

Miami-Dade College President Eduardo Padrón to Receive Presidential Medal of Freedom



Miami-Dade College President Eduardo Padrón has joined the ranks of Tom Hanks, Bill Gates and Bruce Springsteen after he was named one of President Obama's [recipients of the Presidential Medal of Freedom](#) Wednesday.

"During his more than four decade career, President Padrón has been a national voice for access and inclusion," the White House said in a statement. "He has worked to ensure all students have access to high quality, affordable education. He has championed innovative teaching and learning strategies making MDC a national model of excellence."

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The Presidential Medal of Freedom is the nation's highest civilian honor. A total of 21 people will receive the award at a ceremony at the White House on Nov. 22.

"The Presidential Medal of Freedom is not just our nation's highest civilian honor - it's a tribute to the idea that all of us, no matter where we come from, have the opportunity to change this country for the better," President Obama said in a statement. "From scientists, philanthropists, and public servants to activists,

athletes, and artists, these 21 individuals have helped push America forward, inspiring millions of people around the world along the way."

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