celebrating bus drivers, teachers, facilities staff and principals alike. No role is overlooked and every contribution matters. By shining a spotlight on those who serve behind the scenes, AfterMedia reminds us that true impact comes from people who show up with heart – those who give their time, their energy and their compassion day after day. Their presence is a reminder that dedication is more than a duty; it's an act of love for the community they serve.

**EA SPORTS  
TIBURON STUDIO**

*Sports  
Edgewater High  
High Schools - Cadre 2*

In 2024, Edgewater High's football team was given a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to compete against the NFL Academy in the United Kingdom – an opportunity many believed was out of reach. EA SPORTS turned that dream into reality. This partnership went far beyond football. EA SPORTS showed Edgewater High students that dedication and hard work can open doors beyond their local community, connecting sports, technology and culture in powerful ways. They also included the entire school in some of the various activities on campus, athlete or not. From mentorship by NFL legends to seeing themselves represented in Madden NFL 25 and EA SPORTS College Football 25, the students felt seen, believed in and valued. More than a brand partner, EA SPORTS became part of the Edgewater Eagles family, standing beside the students and proving that when opportunity meets belief, the impact lasts well beyond the final whistle.

**CADRE AND DISTRICT PROGRAM HONOREES**

(HONOREES BY CATEGORY)

**EDUCATION/  
FINANCIAL/  
PROFESSIONAL/  
TECHNOLOGY**

**CENTRAL FLORIDA  
ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY**

*Education  
Sally Ride Elementary  
Elementary Schools - Cadre 10*

The Central Florida Astronomical Society has become a valued part of the Sally Ride Elementary community, inspiring students through Teach-In presentations, Astro Night telescope viewing, and memorable planetarium experiences. CFAS volunteers spark wonder, nurture curiosity, and open students' eyes to the vastness of the universe. CFAS exemplifies true partnership in education, enriching learning in ways that will influence Sally Ride Elementary students for years to come.

**stART STUDIO**

*Education  
Thornebrooke Elementary  
Elementary Schools - Cadre 11*

Lenore Eastham and stART Studio bring warmth, creativity and connection to Thornebrooke Elementary. Her weekly support in early-learning classrooms and the library nurtures confidence and joy, while Family Art Nights unite families in meaningful shared experiences. Lenore's dedication enriches students, uplifts staff and strengthens the heart of the school community.

**CHASE BANK**

*Financial  
Orange Technical College - South Campus  
Career and Technical Education - Cadre 1*

Chase Bank's partnership has strengthened financial literacy at Orange Technical College-South Campus through consistent workshops that empower students with real-world money management skills. This support has boosted confidence, improved decision making and created lasting opportunities for long-term stability, making Chase Bank an invaluable partner in student success and community growth.

**AMERISCAPES**

*Professional  
Pershing School  
K-8 Schools - Cadre 1*

Ameriscapes, led by Billy Butterfield, is a model Partner in Education. From mentoring fifth-grade students and supporting science labs to maintaining Pershing School's beautiful campus and sustaining long-standing traditions, the Ameriscapes team strengthens learning, community pride and student well-being. Ameriscapes' unwavering dedication has become an essential part of Pershing School's success.

**BRASFIELD & GORRIE**

*Professional  
Dommerich Elementary  
Elementary Schools - Cadre 1*

Brasfield & Gorrie's partnership brought profound joy and stability to Dommerich Elementary families, ensuring every child – and their siblings – felt seen, supported and celebrated. Their heartfelt generosity eased holiday burdens, strengthened family

bonds and uplifted students with a deep sense of belonging. Brasfield & Gorrie upholds a belief that every child deserves hope, dignity and joy.

**FATHOM REALTY FL**

*Professional  
Freedom High  
High Schools - Cadre 1*

Fathom Realty FL has become a pillar of support for Freedom High. Through event sponsorships, student recognition, athletic support and generous contributions, the company strengthens opportunities, celebrates achievement and uplifts school culture. Its dedication continues to enrich the Freedom High community and inspire a spirit of pride and possibility.

**FAITH-BASED/  
GOVERNMENT/HEALTH/  
NON-PROFIT**

**EAST COAST BELIEVERS  
CHURCH**

*Faith-Based  
Pinewood Elementary  
Elementary Schools - Cadre 5*

This community partnership provides a lifeline for Pinewood Elementary, restocking the school pantry every two weeks and supporting hundreds of families with dignity and care. Through consistent outreach, compassion and hands-on service, this team strengthens student well-being, eases family burdens and embodies the true spirit of community support.

**HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH**

*Faith-Based  
Arbor Ridge K-8  
K-8 Schools - Cadre 1*

Hope Lutheran Church provides steadfast support to Arbor Ridge K-8 through school supply drives, holiday assistance, staff appreciation and hands-on service. Their garden, beautification efforts and close connection with incoming students create continuity, care and community. This partnership strengthens school culture, removes barriers to learning and uplifts families with compassion and consistency.

**JOURNEY CHURCH**

*Faith-Based  
University High  
High Schools - Cadre 2*

Journey Church has become a steadfast partner to University High, supporting students, families and staff through consistent volunteerism, school-supply drives, events and weekly campus involvement. Journey Church's presence strengthens relationships, uplifts school culture and meets essential needs with compassion. This partnership embodies true community collaboration, enriching University High with reliability, care and a shared commitment to student success.

**WORD OF LIFE CHURCH**

*Faith-Based  
Apopka Middle  
Middle Schools - Cadre 1*

A partnership with Pastor Justin and Word of Life Church provides steady encouragement and mentorship for students through weekly gatherings and ongoing outreach to local families. Each visit supports a positive school culture by reinforcing constructive attitudes, thoughtful decision-making and a stronger sense of purpose. This

consistent involvement has become a valued source of stability and community connection, contributing to a more engaged and respectful campus environment.

**JAYSMILES FOUNDATION**

*Non-Profit  
Eagle's Nest Elementary  
Elementary Schools - Cadre 7*

*Kelly Park School  
K-8 Schools - Cadre 1*

*Palmetto Elementary  
Elementary Schools - Cadre 6*

The Jaysmiles Foundation fills each school with joy, generosity and genuine love. The Recess Bags program, student celebrations and monthly recognitions lift spirits and help every child feel seen. Jaysmiles Foundation's thoughtful support of teachers strengthens a culture of gratitude that radiates through school halls. With intention and heart, Jaysmiles Foundation transforms ordinary moments into celebrations, leaving a lasting impact on entire school communities.

**WINTER PARK ALUMNI  
CHAPTER OF KAPPA ALPHA  
PSI FRATERNITY**

*Non-Profit  
Rolling Hills Elementary  
Elementary Schools - Cadre 8*

The Winter Park Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity enriches Rolling Hills Elementary through consistent mentorship, character development and meaningful involvement in school life. The fraternity's presence strengthens student confidence, supports academic growth and promotes positive behavior. By investing time, leadership and genuine care, this partnership uplifts young leaders and strengthens the entire school community with lasting impact.

**HOSPITALITY/TOURISM**

**AURO HOTELS/RENAISSANCE  
ORLANDO AIRPORT**

*Hospitality  
Conway Elementary  
Elementary Schools - Cadre 9*

Auro Hotels/Renaissance Orlando Airport Hotel has become a cherished partner to Conway Elementary, uplifting students and staff through exceptional hospitality and consistent support. From beautifully catered breakfasts to monthly Student of the Month treats and special celebrations, their generosity strengthens morale and builds community. This partnership brings warmth, reliability and genuine care to Conway Elementary, making a meaningful difference throughout the year.

**EMBASSY SUITES BY HILTON  
ORLANDO AIRPORT**

*Hospitality  
Lake George Elementary  
Elementary Schools - Cadre 6*

Embassy Suites by Hilton Orlando Airport has been a devoted partner to Lake George Elementary for more than 20 years, uplifting students and staff through generous hospitality, school supply support and hands-on mentoring experiences. Their annual job shadowing program connects scholars to real-world careers, while their kindness at school events strengthens morale and community pride. This enduring partnership reflects true commitment, care and investment in Lake George Elementary students' futures.

**HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS AND  
SUITES - UCF**

*Hospitality  
Legacy Middle  
Middle Schools - Cadre 3*

Holiday Inn Express and Suites - UCF has become a remarkable partner to Legacy Middle, uplifting students and staff through generous support, classroom technology donations and consistent appreciation efforts. Their involvement in Teach-In and school events strengthens real-world connections and enriches learning. From meals to eSports resources, their commitment reflects genuine care for the Legacy Middle community and a shared dedication to student success and well-being.

