



Ocean Bank Receives Statewide Florida Education Award

MIAMI, FL – February 3, 2023 — Ocean Bank was awarded the statewide Florida Department of Education’s 2022 Commissioner’s Business Recognition Award, in acknowledgement of its multi-decade support of public education.

“It’s an honor for Ocean Bank to be recognized by the Department of Education and the Florida Education Foundation,” said Ocean Bank President, CEO and Chairman Agostinho Alfonso Macedo. “Ocean Bank believes strongly in the power of education and supports educational programs at all levels.”

The non-profit The Education Fund nominated Ocean Bank for the award.

“For 30 years, Ocean Bank has been the financial backbone and active board member of a partnership that has provided more than \$19 million in learning supplies for more than three million students across Miami-Dade County,” said Education Fund President Linda Lecht.

Ocean Bank’s commitment to education includes its role as the primary funding source for The Education Fund’s Ocean Bank Center for Education Materials, donations for programs at Belen Jesuit Preparatory School, the Carrollton School, the Future Bankers’ Camp in partnership with the Center for Financial Training and Miami-Dade College, the Alex Rodriguez Educational Center at the Boys and Girls Club of Miami, Florida Memorial University, the United Negro College Fund and the Florida International University College of Business.

About Ocean Bank

Ocean Bank is the largest independent, state-chartered commercial bank headquartered in Florida, with \$5.9 billion in assets. Chartered in 1982, Ocean Bank operates its network of 22 branches throughout Miami-Dade and Broward counties. The community bank has received numerous awards and accolades from the Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce, The Beacon Council and the Florida Department of Education, among others, for its support of our South Florida communities. For more information, log on to www.OceanBank.com. Member FDIC.

About The Education Fund

The Education Fund’s current initiatives, including Food Forests for Schools, Ideas with IMPACT, Teach-A-Thon, Ocean Bank Center for Educational Materials, and *For The Love of Art* Annual Charity Auction, bring innovative methods to our schools; inform the community about public education; and encourage private sector investment in public education. The Education Fund’s work with the private sector has resulted in more than \$72 million raised to improve education for public school students and teachers in Miami-Dade County. Visit Educationfund.org.