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Mother and foster parent Carlene Lawson, center, receives applause as her daughter Tyriana Lawson, 18, right, hugs her arm while thanking Gov. Ron DeSantis, left, on Tuesday at Miami Dade College's Wolfson Campus in downtown Miami.

DeSantis signs bill to expand foster-care aid to caregivers and kids

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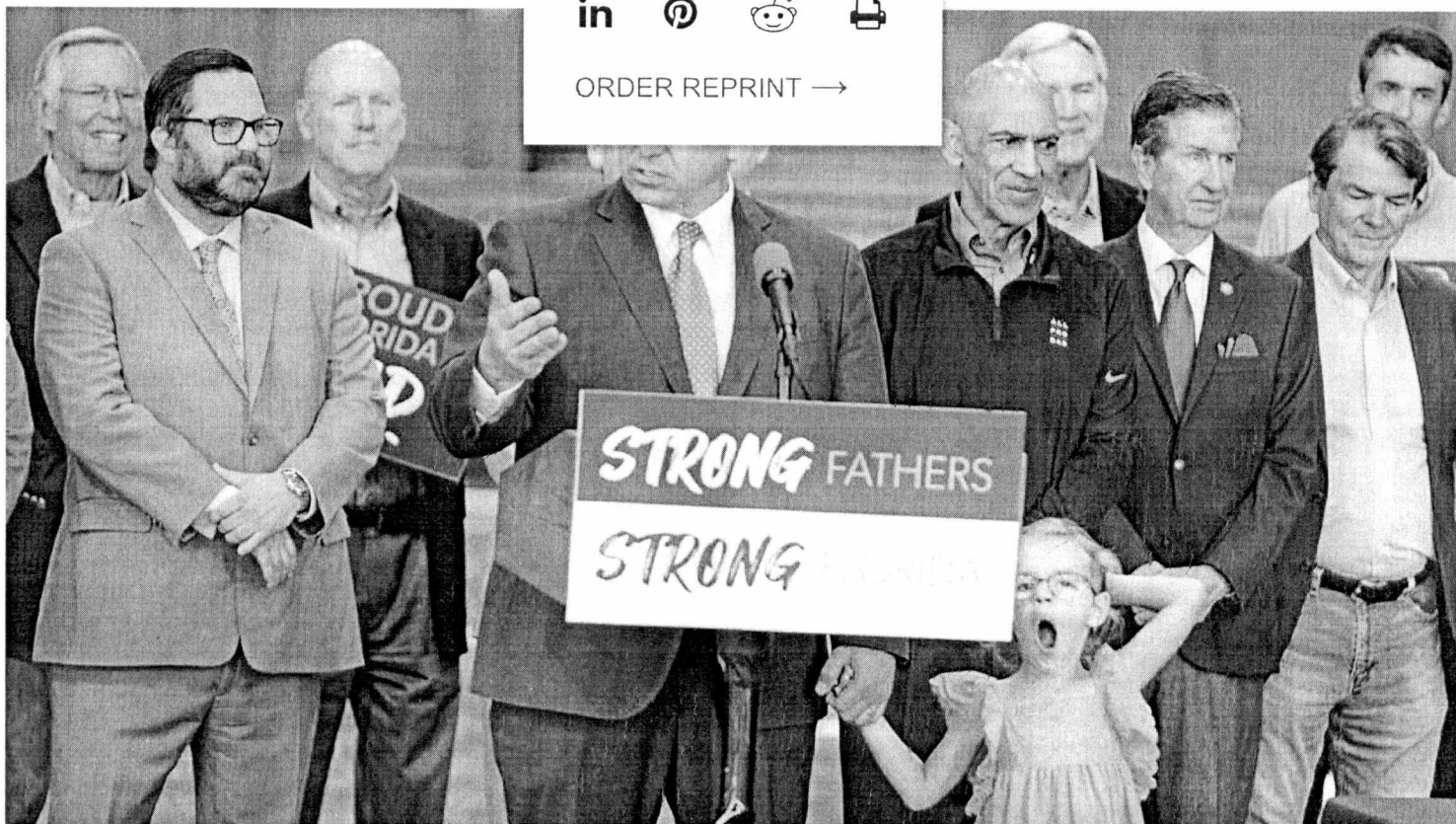
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Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis holds on to his daughter, Madison, 5, during a news conference Monday, April 11, 2022, at AdventHealth Training Center in Tampa, Florida. Desantis signed a bill aimed at supporting fatherhood by connecting men with career services and children with mentorship, a priority for House Speaker Chris Sprowls.

