



South Miami Middle Community School Magnet Department  
Awards and Recognitions  
2008 – 2009

**Band**

Mr. Alex Gonzalez

- Florida Band Association District Band Evaluations – Symphonic Band – Superior
- Florida Band Association District Band Evaluations – Concert Band - Excellent
- All-State Band – Robert Rivero(trumpet)
- Florida Band Association Solo and Ensemble Evaluation – 2 Superiors / 1 Excellent

**Broadcast Arts**

Ms. Michelle De Diego

- Miami Seaquarium Sea Turtle Release Broadcast – Press Event
- CBS - New York On-Air interview and workshop
- Miami Metro Zoo – Ron Magill interview

**Chorus**

Dr. Leslie Alan Denning

- Federated Music Clubs - Florida State Junior Convention and Competition – Vocal Ensemble – Best in State
- Federated Music Clubs - Florida State Junior Convention and Competition – Classical Art Song Jr. 1 – Melanie Garcia
- Federated Music Clubs - Florida State Junior Convention and Competition – Classical Art Song Jr. 2 – Melagro Cabrera, Heather Fried, Briana Pommells
- Federated Music Clubs - Florida State Junior Convention and Competition – Classical Art Song Jr. 3 – Frank Laucerica, Victoria Roland
- Federated Music Clubs - Florida State Junior Convention and Competition – Classical Duet Jr. – Sofia Carillo and Michael Rodriguez
- Federated Music Clubs - Florida State Junior Convention and Competition – Musical Theatre Junior 1 – Briana Pommells
- Federated Music Clubs - Florida State Junior Convention and Competition – Musical Theatre Junior 2 – Melanie Garcia and Carolina Formoso
- Federated Music Clubs - Florida State Junior Convention and Competition – Musical Theatre Junior 3 – Frank Laucerica and Victoria Roland
- Federated Music Clubs - Florida State Junior Convention and Competition – Musical Theatre Duet – Frank Laucerica and Victoria Roland
- Florida Vocal Association Choral Evaluations – Mixed Chorus – Superior
- Florida Vocal Association Choral Evaluations – Vocal Ensemble - Superior
- Young Americans Concert featured performers and soloists – Jay Anderson, Marcus Blair, Victoria Campos, Sofia Carillo, Juan Fernandez, Heather Fried, Michelle Guerra, Frank Laucerica, Andrew Lujan, Michael Regalado, Elias Reyes and Michael Rodriguez
- Young Americans Performance Workshop and Concert Participants – Coral Reef Senior High – 43 Students
- Florida Vocal Association Solo and Ensemble Evaluation – 27 Superiors / 9 Excellents
- Florida Federated Music Clubs Regional Evaluations – 56 Superiors / 3 Excellents in areas of classical and musical theatre – solo, duet and small ensemble
- Miami Chapter American Choral Directors Honor Choir – Ransom Everglades School – 45 Participants - featured soloists: Marcus Blair, Frank Laucerica and Michael Regalado
- Concert Performances Broadcast Regionally on WTVH Channel 6 and locally on Coral Gables Television, CGTV, with ongoing webcast.
- American Choral Directors All-State Male Choir – Owen James, Frank Laucerica, Andrew Lujan, Michael Regalado, Elias Reyes, and Michael Rodriguez
- 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Honor University of Miami Honor Choir Festival – Gusman Concert Hall – 47 Participants
- 2008 Caroling Competition – Jr. Orange Bowl – Grand Champions



## Dance

Ms. Isabelle Tapia/Ms. Jessica Valdes-Vega

- Superintendent's Showcase
- Various workshops and performances

## Orchestra

Ms. Kristina Cutchens

- FiestiaVal Competition – Williamsburg, Va – Grand Champions – Orchestra and Band Division
- FiestiaVal Competition – Williamsburg, Va – Sinfonia – Superior – 1<sup>st</sup> Place
- FiestiaVal Competition – Williamsburg, Va – Concert – Superior – 1<sup>st</sup> Place
- SMMCS Photo Exhibition and Silent Auction at Miami Yacht Club
- Florida Orchestra Association Music Performance Assessment – Concert Orchestra - Superiors
- Florida Orchestra Association Music Performance Assessment – String Sinfonia - Superiors
- Chamber Performances Invitation - Sunset
- Mayor's Speech Invitation – Chamber
- Florida Orchestra Association Solo and Ensemble Evaluation – 53 Superiors / 17 Excellents
- Performance/taping - special request for Ms. Lilia Garcia's Champion for Children's story honors.
- All-State Orchestra – Isabelle Csete(violin), Kristians Mosquera (cello), Jason Rackear( viola), and Sabrina Salinas(bass)
- SMMCS Photo Exhibit at University of Miami

