



**Distinguished Alumni:
Miami-Dade County Public Schools**

Following is a partial list of distinguished people who have attended Miami-Dade County Public Schools:

Vicki Haberkorn Abeles

Documentary filmmaker (“Race to Nowhere”)
Miami Killian Senior High School (Class of 1979)

Agustin Acosta

Radio talk show host/producer, WQBA-FM (Miami)
Miami Lakes Educational Center

Rodney Adkins

Senior vice president for IBM’s Systems and Technology Group
Miami Jackson Senior High School (Class of 1976)

Raquel Aedo

Dancer with Mikhail Baryshnikov’s White Oak Dance Project
New World School of the Arts

Jade Alexander

Entertainment Reporter, Channel 4 (Miami)

Enrique Alvarez

President of Avborne Heavy Maintenance
George T. Baker Aviation School (graduated June 1965)

Antonio Amadeo

Actor, Theater producer
Miami Killian Senior High School (Class of ca. 2000)

Gilbert Amelio

Former Apple Computer Chairman & CEO
Miami Senior High School (Class of 1961)

Daniel Andai

Concertmaster, Philharmonic Orchestra of the Americas

Concertmaster, Miami Symphony Orchestra
Violin Professor, New World School of the Arts
New World School of the Arts (Class of 2001)

Elliott Arkin

Painter (works displayed in the Louvre and Whitney museums)
South Miami Senior High School (Class of 1978)

Desi Arnaz

Pioneering TV producer, actor
Miami Senior High School

Frank Artiles

Member, Florida House of Representatives
Hialeah-Miami Lakes Sr. High School (Class of 1991)
Miami Lakes Jr. High School

Robert Bailey

NFL football player
Member of two Super Bowl teams (Dallas Cowboys, Baltimore Ravens)
Miami Southridge Senior High School (Class of 1987)

Dr. Jamie Barkin

Major General, Southern Medical Unit, U.S. Army
Miami Beach High School (Class of 1961)

Henry Barrow

Sports Broadcaster
Coral Gables Senior High School (1954)

Michael Barrow

National Football League Player (New York Giants)
Homestead Senior High School (Class of 1988)

Hernan Bas

Visual Artist (work displayed in London's Saatchi Gallery, Brooklyn Museum, Whitney Biennial, Museum of Modern Art/New York)
New World School of the Arts (Class of 1996)

Robert Battle

Artistic Director, Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater
New World School of the Arts (Class of ca. 1990)

Steven Bauer (aka Rocky Echevarria)

TV/film actor ("Traffic," "Scarface," "Que Pasa USA")
Coral Park Senior High School (Class of 1974)

Natalia Benedetti

Professional exhibiting artist
New World School of the Arts

Michelle Bernstein

Chef, restaurateur
North Miami Senior High School

Skip Bertman

Four-time National Baseball Coach of the Year
Miami Beach High School (Class of 1956)

Kurt Bevacqua

Major League Baseball Player
North Miami Senior High School (Class of 1965)

Jeff Bezos

Founder/President/CEO/Chairman, Amazon.com
Miami Palmetto Senior High School (Class of 1982)

Atari Bigby

NFL football player, Green Bay Packers, Miami Dolphins, New York Jets
Miami Senior High School

Michael Bileca

Member, Florida House of Representatives
Miami Sunset Sr. High School (Class of 1988)

Seneca Black

Lead trumpet player for Wynton Marsalis
New World School of the Arts (Class of 1996)

Daniel Frederick Blonsky

\$1 million winner on “Who Wants to Be a Millionaire?”
Miami Palmetto Senior High School (Class of 1983)

Judy Blume

Popular author of books for children and young adults
Fienberg-Fisher Elementary School (1946 to 1948)

John Bobbitt

Television Broadcaster (ABC), Actor, Fundraiser
North Miami Senior High School (Class of 1952)

Esteban L. Bovo, Jr.

