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LETTER FROM CHAIR



Dear Friends,

Welcome to **We Are Miami 2018!**

Thank you for joining us here tonight to help impact job creation, encourage economic development, support tomorrow's leaders, and improve the future of Miami.

The Miami Bayside Foundation seeks to advance Miami's growth by supporting minority businesses and education. Since 2011, MBF has awarded 73 loans totaling more than \$3.7 million to minority-owned businesses in the City of Miami creating more than 350 jobs. MBF knows that by fulfilling its mission of supporting minority entrepreneurship, Miami and its citizens will prosper.

To help advance businesses in the City of Miami, we have partnered with SCORE Miami, Prospera, and the Small Business Development Center at FIU with whom we have provided more than 125 business owners with technical assistance, mentorship and training. Our small business training program, which is holding its tenth series (ten sessions for a total of 25 hours) next month, has graduated 186 small business owners.

Along with our loan program, our educational initiatives are essential to our mission. Since 2011, we have provided 1440 scholarships to City of Miami students. We have endowments at Miami-Dade College, Florida International University, and Florida Memorial University. In 2014, MBF launched a scholarship program at every public senior high school in the City of Miami. For the last five years, we have made gifts to the Golden Scholars Program at FIU and the Little Haiti Optimist Club. In 2015, we launched our scholarship program for City of Miami students at Miami-Dade Technical Colleges. We are on our second round of two multi-year gifts to organizations working with City of Miami Public High School students, Breakthrough Miami and the Network for

Teaching Entrepreneurship. We received three grants from Commissioner Willy Gort to fund a scholarship program for residents in his district. We also made a third grant to the St. Alban's Child Enrichment Center in Coconut Grove and to the Education Fund last year. In 2018, we funded two new programs, FIU's Career Pathways Program for students at Booker T. Washington Senior High School and the Miami Children's Museum both to support summer internships as well as a college tour for seniors at Booker T. Washington Senior High School.

In 2018 the U.S. Small Business Administration designated MBF as State of Florida and South Florida District Community Partner of the Year. Also in 2018, MBF became development partners with the State of Florida's Department of Economic Opportunity to administer their Black Business Loan Program for Miami-Dade County.

None of this would have been possible without the support of our Board members, who work tirelessly to fulfill MBF's mission, and our generous donors. I am especially grateful to Bayside Marketplace and Ashkenazy Acquisition whose support is instrumental in MBF's growth.

Please take the time to meet some of our scholarship recipients and business owners who are here tonight. They are Miami's future.

Enjoy the evening,

Nathan Kurland
Chair

LOANS

“Since 2011, the Miami Bayside Foundation has awarded 68 loans totaling more than \$3.7 million to minority-owned businesses in the City of Miami creating more than 350 jobs.”

Nathan Kurland, Chair

In 2011, the Miami Bayside Foundation (MBF) created a loan program to provide loans of \$10,000 to \$75,000 to minority-owned businesses based in the City of Miami.

The minimum criteria for an organization to be considered for a conventional loan are:

- Minority ownership;
- Domiciled in the City of Miami, as stated in the organization's Local Business Tax Receipt;
- If a start-up (under one year), owners must put up a 20% cash match;
- Owners must be United States citizens or lawful permanent residents;
- The organization must be a for-profit corporation. No sole proprietorships;
- The organization must demonstrate that the loan will aid in the creation of jobs; and
- Use of funds are for working capital, cash flow, inventory, and equipment.



In 2013, seeing the need for smaller loans with a simpler underwriting process, MBF launched a microloan program with loans from \$2,500 to \$10,000. The criteria are the same except that the business must have been in existence for more than six months. In 2014, MBF partnered with Enterprise Florida, Inc. (EFI) and, through their State Small Business Initiative Loan Participation Program, MBF has been able to provide loans of up to \$150,000.

In 2018, the State of Florida's Department of Economic Opportunity chose MBF as a development partner to administer its **Black Business Loan Program**. This program provides loans and technical assistance to black-owned businesses in Miami-Dade County.

Loan applications for all loan programs can be downloaded at miamibaysidefoundation.org.

Since 2011, MBF has provided loans to the following Miami businesses:

1306 Lounge LLC operates a full-service bar in the OMNI district that has an adjoining outdoor music courtyard which can accommodate up to 400 people.

Barks and Tales Dog Spa Inc. provides pet grooming, boarding, and daycare services to Miami's furry friends. Established in 2009, Barks and Tales Dog Spa is in Wynwood.

Beefree Media LLC is a visual communication business with a specific focus on local business. They are a creative agency with a twist. What sets them apart are their strategic planning, creative design, development, testing, and execution. Their team will tackle any campaign no matter how large or small.

Bermejo & Associates LLC d/b/a MedAesthetics Miami was founded in 2012

with the mission to promote a positive self-image and healthy living. The company offers aesthetic and anti-aging services to South Florida.

