



## **The School District of Osceola County, FL**

Terry Andrews, Superintendent

### **Press Release (English and Spanish)**

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### **Ten Finalists Named For Osceola School District's 2012 School-Related Employee of the Year**

The field of 69 individuals named as School-Related Employee of the Year for their school or department, in honor of excellence in their profession, has been narrowed down to the top ten finalists for the district. The name of one of these individuals will be revealed as Osceola County's 2012 School-Related Employee of the Year at a ceremony hosted by the Education Foundation - Osceola on Friday, March 16, 2012, at the Gaylord Palms Resort and Convention Center.

The following employees have been named as finalists:

**Angelo Cruz** -- Paraprofessional at East Lake Elementary

**Maria Victoria Diaz** -- Clerk Typist at Celebration K-8

**Linda Haroulakis** -- Paraprofessional at Reedy Creek Elementary

**James Jacobson** -- Self-Care Aide at Celebration High

**June Jansen** -- Executive Secretary at Partin Settlement Elementary

**Kyyiann Sippio** -- Paraprofessional at Harmony Community School

**Sue Smith** -- Executive Secretary in Student Services

**Maria Sparks** -- Receptionist in Human Resources

**Laura Walker** -- Paraprofessional at Alternative Programs

**Kathleen Weisheyer** -- Community Involvement Liaison at Koa Elementary

A panel of judges selected the finalists based on their applications, which outlined their involvement at the school/department and community level, leadership skills, continuing education, and letters of recommendation. Each finalist was surprised at their work location by Superintendent Terry Andrews to announce their finalist standing.

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