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STUDENTS HONORED BY MIAMI POLICE AND THE DO THE RIGHT THING PROGRAM FOR PREVENTING FRIEND'S SUICIDE ATTEMPT

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MIAMI, FL – May 13, 2025 – As school safety takes the national spotlight, the Do The Right Thing Program will honor eight outstanding students out of almost 700 nominees, who serve as an inspiration to the community and are being honored for doing the right thing by Miami Police. Amongst the honorees are Leonardo Perez, Seth Soto, and Isabella Tobon, 8th graders at Pinecrest Glades Academy who are being honored for immediately taking action and notifying the proper authorities when a friend expressed that they wanted to kill themselves on a group chat. The ceremony takes place on Wednesday, May 14, 2025 at 10:00 am in the auditorium of the Chief Clarence Dickson Police College, 350 NW 2nd Avenue.

Do The Right Thing, Inc. is a non-profit community-based program operating in cooperation with the Miami Police Department and other local law enforcement. The program serves school age youth throughout Miami-Dade County by recognizing positive accomplishments and behavior. Each month of the school year students are recognized for their positive decisions and rewarded with prizes including a tablet, plaque, a Do The Right Thing t-shirt and bumper sticker, two tickets to a Miami Marlins game, a Papa John's certificate, gift cards, passes to Zoo Miami and Island Queen Cruises, and letters from United States Senators Rick Scott and Ashley Moody as well as Congresswoman Maria Elvira Salazar. Two Special Recognition students are also selected and win trips to Rapids Water Park and Washington, D.C. Since its inception, Do The Right Thing has directly impacted over 270,000 youth across Miami-Dade County. Building positive relationships between police and youth at an early age can make all the difference!

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