



# CELEBRATING 40 YEARS! CELEBRATING YOU!

OCTOBER 19, 2024  
MIAMI SPRINGS SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL





# EMPOWERING TODAY'S EDUCATION COMMUNITY TO ACHIEVE FINANCIAL WELLNESS



**You've devoted your career to creating a positive future for students.  
At Suncoast, we're here to help create a positive financial future for you!**

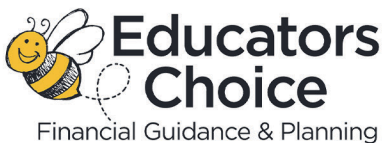
**United Teachers of Dade (UTD)** members can plan for the future with Educators Choice, the preferred partner for financial wellness. Through this unique, complimentary program, gain access to tools, resources, and guidance that can help you live your best financial life.



**GETTING STARTED IS AS EASY AS  
YOUR A-B-CS AND 1-2-3S.**

Visit [EducatorsChoice.com](https://EducatorsChoice.com) to learn more.

Email [maggie.duke@suncoastcreditunion.com](mailto:maggie.duke@suncoastcreditunion.com) for more information.



Join **UTD** to take advantage of this exclusive program.  
[utd.org/join](https://utd.org/join)



# Conference Schedule of Events

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2024 | MIAMI SPRINGS SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

- 7:30 AM**     **Vendor Exhibition Booths** - First Floor  
**Teacher Entrepreneur Fair** - Cafeteria
- 8:30 AM**     **Breakfast/Opening Session** - Gymnasium  
Glenda Rutledge, M-DCPS Office of Professional Learning/  
Efrain Toro, Suncoast Credit Union
- 9:30 AM**     **M-DCPS Leadership Remarks** - Auditorium  
**Keynote Address** - Dan Fitzpatrick, *The AI Educator*
- 10:30 - 11:25 AM**     **Session A Workshops**
- 11:30 AM - 12:25 PM**     **Session B Workshops**
- 12:30 - 1:50 PM**     **Luncheon and Awards Presentation** - Gymnasium
  - Linda Lecht, President, The Education Fund
  - Mari Tere Rojas, M-DCPS School Board Chair and District 6 Representative
  - Mary Blanco, M-DCSP School Board District 7 Representative and Education Fund Board of Directors
  - Karla Hernandez-Mats - President, United Teachers of Dade
  - Awards Presentation
  - Prize Drawings
- 1:55 - 2:50 PM**     **Session C Workshops**
- 2:55 - 4:00 PM**     **Session D Workshops**
- 4:00 PM**     **Conference Conclusion**

---

**SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR DONORS**

---



# A Message from the Superintendent

of Miami-Dade County Public Schools



## Miami-Dade County Public Schools

*giving our students the world*

**Superintendent of Schools**  
Dr. Jose L. Dotres

**Miami-Dade County School Board**

Mari Tere Rojas, Chair  
Monica Colucci, Vice Chair  
Roberto J. Alonso  
Lucia Baez-Geller  
Dr. Dorothy Bendross-Mindingall  
Mary Blanco  
Danny Espino  
Dr. Steve Gallon III  
Luisa Santos

July 18, 2024

Dear Educators,

Now celebrating its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary, The Education Fund has been a key partner of Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) by sponsoring initiatives that support teachers with networking, training opportunities, grant funding, and more. By empowering teachers to be catalysts for innovation in the classroom through programs such as Ideas with IMPACT, The Education Fund provides teachers the resources to bring their ideas to life and an avenue to share proven instructional strategies with others. In this way, The Education Fund supports the school district's efforts to promote and recognize teacher leadership.

The Education Fund's Idea EXPO elevates teacher leadership by providing a forum for some of Miami-Dade's most dedicated teachers to showcase their classroom innovations with their colleagues. I applaud The Education Fund for hosting this conference, which will feature teachers' best practices across a multitude of subject areas, with lessons designed to engage students and accelerate their learning.