## Photography

Ms. Nancy Handler

- Museum Show – Ulises Marquez and Camila Martinez
- Dade Heritage Trust Site - Ulises Marquez and Camila Martinez
- Vizcaya Site – Camila Martinez
- Miami-Dade County Youth Fair – Judges Special Awards – Hunter English – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade / Victoria Aleman – 7<sup>th</sup> Grade
- Miami-Dade County Youth Fair – First Place – Stephanie Garcia, Frances Marquez, Ulises Marquez, and Laura Rodriguez – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade
- Miami-Dade County Youth Fair – Second Place – Andrea Cantillo and Eileen Lu – 7<sup>th</sup> Grade / Camilla Martinez – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade
- Photography Chosen to be hung in Superintendent Carvalho's office – Isabella Montes – 7<sup>th</sup> Grade / Raquel Ramirez – 7<sup>th</sup> Grade / Three photographs by Camila Martinez – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade
- From Pencil to Invention: Discovering DaVinci – Roy Lennox – Winner
- From Pencil to Invention: Discovering DaVinci – Mario Alvarado, Isabel Montes, Brittany Padilla and Raquel Ramirez – Selected Participants
- Scholastics Photography Awards – GOLD KEY - Devon Howell – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade / James Kiefert – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade
- Scholastics Photography Awards – SILVER KEY – Andrea Cantillo – 7<sup>th</sup> Grade / Stephanie Garcia – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade / Laura Rodriguez – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade
- Woman in History Exhibition – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade – Camilla Martinez / Brittany Padilla / Raquel Ramirez / Laura Rodriguez
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Impressions in Watercolor Exhibition – Erick Hernandez – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade – Judge's Choice
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Impressions in Watercolor Exhibition – Karla Torres – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade – Honorable Mention
- Dade Heritage Trust's Art and Photography Contest – Camila Martinez – (2<sup>nd</sup> place)
- Beaux Arts Student Artist Showcase – Frances Marquez (1<sup>st</sup> place), Erick Hernandez (2<sup>nd</sup> place-watercolors)
- "Stripes...When Line meets Color " Show – MIA Galleries – Mario Alvarado, Stephanie Garcia, Roy Lennox, Camila Martinez, and Anthony Sierra
- "Stripes...When Line meets Color" – MIA Galleries – Artwork chosen for Exhibition Announcement – Camila Martinez
- Shapes of Space Exhibition - Juan Artiles, Andrea Cantillo, Chelsea Garcia, Camila Martinez and Raquel Ramirez



## Theatre

Ms. Madelin Marchant

- Young American Concert participants – 15 students
- Junior Thespian District 4 Festival – 14 Superiors
- Junior Thespian District 4 Festival – Critic's Choice Award – Duet Musical
- Junior Thespian District 4 Festival – Critic's Choice Award – Playwriting
- Junior Thespian State Festival – One Act Play selected to represent District 4

## Visual Arts – 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup>

Ms. Margie Campmany

- Museum Show – Amanda Fernandez, Erick Hernandez, Gabriella Spampinato and Jurissa Tellez
- AAA National Contest – Erick Hernandez – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade – 1<sup>st</sup> Place - \$300. national / Ariel Canino – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade – 1<sup>st</sup> place regional, 3<sup>rd</sup> place national – total \$150.
- AAA National Contest Merit – Lisette Gonzales – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade / Michelle Gorra – 7<sup>th</sup> Grade / Katrina Kauffman – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade / Stephanie Pretto – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade / Sara Yates – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade
- Art of Visual Storytelling – Imani Campuzano-Guevara / Ariel Canino / Bianca Dvevensk / Amanda Fernandez / Erick Hernandez / Katrina Kauffman / Logan Rackear / Gabriella Spampinato / Jurissa Tellez / Sara Yates
- Annual Countywide Exhibition – Gabriella Borregales – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade / Alyssa Chavarry - 7<sup>th</sup> Grade / Patricia Colon – 7<sup>th</sup> Grade / Sara Yates – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade
- From Pencil to Invention: Discovering DaVinci – Logan Rackear and Karla Torres – Winner
- From Pencil to Invention: Discovering DaVinci – Marinna Romero and Jurissa Tellez – selected participants
- Scholastics Art Awards – GOLD KEY – Erick Hernandez – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade / Marianna Romero – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade
- Scholastics Art Awards – SILVER KEY – Logan Rackear – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade / Ana Remis – 7<sup>th</sup> Grade
- Woman in History Exhibition – 7<sup>th</sup> Grade - Kimani Ausitn-Reese / Laura Cepero / Allyssa Chavarry / Yeslien Garcia / Jose Rodriguez
- Erick Hernandez's artwork was selected to hang in Superintendent Carvalho's office
- African-American Heritage Celebration Exhibition – Claudia Perera / Christopher Ruiz
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Impressions in Watercolor Exhibition – Karla Torres – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade – Merit Award
- Dade Heritage Trust's Art and Photography Contest – Logan Rackear (Overall Winner-all levels), Jurissa Tellez (3<sup>rd</sup> place)
- Beaux Arts Student Artist Showcase – Pierre Cameau (1<sup>st</sup> place-painting), Ariel Canino, Lissette Gonzalez and Erick Hernandez (accepted works)
- Hispanic Heritage - MDCPS - Brenda Botitta, Alyssa Chavarry, Emanuel Castaneda, Kimani Austin-Reese, and Joshua Forges
- "Stripes...When Line meets Color " Show - MIA Galleries— Jurissa Tellez
- Shapes of Space Exhibition – Marinna Romero
- "Super Foods Create Super Heroes" – Ana Remis
- Superintendent Holiday Card contest – Ariel Canino

