



OCCPTA
ORANGE COUNTY COUNCIL OF PTA/PTSA

OCCPTA VISION

The Orange County Council of PTAs & PTSAs is a dedicated volunteer team of parents/guardians, teachers, students, and community partners that unifies and strengthens local PTA & PTSA units, and creates a public opinion favorable to the interests and welfare of all children and youth.

OUR MISSION

Our mission is to make every child's potential a reality by engaging and empowering families and communities to advocate for all children.

PTA VALUES

Collaboration: We will work in partnership with a wide array of individuals and organizations to broaden and enhance our ability to serve and advocate for all children and families.

Commitment: We are dedicated to children's educational success, health, and well-being through strong family and community engagement, while remaining accountable to the principles upon which our association was founded.

Diversity: We acknowledge the potential of everyone without regard, including but not limited to: age, culture, economic status, educational background, ethnicity, gender, geographic location, legal status, marital status, mental ability, national origin, organizational position, parental status, physical ability, political philosophy, race, religion, sexual orientation, and work experience.

Respect: We value the individual contributions of members, employees, volunteers, and partners as we work collaboratively to achieve our association's goals.

Accountability: All members, employees, volunteers, and partners have a shared responsibility to align their efforts toward the achievement of our association's strategic initiatives.



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Welcome Orange County Council PTA/PTSA

Essential Pieces

2019

Annual Awards & Scholarship Banquet

Friday, May 10th | 6-8 pm

Wyndham Orlando Resort International Drive



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OCCPTA's *Essential Pieces*

OUR EXECUTIVE BOARD

President	Tracy Strecker
1 st Vice President	Melanie Williams
2 nd Vice President	Kanisha Jones
3 rd Vice President	Valerie Radcliffe
Treasurer	Greg Mellowe
Secretary	Tamara Wellon
Parliamentarian	Greg Mellowe

OUR BOARD MEMBERS

Immediate Past President	Melissa Miller
Local Unit Assistance (East)	Gamal Mack
Local Unit Assistance (West)	Tnae Thomas
Family Engagement	Monika Chappell
Legislative	Wendy Birket
Membership	Caryn Liss
Scholarship	Demetrius Smith
Reflections	Terrill Richardson
Principal Liaison	Dr. E. Jerome Thompson
OCPS Liaison	Pam Carson

Expressions of Gratitude

OUR PLATINUM SPONSORS



THANK YOU

Vendor Expo Participants & Silent Auction Donors

SINCERE APPRECIATION

OUR JUDGES

Polly DeLucia, President, Seminole County Council of PTAs

Daryl Flynn, Former School Board member, District 2

Dylan McCain Allen, A Gift for Teaching, Donor & Partner Relations

Elizabeth Rather, Chairman, Week of the Family

Dr. Bridget Williams, Chief of Staff, OCPS

HOST HOTEL

Wyndham Orlando Resort International Drive

AWARDS PLANNING COMMITTEE

Kanisha Jones, Chairperson

Tamara Wellon, Silent Auction

Caryn Liss, Media Relations

Melanie Williams, Logistics, Vendors, Program Design

OUR VOLUNTEERS

Amanda Bauer, Celia Carrero, Laura Rosado, Demetrius Smith, Y'aneishka Valentin

Essential Pieces

2018-2019

OCCPTA SCHOLARSHIP AWARD RECIPIENTS

Justin Ferreter Freedom High School

Madeline Stelmashenko Boone High School

Rebecca King Timber Creek High School

Sydney Dixon Timber Creek High School

Haley Brown Olympia High School

THANK YOU TO OUR SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

Valerie Radcliffe, 3rd Vice President

Demetrius Smith, Chairperson

Tamara Wellon

Melissa Miller

Thank you to our Scholarship Fund PTA/PTSA Donors

Bay Meadows ES PTA | Brookshire ES PTA | Eagle Creek ES PTA |

East Lake ES PTA | Engelwood ES PTA | Liberty MS PTSA | Lockhart MS

PTSA | Pinar ES PTA | Prairie Lake ES PTA | Southwest MS PTSA |

Timber Spring MS PTSA | University HS PTSA

Presentation

Master of Ceremonies **Kanisha Jones**, OCCPTA 2nd Vice President

Pledge of Allegiance **Colonial High School Color Guard**

Welcome & Introductions **Tracy Strecker**, OCCPTA President

Meditation **Justin Ferreter**, Freedom High School

Opening Remarks **Linda Kearschner**, Florida PTA President
Dr. Bridget Williams, OCPS Chief of Staff

Greetings from our Platinum Sponsors

Dinner is Served

Scholarship Presentation **Demetrius Smith**, OCCPTA Scholarship Chair

Recognition of Judges **Melanie Williams**, OCCPTA 1st Vice President

Presentation of Awards **Kanisha Jones**, OCCPTA 2nd Vice President, &
Valerie Radcliffe, OCCPTA 3rd Vice President

