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Amazon donates \$25,000 in supplies to Opa-locka students and teachers

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Employees of Amazon Business and Amazon's local fulfillment center recently donated more than \$25,000 worth of school supplies to the students and teachers at Robert B. Ingram Elementary School in Opa-locka.

Teachers and students were surprised by Amazon's visit as caravans of delivery trucks arrived at the school around 10 a.m. to unload backpacks, notebooks, Kindles, music and art supplies. The purpose of the event was to ease the financial burdens of teachers, who spend more than \$400, on average, to purchase classroom essentials.

“We greatly appreciate the work that Amazon is doing to give back to educators,” Ingram Principal Cynthia Clay said. “This generous donation will help to facilitate our learning environments and inspire our students to be the best they can be for continued academic success.”

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The students, faculty and staff of Miami Dade College joined forces with the local community to support the Miami Dade College Foundation during 'I Am MDC Day.' This year, the foundation raised a record \$1,044,000 to benefit programs, scholarships, and students.

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Miami Dade College Foundation

Miami-Dade College Foundation supporters raised a record \$1,044,000 to benefit Miami Dade College scholarships, programs and students during the foundation's third annual 'I Am MDC Day,' which celebrates the school's founding on Sept. 6, 1960.

'I Am MDC Day' included events at all eight Miami Dade College campuses and was led by a kickoff ceremony hosted by President Eduardo Padrón at the Wolfson campus. The ceremony included a check presentation from McDonald's South Florida Operators Association, remarks from alumni and students, and a vocal performance by alumni and 2017 "America's Got Talent" semi-finalist Yoli Mayor.

"To say that Miami Dade College's third annual I AM MDC Day was a success is honestly an understatement," said Padrón, an MDC alumnus. "This incredible milestone is a testament to the strength and commitment of our Shark family and would not have been possible without the generosity and good will of so many people in our community and our sponsors who believe in the critical mission of our college."

Notable donations made this year include \$250,000 from The John S. and James L. Knight Foundation for Puerto Rican students displaced by Hurricanes Irma and Maria, and \$100,000 from the Sprayregen Family Foundation to establish a financial assistance program for student emergencies.

For information or to support The MDC Foundation, call 305-237-3331 or visit mdcfoundation.com.

Cutler Bay High School

Chelsea Mata and Ashton Taft of Cutler Bay High School advanced to round two of the 2019 Posse Scholarship Program, which recruits and trains select students to become professional leaders.



Cutler Bay High School students Chelsea Mata and Ashton Taft advanced to the second round of the 2019 Posse Scholarship Program, which trains students to become leaders and awards them with full-tuition scholarships.

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Posse partners with select colleges and universities to identify student leaders from diverse backgrounds, and offer them the chance to attend some of the top higher education institutions. Students are identified through the Dynamic Assessment Process, which takes place each year between September and December, group and individual interviews. Posse staff then teams up with partner college and university administrators to select 10 students, or a Posse, for each institution and to receive full-tuition scholarships.

Chelsea is currently a student in the liberal arts academy, and Ashton is part of the iPrep Academy, and both students will continue in the Posse program in hope of being named finalists.

Adonel Concrete

Adonel Concrete, one of the largest concrete companies in South Florida, recently awarded \$50,000 scholarships to select Miami-Dade County Public School students for their academic achievement.

Since 2016, Adonel Concrete has awarded deserving students of current employees with annual \$50,000 scholarships. This year's winners include Paula de la Regata and Alexa Machado. Paula will attend Florida State University to study biology and Alexa will attend Valencia College to study medicine.

"I am proud to see what we created in 2016 continues to help deserving students to follow their dreams by attending a higher education institution," said Luis Garcia, chairman, and CEO of Adonel Concrete.

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