## Visual Arts – 6<sup>th</sup>

Ms. Cheryl Goodman

- From Pencil to Invention: Discovering DaVinci – Juan Garcia and Robert Valle – Winners
- From Pencil to Invention: Discovering DaVinci – Emanuel Castaneda, Alyssa Chavarry and Kevin Zapata-Rubio – selected participants
- Youth Fair - Michelle Gorra and Monica Jesurum
- South Miami Drug-Free Coalition (SMDFC) – Juan Garcia – Best Overall/Rebecca Adler – 1<sup>st</sup> Place,/Alexis Graboski – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place/Maria Lopez – 3<sup>rd</sup> Place
- Clean Up & Green Up - Kevin Zapata-Rubio – Third Place County Wide
- Fairchild Tropical Challenge – Option 5 – Drawing - Juan Garcia – Honorable Mention and Kevin Zapata-Rubio
- Fairchild Tropical Challenge – Option 5 – Color Paintings – Thais Rodriguez – Honorable Mention and Isabella Gonzalez
- Hispanic Heritage – MDCPS - Santiago Escobar and Kevin Zapata-Rubio
- Water Color Society - Annual Impressions In Watercolor – Juan Garcia and Ivan Langesfeld
- African American Heritage – Alexis Graboski, Maria Lopez, Nicolas Piedrahita, Robert Valle and Kevin Zapata-Rubio
- "Stripes...When Line meets Color " Show – MIA Galleries – Luz Orozco and Jaylen Vasallo
- Shapes of Space Exhibition – Christina Gonzalez, Monica Jesurum, Robert Valle, Jake Vasallo, Jaylen Vasallo and Thais Rodriguez – Honorable Mention
- Fairchild Tropical Botanical Gardens Challenge-Option 2A – Juan Garcia and Maria Lopez
- Fairchild Tropical Botanical Gardens Challenge-Option 2B – Santiago Escobar and Kevin Zapata-Rubio



## Visual Arts – 6<sup>th</sup> (cont.)

Ms. Cheryl Goodman

- Fairchild Tropical Challenge-Option 3- - Juan Garcia – First Place
- Superintendent's Holiday Card Design Competition – Santiago Escobar, Juan Garcia and Fabiola Millan
- South Miami Sixth Grade T-Shirt Design – Kevin Zapata-Rubio
- Peace Poster Contest – Lion Club – Kevin Zapata-Rubio(First Place), Ivan Langsfeld(Second Place) and Santiago Escobar(Third Place)

## Magnet Department/Teacher Awards and Recognition

Magnet Department

- Florida Music Educators' Association Middle/High School Enrollment Award
- Dr. Leslie Alan Denning – served as an adjudicator for the Florida Federated Music Clubs Regional Competition
- Ms. Margie Campmany – Fall 2008 Art Teachers Exhibition – sponsored by Dade Art Educators Association – presented by Miami International University of Art & Design
- Ms. Nancy Handler – Fall 2008 Art Teachers Exhibition – sponsored by Dade Art Educators Association – presented by Miami International University of Art & Design
- Dr. Leslie Alan Denning – National Board for Professional Teaching Standards – for scoring National Board Assessments