Bunnie Cakes LLC was founded in 2009 and specializes in vegan, nut-free, and gluten-free baked goods. In addition to cupcakes, cakes, cookies, and brownies, they serve savory lunch items at their shop in Wynwood. Recently, **Bunnie Cakes Studio LLC** was opened adjacent to the retail location to expand their wholesale capabilities and provide an event space. MBF has awarded four loans to Bunnie Cakes.



CamiAxle Construction Corp. is a family owned and operated general contractor and construction management company created in 2007. With extensive experience in the construction industry and as performance driven certified general contractors, they can execute and manage small and large commercial and residential construction projects. They have many clients in Miami including the Miami-Dade County Public Schools.

Churros + LLC d/b/a Sugar Yummy Mama was one of the pioneers in the food truck movement in Miami providing a unique gourmet sweet alternative for the Miami metro area. They were voted Best Bakery 2015 by Miami New Times.

Concierge Auto Transport LLC provides auto transportation services to clients nationwide. The company serves as a freight forwarder, brokering the shipment of vehicles for third parties.

The COOL Miami LLC is a streetwear brand that draws inspiration from urban culture. The COOL designs and sells graphic T-shirts wholesale. Recently, the company opened its own retail store in Liberty City.

Creative Nails by Tommy Inc. has created its own exclusive nail polishing process that has a strong following. They opened on Calle Ocho in 2001.

Croutons II, Inc. d/b/a Vista is a new Italian restaurant focused on delightful foods as well as design. Vista offers a wide array of foods from classic Italian menu to a fusion of Italian, American, and Latin flavors. The new Buena Vista location includes an indoor section, large outdoor area, and an upstairs outdoor bar. The owners also own Ristorante Fratelli Milano in Downtown.

Dermaerx Inc. d/b/a Dermanova Med Spa and Salon is a Med-Spa servicing Downtown and Brickell, which operates out of the ME Miami Hotel in downtown Miami. They have a second location at the Epic Hotel on Brickell.

Dogtown, Inc. provides pet friendly boarding and grooming services out of its Coconut Grove location and will be opening a new location at the Panorama Building in Brickell. Dogtown's grooming services were voted best in Miami for 2016 by Miami New Times.

DTC International Holdings Inc. d/b/a H.I.M.-istry distributes men's grooming products that are targeted towards multi-cultural men. Their products are sold at Bed, Bath & Beyond and Amazon as well as through their own website.

Fievre & Fievre Inc. d/b/a Logan Masterworks is a translation and interpretation business that provides translations, editing, ghost writing, and proofreading services with a focus on Haitian Creole and French.

Get Credit Healthy Inc. was founded in 2007 with the mission to help consumers restore their credit and rebuild their dreams. By assisting consumers to become qualified borrowers, the company created \$40 million in loan opportunities for one of their partner banks in 2014.

Groovin' Bean, LLC is an upscale coffee bar and lounge located in historic Overtown. In addition to gourmet espresso drinks and homemade baked goods, the Bean has live entertainment on weekend evenings.

Haynes Security Services, Inc. is a security company that provides security guards, security audits, and electronic surveillance to commercial buildings, retail businesses, government and city facilities, and other clients in Miami since 2011.

IMR Contracting Corp. d/b/a Jennings Engineering & Construction is a full service and repair company specializing in the rehabilitation of antiquated sanitary sewer systems. Since the company was established in 2011, it has secured several minority contracts throughout Miami-Dade.

IMR Development Corp. is a Miami based contract service and supplies company. Some of their clients have included the Adrienne Arsht Center for the Performing Arts, the FAA, the Miami Beach Convention Center and the Miami Super Bowl Host Committee.

Juntos Traditionally Inc. redesigns and handcrafts traditional and common products from unique cultures into luxury goods with modern appeal. With each product sold, an Education Pack containing school supplies and resources is given to a child in need.

Little Executives Daycare LLC provides innovative, high quality, nurturing and educational daycare personalized for children aged two to five years old in the Brickell/Downtown area of Miami.

Lunchology LLC is a food delivery service that works on a contract basis with businesses and individuals. Additionally, they provide catering. They have three distinct meal plans: meat lovers, ocean lovers and plant lovers. They also deliver lunches directly to the schools via Lunchology Kids. All their offerings are organic, non-gmo, eco-friendly, made fresh and delivered daily.

Medical Equipment Solutions Corp. is an 18-year-old business that provides medical equipment and supplies. Their main products are power and manual wheelchair rentals, oxygen tanks, and hospital beds. Their principal clients are government agencies.

Miami Smokers LLC is a boutique meat curing and smoking establishment dedicated to providing quality best-in-class pork products. In 2015, they opened their smokehouse and deli on 27th Avenue and NW 3rd Street. They also have two locations at the American Airlines Arena. Miami Smokers recently received their USDA certification.

Mi Sabor LLC is a food wholesaler that provides authentic Hispanic deli and bakery products nationwide. The company acts as a distributor and uses co-packers around the country to produce their proprietary product lines. Mi Sabor also has a retail line called Carlito's Kitchen. Clients include Safeway, Price Choice and Walmart.

Moonlighter, Corp. is a cutting-edge makerspace based in Wynwood. Moonlighter provides individuals of all ages, professions and level of technical experience a space to design, prototype, and create innovations using 3D modeling and printing technologies.

Nice Transportation Service, Inc. provides veterans with non-emergency transportation throughout the City of Miami, Miami-Dade County and most of the State of Florida.

NMR Design Group LLC is a family-owned interior design boutique that offers turnkey interior design solutions for residential and commercial projects.

Noa Catering Inc. is a catering company and cafe that offers customized menus that tap into the highest quality seasonal ingredients. Specializing in the fusion of Mediterranean, Asian, European and American cuisines, Noa is located in Wynwood.

Panther Coffee LLC is a specialty coffee roaster, retailer and wholesaler specializing in the small-batch roasting of coffee beans and the preparation of coffee beverages. They have coffee-houses in Wynwood, Miami Beach, Coconut Grove, MiMo and Little Haiti. MBF has awarded three loans to Panther Coffee and two loans to **Panther Coffee Roasters LLC**, which handles the wholesale and training.

S&S 5 Star Foods d/b/a Magic City Chefs is a family owned pastry shop operating in Miami. They provide services ranging from a simple dessert to a lavish function requiring full

service catering. Their talented Chefs create a fusion of European and Latin patisserie. In 2016, they opened Mundo Café in the Miami Green building.

Sound of Fun LLC distributed KiddiMoto, a balance bike for young children (ages 2-5 years). The bike is a method of training children to use a two-wheeler while promoting balance and exercise.

Sound Theory Live LLC d/b/a The Stage was in the famed Design District, a hub for live music, art, and film. The venue showcased great music nightly, all adding to the City of Miami's ever-growing cultural scene.

Velocitylab Productions, Inc. d/b/a Cream Parlor is an ice cream parlor and café. The restaurant's focus on Instagrammable food creations combined with its quirky, eclectic décor and peaceful outdoor patio has attracted a strong following both locally and on social media.

MICROLOANS

AutoPortation LLC was a premier auto transportation brokerage company that delivered vehicles safely and efficiently across the country. They fully inspected and insured all vehicles, as well as provided 24/7 support, daily status updates, and friendly customer service.

FAMA Publishing Inc. is a media company that has served as a cultural voice for the Latino community in the U.S. since 1992. The company produces Descubriendo Historias, a 13-episode cultural show airing since 2013, a Hispanic magazine, FAMA Magazine, and website, Famaweb.com. In 2016, FAMA Publishing Inc. graduated to a traditional bank loan.

Latitude Trading Corp. d/b/a Maslov Beads, situated in the heart of downtown Miami, was established in 2005. They provide beads and notions for the jewelry trade and fashion their own jewelry.

Lorimia Food Corp. is a wholesale bakery business founded in 2012 and located in Little Haiti.

Very Tasty LLC is a manufacturer and distributor of Hispanic frozen food available in many supermarkets in the Miami area. They provide delicious empanadas, pan de bono, and arepas that bring smiles to those who have tasted them.

Viking Defense Inc. is a Miami based security company founded in 2008. It provides security officers, security consultations and audits to commercial buildings, retail businesses, warehouses, and special event venues. MBF awarded a loan to Viking Defense Inc. in 2012, which they paid off early and a second loan in 2016 to help their business grow through the acquisition of larger contracts.

Zthea LLC sold high fashion eyewear out of their Wynwood retail location. In addition, they sell wholesale to clients in South America.

Organics Overseas, Inc. sells their own Okanatur Organics palm oil through Amazon and their own website.:-

Paws Paws Miami Inc. is a pet clothing and accessory retailer located in the Bayside Marketplace.



Super Kids Christian Day Care Center, Inc. in Little Haiti is a family run day care center that has been operating for 24 years.

Two Coats Painting LLC is a painting contracting service that offers residential painting, commercial painting, and even concrete flooring services.

PROGRAM PARTNERS



Enterprise Florida

Enterprise Florida, Inc. (EFI) is a public-private partnership between Florida's business and government leaders and is the principal economic development organization for Florida. EFI's mission is to expand and diversify the state's economy through job creation. Through its State Small Business Credit Initiative, EFI has participated in MBF's loans since 2014.



Prospera

Prospera is the leading Hispanic economic development nonprofit organization in Florida. It specializes in providing bilingual assistance to Hispanic entrepreneurs trying to establish or expand their business in Florida. In 2014 MBF initiated a partnership with Prospera to offer entrepreneurs in the City of Miami business seminars, workshops, and business consulting, as well as entrepreneurial grants.



SBDC at FIU

(Small Business Development Center at Florida International University) SBDC at FIU brings to local companies a team of highly knowledgeable business consultants that offer free mentoring to entrepreneurs and business owners looking to grow. In 2014, MBF initiated a partnership with SBDC at FIU to provide their minority business clients access to expert advice to launch, grow, and renew their businesses. In 2018, SBDC at FIU and MBF partnered in a series of four in-depth financial workshops.



SCORE Miami-Dade

The Miami-Dade Chapter of SCORE is dedicated to helping small businesses grow and prosper. SCORE has programs for owners of existing businesses seeking expert advice as well as for entrepreneurs starting a new business. With close to 80 counselors, SCORE's resources are focused on all aspects of business development and operations. MBF first partnered with SCORE in January 2011 to provide technical assistance, counseling, and workshops to their minority business clients. Since then we have together assisted more than 139 small-business owners.



State of Florida Department of Economic Opportunity

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SMALL BUSINESS TRAINING

With the end goal of helping business owners hone their entrepreneurial skills, MBF launched its first series of **Small Business Workshops** in September 2015. The classes are facilitated by MBF, with specialists being brought in to share their knowledge. The ten-session program covers business basics and provides an understanding of key areas including: i) financial statements, ii) legal requirements, iii) human resources, iv) credit, v) marketing with a focus on social media and vi) financial projections. By the end of the workshop, graduates have been taught the skills to create a business plan and have a chance to present to funding sources. Since 2015, MBF has held a total of nine series of workshops providing more than 280 small business owners with essential tools and skills to grow their companies. In 2018, MBF presented an all-day marketing workshop and partnered with SBDC at FIU to present a series of in-depth financial workshops.



EDUCATION



The Miami Bayside Foundation Scholarship Endowment at **Miami Dade College** was created in 1999 and has awarded 511 scholarships to date. In 2011, MBF established a **General Scholarship Endowment Fund** and contributed to the **First-Generation Scholarship Fund at Florida International University**. In 2012, MBF created an Endowment at **Florida Memorial University**. In 2013, MBF established the **MBA Scholarship Endowment at Florida International University College of Business**, the first of its kind. MBF has awarded 1524 scholarships to City of Miami minority students to date.

In 2012, MBF made a five-year gift to **Breakthrough Miami**, an award-winning organization that provides a tuition-free, eight-year academic enrichment program to motivated students from disadvantaged communities in the 5th through 12th grades. Over these last five years the resources from this grant were able to provide programmatic support for 360 students from the City of Miami.

In 2013, a five-year gift was made to **Network for Teaching Entrepreneurship (NFTE)**, an internationally recognized organization that provides programs that serve to inspire students from low-income communities to stay in school, recognize business opportunities, and plan successful futures. The grant, designed to help further entrepreneurship education

in the community, has helped serve 481 students in its first four years.

In 2014, MBF created a scholarship program for seniors graduating from every **Miami-Dade County Public High School** in the City of Miami and going to college. To date, MBF has awarded more than 142 scholarships under this program. It made a gift to the **Golden Scholars Program** at Florida International University to transition students into college life and help ensure that they graduate through continued mentoring and monitoring. It also made a gift to **Little Haiti Optimists Club** for their after-school program.

In 2015, MBF established a scholarship program at **Miami-Dade Technical Colleges**. Since the program launched, MBF has awarded 283 scholarships to City of Miami students at D.A. Dorsey, Lindsey Hopkins, and George T. Baker Aviation Technical Colleges. Twenty of these scholarships were awarded under MBF's first ever co-named scholarship with **Baptist Health South Florida**. That same year, MBF provided a second annual gift to the **Golden Scholars Program** at FIU and a gift to **Little Haiti Optimist Club's** summer program which serves children in Little Haiti.

During 2015 and 2016, MBF helped create Miami's only **Marine Service Technology Academy**. The program was launched at **Lindsey Hopkins Technical College** in August 2016 and is designed to

help students develop necessary skills and competencies to pursue a career in boat/yacht repair within the marine industry.

In 2016, MBF launched the **Commissioner Willy Gort Scholarship** to provide funds for residents in District 1 pursuing technical education programs with high job placement rates at Miami Dade College, Lindsey Hopkins Technical College and George T. Baker Aviation Technical College. **MBF's Commissioner Gort Scholarship Program** awarded 179 scholarships in 2018.

In 2018, MBF gave a fifth annual gift to the **Golden Scholars Program** at Florida International University. 24 Golden Scholars at FIU are currently receiving this scholarship. MBF granted the **Education Fund** another \$20,000 for their SmartPath to College Programs at five City of Miami High Schools with free and/or reduced lunch status of 80% and above.

In March of 2017, MBF gifted funds toward the pilot summer program at **St. Alban's Child Enrichment Center** in Coconut Grove, which provides high-quality full-day summer camp activities for primarily at-risk, low-income children, promoting academic achievement, healthy lifestyles and social skills. Aimed at enhancing the early childhood development of the children served, the funding from Miami Bayside Foundation enabled St. Alban's Child Enrichment Center to serve 120 families and provide children with opportunities to experience art, science, music, culture, literacy and more as well as three meals a day. In 2018, St. Alban's summer program received an additional gift.

In 2018, MBF funded three new programs, FIU's Career Pathways Program for students at Booker T. Washington Senior High School and the Miami Children's Museum both to support summer internships as well as a College & Cultural Tour Program for seniors at Booker T. Washington Senior High School.

The following are the recipients of scholarships from the various Miami Bayside Foundation Endowments and programs for **2018-2019**:

COMMISSIONER GORT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Perseo Agualimpia – Lindsey Hopkins TC-Computer Systems and IT
Jerry Alicea - Lindsey Hopkins TC-Computer Systems and IT
Danae Alonso – Miami Dade College-Accounting
Angel Alvarez – George T. Baker Aviation TC-Powerplant
Florentino Alvarez – Lindsey Hopkins TC-Marine Technology
Aylen Bringas – Miami Dade College-Physical Therapy
Javier Carballo – George T. Baker Aviation TC-Airplane Technician
Ana Madalys Cedeno – Miami Dade College-Nursing
Sean Curry – George T. Baker Aviation TC-Airplane Technician
Arjuna Davila Sequeira - Miami Dade College-Physician Assistant
Gianne Del Toro – Lindsey Hopkins TC-Practical Nursing
Yosvaldy Ferrer – Miami Dade College-Architecture
Edgar Flietes – George T. Baker Aviation TC-Aircraft and Maintenance
Johanne Floveus – Lindsey Hopkins TC-Early Childhood Education
Toni Foster – Lindsey Hopkins TC-Commercial Art Technology
Rebeca Fung – Miami Dade College-Nursing
Janices Gainous – Miami Dade College-Nursing
Mauricio Garcia – Miami Dade College-Sports Management
Rolando Garcia – Lindsey Hopkins TC-Dental Assisting
Deron Green – Lindsey Hopkins TC-Braman Automotive
Simon Herrera – George T Baker Aviation-Culinary Arts
Jennifer Jauregui – Lindsey Hopkins TC-Dental Assisting
Jennifer Jean - Miami Dade College-Nursing
Raul Lara – George T. Baker Aviation TC-Aircraft and Maintenance
Marco Leautaud - Lindsey Hopkins TC-Computer Systems and IT
Juan Lopez – George T. Baker Aviation Technical College-Aircraft and Maintenance
Lauren Malic – Miami Dade College-Nursing

Giovani Marks - Miami Dade College-Computer Information Systems
Gina Martinez – Honors College at FIU*
Saily Martinez Perez - Miami Dade College-Nursing
Shyla Mason – Miami Dade College-Social Work
David Melcer – Miami Dade College-Human Services
Abigail Mesa - Lindsey Hopkins TC-Dental Assisting
Sarah Metellus – Miami Dade College-Nursing
Leandro Mirabel-Iglesias – Miami Dade College-Architecture
Jeremy Michael-Corbeil – Miami Dade College-Networking Services Technology
Yolandy Michel – Miami Dade College-Nursing
Zoila Murillo – George T. Baker TC-Airframe & Powerplant Maintenance
Clara Neris – Lindsey Hopkins TC-Nutrition & Dietetic Clerk
Khareem Oliver – Miami Dade College-Business Management
Karol Orellana – Miami Dade College-Biology
Micheline Oscar - Lindsey Hopkins TC-Child Care
Carlos Perez - Lindsey Hopkins TC-Automotive Service Technology
Heidi Perez-Moreno – Miami Dade Honors College-Journalism
Lizbeth Perez-Varela – Lindsey Hopkins TC-Licensed Practical Nursing
Carlos Quesada - Lindsey Hopkins TC-Computer Systems and IT
Anthony Quintero – Lindsey Hopkins TC-Braman Automotive

Luz Raudales - Miami Dade College-Paralegal Studies
Sebastian Reyes - Miami Dade College-Radiography
Kenia Roa – Miami Dade College-Nursing
Lisandro Roche-Montero – Miami Dade College*
Flor Santana – Western Michigan University*
Witney Sintel – Lindsey Hopkins TC-Dental Assisting
Bradley Simmons - George T. Baker Aviation TC-Powerplant, Airframe
Adolfo Sirias – Miami Dade Honors College-Health Sciences
Vanessa Smith - Lindsey Hopkins Technical College-Practical Nursing
Rony St. Phard - Lindsey Hopkins Technical College-HVAC
Vincent Thercy – Lindsey Hopkins TC-Commercial Art Technology
Kayla Vidal – Miami Dade College*
Jasmine Zayas – University of Florida*
Indira Zelaya - Miami Dade College-Accounting
 *MDCPS Scholars

FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

First Generation Students
Estefani Arroyo - Computer Science
Jakira Colon - Criminal Justice
Cindy Delgado - Accounting
Rafael Eirea Lamberto - Finance
Scottie Felix - Criminal Justice
Jewly Fleuristil - Biological Sciences
Flor Guerrero - Communications
Darlyn Hernandez - Criminal Justice

Barbara Herrera - Environmental Studies
Teira Jackson - Interdisciplinary Studies
Jessica Joseph - Psychology
Yoridia Lanuza - Health Services Administration
Jessenia Lopez - Marketing
Jocelyn Lopez - Asian Studies
Lazaro Lopez - Hospitality Management
Niyel Martinez - Civil Engineering
Patricia Moreno - Marine Biology
George Mosquera - Finance
Ricardo Naissance - Art
Justinmar Perez - Psychology
Alain Rabufetti Morejon - Biological Sciences
Daniel Reyes - Nursing
Katherin Rivas - Biological Sciences
Carlos Rivero - Construction Mgt
Marguerite Saint Julien - Psychology
Elizabeth Sanchez - Communication Arts
Vienna Sicard - Management
Claudette Suarez - Art
Tylyn Vega - Finance
Julia Zayas - Theatre

Golden Scholar Program

Booker T. Washington Senior High School:
Anquivial Jones - Management - BBA
Atiya Banks - Psychology - BA
Bryson Perry - Finance - BBA
Conrad Thomas - Exp-Global & Social Sciences
Harry Tattay Sarria - Psychology - BA
Karen Henry - Exp-Admin & Management
Kevin Henry - Exp-Health Sciences
Makaveli Gibson - Communication Arts - BA
Mitchell Caldwell - Finance - BBA
Morgan Benoit - Communications - BS
Victoria Camacho - English - BA
Yajaira Bonilla - Sociology/Anthropology - BA

Miami Edison Senior High School
Job Elissaint - Psychology - BA
Josue Elissaint - Liberal Studies - BA
Katherine Lopez - Sustain and the Environ - BA
Marie Jean-Claude - Physical Education - BS

Miami Jackson Senior High school
David Rodriguez - Exp-Admin & Management
Kergine Joseph - Human Resources Mgt - BBA

Samuel Telfort - Recreation / Sport Mgt - BS
Valentina Sabalza - Finance – BBA
Valerie Virgile - Exp-Admin & Management
Miami Northwestern High School
Nathaniel Webster III - Exp-Global & Social Sciences

Miami Senior High School
Bryan Guevara - Psychology - BA
Jimmy Guevara - Criminal Justice - BS

MBA Scholarship Endowment
Krystine Altamirano - Business Administration
Ivan Contreras - Business Administration
Jose Espinosa - Business Administration
Tyneisha Sanders – Business Administration

University Wide Scholarship Endowment
Estefani Arroyo – Computer Science
Jessica Camacho - Marketing
Patricia Garcia – Honors College - Mechanical Engineering
Parinaz Ighani – Construction Management
Annahy Salas – International Business

FLORIDA MEMORIAL UNIVERSITY

Jesennia Bonilla-Liriano - Biology
Pablo Delgado - Communications
Christian Rivera-Renovales - Computer Science
Josuan Lopez - Business Administration
Francheska Rivera - Biology

GEORGE T. BAKER AVIATION TECHNICAL COLLEGE

Margaret Durand - Powerplant
Vladimir Cristancho Hernandez- General Powerplant
Yaneli Hernandez – General Powerplant
Frankerlyn Mateo - Powerplant
Carlos Ojeda - Powerplant
Joshua Peraza - Airframe
Marc Perez - Airframe
Steven Pierre - Airframe
Carlos Restrepo - Avionics
Raul Ruiz - Powerplant

LINDSEY HOPKINS TECHNICAL COLLEGE

Casey Abbott - Practical Nursing
Frank Blanco - Marine Services
Dagoberto Gonzalez - Marine Services



MIAMI DADE COLLEGE (not including Gort Scholars)

Raymond Acevedo - Nursing
Gina Augusto - Psychology
Miriam Cardoza - Supervision & Management
Galia Cepeda - Social Work
Sahia Diaz - Business Administration
Camila Dominguez - Physics
Sara Fernandez - Business Administration
Amel Hermida - International Relations
Luis Hernandez - Mathematics
Orlin Huevo - Opticianry
Alexander Klemm - International Relations
Blenda Leon - Economics
Cesar Martinez Sarabia - Business Administration
Sandra Mejia - Supervision & Management
Genoveva Mejia - Marketing Management
Edel Molina - Computer Engineering
Eriel Molina - Business Intelligence Spec
Chaquira Moreno - Computer Science
Khareem Oliver - Business Administration
Caron Pascual - Engineering-Civil
Gabriela Piedra - Business Administration
Diana Ramirez - Biology
Tiffany Regueira - Mechanical Engineering
Valentina Restrepo - Biology
Emely Rodriguez - Pharmacy
Reynier Ruenes - Accounting
Gayathri Samuel - Business Administration
Anya Tatum - Fashion Design

THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Seniors Going to College
Taneacha Brown - Booker T. Washington/ FIU
John Clement - Miami Senior/University of Central Florida
Kiona Collins - Booker T. Washington/ Alabama State University
Deborah Cyrille - Miami Edison/Miami Dade College
Kateria Davis - Booker T. Washington/ Florida International University
Wilnie Delone - Miami Edison Senior High/ Miami Dade College
Geisel Dieguez - Coral Gables Senior/Drew University
Destiny Dought - Miami Edison/University of Central Florida
Eveul Exil, Jr. - Miami Edison/Jacksonville University
Margaret Farrell - New World School of the Arts/University of Minnesota
Tatyana Fremont - Miami Edison Senior/ University of Florida
Jacob Garcia - Coral Gables Senior/Florida International University
Elba Garcia - Young Women's Preparatory/ Miami Dade Honors College
Regine Hamilton - Booker T. Washington/ Miami Dade College
Quentyn Harvey - Booker T. Washington / University of Florida



Dakayla Hester - Booker T. Washington/ Florida State University
Irenna Hines - Miami Edison Senior/ University of Florida
Tauheeda Huggins - Booker T. Washington/ Florida State University
Sergine Jean Baptiste - Miami Edison Senior/Barry University
Chimene Jean Jacques - Miami Edison Senior/Miami-Dade College
Anquivan Jones - Booker T. Washington/ Florida International University
Abdallah Joudeh - Booker T. Washington/ Miami Dade College
Juliana Lievano - Coral Gables Senior/ Santa Fe Honors College
Tanahiry Machuca-Torres - Miami Edison Senior/Miami Dade College
Telkevia Mackey - Ipreparatory Academy/ Florida A&M University
Gina Martinez - Miami Senior High/Honors College at FIU
Mellia Mckenzie - Miami Edison Senior/ Florida Agricultural & Mechanical Univ
Laura Mejia - Ipreparatory Academy/Miami Dade College
Yeilin Montes - Miami Jackson Senior/ Florida Agricultural & Mechanical Univ

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Nekesha Obas - Miami Edison Senior/ University of Florida
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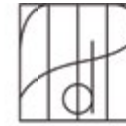
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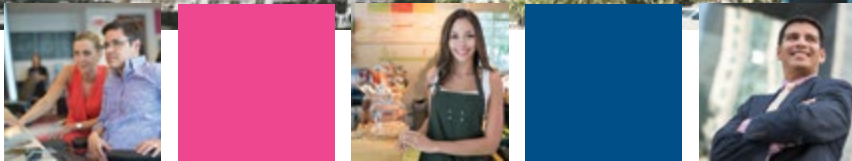
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In 2016, Commissioner Willy Gort awarded MBF a grant from his Anti-Poverty Initiative Funds to provide scholarships for residents in District 1 pursuing technical education programs with high job placement rates at **Miami Dade College, Lindsey Hopkins Technical College, and George T. Baker Aviation Technical College**. Subsequently, Commissioner Gort very generously granted his API funds to **MBF** in **2017 and again in 2019**.

TOTAL FUNDS GRANTED TO MBF: \$603,094

TOTAL SCHOLARSHIP MONIES AWARDED TO DATE: **\$246,478**

TOTAL GORT SCHOLARS: **86**

ACTIVE GORT SCHOLARS: **34**

GRADUATED GORT SCHOLARS: **34**

ONE-TIME \$1,000 SCHOLARSHIPS TO GRADUATING SENIORS: **15**

MBF's Commissioner Gort Scholarship Program awarded **179 scholarships** in 2018.

QUOTES & PHOTOS:

"As a teen mother, obtaining an education and going to college is a challenge. Receiving the Commissioner Willy Gort Scholarship has provided financial support for my education, allowed me to show my dedication, and revealed my potential. This scholarship has given me the confidence I needed to continue to strive and beat the odds."



