

## Six MCSD Students Earn Prestigious Awards through the IT Premier Program

[Key West, Florida] – Six outstanding students from the Monroe County School District have achieved remarkable milestones through the IT Premier Pathways Program, earning prestigious awards that recognize their dedication and academic excellence in Career and Technical Education. These awards, which also include significant financial incentives, celebrate the students' hard work in obtaining industry-recognized certifications and advancing their career readiness.

Four students, Ameilis Cruz, from Key Largo School, and Antonio Garcia-Macrae, Brian Urbina & Sasha Mayer from Coral Shores High School have earned the Silver Premier Award, each receiving a \$700 scholarship. Mikkel Camposflores, from Somerset Island Prep, has been honored with the Gold Premier Award and a \$1,000 scholarship. Most notably, Corey Dickerson, from Coral Shores High School, has made history as the program's first Platinum Premier Award recipient, earning a \$1,500 scholarship. The different levels of scholarships represent the amount of Level 3 certificates that each student has earned. There is no limit to the amount of incentives that a student can earn.

These awards were granted for successfully completing certifications in Device Configuration and Management, Python, QuickBooks, and Entrepreneurship and Small Business. Collectively, these six students have also earned over 60 college credits by achieving these Level 3 certifications, setting a strong foundation for their future careers and higher education pursuits.

"These certifications will serve these students well in life, equipping them with valuable skills and credentials that open doors to countless opportunities," said Program Representative Caroline Bleske, CTE Coordinator for MCSD. "Their success is a testament to the power of hard work and determination."

This incredible achievement was made possible through the generosity of the Golden Fleece Foundation which has pledged over \$250,000 to support students who rise to the challenge of earning these certifications. The Foundation's commitment to empowering young learners ensures that they have the resources to pursue both academic and professional success.

The IT Premier Pathway Program continues to pave the way for students to excel in technology, business, and entrepreneurship, preparing them for rewarding careers and lifelong achievements.



**Ameilis Cruz**



**Antonio  
Garcia-Macrae**



**Brian Urbina**



**Sasha Mayer**



**Mikkel  
Camposflores**



**Corey Dickerson**