Member, Florida House of Representatives
Miami Sunset Sr. High School

Oscar Braynon II

Member, Florida House of Representatives
North Miami Beach Sr. High School (Class of 1995)

Ted Bridis

Decorated U.S. veteran, Paralympics champion, U.S. Coast Guard engineer
Miami Senior High School (Class of 1963)

Gail Bright

Investigative reporter, WPLG-Channel 10 (Miami)
Miami Lakes Educational Center

Maria Brito

Painter, Sculptor, Installation Artist
Exemplar of renowned “Miami Generation” movement
Coral Gables Senior High School

Les Brown

Motivational speaker, author, TV talk show host
Booker T. Washington Senior High School

Carol Browner

White House Climate Change Advisor (2008-2011)
Environmental Protection Agency Administrator (1993-2001)
One of four M-DCPS alumni in President Bill Clinton’s cabinet
Southwest Miami Senior High School (Class of 1973)

Dwight M. Bullard

Member, Florida House of Representatives
Miami Killian Sr. High School (Class of 1995)

Andrea Burns

Stage actress (national touring company of “The Full Monty”)
New World School of the Arts (Class of 1989)

Marty Bystrom

Major League Baseball player
Miami Killian Sr. High School (Class of 1976)

Ed Calle

Jazz saxophonist, recording artist
Southwest Miami Senior High (Class of 1977)
Miami Coral Park Senior High (Class of 1977)

John Cabrera

Actor, TV's "Gilmore Girls"
Miami Killian Senior High (Class of ca. 1994)

Tom Cabrerizo

Founder, Trends Clothing
Hialeah-Miami Lakes Senior High School (Class of 1980)

Jencarlos Canela

Actor, singer
New World School of the Arts (Class of 2006)

Jose Canseco

Major League Baseball player
Miami Coral Park Senior High School

Stephanie Caputo

Lead flute player for Andrea Bocelli
New World School of the Arts

Art Carlson

Journalist/TV news anchor
Coral Gables Senior High School (Class of 1967)

Steve Carlton

Major League Baseball Hall of Famer
North Miami Senior High School (Class of 1962)

Bruce W. Carter

Private 1st Class Marine, posthumously awarded Medal of Honor for heroism in Vietnam War
Hialeah Senior High School (Class of 1968)
also attended Miami Springs Senior High, Filer Junior High, Miami Springs Junior High,
and Miami Springs Junior High

Harry Wayne Casey

"K.C." of K.C. and the Sunshine Band
Hialeah Senior High School (Class of ca. 1969)

Carlos Castellanos

Illustrator, Nationally-syndicated Comic Strip Artist ("Baldo")
North Miami Senior High School

Bernard Chang

Comic book/Graphic-novel illustrator (Marvel and DC comics)

Animator for Disney Studios
New World School of the Arts (Class of 1990)

Desmond Child

Musician/Writer
Miami Beach Senior High School (Class of 1974)

Rhea Chiles

former First Lady of Florida (widow of Gov. Lawton Chiles)
Coral Gables Elementary

Wendy Chung, M.D., Ph.D.

Molecular Geneticist, Columbia University Medical Center
Westinghouse Science Prize winner
Miami Killian Senior High School (Class of 1986)
Glades Middle School
Kenwood Elementary School

Neal Colzie

NFL Football Player
Coral Gables Senior High School (Class of 1970)

Bill Conti

Oscar-winning composer (“The Right Stuff,” Theme from “Rocky”)
North Miami Senior High School (Class of 1961)

Mark Cooper

NFL football player (Denver Broncos)
Miami Killian Senior High School (Class of 1978)

Billy Corben

Film Director
New World School of the Arts (Class of 1996)

Joey Cornblit

World jai-alai champion
Miami Carol City Sr. High School (Class of ca. 1974)

Lee Corso

Championship college football coach
College football analyst, broadcaster
Miami Jackson Senior High School

Jennifer Lynn Crittenden

TV producer and writer (“Everybody Loves Raymond,” “Seinfeld,” “The Simpsons”)
Miami Palmetto Senior High School (Class of 1984)

Nilo Cruz

Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright (“Anna in the Tropics”)

Miami Senior High School (Class of ca. 1978)

Shenandoah Jr. High School

Ann Curless

Pop singer/recording artist (member of top-selling 1980s trio Exposé)

Miami Beach Senior High School (Class of 1982)

Susanna Daniel

Author, “Stiltsville”

Coral Gables Sr. High (Class of 1993)

Ponce de Leon Middle School

Carver Elementary

Sunset Elementary

Dorothy Marie Dartland

TV producer (“Dharma and Greg,” “Caroline in the City”)

Miami Palmetto Senior High School (Class of 1982)

John Dasburg

Chairman/CEO, ASTAR Air Cargo

former Chairman/CEO, DHL Airways

former President/CEO, Burger King Corp.

former Chairman/CEO, Northwest Airlines

Miami Senior High School (Class of ca. 1961)

Julie Sandra Davis

Movie director, writer, producer, actress (“I Love You, Don’t Touch Me”)

Miami Palmetto Senior High School (Class of 1984)

Andre Dawson

Major League Baseball Hall of Famer

Southwest Miami Senior High School (Class of 1972)