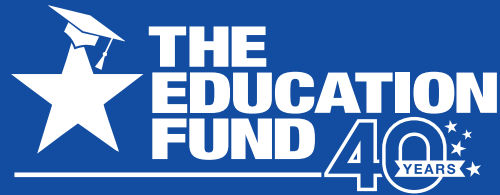
The Education Fund's Ideas with IMPACT program is designed to share innovative, cost-effective teaching ideas in a user-friendly network that includes the *Ideas with IMPACT* catalog, curriculum instructional Idea Packets, the Idea EXPO Teacher Conference, numerous grant opportunities, discussion series, and interactive training webinars led by M-DCPS teachers. I commend the dedicated educators who contribute their time and talents to the IMPACT network, and I encourage teachers to avail themselves of these opportunities to learn additional best practices to further enhance their craft. Thank you for all you do to make a difference for our students and our community.

Sincerely,

Dr. Jose L. Dotres  
Superintendent of Schools







FOR EXCELLENCE IN MIAMI-DADE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

# 2024 Idea EXPO

TEACHER CONFERENCE



## Dan Fitzpatrick

THE AI EDUCATOR

### KEYNOTE SPEAKER

## THE AI CLASSROOM

*Teaching and Learning in the Artificial Intelligence Revolution*

This time next year, the AI that you're using today will be antiquated. Innovative education solutions are vital if we are to prepare our young people for success. In an age where artificial intelligence stands at the forefront of educational transformation, it's not just about having the technology, but truly grasping its potential to redefine the learning experience.

In **THE AI CLASSROOM** keynote talk, educational strategist and bestselling author Dan Fitzpatrick delves into the ever-evolving world of artificial intelligence, how it is transforming its impact on education.

- Discover ways educators can harness the power of AI right now.
- Understand why the quality of your input in AI tools dictates the quality of the output.
- Learn how AI can "do the doing" so you can do the thinking.

#### BIOGRAPHY

Dan is the author of the best-selling book *The AI Classroom: The Ultimate Guide to Artificial Intelligence in Education*. He writes weekly on the transformation of education for Forbes. His work has earned him esteemed accolades such as the Tech Champion Award at the Digital Industry Dynamite Awards and Top 30 K-12 Influencers by EdTech Magazine. Dan has helped 60k+ educators worldwide embrace AI. Dan's extensive knowledge and hands-on experience inspire educators, professionals, and organizations worldwide as they grapple with the challenges and prospects of AI.



**The Education Fund Thanks**  
**Miami Springs Senior High School**  
**For Hosting Our 2024 Idea Expo!**

*Protecting, Connecting, Inspiring*

# Assurant Cares



The Assurant Foundation is proud to support public education in Miami-Dade County. We believe in teachers and that's why we work with **The Education Fund**. Through our partnership, we know that teachers will get the resources and professional development opportunities that are so valuable. Thanks for all that you do to build brighter futures.



ASSURANT®

[assurant.com](http://assurant.com) | [#AssurantCares](https://twitter.com/AssurantCares)

