

# 2023

## Art of Found Objects



Annual Art Exhibition & Awards Reception



FOR EXCELLENCE IN MIAMI-DADE PUBLIC SCHOOLS



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## The Education Fund Ocean Bank Center for Educational Materials

### *Annual Art Exhibition*

Each year, as part of their commitment to the community and its children, Ocean Bank and The Education Fund sponsor the “Art of Found Objects” exhibit for students in Miami-Dade County Public Schools. This exhibit features children’s and teachers’ artwork created with materials recycled from The Education Fund Ocean Bank Center for Educational Materials.

The purpose of the “Art of Found Objects” exhibition is to show the many creative ways that items found in The Education Fund Ocean Bank Center for Educational Materials can be used. Through this unique exhibit, children learn to work individually and in teams on projects. They gain self-respect from seeing that their artwork is worthy of being displayed. Students receive the encouragement they need from a teacher in whose class they excel, and they take the success of winning an award and translate it into other subject areas in school. Art has a profound influence on children’s lives, and our program helps expand that influence.

### Special Thanks to Ocean Bank OCEAN BANK

The Education Fund Ocean Bank Center celebrates its 31<sup>st</sup> Anniversary this year, thanks to our signature sponsor, Ocean Bank. Ocean Bank, a pillar in the community, is committed to our school children, ensuring they have the supplies needed to learn through their named sponsorship of the Ocean Bank Center, its art exhibit, and its art auction. For more than a quarter-century, Ocean Bank’s generous gifts have kept the Ocean Bank Center going strong. Its commitment has helped create a lifeline upon which teachers can depend, and their students can flourish. The enduring partnership among Ocean Bank, The Education Fund, and Miami-Dade County Public Schools works to provide every child with the best education possible.

The Education Fund is privileged to see Ocean Bank’s support rewarded through the eyes of grateful teachers visiting the well-stocked aisles of the Ocean Bank Center, and ultimately, through the students who are using these materials in their classrooms every day.

# The Education Fund Ocean Bank Center for Educational Materials 2023 Art Exhibition Awards Reception

## WELCOME

**Linda Lecht**

President, The Education Fund

## EMCEE

**Jose Mallea**

President, Biscayne Bay Brewing Company

## AWARDS PRESENTATION

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The Education Fund wishes to thank  
**Assurant, The Children's Trust, Frederick A. DeLuca Foundation,  
The Kirk Foundation, Miami Dade College - Hialeah Campus, and  
Peacock Foundation Inc.** for their support of this event;  
**Greater Miami Convention and Visitors Bureau** for printing  
the program books; and the art contest judges for their  
help with selecting this year's winners.