South Miami Junior High School

Helen Conger Dayton

Pioneering Medical Doctor

Founding board member, North Shore Hospital

Andrew Jackson High School (Class of 1939)

Comstock Elementary School

Juan Del Busto

Regional executive of the Miami Branch of the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta

Miami Coral Park Senior High School (Class of ca. 1973)

Joe del Toro

Chief Financial Officer, Topps Corporation
Former General Manager, Time, Inc.
Former Finance Director, Time Warner
Miami Sunset Senior High School (Class of 1989)

Bucky Dent

Major League Baseball player
Shortstop for World Series champion New York Yankees (1977, 1978)
World Series MVP (1978)
Hialeah Senior High School (Class of ca. 1970)

Teri Desario

Pop singer (“Yes I’m Ready,” “Ain’t Nothing Gonna Keep Me from You”)
Hialeah Senior High School (Class of 1970)

Tramar Dillard (Flo-Rida)

Rapper and Recording artist
Miami Carol City Senior High School

Jim Dooley

NFL player; former Chicago Bears Head Coach
Miami Senior High School

Sean Patrick Doyle

Actor (2010 Broadway revival of “La Cage Aux Folles”), playwright
New World School of the Arts (Class of 2001)

Judy Drucker

Founder and president of the Concert Association of South Florida
Miami Beach High School (Class of 1945)

Tananarive Due

Popular novelist
Miami Southridge Senior High School (Class of 1982)

Gail Edwards

Actress (“Full House,” “Blossom”)
Coral Gables Senior High School (Class of 1970)

Pauline Bauman Eisenstadt

State Senator of New Mexico
Miami Beach High School (Class of 1956)

Emilio Estefan

Music Producer, Musician (Miami Sound Machine)
Miami Senior High Adult School

Alina Falcon

President of News, Univision Communications
Miami Killian Senior High School (Class of 1979)

Dante Fascell

former U.S. Representative from Florida
Ponce de Leon Senior High School
Coral Gables Elementary School

Marie Ferdinand

WNBA Pro Basketball Player
Miami Edison Senior High School (1997)

Wilkie Ferguson

Pioneering African-American Judge
Northwestern Senior High School (Class of 1956)

Ivan Fernandez

Miami-Dade County Circuit Judge
Miami Sr. High School (Class of 1970)
Citrus Grove Jr. High School
Citrus Grove Elementary School

Wifredo Ferrer

U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of Florida
Hialeah-Miami Lakes Sr. High (Class of ca. 1985 - valedictorian)

Timothy Ferris

Award-winning Science Writer (“Coming of Age in the Milky Way”)
 (“Coming of Age in the Milky Way” has been translated into fifteen languages and was named by *The New York Times* as one of the most important books of the 20th Century.)
Coral Gables Senior High School (Class of 1962)

Eugene J. Fierro

Circuit Court judge
Miami Beach High School (Class of 1959)

Katie Finneran

Two-time Tony-winning actress (Broadway’s “Noises Off” & “Promises! Promises!”)
New World School of the Arts (Class of 1989)

Roy Firestone

Sportscaster, ESPN

Miami Beach Senior High School (Class of 1971)
Treasure Island Elementary School

Naomi Fisher

Renowned artist and photographer, represented by Frederic Snitzer Gallery
New World School of the Arts (Class of 1994)
Perrine Elementary School

Carlos Alberto Fleitas

Architect, Spillis Candela DMJM in Miami
New World School of the Arts (Class of 1987)

Thomas Michael Foley

Major League Baseball 2nd baseman (Montreal Expos)
Miami Palmetto Senior High School (Class of 1977)

Sylvia Fowles

WNBA Pro Basketball Player
Olympic Gold Medalist (Beijing)
Miami Edison Senior High School (Class of 2004)

Fred Francis

NBC News Foreign Correspondent
North Miami Senior High School (Class of 1961)

Timothy E. Gaither

General Manager, Aviation Propeller, Inc.
George T. Baker Aviation School (graduated June 1977)

Terri Leslie Garber

TV actress (Dynasty, North & South, As the World Turns)
Miami Palmetto Senior High School (Class of 1978)

Andy Garcia

Oscar-nominated actor (“The Godfather: Part III”)
Miami Beach Senior High School (Class of 1974)

Luis R. Garcia, Jr.

