I would like to extend my congratulations and deepest respect to Miami Dade College President Dr. Eduardo J. Padrón for having received the 2015 U.S. News STEM Leadership Hall of Fame Award.

Thanks to Dr. Padrón for all that he has done and continues to do for our citizens.. His leadership and vision at MDC continue to bring the national spotlight to this institution and, with it, an understanding of the importance that a public, top tier and affordable college education can have on Miami. MDC is a model for which to aspire for every educational institution in America.

For having achieved this recognition in the face of long-term and continued decline in educational leadership at all levels in Florida’s government, this award is an even greater symbol of what is happening correctly with MDC. Hopefully, our leaders will take note and lead by the example that he has set into motion.

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