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SCPS SCHOOLS RECEIVE MAGNET AWARDS

(**SANFORD, Fla.**) Seminole County Public Schools (SCPS) is pleased to announce that several of its schools received merit awards from Magnet Schools of America. The following schools were named 2015 “Magnet Schools of Distinction”:

- Midway Elementary School of the Arts
- Sanford Middle
- South Seminole Middle
- Crooms Academy of Information Technology (AOIT)

In addition, Millennium Middle was named a 2015 “Magnet School of Excellence.”

Magnet “School of Excellence” awards are given to only a select group of magnet schools that have demonstrated the highest level of excellence in all facets of the merit award application. “Magnet School of Distinction” awards are the second level of awards and are given to magnet schools that have met all the basic requirements outlined in the merit awards scoring rubric.

All schools that apply for merit awards must be current members of Magnet School of America and are required to submit an application that is scored by a panel of educators. The highest ranked magnet schools in the “excellence” category are eligible to receive monetary awards and the chance to be named the nation’s top Elementary, Secondary, or New & Emerging Magnet School. One of the schools of excellence will also be selected to win \$5,000 for the Dr. Ronald P. Simpson Distinguished Merit Award, which is considered the most prestigious merit award.

About Magnet Schools of America:

Magnet Schools of America established the National Merit Awards program to recognize the top magnet schools in the United States. These awards are given to magnet schools that show a commitment to high academic standards, curriculum innovation, successful desegregation and diversity efforts, and the consistent delivery of high quality educational services to all stakeholders. For more information, please visit: www.Magnet.edu.

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