**POLYNESIAN RESORT**

*Hospitality  
Freedom High  
High Schools - Cadre 1*

Polynesian Resort has become an invaluable partner to Freedom High through Chef Philippe Cuenin's consistent mentorship, culinary demonstrations and generous program support. His guidance strengthens technical skills, boosts student confidence and elevates competition performance. By providing resources, industry insight and hands-on expertise, this partnership enriches learning and prepares students for real-world culinary careers with lasting impact.

**RESTAURANT/RETAIL/  
SPORTS**

**CHICK-FIL-A**

**WATERFORD LAKES**  
*Restaurant  
Avalon Elementary  
Elementary Schools - Cadre 5*  
*Wedgfield School  
K-8 Schools - Cadre 1*

Chick-fil-A Waterford Lakes is a joyful and generous partner whose enthusiasm brightens the Avalon Elementary and Wedgfield School communities. The annual staff stipend, creative student events and sponsorship of school celebrations – such as the pumpkin contest and Winter Holiday Concert – bring excitement, pride and connection to each campus. With heartfelt involvement and unwavering support, Chick-fil-A Waterford Lakes uplifts educators, celebrates students and strengthens the spirit of entire school communities.

**DAVE AND BUSTER'S  
ORLANDO**

*Restaurant  
Dr. Phillips High  
High Schools - Cadre 2*

Dave and Buster's Orlando has been an extraordinary Partner in Education for Dr. Phillips High, uplifting students and staff through generous monthly support. Free play cards that motivate academic success, along with gift cards, cookies and celebration giveaways, spark excitement and build community spirit. Always ready to assist, Dave and Buster's Orlando brings joy, consistency and genuine care to the campus, creating a lasting impact throughout the year.

**GATOR'S DOCKSIDE  
LAKE NONA**

*Restaurant  
Moss Park Elementary  
Elementary Schools - Cadre 9*

Gator's Dockside Lake Nona has become a treasured partner to Moss Park Elementary, uplifting students and staff through generous incentives, celebratory meals and community-building events. Support ranging from Student of the Week rewards to staff appreciation and spirited family nights strengthens morale, motivates learners and deepens school community connections. This partnership reflects genuine care, consistent generosity and a shared commitment to student success.

**LAZY MOON MAITLAND**

*Restaurant  
Dommerich Elementary  
Elementary Schools - Cadre 1*

Lazy Moon Maitland has become a valued partner to Dommerich Elementary, enriching student experiences and supporting educators through generous contributions and active involvement. From providing pizza for academic celebrations and milestone events to leading hands-on Teach-In demonstrations and hosting Spirit Nights, their commitment strengthens school spirit, fosters real-world learning and uplifts staff. Their consistent support reflects true dedication to Dommerich Elementary students and community.

CATEGORIES INCLUDE: (1) EDUCATION/FINANCIAL/PROFESSIONAL/TECHNOLOGY  
(2) FAITH-BASED/GOVERNMENT/HEALTH/NON-PROFIT,  
(3) HOSPITALITY/TOURISM AND (4) RESTAURANT/RETAIL/SPORTS

**COACH LEE'S SUMMER  
CAMP AND WELLNESS  
EDUCATION**

*Sports  
Village Park Elementary  
Elementary Schools - Cadre 7*

Coach Lee's Summer Camp and Wellness Education is a deeply cherished Partner in Education, with inspiration embedded throughout the Village Park Elementary community. Coach Lee leads with heart and integrity, and a joyful presence, kindness and dedication to student well-being leave a lasting impact while exemplifying true community partnership. Through Coach Lee's Summer Camp and Wellness Education, generous support continues from providing supplies and student incentives to assisting families with access to sports and wellness programs.

