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## Law Enforcement Memorial High School Makes an Impression at 2015 Innov@te CTEC

Innov@te CTEC (Career and Technical Education Challenge) is a competitive event that brings all of the Career and Technical Education areas together to showcase their industry skills and compete for prizes. Miami-Dade Wolfson Campus hosted the first and second annual Innov@te CTEC event. This year's event took place on Saturday, December 5, 2015 and **Law Enforcement Officers Memorial High School** (LEOMHS) competed in the Parliamentary Procedures and Impromptu Speaking competitions. Although student Victoria Urdanta won the First Place prize for the

Impromptu Speaking competition, it was LEOMHS' Honor Guard that captured the attention of the entire Innov@te audience that morning. Perfectly synchronized and professional, Miami-Dade County Police Explorers' Post 210 @ Law Enforcement Officers Memorial High School Honor Guard presented the state and national flags to the 2015 Innov@te attendees, as part of the Opening Ceremony. The all-female representatives of this Honor Guard were so impressive; Superintendent Carvalho commended them in his opening address. Dwight Stevens is the Criminal Justice Teacher/ Sponsor of



the LEOMHS Honor Guard. He also serves as the District Advisor/ Program Liaison between M-DCPS' Criminal Justice teachers and the

## Magnet Schools of America Conference

In Miami, Florida

May 3-7, 2016

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Miami will be hosting the annual National Magnet Schools of America (MSA) conference this year, May 3- 6, 2016, at the Intercontinental Hotel, Miami. This annual conference provides engaging, professional development that develops leadership strategies needed to support high quality innovative instructional programs that promote choice, equity, diversity, and academic excellence for all students. Sessions are designed for new, emerging and established magnet programs providing an enriching experience for all attendees.



Law Enforcement Officer's Memorial High School was awarded a

**Magnet Schools of America School of Excellence Award in 2015.**

For more information, search <http://www.magnet.edu>

Florida Public Service Association (FPSA).

## CTE CJ Program Updates

**Coral Reef Senior High School** received an obstacle course purchased with Carl Perkins Funds during the 2014-2015 school year. The course consists of a 20' Long 2 Rope Climber, a Window Wall, and a Climber, with a chain net. These items are similar to the items used by professionals in the Criminal Justice field to train officers for the physical rigors of

rescue in emergency situations and to encourage the maintenance of physical fitness within the Criminal Justice Academy. Once the installation is complete and safety inspected, students in the Coral Reef Criminal Justice (CJ) Program will develop a Physical Training (PT) routine for the course and serve as student leaders for visiting CJ programs. Career and Technical Education (CTE) Teachers, Tina Cushnie and Adriana Gonzalez instruct the CJ Curriculum at Coral Reef Senior High School.

Over the summer, Criminal Justice Teacher Reggie Jackson left **Miami Carol City High School** to pursue another position in another county leaving an opening in our CJ program. This position has recently been filled by **Mr. Robert Green**. We welcome Mr. Green to the CJ family and look forward to meeting him in person at **our upcoming District PD on February 16, 2016 at Turner Tech**.



The above picture provides a glimpse of Mr. Elmore (**William Turner Tech**) and his students at the 2015 Mock Trial events. Opportunities exist to immerse our students in the Criminal Justice Curriculum outside of the

classroom. These opportunities bring the curriculum to life for our students. Mock Trial events provide such an opportunity. The 2016 Mock Trial will take place February 12<sup>th</sup> at the James L. Knight Center.

Making connections with the community is the foundation upon which the Big Brother Big Sister (BBBS) School to Work grant received by **Booker T. Washington High School** is based. This grant enables Criminal Justice students to engage with BBBS mentors to connect the concepts learned

in their classrooms with the experiences obtained in real-world settings in the halls of justice and within various criminal justice venues throughout the city and county.

All CTE Criminal Justice programs are encouraged to provide opportunities that will help students make applications of their program knowledge to real world experiences in our community.

*Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has.*

*Margaret Mead*



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