



# DO THE RIGHT THING OF MIAMI, INC.

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## STUDENTS HONORED BY THE DO THE RIGHT THING PROGRAM AND MIAMI POLICE FOR REPORTING CLASSMATE WHO BROUGHT KNIFE AND TASER TO SCHOOL

MIAMI, FL – October 18, 2023 – As school safety takes the national spotlight, the Do The Right Thing Program will honor 10 amazing students out of 1,100 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 from Miami Lakes Middle, Miguel Barrios and Matthew Diaz, are being honored for keeping their school safe by immediately reporting a classmate that brought a knife and Taser on the first week of school. **The ceremony takes place on Thursday, October 19, 2023 at 10:00 am in the auditorium of the Chief Clarence Dickson Police College, 350 NW 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue.**

Immediately after the ceremony, the Miami Police Department and the Do The Right Thing Program will be unveiling the first Do The Right Thing Vehicle in partnership with world-renowned artist Romero Britto and sponsored by MetroWrapz and VP Law. The vehicle will serve as a unique community policing tool designed to help build relationships between Miami Police officers and youth. **The unveiling will take place following the ceremony beginning at 11:00 am in front of Miami Police Headquarters 400 NW 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 free pizza from Papa John's, 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!

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