Member, Florida House of Representatives
Miami Beach Sr. High School

Rene Garcia

Member, Florida Senate
Hialeah Sr. High School (Class of ca. 1992)
Hialeah Middle School

Henry Lawrence Garrett III

former U.S. Navy Secretary (under President George H. W. Bush)
Miami Edison Senior High School

Cheryl Rowely-Gaskings

Dancer with the Alvin Ailey Dance Company
New World School of the Arts (Class of 1992)

Dan Gelber

former Florida State Senator, Democratic Nominee for Florida Attorney General (2010)
Miami Beach Sr. High School (Class of ca. 1978)

Mitch Glazer

Movie/TV producer, writer, actor (“Saturday Night Live,” “Lost In Translation,” “Great Expectations,” “Scrooged”)
Miami Beach Senior High School (Class of ca. 1971)

Paul Gleason

TV and film actor (“The Breakfast Club,” “All My Children”)
North Miami Senior High School (Class of 1958)

John D. Glover

Pioneering African-American FBI agent
Vice President, Bristol Myers Squibb Co.
Booker T. Washington Sr. High School (Class of 1957)
Booker T. Washington Jr. High School
Douglas Elementary School

Alan S. Gold

US. District Court Judge in Miami
Miami Beach Senior High School (Class of 1962)

Mark Goldweber

former ballet master and principal dancer with the Joffrey Ballet
(Now ballet master, Ballet West, and Director, Ballet West II in Salt Lake City)
Coral Gables Senior High (Class of 1976)
Rockway Junior High
Coral Park Elementary

Aminda Marques Gonzalez

Executive Editor, The Miami Herald (second woman, first Hispanic)
Hialeah Senior High School (Class of ca. 1982)

Danny Gonzalez

Owner, Ampersand Design Group in Miami
New World School of the Arts (Class of 1989)

Eduardo “Eddy” Gonzalez

Member, Florida House of Representatives
Hialeah Sr. High School (Class of ca. 1988)

Fredi Gonzalez

Manager, Florida Marlins
Miami Southridge Senior High School (Class of 1982)

Lynda Goodfriend

Film, TV actress (“Happy Days”)
North Miami Senior High School (Class of 1968)

Michael Gordon

Classical music composer
Miami Beach Senior High School (ca. 1979)
Nautilus Junior High School
Treasure Island Elementary School
North Beach Elementary School

Dominic Lee Gorie

Astronaut (Space Shuttle pilot and commander)
Miami Palmetto Senior High School (Class of 1975)

Bob Graham

U.S. Senator from Florida
former Florida Governor
Miami Senior High School (Class of 1955)

Adele Khoury Graham

former First Lady of Florida
Wife of Former Fla. Governor and U.S. Senator Bob Graham
Edison Senior High School (Class of 1956)

Gil Green

Acclaimed hip-hop music video director
West Laboratory Elementary School
South Miami Middle School
Coral Gables Senior High School (Class of 1993)

Steven J. Green

U.S. Ambassador to Singapore
Miami Beach Senior High School (Class of 1963)

Sydney Guillaume

Choral music composer

Coral Reef Senior High School (Class of 2000)

Darrell Gwynn

World champion racecar driver

North Miami Senior High School (Class of 1979)

Afua Shantala Hall

Dancer

New World School of the Arts (Class of 1999)

Udonis Haslem

NBA forward (Miami Heat)

Miami Senior High School (Class of ca. 1998)

Ebony Haswell

Dancer with the Dance Theater of Harlem

New World School of the Arts (Class of 2000)

Ted Hendricks

NFL Hall of Fame member (Oakland Raiders)

Hialeah Senior High School (Class of 1965)

William Henry Herbstman

12-time Emmy-winning TV sports producer

Miami Palmetto Senior High School (Class of 1979)

Rosie Herrera

Choreographer, Rosie Herrera Dance Theatre

New World School of the Arts (Class of 2006)

Sylvia Louise Hitchcock

Miss USA/Miss Universe 1967

Miami Palmetto Senior High School (Class of 1964)

Jennifer Hoffmann

Fiscal adviser to the North Carolina Legislature

Redland Middle School (Class of 1981)

Scholanda Hoston

WNBA Pro Basketball Player

Miami Edison Senior High School (Class of 2001)

Hsin-ya Hou

Dancer with HT Chen and Dancers in New York

New World School of the Arts

Charlie Hough

Major League Baseball player
Hialeah Senior High School

Kim Hunter

Oscar-winning Actress (Stella in “A Streetcar Named Desire”)
Miami Beach Senior High School (Class of 1940)

Raúl Javier Ibáñez

All-Star Major League Baseball outfielder
All-Star (2009)
Sunset Sr. High (Class of ca. 1990)