**OCTOBER 19, 2024**

# Session A 10:30 AM - 11:25 AM

**Art & Science of Candle Making NEW**

Disseminator: Marica Mitchell  
Room: **173**

**Brain & Body Basics**

Disseminator: Vanessa Radice  
Room: **108**

**Building Blocks of Survival NEW**

Disseminator: Teresa Waters-Cain  
Room: **112**

**Coral City Camera**

Disseminator: Katie Ortiz  
Room: **143**

**Discover Outdoor Learning with Food Forests for Schools NEW**

Disseminator: Eddie Recinos  
Room: **145**

**Eat the Rainbow NEW**

Disseminator: Becky Sponholtz  
Room: **110**

**Everglades Curriculum and Champion Schools Program NEW**

Disseminator: Bianca Cassouto  
Room: **150**

**Expanding VEX Robotics with Schoology NEW**

Disseminator: Marco Diez  
Room: **151**

**Let's Go Traveling Virtually!**

Disseminator: Shauntee Friend  
Room: **114**

**Magnificent Market Day NEW**

Disseminator: Susan Leyva-Bostick  
Room: **171**

**Mark It Up! How to Upcycle Your Markers NEW**

Disseminator: Grace Llamas  
Room: **124**

**Mood Calming Stickers NEW**

Presenter: Alena Sheriff  
Room: **Media Center**

**Strengthen Knowledge with Socratic Seminars NEW**

Presenter: Jevona Cruz-Solomon  
Room: **147**

**Sustainability in 3D NEW**

Disseminator: Ray Parris  
Room: **146**

**Teach Smarter, Not Harder: AI for DI! NEW**

Disseminator: Jeannette Tejeda  
Room: **142**

**Transforming Classrooms: From Chaos to Calm NEW**

Disseminator: Sonji Allen  
Room: **120 ( Little Theater)**

**Unlocking the Potential of Adobe AI NEW**

Disseminator: Laura Ortiz  
Room: **117**

**Writing Therapy NEW**

Disseminator: Hector Suco  
Room: **153**



**Do you have an idea you want to try in YOUR classroom?**

Apply for an Education Fund **INNOVATOR GRANT** to receive up to \$1,000 to fund your innovative ideas for the 2025-26 school year! Grant Applications are due **March 30, 2025**







At **Florida Power & Light Company** we're **helping break down barriers to opportunity** by investing in STEM education programs and empowering the next generation of leaders, thinkers and innovators.

#FPLCares

CHANGING THE CURRENT.  **FPL**



**OCTOBER 19, 2024**

# Session B 11:30 AM - 12:25 PM

**Art & Science of Candle Making NEW**

Disseminators: Marica Mitchell  
Room: **173**

**Bank SMART! NEW**

Disseminator: La-Shanda West  
Room: **108**

**Building Resilience Through Children's Literature**

Disseminator: Tania Gordon  
Room: **171**

**Discover Outdoor Learning with Food Forests for Schools NEW**

Disseminator: Debi LaBelle  
Room: **145**

**Easy Cheesy Coding NEW**

Disseminator: Daniella Parra  
Room: **147**

**Indigo: Color that Changed the World NEW**

Disseminator: Alina Rodriguez  
Room: **124**

**Lesson Planning and Assessment Creation with AI NEW**

Disseminator: Maria Rodriguez  
Room: **142**

**Literacy Quest: Board Game Creations NEW**

Disseminator: Judith Philius  
Room: **109**

**Managing Difficult Conversations NEW**

Presenter: Renee O'Connor  
Room: **113**

**Math Magic: Unlocking the Power of Cards NEW**

Presenter: Hamza Guelida  
Room: **153**

**Microgreens by Hydroponics NEW**

Presenter: Cuiying Wang  
Room: **152**

**Podcasting for Young Learners NEW**

Presenter: Navia Gomez  
Room: **151**

**School Gardening 101 NEW**

Disseminator: Michael Carter  
Room: **110**

**Sustainable City Planning NEW**

Disseminator: Renata Novak (Dr.)  
Room: **146**

**Teaching Trunks on the Holocaust NEW**

Presenter: Yara Lugo  
Room: **175**

**Think Glocally! NEW**

Presenter: Precious Symonette  
Room: **Media Center**

**Trail Camera Wildlife Investigations NEW**

Presenter: Daniel Valle  
Room: **112**

**Transforming Learning with AR and AI NEW**

Disseminator: Zeny Ulloa  
Room: **117**



**Want to implement a workshop into YOUR classroom?**

Apply for an Education Fund **ADAPTER GRANT** (\$150 - \$450)  
Grant Applications are due **November 6, 2024.**



# TEACHING JOURNEY



EMPOWER YOUR

GIVE MIAMI DAYS NOV. 17-21, 2024

HELP US KEEP ENERGIZING MIAMI-DADE COUNTY'S DEDICATED PUBLIC SCHOOL EDUCATORS WITH TANGIBLE SUPPORT AND INNOVATIVE PROGRAMS THAT ELEVATE YOUR IMPACT IN THE CLASSROOM.



