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BCPS Honors Top Teacher, Principal, Assistant Principal and School-Related/District Employee of the Year at 2015 Caliber Awards Ceremony

Broward County Public Schools (BCPS) honored its finest at the 2015 Caliber Awards Ceremony on Wednesday, April 1, 2015, at the Greater Fort Lauderdale/Broward County Convention Center in Fort Lauderdale. Each year, the Caliber Awards program recognizes the exceptional leadership, hard work and dedication of Broward's outstanding teachers, principals, assistant principals and school-related/District employees. Congratulations to all of the award winners.

Teacher of the Year

Nicole Brown, Deerfield Beach Middle School



Nicole Brown has achieved National Board Certification, an advanced teaching credential recognizing effective and accomplished teachers, twice in her 22-year teaching career. To increase student achievement, an effective teacher is estimated to have two to three times the impact of any other school factor. Brown is not only an effective teacher, but also an exceptional teacher.

As head of the Reading Department, she has had a direct impact on improving student achievement, and increasing proficiency and learning gains. Brown believes that "every student can learn and grow." Her winning formula: "I set high expectations for learning, value students' opinions, help to strengthen their weaknesses and celebrate their successes."

In her community, Brown serves as chairperson and mentor for Emerging Young Leaders, a program of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., and Mentoring Tomorrow's Leaders, a program for middle school students in Broward County. She mentors and trains students to become leaders through their participation in leadership development, civic engagement and educational enrichment activities.

"Ms. Brown is a highly effective instructor. Her lessons are goal-oriented and her students are excited about learning," said Deerfield Beach Middle School Principal Francine Baugh.

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Principal of the Year

Angela Brown, Dillard Elementary School



Angela Brown makes a difference at Dillard Elementary School. Through developing relationships and programs, she increased enrollment from 461 students in 2011/12 to 824 students in 2014/15.

Brown created a range of exciting and interactive programs. She developed an iPad pilot program and one-of-a-kind PreK/VPK program. Another program offers fifth grade students the opportunity to tour major universities. Many of these students will become the first in their families to graduate with a college degree. A new program has also been created for students in third and fourth grades to tour local colleges and universities. In addition, Brown created hands-on mentoring programs to ensure students have a positive influence in their lives.

Brown has a direct impact in the daily lives of the students at Dillard Elementary and their families. She is an inspiration to her students and to the entire community.

Assistant Principal of the Year

Thomas Moncilovich, Sheridan Technical College



Thomas Moncilovich has a philosophy: Facilitate student registration for Career and Technical Education programs and provide them with the best instruction and newest industry technology, so that students will have an advantage when entering the workforce.

Through Moncilovich's leadership, Broward County Public Schools has realized several significant innovations for Sheridan Technical College. In 2014, Moncilovich launched a first in the nation idea. He oversaw the design and construction of a Mobile Auto Service Technician training lab. The NASCAR-type trailer houses all of the equipment necessary in a brick and mortar automotive classroom, but in a mobile trailer that can be taken to any remote campus or location for online automotive students, instructional lectures and competency demonstrations. The mobile lab makes it possible to offer online automotive service programs without the \$100,000 cost of a traditional lab/classroom.

Moncilovich's devotion to students, workforce education and institutional advancement is evident. His personal philosophy continues to fuel his passion and deep belief in the power of higher education and building careers.

School-Related/District Employee of the Year

Kenyatta Medlock, Whiddon-Rogers Education Center



Kenyatta Medlock has a passion for working with students who may feel discouraged or undervalued. It's her personal goal to have a positive impact on the lives of the students she influences everyday at Whiddon-Rogers Education Center. She has learned to wear many hats in an effort to achieve her goal.

For the past six years, Medlock has worked to really “know” students of Whiddon-Rogers Education Center. She has wowed her colleagues with her natural ability to build relationships with students and their parents. In fact, over the years, she went from being a mentor to 100 students, to providing opportunities to nearly 1,000. Medlock also uses her tireless energy to dream big

for the benefit of students.

Medlock is doing what she set out to do, which is to be an agent for positive change. “Ms. Medlock is considered clerical personnel...however, in my eyes, she is a teacher, a counselor, a nurse, a social worker, a counselor and a child advocate all rolled into one,” said Whiddon-Rogers Education Center Intern Principal Elizabeth Tatum.

For additional information on this year's award recipients and finalists, visit the District's website at **browardschools/caliberawards**.

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ABOUT BROWARD COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Broward County Public Schools (BCPS) is the sixth largest public school system in the United States and the second largest in the state of Florida. BCPS is Florida's first fully accredited school system since 1962. BCPS has over 260,000 students and approximately 175,000 adult students in 238 schools, centers and technical colleges, and 99 charter schools. BCPS serves a diverse student population. Students are from 204 different countries and speak 135 different languages. For more information about BCPS, visit **browardschools.com**, follow us on Twitter **[@Browardschools](https://twitter.com/Browardschools)**, like us on Facebook **[@facebook.com/browardschools](https://facebook.com/browardschools)**, and download the free Broward County Public Schools mobile app.