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To: Honorable Chairman Oliver G. Gilbert, III
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

From: Daniella Levine Cava 
Mayor

Subject: Report on the County's 2023 Summer Youth Internship Program

Executive Summary

This report is provided in response to Resolution No. R-392-23, adopted by the Board of County Commissioners (Board) on May 2, 2023, relating to grant funding for the 2023 Miami-Dade County Summer Youth Internship Program (SYIP), which directed the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to provide a written report. This report details funding applied for and received for the SYIP. It further details County-wide statistics of companies, studies, and schools who participated in the SYIP.

Program highlights include:

- 99% of students enrolled in SYIP successfully completed the program and earned high school credit.
- 473 students received dual enrollment credit through Miami Dade College or Florida International University, the highest number since the inception of the SYIP.
- Of the 3,060 students that enrolled in the SYIP, 74% (2,260) participated in standard on-site internships, 21% (641) had a hybrid internship of both remote and on-site hours, and 5% (153) participated in remote internships.
- Of those that enrolled in the program: 73% (2,218) qualified for free/reduced price lunch and 31% (937) were students from exceptional student education.
- For the first time in the history of the SYIP, Miami-Dade County charter schools' students were incorporated into the program with 14 charter schools participating and placing 83 charter school students.

Outreach efforts are made by Miami-Dade County Public Schools (MDCPS) prior to the commencement of SYIP each year, including sending invitations to all previous SYIP employers, sending out parent and student orientation flyers, social media postings, and outreach at each high school throughout the County. For Summer 2024, outreach will be provided to each Commission District office to bring a broader inclusion of students from all districts of the County.

Report

The SYIP is a program that sponsors paid student internships for rising tenth through twelfth grade M-DCPS students at a variety of organizations over the course of the summer. In its eighth year of operation, SYIP continues to serve our community. The County, the Children's Trust (Trust), the School Board of Miami-Dade County (M-DCPS), and the Foundation for New Education Initiatives, Inc. (Foundation), as well as the South Florida Workforce Investment Board, the Educational Federal Credit Union d/b/a/ EdFed Credit Union (formerly d/b/a South Florida Educational Federal Credit Union), and the Kenneth C. Griffin Charitable Foundation, collaborated to provide a meaningful, paid summer internship opportunity for youth across Miami-Dade County. The unique structure of this high-quality summer internship program includes parent, student and employer orientations; pre-internship training for interns; the pairing of student interns with certified M-DCPS teachers; a curriculum that includes weekly assignments; and the MiamiInterns.org website for registration, matching of interns with employers, and electronic student time sheets. Last year, the summer internship program was officially

branded as the “SYIP” in terms of its web site, materials, logos, and shirts. Under this branding initiative, video promotions were made and run on local media using local celebrities.

Under Resolution No. R-392-23, the 2023 SYIP received a total of \$3,000,000 in funding, which included \$1,000,000 from the general fund and \$2,000,000 in grant funds from the Trust, an increase of \$500,000 from prior years to account for the pilot charter school component of the program. Additionally, a \$1,000,000 contribution was provided by the Kenneth C. Griffin Charitable Foundation.

In total, 3,060 youth were enrolled, of which 99% (3,053) successfully completed the program. Below is a breakdown of youth served by commission district based on the school location.

District	Commissioner	Youth Served
1	Oliver G. Gilbert, III	177
2	Marleine Bastien	346
3	Keon Hardemon	120
4	Micky Steinberg	156
5	Eileen Higgins	37
6	Kevin M. Cabrera	72
7	Raquel A. Regalado	169
8	Danielle Cohen Higgins	183
9	Kionne L. McGhee	456
10	Anthony Rodriguez	271
11	Roberto J. Gonzalez	302
12	Juan Carlos Bermudez	320
13	René Garcia	451
Total		3,060

Final results:

- Of the 4,657 youth that were eligible and applied to the internship program, only 3,060 were enrolled due to insufficient available grant funds.
- This year, 99% of students enrolled in SYIP successfully completed the program and earned high school credit. In addition, 473 students received dual enrollment credit through Miami Dade College or Florida International University, the highest number since the inception of the SYIP.
- Of the 3,060 students that enrolled in the SYIP, 74% (2,260) participated in standard on-site internships, 21% (641) had a hybrid internship of both remote and on-site hours, and 5% (153) participated in remote internships.
- The program recruited participants from high-risk populations. Of those that enrolled in the program: 73% (2,218) qualified for free/reduced price lunch and 31% (937) were students from exceptional student education.

Additionally, for the first time in the history of the SYIP, Miami-Dade County charter schools’ students were incorporated into the program. There were 14 charter schools that participated in the 2023 SYIP. As a result of additional funding support from the Trust targeted specifically towards charter schools, 83 charter students completed the 2023 program. For the summer of 2024; Miami-Dade County, the Trust, CareerSource South Florida, and the Miami-Dade County Public Schools’ Office of Charter School Compliance & Support have collectively begun outreach with local charter school collaboratives to encourage increased charter school participation and involvement.

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The 2023 SYIP final report can be found here:

<https://www.miamidade.gov/managementandbudget/library/attachment-a-2023-summer-youth-internship-program.pdf>.

Pursuant to rule 5.06(j) of the Board's Rules of Procedure, this report will be placed on an agenda of the full Board without committee review. Should you require additional information, please contact David Clodfelter, Director, Office of Management and Budget at 305-375-5143.

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