PLEDGE TODAY!

WE'RE HERE FOR YOU!

## Advance Your Teaching Career

### Curriculum and Instruction, M.Ed.

- Elementary Education Comprehensive
- Secondary Education Comprehensive
- Middle Level Education Comprehensive

### Educational Leadership, M.Ed.



Miami Dade County Public School Employees  
Scan the QR Code to Learn More



### Contact Us Today to Get Started

Gloria Kotrady | gkotrady@uwf.edu | 954.562.3100

**OCTOBER 19, 2024**

# Session C 1:55 PM - 2:50 PM

**“Flipped” Classroom Makeover NEW**

Disseminator: Katia Calejo Mora  
Room: **153**

**Coding with VEX 123 NEW**

Disseminator: Marcelle Farley  
Room: **151**

**Concept Circles Revitalized**

Disseminator: Judith Philius  
Room: **108**

**Content Creation in Schoology**

Disseminator: Zeny Ulloa  
Room: **117**

**Discover Outdoor Learning with Food Forests for Schools NEW**

Disseminator: Haley Margolis  
Room: **145**

**Essential Oils**

Disseminator: Alena Sheriff  
Room: **Media Center**

**Everglades 101: The Science Behind Watershed Restoration NEW**

Disseminator: Bianca Cassouto  
Room: **150**

**Fun with Funko Pops NEW**

Disseminator: Daniel Vinat  
Room: **149**

**Fungi Friends & Mycelium Networks NEW**

Disseminator: Jennifer Pike Vassell  
Room: **124**

**Lesson Planning and Assessment Creation with AI NEW**

Disseminator: Maria Rodriguez  
Room: **142**

**Podcasting 101**

Disseminator: Asiah Wolfolk Manning  
Room: **109**

**Resources for Holocaust Education NEW**

Disseminator: Yara Lugo  
Room: **175**

**Tangram Dash! Race Against Time NEW**

Disseminator: Nina Plot  
Room: **112**

**Teaching vs. Reaching NEW**

Disseminator: John McHale  
Room: **171**

**The Magic of Video Editing in CANVA NEW**

Disseminator: Al Lawrence  
Room: **173**

**Wealth and Wellness NEW**

Disseminator: Angelique Clark  
Room: **110**



## DID YOU KNOW?

All the curriculum materials (Idea Packets) featured at every Idea Expo are available for download from The Education Fund Website. **Scan QR Code!**







## **FREEDOM TO EARN YOUR DEGREE ONLINE FROM WHEREVER YOU ARE**

More than 270 online  
academic programs  
(as of September 2023)

**SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE**

### **FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT:**

Sam Glyn  
602-639-6331  
sam.glyn@gcu.edu  
CONTACT ME ABOUT SCHOLARSHIPS

**GRAND CANYON  
UNIVERSITY**

## **PRIVATE. CHRISTIAN. AFFORDABLE. FIND YOUR PURPOSE AT GCU**

Grand Canyon University is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission (HLCommission.org), an institutional accreditation agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education. Please note, not all GCU programs are available in all states and in all learning modalities. Program availability is contingent on student enrollment. Important policy information is available in the University Policy Handbook at [gcu.edu/academics/academic-policies.php](http://gcu.edu/academics/academic-policies.php). The information printed in this material is accurate as of SEPTEMBER 2024. For the most up-to-date information about admission requirements, tuition, scholarships and more, visit [gcu.edu](http://gcu.edu). Approved by the Assistant Vice President of GCU Marketing on Nov. 21, 2023. ©2024 Grand Canyon University 24GOE0619

# STU Online

*Achieve more.*

## Online education and leadership programs

Our 100% online certificate, graduate, and post-graduate programs are affordable and fit your schedule. Prepare to rise professionally and engage students more effectively.