Lindy Infante

former Head Coach, NFL’s Green Bay Packers
Miami Senior High School

Richard L. Ingraham

Private chef
Miami Norland Senior High School (Class of 1998)

Barrington Irving

First Black pilot to fly solo around the world
Miami Northwestern Senior High School (Class of 2002)

Charles Jackson

Professional Football Player, Community Activist
North Miami Senior High School (Class of 1982)

Ricky Jean-Francois

NFL football player, San Francisco 49ers
Miami Carol City Senior High School

Chad Javon Johnson (AKA Chad Ochocinco)

All-star NFL football player, Cincinnati Bengals
Miami Beach Senior High School (Class of 1996)

John Johnson

Pioneering African-American Judge
Booker T. Washington Senior High (Class of 1931)

Donald Justice

Pulitzer Prize-winning poet
Miami Senior High School (Class of ca. 1944)

Maxine Kasselmann-Clark

Founder & CEO, Build-A-Bear Workshop
Coral Gables Senior High School (Class of 1967)

Barbara Keegan

Emmy award-winning actress
(only performer to win special EMMY award for work in television commercials)
Miami Beach Senior High School (Class of 1969)

Cal Stewart Kellogg

Internationally acclaimed conductor, composer
Miami Palmetto Senior High School (Class of 1965)

Tracy Kerdyk

LPGA Golfer
Coral Gables Senior High School (Class of 1984)

Cristie Kerr

LPGA Champion Golfer
Miami Sunset Senior High School (Class of ca. 1986)

Gerald Kogan

former Chief Justice of the Florida Supreme Court, 1996-98
Miami Beach Senior High School (Class of 1950)

David Kotkin

Inventor (“Avenger” digital gaming device), Teacher (Braddock Sr. High)
Miami Killian Senior High School (Class of 1985)

Gina Kreiezmar

Actor, Singer (“Forbidden Broadway”)
North Miami Beach Senior High School (Class of 1982)

Alex Lacamoire

Tony- and Grammy-winning Orchestrator, “In the Heights”
Southwood Middle School, ca. 1990
New World School of the Arts (Class of 1992)

Veronica Lake (*née* Connie Keane)

Iconic 1940s movie actress (“Sullivan's Travels”) and model
Miami Senior High School (1930s)

David Landsberg

Publisher, The Miami Herald
Coral Gables Senior High School (Class of ca. 1980)

Mindy Lang

Assistant Producer / Music Director/D.J., WMXJ-FM (Majic 102.7 Miami)
Miami Lakes Educational Center

Calvin Lee

Professional opera singer
New World School of the Arts

Charles Lee

National Football League Player (Green Bay Packers)
Homestead Senior High (Class of 1996)

Dexter Lehtinen

Former U.S. Attorney/Southern District of Florida
Former Florida State Representative and Senator
Miami Palmetto Senior High School (Class of 1964)

Bill Lenoir

U.S. Astronaut
Coral Gables Senior High School (Class of 1957)

William Levy (aka William Gutierrez and William Levy Gutierrez)

Actor, various telenovelas
Barbara Goleman Senior High Schools (Class of ca. 1998)

Lucas Leyva

Filmmaker, Playwright
Founder, Borscht Film Festival
New World School of the Arts (Class of 2005)

Doug Lindsay

TV/ radio producer and national voice talent
Miami Lakes Educational Center

David C. Litt

U.S. Ambassador to the United Arab Emirates, 1995
Miami Beach Senior High School (Class of 1967)

Ana Rivas Logan

Member, Florida House of Representatives
Miami Coral Park Sr. High (Class of 1978)

Gloria Loring

Singer (#1 hit “Friends and Lovers”) and Actress (“Days of Our Lives”)
Miami Beach Senior High School (Class of 1968)

Mike Lowell

Third Baseman, Florida Marlins
Coral Gables Senior High School (Class of 1992)

Julie Ann Lowery
TV actress (“As the World Turns”)
Miami Palmetto Senior High School (Class of 1982)

Amos J. Machanic, Jr.
Dancer with the Alvin Ailey Dance Company
New World School of the Arts (Class of 1992)

Ivette Machin
Producer and On-Air Talent, Telemundo 51’s Aceso Total
Coral Gables Senior High, Class of 1993

Scott Maddox
Mayor, City of Tallahassee
Redland Middle School (Class of 1982)

Shareef “Mark” Malnik
Owner, The Forge restaurant
Miami Beach Sr. High, Class of ca. 1977

Eli Marrero
Catcher, St. Louis Cardinals
Coral Gables Senior High School (Class of 1993)

Marvis Martin
Opera Singer
Miami Jackson Senior High School

Thomas K. “Ken” Mattingly
U.S. Astronaut
Edison Senior High School (Class of 1954)

Robert McCabe
former President, Miami-Dade Community College
Coral Gables Senior High School

Tarell Alvin McCraney
Acclaimed playwright (“The Brother/Sister Plays”, “Wig Out”)
New World School of the Arts (Class of ca. 1998)

Mark Medoff
Tony Award-winning playwright, “Children of a Lesser God”
Oscar-nominated screenwriter, “Children of a Lesser God”

Miami Beach High School (Class of 1958)

Kendrick Meek

former member, United States Congress
Miami Springs Senior High School (ca. Class of 1984)

Brad Meltzer

Bestselling novelist
North Miami Beach Senior High School (ca. Class of 1988)

Frank Mercado-Valdes

President and CEO, The Heritage Networks (black TV syndicate); philanthropist
(producer of The Steve Harvey Show, The Parkers)
Coral Gables Senior High School (Class of 1980)

Adrian Mesa

Radio D.J., WRMQ-FM
Miami Lakes Educational Center

Willie Middlebrooks

National Football League player (Denver Broncos)
Homestead Senior High School (Class of 1997)

Tracy Middendorf

TV actress (recurring roles in “Ally McBeal,” “The Practice,” “Beverly Hills 90210”)
New World School of the Arts (Class of 1998)

Cheryl Mizell

Radio on-air personality, WEDR-FM (Miami)
free-lance voice talent
Miami Lakes Educational Center

Orson Odell Mobley

NFL football tight end (Denver Broncos)
Miami Palmetto Senior High School (Class of 1981)

Santana Moss

NFL football player
Miami Carol City Senior High School

Sinorice Moss

NFL football player
Miami Carol City Senior High School

Winston Moss

All-pro NFL linebacker (Los Angeles Raiders)

NFL coach (New Orleans Saints)
Miami Southridge Senior High Schools (Class of 1983)

Gardner Mulloy

Tennis great
Miami Senior High School

Newman A. Nahas

Rhodes Scholar
Coral Gables Senior High School (Class of 1996)

Howard Neu

City of North Miami mayor and councilman, attorney, municipal judge
North Miami Senior High School (Class of 1958)

Marjorie Olster

Associated Press (AP) Mideast Editor
Miami Killian Senior High School (Class of 1979)
South Miami Junior High School

Sandrine Orabona

Cinematographer (Michael Jackson's "This Is It") and film editor
Coral Gables Senior High School (ca. Class of 1993)

Ralph Ortega

NFL Football player
Coral Gables Senior High School (Class of 1971)

Len Pace

Radio producer and on-air talent, WLRN-FM (Miami)
Miami Lakes Technical Center

Aris Paganakis

Collectible Furniture Designer
President, Design-O-Matic
North Miami Senior High School (Class of ca. 1981)

Orlando Palmeiro

Major League Baseball designated hitter (Anaheim Angels)
Miami Southridge Senior High School (Class of 1987)

Alfred Browning Parker

Famed Modernist architect
Miami Senior High School (Class of ca. 1934)

Arva Moore Parks

Miami Historian
Edison Senior High School (Class of 1956)

Jo Marie Payton

Actress, TV's "Family Matters"
Miami Carol City Senior High School

Robert Payton

International restaurateur and hotelier
Miami Beach Senior High School (Class of 1971)

Armando Christian Pérez (aka "Pitbull")

Rapper, recording artist
Miami Coral Park Senior High School (Class of 2000)

Kenny Philips

NFL football player (NY Giants)
Miami Carol City Senior High School

Pedro Pizarro

Presidential Scholar
Miami Southridge Senior High School (Class of 1983)

Carlos Ponce

Singer, Songwriter, Actor
South Miami Senior High School

Victoria Principal

TV Actress ("Dallas")
South Dade Senior High School (Class of 1968)

Marco Ramirez

Award-winning playwright
Coral Reef Senior High School
DuPuis Elementary School

Chelsea Rathburn

Award-winning poet
Miami Palmetto Senior High School (Class of 1993)
Southwood Middle School

Brett Ratner

Movie producer and director ("Rush Hour", "X-Men: The Last Stand")
Miami Beach Senior High School (Class of 1986)

Billy Raven

Radio D.J., WLVE (Miami)
Miami Lakes Educational Center

Steven S. Reinemund

former Frito-Lay Chairman & CEO
former Pepsico Chairman & CEO
former Pizza Hut Chairman & CEO
Coral Park Senior High School (Class of 1966)

Janet Reno

U.S. Attorney General (1993-2001)
(one of four M-DCPS alumni on President Bill Clinton's cabinet)
Coral Gables Senior High School (Class of 1956)

Lauren Reskin

Indie music promoter
Owner, Sweat Records
Miami Killian Senior High School (Class of ca. 2000)

Gino "Latino" Reyes

Radio D.J., WMGE
Miami Lakes Educational Center

Kimba Ricci

Radio D.J. / Music Director
Miami Lakes Educational Center

Nan H. Rich

Member, Florida Senate
Miami Beach Sr. High School (Class of 1959)
Nautilus Jr. High School
Biscayne Elementary School

Richard Riley

U.S. Secretary of Education
(one of four M-DCPS alumni on President Bill Clinton's cabinet)
Coral Gables Elementary School

Henry Edward Roberts

Inventor of the first personal computer (PC)
Miami Senior High School (Class of 1959)

William Roberts

NFL football player (retired), NY Giants, NE Patriots, NY Jets
Miami Carol City Senior High School

William Leonard Roberts II (AKA Rick Ross),
Rapper
Miami Carol City Senior High School

Amasvido "Amos" Rodriguez
Director of Maintenance for JRM Aircraft TechService Corp.
Director of Maintenance for Allegro Airlines
George T. Baker Aviation School (graduated December 1980)

Bert Rodriguez
Artist
New World School of the Arts (Class of ca. 1993)

Beverly Counts Rodriguez
Journalist/TV news anchor and reporter
Coral Gables Senior High School (Class of 1971)

Jennifer Rodriguez
Olympic bronze medal-winning speed skater
Miami Palmetto Senior High School

Ileana Ros-Lehtinen
Member, United States Congress
Southside Elementary School
West Miami Jr. High School
Southwest Miami Senior High School (Class of 1970)

Al Rosen
former Major League Baseball player and executive
Miami Senior High School

Lynn Rosenthal
White House Adviser on Violence Against Women (appointed 2009)
Executive Director, National Network to End Domestic Violence (2000-06)
Miami Killian Senior High School (Class of 1976)

Mickey Rourke
Oscar-nominated film actor
Miami Beach Senior High School (Class of 1971)

Wade Lee Rowdon
Major League Baseball player (Chicago Cubs, Baltimore Orioles)
Miami Palmetto Senior High School (Class of 1978)

Robert Rubin
U.S. Secretary of the Treasury, 1995-1999

(one of four M-DCPS alumni on President Bill Clinton's cabinet)
Miami Beach Senior High School (Class of 1956)

Marco Rubio

U.S. Senator
Former Speaker of the Florida House of Representatives
South Miami Senior High School (Class of 1989)

Jerry Rushin

Vice President / General Manager, WEDR/WHQT
Miami Lakes Educational Center

Karen Russell

Acclaimed author ("Swamplandia!")
Named one of *New Yorker* magazine's "20 Under 40" up-and-coming writers (2010)
Coral Gables Senior High School (Class of 1999)

James A. Ryder

Founder, Ryder System, Inc.
Miami Edison Senior High School (Class of 1934)

William Sadowski

Member, Florida House of Representatives (1976-1982)
Coral Gables Senior High School (Class of 1962)

Dennis Scholl

Vice President/Arts & Miami Program Director
John S. and James L. Knight Foundation;
Respected art collector and philanthropist
Miami Norland Senior High School

Winston Scott

U.S. Astronaut
Frances S. Tucker Elementary School (1960-61)
Coral Gables Senior High School (Class of 1968)

Steve Scully

Drummer for recording artist Mary Karlsen and other bands
New World School of the Arts (Class of 1990)

Jon Secada

Grammy Award-winning singer, songwriter
Hialeah Senior High School (Class of 1979)

Glenn Sharpe

NFL football, New Orleans Saints
Miami Carol City Senior High School

Ward Shelley

Sculptor, Mixed-Media Artist
North Miami Senior High School

Jeffrey Silver

Emmy-winning television producer (“The Wonder Years”)
Coral Gables Senior High School (Class of 1973)

George Smathers

former U.S. Senator and U.S. Representative from Florida
Miami Senior High School

Corrie Solomon-Everett

Founder, New Tampa School of Music
New World School of the Arts (Class of 1989)

Alfred Spellman

Film producer
North Miami Beach Senior High School (Class of 1996)

Cynthia A. Stafford

Member, Florida House of Representatives
Miami Northwestern Sr. High School (Class of 1985)
Madison Middle School
Kelsey Pharr Elementary School
Comstock Elementary School