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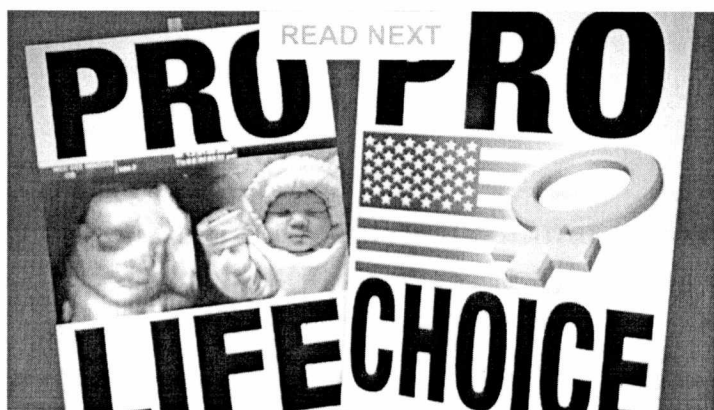
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Florida Gov. DeSantis Signs Bill to Support Foster Kids, Parents

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Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis has signed a bill that will support foster children and parents.

DeSantis signed the bill during a news conference at Miami Dade College Tuesday morning.



foster parents. Another \$25 million will go toward paying \$200 a month to parents of younger foster children, DeSantis said.

A third component of the bill expands tuition and fee waivers at schools and colleges for foster children.

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MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, Fla. – Gov. Ron DeSantis held a news conference on Tuesday morning at Miami Dade College where Lt Gov. Jeanette Nuñez was also present.

The conference brought attention to Senate Bill 7034, Child Welfare.

The Florida Senate passed the bill by the Committee on Children, Families and Elder Affairs, chaired by Senator Ileana Garcia.

Building on reforms passed during the 2021 Legislative Session to increase protections and consistency for children in out-of-home care and address critical gaps in investigations and information transparency, the bill expands benefits for foster families and relatives willing to take on the responsibility of raising children who cannot live with their parents.

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DeSantis received the bill from the Florida Legislature and, on Tuesday, he signed it into law.

"We are making a difference here today with foster and adoption," DeSantis said.

The bill will focus on enhancing benefits for relative caregivers, increasing child care subsidy and expanding college tuition waivers.

The monthly payment amount for relatives and nonrelatives who have children placed with them in out-of-home care will now have the same rate as licensed foster parents.

The bill will also provide a \$200 per month subsidy to any foster parents, relative and nonrelative caregivers who have a child placed in their home between the ages of birth to school entry, intended to help defray the cost of an early learning or child care program.

Lastly, the bill will expand the scope of potential students eligible for a tuition and fee exemption at a workforce education program, or a Florida college or university to include certain students who have been the subject of a shelter, dependency or termination of parental rights proceeding.

"Every kid counts and we got to do what we can as a state," DeSantis said. "This is an important issue. These are not always easy issues to deal with."



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Gov. DeSantis signs child welfare bill in Miami

by CBS12 News Staff

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Gov. Ron DeSantis held a news conference Tuesday morning at Miami-Dade College. (Pool)

MIAMI, Fla. (CBS12) — Gov. Ron DeSantis signed a bill called Child Welfare (**SB 7034**) Tuesday morning at Miami-Dade College.

The bill makes changes to current law aimed at benefiting the lives of children in foster care.

First, the bill increases the monthly payment amounts for caregivers, both relative and nonrelative, who have children placed with them in out-of-home care.

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Lastly, the bill expands the scope of potential students eligible for a tuition and fee exemption at a workforce education program, a Florida College System institution or a state university, to certain students who have been the subject of a shelter, dependency, or termination of parental rights proceeding, and who:

- Is in a temporary assistance for needy families relative caregiver placement at the time he or she reached 18 years of age;
- After reaching 14 years of age, spent at least 18 months in out-of-home care and were then reunited with his or her parents who were the subject of the dependency proceeding before reaching 18 years of age; and
- Were placed in a permanent guardianship and remains in such guardianship either until the student either reaches 18 years of age or, if before reaching 18 years of age, he or she enrolls in an eligible institution.

You can read more on the bill, [here](#).

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Gov. DeSantis signs bill to support foster children, adoptions

by: [Nathaniel Rodriguez](#)

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TAMPA, Fla. (WFLA) — Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis signed a new bill into law Tuesday to help support children in the foster care system and adoptive parents.

While at Miami Dade College, DeSantis signed SB 7034, a bill that would give a monthly stipend to relatives who care for children as guardians, just as other foster parents do.

The bill also includes \$25 million to give \$200 a month to foster parents of newborns and children up to 5 years old. This would be given to over 7,000 families.

Finally, the bill will allow foster children better opportunities to get tuition and fee waivers while attending state colleges and job training programs.

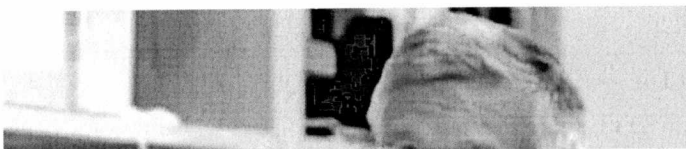
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MIAMI (CBSMiami/NSF) – Florida Governor Ron DeSantis stopped at Miami Dade College on Tuesday morning to sign a bill to bolster foster care.

The bill increases payments to caregivers and provides foster parents with money for child-care programs.

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The measure (SB 7034) was approved by lawmakers during the legislative session that ended March 14.