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# Elementary School Winners

THE EDUCATION FUND OCEAN BANK CENTER FOR EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS 2023 ART EXHIBITION



## Grand Prize

*Galaxy Gator*

Group

**Grade:** 5<sup>th</sup>

**School:** Jack D. Gordon Elementary

**Art Teacher:** Michael Flaum



## Best of the Best

*Nature Jigsaw*

Group

**Grade:** 5<sup>th</sup>

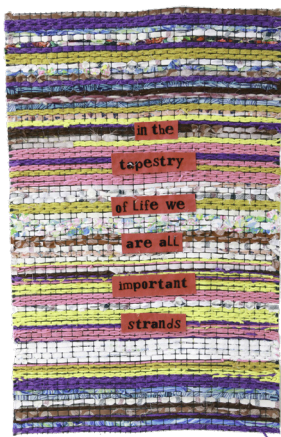
**School:** Pinecrest Academy

South

**Art Teacher:** Erika Reboucas

# Elementary School Winners

THE EDUCATION FUND OCEAN BANK CENTER FOR EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS 2023 ART EXHIBITION



## Award of Merit

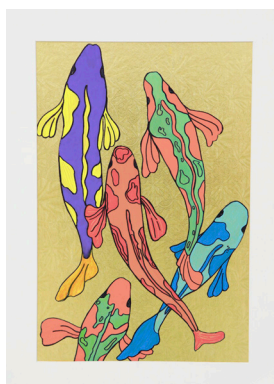
*Tapestry of Life*

Group

**Grades:** 2<sup>nd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup>

**School:** West Homestead K-8 Center

**Art Teacher:** Paula Gale



## Honorable Mention

*Rush Hour*

Group

**Grades:** 1<sup>st</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup>

**School:** Dr. Carlos J. Finley Elementary

**Art Teacher:** Augusto Zambrana



## Honorable Mention

*Journals*

Group

**Grades:** 2<sup>nd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup>

**School:** Norwood Elementary

**Art Teacher:** Veronica Fascie

# Middle School Winners

THE EDUCATION FUND OCEAN BANK CENTER FOR EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS 2023 ART EXHIBITION

## Grand Prize

*Dandy Lion*

Group

**Grade:** 7<sup>th</sup>

**School:** True North Classical Academy

**Art Teacher:** Sara Alfaro



## Best of the Best

*Celia Cruz*

Amber Barja

**Grade:** 7<sup>th</sup>

**School:** Miami Arts Studio 6-12

**Art Teacher:** Brian Reedy





# Middle School Winners

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## Award of Merit

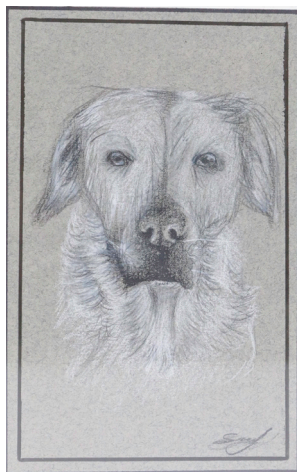
*Sofia Del Valle*

Kiara

**Grade:** 7<sup>th</sup>

**School:** Miami Arts Studio 6-12

**Art Teacher:** Jorge Del Valle



## Honorable Mention

*Wild In The Wind*

Shyla Thandani

**Grade:** 7<sup>th</sup>

**School:** True North Classical Academy

**Art Teacher:** Sara Alfaro

## Honorable Mention

*Blue Macaws*

Augustine Cardoso & Michelle Moran

**Grade:** 6<sup>th</sup>

**School:** Hialeah Middle

**Art Teacher:** Marcos Alvarez

# Senior High School Winners

THE EDUCATION FUND OCEAN BANK CENTER FOR EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS 2023 ART EXHIBITION



## Grand Prize

*Spring Blooming*

Dalila Di-Masuio

**Grade:** 10<sup>th</sup>

**School:** Booker T. Washington  
Senior High

**Art Teacher:** Raydeivis  
Soguero-Gonzalez



## Best of the Best

*Daphne*

Samantha Vargas

**Grade:** 10<sup>th</sup>

**School:** Miami Arts Studio 6-12

**Art Teacher:** Brian Reedy



# Senior High School Winners

THE EDUCATION FUND OCEAN BANK CENTER FOR EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS 2023 ART EXHIBITION



## Award of Merit

*BMW M8 COMP*

Lorena Hermelo

**Grade:** 12<sup>th</sup>

**School:** Miami Springs

Senior High

**Art Teacher:** Beth Goldstein



## Honorable Mention

*Tahiti Sunset*

Sophia Murado

**Grade:** 10<sup>th</sup>

**School:** Miami Arts Studio 6-12

**Art Teacher:** Brian Reedy



## Honorable Mention

*Three Dogs*

Maria Gacita

**Grade:** 12<sup>th</sup>

**School:** G. Holmes

Braddock Senior

High

**Art Teacher:**

Mortimer

Hechavarria

# Teacher Winners

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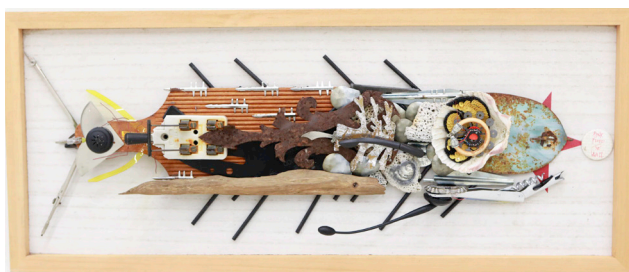


## Grand Prize

*Calle Paciencia*

Maria Vallejo

**School:** South Miami Heights  
Elementary



## Best of the Best

*A Fish Called Floyd*

Peter Demercado

**School:** Banyan Elementary

# Teacher Winners

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## Award of Merit

*Santorini*

Erika Reboucas

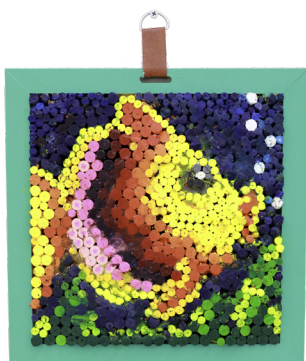
**School:** Pinecrest Academy  
South

## Honorable Mention

*Frida*

Mortimer Hechavarria

**School:** G. Holmes  
Braddock Senior High



## Honorable Mention

*Rainbow Fish*

Wilson Mape

**School:** Hubert O. Sibley K-8 Academy



# Thank You To All Participants

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## THE EDUCATION FUND OCEAN BANK CENTER FOR EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS 2023 ART EXHIBITION

Thank you to everyone who participated. We hope to see your entries again next year!

