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Magnet Schools of America Names Martin T. Reid from the Arthur & Polly Mays Conservatory of the Arts in Miami, Florida National Magnet School Principal of the Year

Washington, DC, May 7, 2016 - Magnet Schools of America (MSA) is pleased to announce that Martin T. Reid, Principal of Arthur & Polly Mays Conservatory of the Arts in Miami, Florida is the 2016 National Magnet School Principal of the Year. Through a competitive application process, Mr. Reid was selected from a group of seven Regional Principals of the Year dispersed across the country. The award was announced during a ceremony held during MSA's 34th National Conference in Miami, Florida May 6, 2016 at the Olympia Theater.

Upon receiving the award, Principal Reid said, "I am truly humbled and honored to receive the MSA National Principal of the Year award, however this is truly a team award. Had it not been for the support from the school board, district office, and most importantly teachers, parents, and students, I would not have been considered for this prestigious award. I feel that I have the best job in the world because on a daily basis, I get a chance to make a difference in the lives of my students by ensuring they receive a high quality education that prepares them for their future endeavors."

Miami-Dade county's Arthur and Polly Mays Conservatory of the Arts has become an award winning Visual, Performing, and Communicative Arts Conservatory under the leadership of Martin T. Reid. As principal of the Conservatory, Mr. Reid has created not just a school, but a home for students and faculty alike. By regularly acknowledging student accomplishments, encouraging social activities among his staff, and employing a Growth Mindset Philosophy of teaching and the gradual release method, he ensures that his teachers empower students by emphasizing their innate abilities and recognizing that success is a product of hard work.

Mr. Reid's involvement in all aspects of his school, his visibility to students, and the professional development and support he provides his faculty and staff, have contributed to the transformation of a D-graded middle school into a 6-12 grade conservatory which graduated its first class in 2015 with above-average graduation rates.

That National Magnet School Principal of the Year is acknowledged by their peers for their exemplary contributions made to their profession and have demonstrated excellence in the following four areas:

- Promoting equity and diversity among students and staff within their magnet school;
- Providing equitable academic opportunities for all students;
- Leadership implementing and sustaining an innovative magnet program;
- Evidence of leadership within the school district and the magnet community.

To be selected as the National Magnet School Principal of the Year, candidates must be nominated and then submit a narrative application and three recommendation letters. In addition, they must be a member of Magnet Schools of America and have served as their school's principal for a minimum of three years. All applications are reviewed and scored by a panel of magnet educators.

To learn more about Magnet Schools of America's Principal of-the-Year Award, please visit www.magnet.edu