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| <b>Aloma Baptist Church</b><br>Aloma Elementary                                | <b>City of Orlando - My Brother's Keeper</b><br>Edgewater High            | <b>Barnes &amp; Noble, Central and Southeast Florida</b><br>MVP and Migrant                                | <b>Norden Leaox Accident &amp; Injury Law</b><br>Tildenville Elementary                    |
| <b>Keller Williams of Winter Park</b><br>Aloma Elementary                      | <b>King Solomon Foundation</b><br>Evans High                              | <b>Texas Roadhouse Orlando Airport - Lee Vista</b><br>NorthLake Park Community School                      | <b>Pammie's Sammies</b><br>Tildenville Elementary  |
| <b>St. Michael's Episcopal Church</b><br>Alternative Education Centers         | <b>Bahama Buck's</b><br>Freedom High                                      | <b>Parramore Community Engagement Center</b><br>OCPS Academic Center for Excellence                        | <b>The Nurture Place</b><br>Tildenville Elementary   |
| <b>Dix. Hite + Partners</b><br>Audubon Park School                             | <b>HAPBWA Foundation</b><br>Freedom High                                  | <b>M&amp;N Events Studio</b><br>Orange County Virtual School   | <b>Championship Martial Arts Avalon Park</b><br>Timber Lakes Elementary                    |
| <b>Championship Martial Arts</b><br>Baldwin Park Elementary                    | <b>New York Life   Orlando General Office</b><br>Freedom Middle           | <b>Siler Wealth Management</b><br>Orange County Virtual School   | <b>Universal Orlando Resort</b><br>Universal Education Centers                             |
| <b>SoChurch</b><br>Bay Meadows Elementary                                      | <b>Sakowitz Smiles Orthodontics</b><br>Hamlin Elementary                  | <b>Delta Omicron Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority</b><br>Orange Technical College - West Campus | <b>St. Joseph Catholic Church</b><br>Union Park Elementary                                 |
| <b>Essential Mind and Body</b><br>Blankner School                              | <b>Travel + Leisure Charitable Foundation</b><br>Hungerford Elementary    | <b>Here Church</b><br>Orlando Gifted Academy   | <b>Feed &amp; Fortify Community Organization</b><br>Union Park Middle                      |
| <b>HGR Construction</b><br>Brookshire Elementary                               | <b>Innovation High School PTSA</b><br>Innovation High                     | <b>Followers of the Way Church</b><br>Orlo Vista Elementary  | <b>Center Pointe Community Pointe of the Nazarene</b><br>Ventura Elementary                |
| <b>St. Luke's United Methodist Church</b><br>Chain of Lakes Middle             | <b>Grand Bohemian</b><br>Jones High                                       | <b>Matt Allen Real Estate</b><br>Palm Lake Elementary  | <b>Conway Smiles &amp; Dental Implants</b><br>Ventura Elementary                           |
| <b>Wekiwa Springs Baptist Church Good News Club</b><br>Clay Springs Elementary | <b>Koinonia Ministries of Central Florida</b><br>Lake Gem Elementary      | <b>Center Pointe Community Church of the Nazarene</b><br>Pinar Elementary                                  | <b>Orange County Bar Association Young Lawyers Section</b><br>Washington Shores Elementary |
| <b>College Park United Methodist Church</b><br>College Park Middle             | <b>Youth Families and Communities United</b><br>Lake Weston Elementary    | <b>Starbucks</b><br>Pinewood Elementary  | <b>Rotary Club of Orlando</b><br>Washington Shores Elementary                              |
| <b>Summit Church Orlando</b><br>Colonial High                                  | <b>Five Tenets Martial Arts Center</b><br>Lawton Chiles Elementary        | <b>SimpleFire</b><br>Roberto Clemente Middle   | <b>Fellowship of Christian Athletes</b><br>Water Spring Middle                             |
| <b>Corebridge Financial</b><br>Conway Elementary                               | <b>Genesis Church</b><br>Lawton Chiles Elementary                         | <b>Greater Orlando Aviation Authority</b><br>Sally Ride Elementary   | <b>Genesis Church</b><br>Wedgfield School  |
| <b>Growing Together Pediatrics</b><br>Conway Elementary                        | <b>The Core Financial Group</b><br>Lawton Chiles Elementary               | <b>Texas Roadhouse Orlando Airport - Lee Vista</b><br>Sally Ride Elementary                                | <b>The Wilkins Way Team</b><br>Wedgfield School  |
| <b>Texas Roadhouse Orlando Airport - Lee Vista</b><br>Conway Elementary        | <b>Coach Kelly Live</b><br>Legacy Middle                                  | <b>Meyer Medical and Chiropractic</b><br>Silver Pines Academy  | <b>Sakowitz Smiles Orthodontics</b><br>Windy Ridge K-8                                     |
| <b>McDonald's-Winter Garden</b><br>Dillard Street Elementary                   | <b>Feed and Fortify Community Organization</b><br>Little River Elementary | <b>Victory Martial Arts - Lake Nona</b><br>Sun Blaze Elementary  | <b>That's The Spot Massage</b><br>Winter Park 9th Grade Center                             |
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