

Dr. Marta Pérez, Board Member

SUBJECT: REQUEST APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 08-62 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, HONORING RYAN ANDREW KAIRALLA FOR HIS ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS AND FOR HIS COMMITMENT TO COMMUNITY SERVICE

COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

LINK TO DISTRICT STRATEGIC PLAN: INCREASE ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE OF ALL STUDENTS

In 2004, Ryan Andrew Kairalla graduated from Miami-Killian Senior High School in the top one percent of his class after thirteen years of education entirely in Miami-Dade County Public Schools (Kendale Elementary, Snapper Creek Elementary, Glades Middle School, and Miami-Killian Senior High School). Since 2005, Ryan has been a certified active volunteer Guardian ad Litem, assigned by the 11th Judicial Circuit Court of Florida which serves abused and neglected children.

Ryan is a member of the University of Miami Ethics Bowl team which won the 2007 National Intercollegiate Ethics Bowl Championship. He went on to author the book, "The Ethics Bowl: Adventures in Reasoning," which was published and will continue to be used by the University of Miami in training students participating in Ethics Bowl competitions.

Ryan is the recipient of the John P. Harrison Book Prize, given to the top honors student at the University of Miami. He also received both the Dean's Award from the University of Miami School of Business and the Departmental Award from the Political Science department. This is the first time the University of Miami School of Business has given both awards to the same student. Ryan is also the recipient of the 2008 Student of Distinction Award from the University of Miami Alumni Association. While attending college, Ryan worked as a radio DJ and trainer for the University of Miami Radio Station WVUM 90.5 FM.

Ryan's senior thesis, "Competitive Ethical Argument and Moral Growth" received first place at the 2008 School of Business Research and Creativity Forum and was selected to be presented at the ACC Meeting of the Minds Research Conference held at Florida State University.

Ryan is summa cum laude candidate, graduating with a 4.0 GPA, which included a semester at American University where he interned with a United States Senator. He is a member of Golden Key and Beta Gamma Sigma international honor societies.

An occasional speaker before this Board on issues of importance to him, Ryan has volunteered his time as a tutor and participated in drama programs at both Glades Middle School and Miami-Killian Senior High School. He has also been a member of the National Honor Society, Thespian Honor Society, and Music Honor Society.

Ryan has joined the Teach for America corps and will be teaching in a Miami-Dade inter-city school for the next two years. He will spend this summer studying and preparing to join the professional educators of Miami-Dade County Public Schools to give back to the community by "Giving Our Students the World."

**ACTION PROPOSED BY
DR. MARTA PÉREZ:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 08-62 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Ryan Andrew Kairalla for his academic achievements and for his commitment to community service.

**RESOLUTION NO. 08-62
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA
RECOGNIZING RYAN ANDREW KAIRALLA FOR HIS ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS AND
FOR HIS COMMITMENT TO COMMUNITY SERVICE**

WHEREAS, in 2004, Ryan Andrew Kairalla completed thirteen years of education in Miami-Dade County Public Schools and earned the distinction of graduating in the top one percent of his class at Miami Killian Senior High School; and

WHEREAS, as a May 2008 University of Miami graduate, Ryan was recognized with top honors from the School of Business and the Political Science department; and

WHEREAS, the University of Miami awarded Ryan the John F. Harrison Book Prize, the Dean's Award from the University of Miami School of Business, and the Department of Political Science Award; and

WHEREAS, Ryan participated in and led the University of Miami Ethics Bowl team to the 2007 National Intercollegiate Ethics Bowl Championship in their first year of intercollegiate competition; and

WHEREAS, Ryan demonstrates an admirable commitment to community and public service through his work as a certified volunteer Guardian ad Litem and his recent support of Miami-Dade County Public Schools through the Teach for America corps;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 08-62 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Ryan Andrew Kairalla for his academic achievements and for his commitment to community service.

A copy of this resolution is placed in the permanent records of this Board.

Presented this 21st day of May, A.D. 2008

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary