



The School District of Osceola County, FL

Dr. Debra Pace, Superintendent

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Two Osceola School Administrators Recognized For Outstanding Leadership

Each year, the Florida Department of Education recognizes exemplary principals and assistant principals across the state for their contributions to their schools and communities. Recognition is given to elite school administrators who spearhead initiatives to increase student performance, promote safe learning environments, and establish partnerships with parents and community members. The following two Osceola administrators have been selected for recognition as 2018-2019 District winners:

Principal Achievement Award for Outstanding Leadership - District Winner

Nadia Winston, Principal of Central Avenue Elementary

During her career, Nadia Winston has held the following positions: Teacher at Kissimmee Middle (1998-2003); Dean of Students at Kissimmee Middle (2003-2006); Assistant Principal at Highlands Elementary (2006-2009); Principal at Highlands Elementary (2009-2013); Principal at Westside K-8 (2013-2018); and Principal at Central Avenue Elementary (2018-present). She received her bachelor's degree in English and a master's degree in Secondary Education from the University of Florida, and an Educational Specialist degree in Educational Leadership from Stetson University.

Outstanding Assistant Principal Achievement Award - District Winner

Yvette Ponzoa, Assistant Principal at Gateway High

During her career, Yvette Ponzoa has held the following positions: Teacher at The Baudhuin School in Fort Lauderdale (1994-1999); Teacher at Pasadena Lakes Elementary in Pembroke Pines (1999-2001); Autism Specialist at Country Isles Elementary (2001-2002); Resource Compliance Specialist for Celebration K-8 (2002-2003) and Celebration High (2003-2007); Dean of Students at Kissimmee Middle (2007-2009) and Celebration High (2009-2011); MTSS Coach at Celebration High (2009-2011); and Assistant Principal at Celebration High (2011-2018) and Gateway High (2018-present). She received her bachelor's degree in Elementary Education, a master's degree in Varying Exceptionalities, and an Educational Specialist degree in Educational Leadership from Nova Southeastern University.

"Both ladies are tremendous examples of highly-effective instructional leaders who also promote and support a positive culture focused on mutual respect, collaboration, and commitment to excellence," said Superintendent Dr. Debra Pace. "I am extremely proud that they will be representing all of the amazing and dedicated school administrators we have in Osceola County at the state level."

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Dos Administradoras de las Escuelas de Osceola son Reconocidas por su Destacado Liderazgo

Cada año, el Departamento de Educación de Florida reconoce a directores y subdirectores ejemplares de todo el estado por su contribución a sus escuelas y comunidades. Se le ofrece reconocimiento a un grupo selecto de administradores de escuelas que dirigen iniciativas para aumentar el desempeño del estudiante, promover un ambiente seguro de aprendizaje y establecer colaboración con los padres y miembros de la comunidad. Las siguientes administradoras de Osceola han sido seleccionadas para ser reconocidas como las ganadoras del distrito escolar de 2018-2019:

Principal Achievement Award for Outstanding Leadership – Ganadora del distrito

Nadia Winston, Directora de Central Avenue Elementary

Durante su carrera profesional, Nadia Winston ha ocupado los siguientes puestos: Maestra en Kissimmee Middle (1998-2003); Decana de Estudiantes de Kissimmee Middle (2003-2006); Subdirectora de Highlands Elementary (2006-2009); Directora de Highlands Elementary (2009-2013); Directora de Westside K-8 (2013-2018) y Directora de Central Avenue Elementary (2018-presente). Obtuvo su bachillerato en Inglés y una maestría en Educación Secundaria de University of Florida y un grado de especialista en Liderazgo Educativo de Stetson University.

Outstanding Assistant Principal Achievement Award – Ganadora del distrito

Yvette Ponzoa, Subdirectora de Gateway High

Durante su carrera profesional, Yvette Ponzoa ha ocupado los siguientes puestos: Maestra en The Baudhuin School en Fort Lauderdale (1994-1999); Maestra en Pasadena Lakes Elementary en Pembroke Pines (1999-2001); Especialista de Autismo en Country Isles Elementary (2001-2002); Especialista de Recursos en Celebration K-8 (2002-2003) y Celebration High (2003-2007); Decana de Estudiantes en Kissimmee Middle (2007-2009) y Celebration High (2009-2011); Maestra Guía de MTSS en Celebration High (2009-2011) y subdirectora de Celebration High (2011-2018) y Gateway High (2018-presente). Obtuvo su bachillerato en Educación Elemental, una maestría en Excepcionalidades Variadas y un grado de especialista en Liderazgo Educativo de Nova Southeastern University.

"Ambas damas son un extraordinario ejemplo de líderes educativas altamente efectivas que además promueven y apoyan una cultura positiva enfocada en el respeto mutuo, la colaboración y el compromiso con la excelencia," expresó la superintendente Dra. Debra Pace. "Me siento muy orgullosa de que representen a nivel de estado a todos los dedicados administradores escolares que tenemos en el condado Osceola."

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