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SCHOOLS WELCOME COUNTY WINNERS IN HOLLYWOOD FASHION

Excellence in Education Awards winners experience celebrity arrivals for the school day

(February 9, 2010) TAMPA – Students will line the streets and cheers will fill the air as Hillsborough County’s top educators and support personnel are chauffeured to school in a stretch limousine. The star treatment continues at the end of the day, when they are treated to a sedan ride home.

The rides, provided by Ambassador Limousine in Clearwater, are part of the winner packages for the Ida S. Baker Diversity Educator of the Year, Instructional Support Employee of the Year, and Teacher of the Year awards. Along with a ride to and from school, the winners will also enjoy a complimentary “Night on the Town,” including a limo ride and dinner at a local restaurant.

The three winners were announced at the inaugural Excellence in Education Awards on Thursday, January 28 at the David A. Straz, Jr., Center for the Performing Arts. The limo rides are scheduled as follows:

Wednesday, February 10: Kelly Jean Zelaya, Instructional Support Employee of the Year
8:30am – 9:30am
Stewart Middle Magnet School, 1125 Spruce St., Tampa
Suncoast Schools Federal Credit Union’s Suncoast for Kids
Foundation, Presenting Sponsor

Thursday, February 11: Karen Willis-Barrett, Ida S. Baker Diversity Educator of the Year
8:50am – 9:50am
Greco Middle School, 6925 W. Fowler Ave., Tampa
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Friday, February 12: Emily Marrero, Teacher of the Year
8:40am – 9:40am
Philip Shore Elementary School, 1908 E. 2nd Ave., Tampa
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The Excellence in Education Awards celebrates the county’s best faculty and staff and recognizes them for their impact on our students and schools. This year approximately 700

nominees were chosen as the best at their school or site and honored at the awards ceremony in January.

For more information on the Foundation's Excellence in Education initiative, visit www.educationfoundation.com.

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Information on Hillsborough Education Foundation, Inc:

The Hillsborough Education Foundation is a 501(c) 3 charitable organization whose mission is to invest community resources to help students achieve academic success. The Foundation, now celebrating 20 years of serving the students, teachers and schools in our community has invested more than \$69 million for enhancement of education. The Foundation annually raises over \$5 million and fulfills its mission via programs such as College, Career & Technical Scholarships, Teaching Tools for Hillsborough Schools, Take Stock in Children Mentoring, School Enrichment, and Excellence in Education programs as well as other resource programs to benefit those we serve.