Rebeca Fung
Miami Dade College
Nursing AA – Graduating 2020

"My life has changed for the better, and I don't think I could ever tell you how much the Willy Gort Scholarship has impacted my life. I can't imagine what things would be like without this Scholarship and today I can proudly say that I am a Nurse. Thank you for giving me access to a better life and a higher education."



Christie Filsaime, RN
Miami Dade College
Graduated December 2018

"Thank you MBF and Commissioner Gort for making my own aspirations a possibility through these scholarships, which help to support my educational pursuits. I first learned about this scholarship through my guidance counselor at iPrep, and I think every Miami-Dade student should take advantage of these wonderful opportunities!"



Heidi Perez-Moreno
MDC Honors College
Journalism – Graduating 2020

"As a single-mother without a job and caring for a disabled child, this scholarship is very important to me, so I can complete my certificate and get a job in graphic design."

Toni Foster
Miami Dade College
Commercial Art Technology –
Graduating August 2019

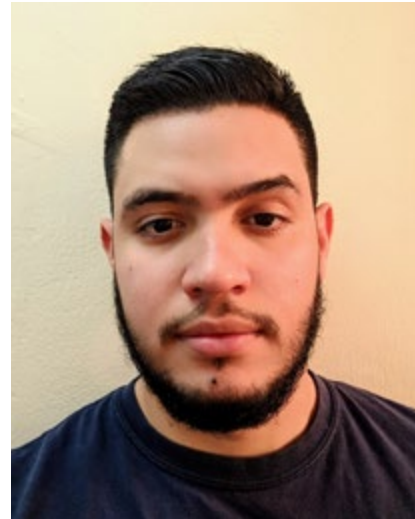
"The Willy Gort Scholarship supports me financially, helping me save enough money to give me security. It encourages me to take full advantage of this education, get my license, and pursue my aviation technician career."



Izak Chavez
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"This scholarship has been an essential tool for making my career goals possible. Thank you Commissioner Gort!"



Juan Lopez
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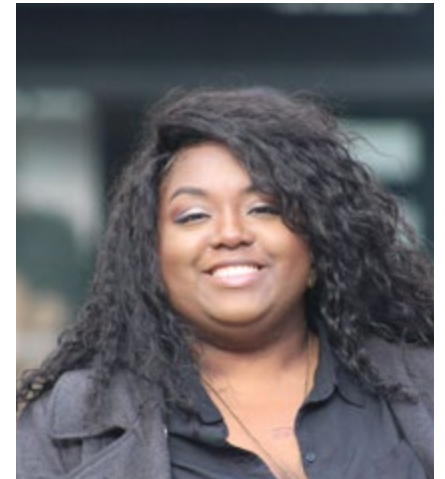
"The Commissioner Gort Scholarship is helping me move forward with my life and start a new career. I am very appreciative to everything that everyone has done for me."

Vincent Thercy
Lindsey Hopkins Technical College
Commercial Art Technology –
Graduating 2020

The Commissioner Willy Gort Scholarship has helped me so much towards my career. Exams and materials are very expensive, and the scholarship has been able to pay for them! I could not have gotten this far without. Thank you Commissioner Gort!"

Anthony Quintero
Lindsey Hopkins Technical College
Braman Automotive Program –
Graduating April 2019

"I truly appreciate the opportunities the Willy Gort Scholarship has afforded me. During my time in the program I have had the peace of mind that has helped me be as successful as I can be, and this is all thanks to the scholarship!"



Jennifer Jean
Miami Dade College
Nursing – Graduated December 2018

"Since coming over in a raft from Cuba in 1994, I have been working really hard at the airport, but was recently laid off. This scholarship pays for my school program that will catapult my career in aviation."



Javier Carballo
 George T. Baker Aviation
 Technical College
 Airplane Technician – Graduating
 March 2019

"The Gort scholarship has allowed me to continue my academic endeavors when I thought there were no other options for me. Living in my area there are few opportunities for assistance despite being in need, which is why I am so grateful for this scholarship. I am now a Registered Nurse and it only happened because of the assistance of the Gort scholarship."



Sarah Metellus
 Miami Dade College RN
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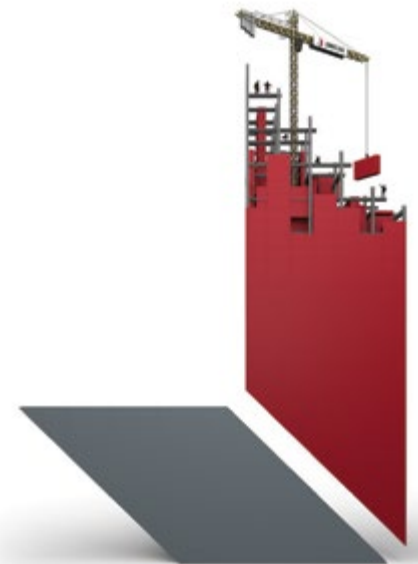


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