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KILLIAN STUDENT WHO AIDED STABBING VICTIM TO RECEIVE DO THE RIGHT THING AWARD

MIAMI, FL – May 15, 2015 – For her act of bravery and life saving efforts while aiding a fellow student who was stabbed at Miami Killian Senior High on March 31st, Areli Jimenez was nominated by her school and selected as one of the Top 10 Do The Right Thing Program (DTRT) winners for the month of April. The Killian senior and her fellow nominees will be honored by Miami Police Chief Rodolfo Llanes and the Do The Right Thing Program on Thursday, May 21st at 10 a.m. in the Miami Police Training Center Auditorium, 350 NW 2nd Avenue.

Each month, the Miami Police Department's Do The Right Thing Program recognizes and rewards 10 outstanding students for their positive behavior, accomplishments, and good deeds. Students are awarded in front of top police officials, school representatives, family, and friends and receive a host of prizes including a mini tablet, plaque, Do The Right Thing t-shirt and bumper sticker, free pizza from Papa John's, chocolate trophy from Peterbrooke Chocolatier, and passes to area attractions. The students also receive letters of congratulations from United States Senator Bill Nelson and certificates of recognition from Congresswoman Frederica Wilson. Two Special Recognition students are also selected and win trips to Rapids Water Park and Washington, D.C.

Do The Right Thing, Inc. is a not-for-profit, community-based program operating in cooperation with the City of Miami Police Department and other local law enforcement. The program, celebrating its 25th anniversary this year, serves school age youth throughout Miami-Dade County by recognizing positive accomplishments and behavior. Since its inception, Do The Right Thing has directly impacted over 220,000 youth in the Greater Miami area and has expanded to 59 other law enforcement agencies nationwide as well as to England and Germany. Bringing cops and kids together through a positive interaction at a young age can make all the difference!

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