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Photo Caption:

Mary Tlachac with Suncoast Schools Federal Credit Union presented awards to 2009 Star Recipients (L to R) Tim Harris, James Notter, Pat Carroll and Michael Lannon with Mary Tlachac

Four Outstanding Superintendents and School Board Members Receive “STARS” From Consortium of Florida Education Foundations

Four “STAR” Superintendents and School Board Members in Florida were recognized for their exemplary leadership by the Consortium of Florida Education Foundations December 4 at the 64th Annual Joint Conference of Florida School Boards Association and Florida Association of District School Superintendents held in Tampa.

Local education foundations from throughout the state nominated school system leaders for the second annual awards which were sponsored by the Suncoast Schools Federal Credit Union. Nominees were reviewed by other education foundation directors in the state and rated for their leadership and involvement with their local education foundation. Four recipients were chosen, one school board member and superintendent each in school districts of less of 50,000 students and one of each from school districts of more than 50,000 students.

“We want to celebrate the school district leaders who make it a priority to foster private sector support of public education through their local education foundations,” said Terry Boehm, president of the Consortium. “This year’s recipients are incredible examples of the many individuals who champion our local education foundations and help us raise more than \$40 Million annually to support our students, teachers and schools.”

Consortium of Florida Education Foundations 2009 STAR awards were presented to:

Mr. Michael Lannon – Superintendent, St. Lucie County
Mrs. Pat Carroll – School Board Member, Collier County
Mr. James Notter -- Superintendent, Broward County
Mr. Tim Harris -- School Board Member, Polk County

The Consortium is the membership organization for Florida’s local K-12 public education foundations with a mission of increasing resources, sharing best practices and advancing the organization capacity of its members.

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