



# DO THE RIGHT THING OF MIAMI, INC.

C/O CITY OF MIAMI POLICE DEPARTMENT

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

MIAMI, FL – March 19, 2025 – As school safety takes the national spotlight, the Do The Right Thing Program will honor 10 outstanding students out of over 800 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, Rafael Ferreira and Michael Taranto, 6<sup>th</sup> graders at Sunny Isles K-8, are being honored for their heroic actions when they immediately reported a classmate that had brought a knife to school. **The ceremony takes place on Thursday, March 20, 2025 at 10:00 am in the auditorium of the Chief Clarence Dickson Police College, 350 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 Papa John's certificate, gift cards, passes to Zoo Miami and Island Queen Cruises, and letters from United States Senator Rick Scott 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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