Scan here, call, or text:  
Del Godinez,  
Senior Executive Director  
305-962-3051





**OCTOBER 19, 2024**

# Session D 2:55 PM - 4:00 PM

**Canva AI Essentials for Educators NEW**

Presenter: Mayra Ortega  
Room: **173**

**Code & Roll with Sphero Bolt NEW**

Disseminator: Susan Leyva-Bostick  
Room: **112**

**Cricut Maker Makes the Class**

Presenter: Daniella Parra  
Room: **110**

**Discover Outdoor Learning with Food Forests for Schools NEW**

Disseminator: Haley Margolis  
Room: **145**

**Everybody Cooks Rice NEW**

Presenter: Mayako Nakamura  
Room: **117**

**Mapping Your Thoughts and Ideas NEW**

Presenter: Cecilia Campbell  
Room: **153**

**Music Moods Me NEW**

Presenter: Janette Perez  
Room: **142**

**National Board Certification Information Session**

Disseminator: Judith Grey  
Room: **151**

**Share Tables NEW**

Disseminator: Nathalie Montenegro  
Room: **109**

**SmartPath to College**

Disseminator: Vanessa Gonzalez  
Room: **147**

**Teach Smarter, Not Harder: AI for DI! NEW**

Presenter: Jeannette Tejeda  
Room: **113**

**The Magic of Shadow Puppetry 124**

Disseminator: Silvana Soriano  
Room: **124**

**The Tale of the Overfished Fish NEW**

Disseminator: Oscar Flores  
Room: **108**

**Transforming Classrooms: From Chaos to Calm NEW**

Disseminator: Sonji Allen  
Room: **120 (Little Theater)**



## Would you like to present and share ideas at the 2025 Idea Expo?

Apply to become an Education Fund **DISSEMINATOR!**  
Visit us online at [educationfund.org](http://educationfund.org)  
Applications are due **March 30, 2025.**



## Master Plan Points

To register for your 9 MPP's, go to Frontline on your employee portal. In the District Catalog, enter IDEA EXPO in search box and sign up. At the Idea Expo, complete the reflections found in the Team Room.



# FIND YOUR FUTURE

## KEISER UNIVERSITY IS THE PERFECT NEXT STEP

RANKED #1 UNIVERSITY IN SOCIAL MOBILITY BY U.S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT BEST COLLEGES 2022-2023

- A "STUDENTS FIRST" COMMITMENT
- CAMPUSES THROUGHOUT FLORIDA AND FLEXIBLE ONLINE LEARNING OPTIONS
- SMALL CLASSES, HIGHLY PERSONALIZED ATTENTION, AND SKILL-BUILDING INSTRUCTION
- CAREER-FOCUSED DEGREE PROGRAMS FROM ASSOCIATE TO DOCTORAL LEVEL
- FINANCIAL AID AND SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES FOR THOSE WHO QUALIFY



305.596.2226  
KeiserUniversity.edu

**“It is the supreme art of the teacher to awaken joy in creative expression and knowledge.”**

**-- ALBERT EINSTEIN  
AFT Union Member**



Karla Hernández-Mats  
President



Antonio "Tony" White  
First Vice President



Mindy Grimes-Festge  
Secretary/Treasurer



Join United Teachers of Dade  
because strong educators  
build strong futures.

# Contributors with Impact

## Platinum Star



## Gold Star



## Silver Star



## Bronze Star





# A LEGACY OF SERVING EDUCATORS

**Suncoast Credit Union** prides ourselves on our ability to impact local families, schools, and organization through educational and philanthropic efforts.



## YOUTH OUTREACH & FINANCIAL LITERACY

Suncoast's Youth Outreach team is equipped with delivering and organizing financial literacy workshops and presentations to meet students' and organizations' unique needs.



## SUNCOAST CREDIT UNION FOUNDATION

Since its inception in 1990, the Suncoast Credit Union Foundation has raised and donated over \$44 million to help provide a better future for the children of our community.

Learn more about how Suncoast **gives back** at

**Suncoast.com**