Special Recognitions **Tracy Strecker**, OCCPTA President

National PTA Schools of Excellence

Membership

Golden Orange

Advocacy

President's Award

Children's Friend Award

Acknowledgement of Sponsors & Silent Auction **Kanisha Jones**, OCCPTA 2nd Vice President

Closing Remarks **Tracy Strecker**, OCCPTA President

Essential Pieces

Business Partnership of the Year

Brookshire ES PTA - Miller's Ale House, University Blvd
Conway ES PTA - Bear Team Realty
Sunrise ES PTA - Lina Thlivitis, Dunkin Donuts, Alafaya Trail
Three Points ES PTA - Legoland
University HS PTSA - Walter D'Andreas Bodyworks LLC

Multi Media Award

Conway ES PTA | Eagle Creek ES PTA | Lake George ES PTA | Sunrise ES PTA

Family Engagement

Andover ES PTA | Brookshire ES PTA | Deerwood ES PTA | Eagle Creek ES PTA |
Lake George ES PTA | Laureate Park ES PTA | Lawton Chiles ES PTA | Legacy MS
PTSA | Liberty MS PTSA | Sunrise ES PTA | Union Park ES PTA | Windy Ridge K-8 PTSA

Helping Hands Award

Vista Lakes ES PTA

Student Involvement

Olympia HS PTSA - Olympia High Bay Hill Committee
Southwest MS PTSA - Southwest Middle School Student Council
University HS PTSA - Cristina Palasi

STAR Award

Andover ES PTA - Jennifer Antal | Eagle Creek ES PTA - Oscar Sanchez | Legacy MS
PTSA - Gina Grant | Southwest MS PTSA - Valerie Powell | Sunrise ES PTA - Doreen
Sullivan | Three Points ES PTA - Lisette Conde | University HS PTSA - Danielle Miller

M.A.R.S. (Men Are Really Super) Award

Andover ES PTA - Blair Salmons | Brookshire ES PTA - Williard McCurdy III
Conway ES PTA - Micheal Herrera | Legacy MS PTSA - Troy Clements
Three Points ES PTA - Jantale Jones | Timber Lakes ES PTA - Rob Lavezzi
Union Park ES PTA - Demetrius Smith | University HS PTSA - David Palasi
University HS PTSA - Gamal Mack | Wedgefield K-8 PTSA - Thomas Conaughy

Outstanding Program of the Year

Eagle Creek ES PTA | Legacy MS PTSA

Award Nominees

Local Unit Board Member of the Year

Brookshire ES PTA - Katie Farmand | Conway ES PTA - AnnMarie Murphy | Killarney
ES PTA - Mary McGuire | Legacy MS PTSA - Ingrid Scharf | OCPS Academy Center for
Excellence PTSA - Yahira Santos-Roldan | Sunrise ES PTA - Kelly Boland | Three Points
ES PTA - Celia Carrero | Union Park ES PTA - Nikki Covington | Union Park ES PTA -
Angela Eaton | Union Park ES PTA - Reni Snider | University HS PTSA - David Palasi |
Waterford ES PTA - Melissa Shadle | Wedgefield K-8 PTSA - Elizabeth Bonanno

Principal of the Year

Andover ES PTA - Angela Clayton | Conway ES PTA - Sean Maguire | Eagle Creek ES
PTA - Robert McCloe | Killarney ES PTA - Kelly Steinke | Lake George ES PTA - Jessica
Swain | University HS PTSA - Dr. Anne Carcara | Waterford ES PTA - Kathy Peterson

Volunteer of the Year

Eagle Creek ES PTA - Kelly Ciombor | Lake Sybelia ES PTA - Jen Ho | Lake Sybelia ES
PTA - Christine Heffelfinger | OCPS Academic Center for Excellence PTSA - Kitty
Andrews | OCPS Academic Center for Excellence PTSA - Sharon Southall | Sunrise ES
PTA - Sarah Spain | Three Points ES PTA - Y'aneishka 'Tita' Valentin |
University HS PTSA - Juliette Palasi

PTA President of the Year

Andover ES PTA - Kristi Northcott | Apopka ES PTA - Angel Robinson
Conway ES PTA - Sylvia Baer | Eagle Creek ES PTA - Ivory Rodante
Sunrise ES PTA - Liza Tam | Three Points ES PTA - Laura Rosado
Waterford ES PTA - Sharon Stewart

PTSA President of the Year

Jones HS PTSA - Terry Williams
Legacy MS PTSA - Troy Clements
OCPS A.C.E PTSA - Yahira Santos-Roldan
Southwest MS PTSA - Kim Hanley
Wedgefield K-8 PTSA - Alice Batista

PTA/PTSA Unit of the Year

Apopka ES PTA | Eagle ES PTA
OCPS Academic Center for Excellence PTSA | Southwest MS PTSA
Sunrise ES PTA | Three Points ES PTA
Union Park ES PTA | Waterford ES PTA

Congratulations to all our Nominees 