Richard L. Steinberg

Member, Florida House of Representatives
Miami Beach Sr. High School (Class of ca. 1991)

Leilani Strokin

Westpoint Graduate, Blackhawk helicopter pilot
Miami Southridge Senior High School (Class of 1993)

Shannon Stuart

Major League Baseball outfielder (Toronto Blue Jays)
Miami Southridge Senior High School (Class of 1992)

Robert A. Swanson

Biotechnology pioneer; founder, Genentech Engineering, one of the world’s leading
biotech firms

Cited in the book “1,000 Years, 1,000 People: Ranking the Men and Women Who Shaped the Millennium”

Hialeah Senior High School (Class of ca. 1965)

Daniel I. Taradash

Oscar-winning screenwriter of “From Here to Eternity”

President of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences, 1970-73

Miami Beach Senior High School (Class of 1929)

Danny Tartabull

Major League Baseball Player

Miami Carol City Senior High School

Nina Tassler

President, CBS Entertainment

Coral Gables Senior High School (Class of 1975)

Derrick Thomas

NFL football player (Kansas City Chiefs)

South Miami Senior High School

Kurt Thomas

Olympic Gymnast

Miami Central Senior High School

Dianne Edwards Thorington

Associate TV Producer (“Family Ties”)

Coral Gables Senior High School (Class of 1966)

Gerald Tinker

Olympic Gold Medal Winner - Munich, 1972

Coral Gables Senior High School (Class of 1969)

Chuck Todd

NBC Chief White House Correspondent

Miami Killian Sr. High (Class of 1990)

Kenneth Treister

Architect and Sculptor of the Miami Beach Holocaust Memorial

Miami Beach Senior High School (Class of 1948)

Jorge L. Varona

Artist

Miami Coral Park Sr. High (Class of 1973)

Bob Vila

Home design guru; host, "This Old House" (PBS)
Miami Jackson Senior High School

Jonathan Vilma

NFL linebacker (2010 Super Bowl Champion New Orleans Saints)
2001 National Champion Miami Hurricanes
Coral Gables Senior High School (Class of ca. 2000)

Octavio J. Visiedo

former Superintendent, Dade County Public Schools
Miami Springs Senior High School

Barbara Walters

Pioneering TV journalist
Miami Beach Senior High School

Shelly Ward

Artist
North Miami Senior High School (Class of 1968)

Sanford Weill

former Chairman, Citigroup
Miami Beach Senior High School (Class of ca. 1951)

Miriam Weintraub

Documentary filmmaker
former producer, "60 Minutes" (CBS)
Two-time Emmy Award Winner
Treasure Island Elementary School (1975-78)

Jerry Weiss

Painter
North Miami Senior High School (Class of 1976)

Florence Williams

WNBA Pro Basketball Player
Miami Edison Senior High School (Class of 2001)

Joel Williams

NFL football player (Atlanta Falcons)
North Miami Senior High School (Class of 1974)

Dave Wilson

Senior Editor/Administration, The Miami Herald
North Miami Senior High School (Class of 1976)

Frederica S. Wilson

Member, U.S. House of Representatives
Miami Northwestern Sr. High (Class of ca. 1961)

George Winston

Pianist, composer, recording artist
Coral Gables Senior High School (Class of 1967)

Woody Woodward

former Major League Baseball player &
Vice President/General Manager, Seattle Mariners
Coral Gables Senior High School (Class of 1960)

Jeannie Wolf

Entertainment journalist
Miami Beach Senior High School (Class of 1955)

John Wolin

Miami Herald reporter and editor
Coral Gables Senior High School (Class of 1965)

Betty Wright

Chart-topping, Grammy-winning singer (“Clean Up Woman”)
Allapattah Junior High School
Edison Junior High School
Holmes Elementary School

Don Wright

Two-time Pulitzer Prize-winning editorial cartoonist
Miami Edison Senior High School (Class of 1952)

Naomi Wright-Warren

Community Affairs Director, Pro Player Stadium
Miami Lakes Educational Center

Ivan Yaeger

Inventor/Entrepreneur/Philanthropist
Central Senior High School (Class of 1984)

Yuman, Bernie

Entertainment Executive/promoter for major entertainment stars
Miami Beach Senior High School (Class of 1961)

Jeff Zucker

CEO, NBC Universal Television Group
North Miami Senior High School (Class of 1981)

Ellen Taaffe Zwilich

first woman composer to win Pulitzer Prize

Coral Gables Senior High School (ca. Class of 1957)

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