**Eduardo Adam-Rabel**  
South Dade Senior High

**Sara Alfaro**  
True North Classical Academy

**Marcos Alvarez**  
Hialeah Middle School

**Jorge Del Valle**  
Miami Arts Studio 6 - 12

**Peter Demercado**  
Banyan Elementary

**Veronica Fascie**  
Norwood Elementary

**Michael Flaum**  
Jack D. Gordon Elementary

**Paula Gale**  
West Homestead K-8 Center

**Crystal Garcia**  
Dr. Michael M. Krop Senior High

**Beth Goldstein**  
Miami Springs Senior High

**Mortimer Hechavarria**  
G. Holmes Braddock Senior High

**Shannon Hand**  
Natural Bridge Elementary

**Stephanie Hurst**  
Youth Co-Op Preparatory

**Lissete Madrazo**  
Meadowlane Elementary

**Evelyn McCloud**  
Horace Mann Middle School

**Wilson Mape**  
Hubert O. Sibley K-8 Academy

**Monica Perez**  
Campbell Drive K-8 Center

**Erika Reboucas**  
Pinecrest Academy South

**Brian Reedy**  
Miami Arts Studio 6 - 12

**Teodora Reytor**  
Brentwood Elementary

**Edward Rossel**  
True North Classical Academy

**Raydeivis Soguero-Gonzalez**  
Booker T. Washington Senior High

**Maria Vallejo**  
South Miami Heights Elementary

**Alina Veloy**  
Citrus Grove Middle

**Rossana Weksler**  
Virginia Boone Highland Oaks Elementary

**Augusto Zambrana**  
Dr. Carlos J. Finlay Elementary

# Please Support Arts Education



A strong arts education promotes the skills children need to be successful. Exposure to arts education promotes self-directed learning, improves school attendance, and sharpens critical and creative skills.

In fact, several recent studies have concluded that the creativity and innovation utilized in the artistic process will be highly valued by employers in the United States in the coming years as we continue to shift into a global economy. Arts education not only enhances students' understanding of the world around them, but also broadens their perspective on traditional academics.

Teachers are usually the first to point out how creative arts programs have strongly influenced their students' self-image and increased their academic success in the areas of math, science,

and language arts. However, during economic downturns, budget cuts have reprioritized classroom spending, targeting arts programs as the first to be sacrificed. In many cases, an entire school's arts program can be wheeled around by teachers from room to room on a cart.

Requests by teachers for visits to The Education Fund Ocean Bank Center for Educational Materials have tripled in the past year. The generous support of Ocean Bank and our partners listed in this program makes it possible for thousands of Miami-Dade students to create, learn, discover, innovate, and thrive during these difficult times. To find out how you can support Arts Education, visit [www.educationfund.org](http://www.educationfund.org).

The Education Fund wishes to thank our generous sponsors for their support of arts education and encouragement to young artists in Miami-Dade County Public Schools.





# Please Support Public Education

Join The Education Fund as we help our public schools nurture every child's potential. See what we've accomplished:

- \$76 million+ raised for public schools
- 203,000+ students and teachers recognized for their artwork
- 232,124 harvest food bags provided to low-income students' families
- 20,000 teachers encouraged to use and share best practices
- \$22.4 million+ in classroom supplies donated, benefiting 3.3 million+ children
- \$3 million+ provided for projects in more than 5,322 classrooms
- 34% increase in students' college enrollment
- 70% improvement in students' science scores
- 2,902 business professionals recruited to teach for a day and become teacher advocates



# Announcements

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OCEAN BANK PRESENTS

For the **LOVE** of ART  
Annual Charity & Honoree Celebration



Enjoy live music, an open bar, an epicurean feast, and bid on fabulous luxury items and one-of-a-kind art created by public school students and art teachers. All proceeds benefit arts education and The Education Fund Ocean Bank Center for Educational Materials.

**Monday, May 22, 2023 at 6:00 PM**

Jungle Island  
1111 Parrot Jungle Trail, Miami, FL 33132



To purchase tickets, use the QR code or visit [educationfund.org/loveofart](https://educationfund.org/loveofart)

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## Art Exhibition Sponsors

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**The Education Fund** is an independent, nonprofit organization established in 1985 that provides private-sector leadership for innovation in public education. We design and implement initiatives that offer opportunities for all residents in Miami-Dade County to become involved in improving our schools with the goal of maximizing every child's potential and opportunity for success. The Education Fund's programs reach all 331,500+ students in 470+ public school centers across the county.

**Ocean Bank** is the largest independent commercial bank headquartered in Florida. Chartered in 1982, Ocean Bank operates a network of branches throughout Miami-Dade and Broward counties. The bank moved into its current headquarters at 780 NW 42nd Avenue in 1983. Today, Ocean Bank is one of the strongest banking institutions in the state of Florida, meeting the broad financial needs of local businesses, families, and individuals in a personal and professional manner.

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