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STUDENTS HONORED BY THE DO THE RIGHT THING PROGRAM AND MIAMI POLICE FOR REPORTING DANGEROUS SOCIAL MEDIA THREATS

MIAMI, FL – October 16, 2024 – As school safety takes the national spotlight, the Do The Right Thing Program will honor 10 outstanding students out of over 1000 nominees, who serve as an inspiration to the community and are being honored for doing the right thing by Miami Police. Two of these students are being honored for their courage in immediately reporting dangerous threats seen on social media. Matthew del Rey, an 8TH grader at Lamar Louise Curry Middle promptly notified school staff when he saw a concerning threat on social media against his school. Marcellus Ruiz, an 8th grader at Norman S. Edelcup/Sunny Isles Beach K-8 reported another social media threat involving a student threatening to bring a knife to school and cause harm. **The ceremony takes place on Thursday, October 17, 2024 at 10:00 am in the auditorium of the Chief Clarence Dickson Police College, 350 NW 2nd Avenue.**

Do The Right Thing, Inc. is a non-profit community-based program operating in cooperation with the Miami Police Department and other local law enforcement. The program serves school age youth throughout Miami-Dade County by recognizing positive accomplishments and behavior. Each month of the school year students are recognized for their positive decisions and rewarded with prizes including a tablet, plaque, a Do The Right Thing t-shirt and bumper sticker, two tickets to a Miami Marlins game, a Papa John's certificate, gift cards, passes to Zoo Miami and Island Queen Cruises, and letters from United States Senators Rick Scott and Marco Rubio as well as Congresswoman Maria Elvira Salazar. Two Special Recognition students are also selected and win trips to Rapids Water Park and Washington, D.C. Since its inception, Do The Right Thing has directly impacted over 270,000 youth across Miami-Dade County. Building positive relationships between police and youth at an early age can make all the difference!

A not-for-profit organization dedicated to recognizing and rewarding our youth