



# DO THE RIGHT THING OF MIAMI, INC.

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## **DO THE RIGHT THING CELEBRATES 20 YEAR ANNIVERSARY! UM Cornerback Brandon Harris to Address Student Honorees at Awards Dinner**

MIAMI, FL – JUNE 16, 2010 – In celebration of the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of the Miami Police Department's Do The Right Thing Program, the organization is hosting its ninth annual Do The Right Thing Summer Salute Awards Dinner. University of Miami Cornerback Brandon Harris will address the student honorees about the importance of staying on the right path as many of the attendees have overcome adversities such as the death of a parent, severe illness or injury, family incarceration, etc. The event is being held at **The Rusty Pelican Restaurant, 3201 Rickenbacker Causeway, Key Biscayne, Florida, on Thursday, June 17<sup>th</sup>, from 7:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.**

Approximately 300 students, family members, school representatives, community leaders, and top brass from the Miami Police Department, will join together to reflect on another successful school year at the Asian-inspired affair. The students represent the 2009-2010 Do The Right Thing program winners and will enjoy an evening showcasing Asian culture with origami and yoga demonstrations, as well as, a show put on by the Joy Dance Club of the Chinese Association of Science, Education and Culture.

The Do The Right Thing Program will be presented with a City of Miami Proclamation from Mayor Tomas Regalado for its 20 years of service to the children of Miami. Additionally, all student winners will be presented with certificates from Miami Mayor Tomas Regalado and Police Chief Miguel Exposito along with tickets to the June 27<sup>th</sup> Florida Marlins game where they will be honored on the field during the pre-game ceremony. The Do The Right Thing Program will also announce the Do The Right Thing Schools of the Year, Nominator of the Year, Coordinator of the Year, and Students of the Year in which the top elementary, middle and senior high school students out of 5,000 nominees will be announced.

Do The Right Thing of Miami, Inc. is a non-profit organization, operating in cooperation with the City of Miami Police Department, which recognizes and rewards children for positive behavior, accomplishments and good deeds. Since its inception in July 1990, the program has directly impacted over 200,000 students in Miami-Dade County alone. The Miami-based initiative has been so successful that 53 other law enforcement agencies in the United States, one in London, England and three in Germany, have implemented their own Do The Right Thing programs.

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