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Monroe County School District Principal of the Year and Assistant Principal of the Year

KEY WEST, FL - Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Joseph Burke, has announced that Amber Bosco has been selected as Principal of the Year and Christina McPherson has been selected as Assistant Principal of the Year.

The Principal Achievement Award for Outstanding Leadership and Outstanding Assistant Principal Award recognizes exemplary principals and assistant principals for their contributions to their schools and communities.

Principal of the Year

Ms. Bosco began her teaching career for Monroe County Schools in 1983 at Glynn Archer Elementary; in 1997 she was selected as Assistant Principal and has been Principal of Poinciana Elementary since 2004.

Amber earned her Master's Degree at Troy State and her Bachelor's Degree at Florida Atlantic University.

Under her leadership, Poinciana remains an "A" school, meeting 97% of all AYP indicators. Ms. Bosco consistently treats her staff with the utmost professionalism. Amber always ensures that her teachers are prepared to accomplish the immense task of preparing our students academically, socially and personally.

Amber is attentive to students as well. In addition to knowing each and every student's individual situation, she maintains awareness of each student's path, to ensure that every effort is being made to guarantee their success.

She is well respected by her colleagues and loved by her teachers, parents and students. She works with compassion and skill with all students in her school. Her untiring commitment to her school, as well as to this district, is admirable.

Assistant Principal of the Year

Mrs. McPherson began her career as a Social Studies teacher at Key West High in 1994 and has been the assistant principal of Key West High School since 2002.

Christina earned her Master's Degree from USF in 1997 and her Bachelor's Degree from FSU in 1993.

Ms. McPherson is very centered in her approach to high school education and she endeavors to make sure that each student, each member of the faculty and each member of the staff have their needs met. Her knowledge of curriculum creates a positive learning culture at Key West High and she has been instrumental in developing and in increasing participation in the Advanced Placement Program. She is loved by students and staff.

As the testing coordinator, she has run through the hurdles of computer based testing with style and grace and has created a seamless process for students. She has also participated as a team leader for the 11th and 12th grade teams and worked with them on analyzing test results and setting goals for student performance.

Christina has been instrumental in developing the new Code of Student Conduct, and worked diligently on the Student Progression Plan. She is an outstanding example of a school leader in Monroe County.

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