In part, the law will increase monthly payments from the state to relatives and nonrelatives who serve as caregivers to foster children, making their payment rates on par with licensed foster parents.

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“Improving the level of benefits for family members and foster parents could mean all the difference when these folks are considering whether they can take in a vulnerable child,” Simpson said in a statement.

More than \$44 million is earmarked in the proposed state budget for the 2022-2023 fiscal year to carry out parts of the bill. The Legislature has not formally sent the budget to DeSantis for his approval and vetoes.

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DeSantis touted nearly \$25 million of the money that is designed to provide \$200 monthly subsidies to help cover costs of child care and early learning programs.

“Through this funding, more than 7,000 foster parents and caregivers will receive this subsidy for the children that are in their care. And that’s going to make a big difference. Quite frankly, just from a feasibility perspective, foster parents have to work to put food on the table like anyone else. This will help them in that regard,” the governor said.

The law also will bolster tuition and fee-waiver programs to help foster children attend state colleges, universities and workforce-education programs. The governor signed the bill at Miami Dade College.

Department of Children and Families Secretary Shevaun Harris said the law expands Florida’s “toolbox of resources” to help young adults who are exiting the foster care system.

“For many of the kids in the system, attending and graduating college is defying the odds. Legislation like this helps us stack the deck in their favor,” Harris said.

The number of licensed foster parents in Florida has grown by about 4,000 since 2019, the governor said Tuesday.

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DeSantis signs bill to expand state benefits for foster parents, children

The new law provides expanded tuition and fee waivers for some students in foster care.



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MIAMI — On the heels of signing a bill in Tampa to promote "responsible" fatherhood, Gov. Ron DeSantis signed another bill focusing on the welfare of children.

The new law, CS/SB 7034 specifically focuses on foster care parents, guardians and children.

DeSantis said during a news conference Tuesday that Florida is No. 2 in the country for the percentage of children placed with relatives and the shortest time children spend in foster care before adoption.

DeSantis said there are three main parts of this new law.

First, the new law provides \$19 million in state funding that would raise the amount of money paid out by the Florida Department of Children and Families to family members or family friends who take children into their care. Now, it will match the amount provided to foster care parents who aren't related to the children in their care.

Second, DeSantis says the bill earmarks \$25 million to provide \$200 per month for foster parents of newborns and children up to 5 years old. The governor said this extra funding will cover about 7,000 foster parents throughout Florida.

Finally, DeSantis said the new law expands tuition and fee waivers for some students in foster care who choose to attend Florida public colleges, universities and workforce education programs.

"We are proud of state colleges like right here in Miami-Dade College, what it's meant to people in this community. We're proud to have the No. 1-ranked public university system in the United States for five years in a row, according to U.S. News and World Report," DeSantis said.

DeSantis also mentioned how lawmakers have kept Florida state university and college tuition affordable for the "average Floridian."

"This bill removes red tape and expands the number of students that are eligible for fee and tuition waivers," he added.

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DeSantis says he wants 'race-neutral' congressional districts when new map is drawn

BY MARY ELLEN KLAS *HERALD/TIMES TALLAHASSEE BUREAU*

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On Tuesday, April 12, 2022, Gov. Ron DeSantis, left, gives his opening remarks before he signed a bill that financially benefits more people who care for needy children and helps additional children who were in the foster care system attend a state college or university. The bill signing was at Miami Dade College Wolfson Campus in Miami, Florida. CARL JUSTE cjuste@miamiherald.com



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TALLAHASSEE

Gov. Ron DeSantis confirmed Tuesday that the congressional redistricting map he is proposing will dismantle a congressional district designed to help Black voters living in the former plantation territories of North Florida.

“I think that what they’ll produce will be something that will be acceptable to folks and obviously we’d get my signature for proposing it,” he said at a bill-signing press conference in Miami. “It will, though, have North Florida drawn in a race-neutral manner.”

DeSantis has called legislators back into a special session on redistricting next week to redraw Florida congressional districts, and on Monday [House and Senate leaders announced](#) that, after successfully passing a legislative map that the court has approved, they will leave the map-drawing work on the congressional plan to the governor.

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He cited *Cooper v. Harris*, a 2017 case in which the U.S. Supreme Court ruled 5-3 that the North Carolina General Assembly engaged in “unconstitutional racial gerrymanders” by relying on race too heavily when it drew two congressional districts following the 2010 Census.

DeSantis said the current Congressional District 5, which stretches across North Florida from Tallahassee to Jacksonville, linking urban and rural black voters in a region that was home to the slave plantations of the 1800s, “divvies up people based on the color of their skin.”

“That is wrong,” he said. “That is not the way we’ve governed in the State of Florida. ... There has never been a district of that length and that shape that has been justifiable.”

DeSantis argued that if legislators retained CD 5, which is held by U.S. Rep. Al Lawson, a Black Democrat, the map will be challenged as unconstitutional, and if legislators dismantle the district, as he wants, the map will also face litigation.

“You’re gonna have litigation either way,” he said. “...But I think the odds are higher that a map that is race neutral will be approved. And I think it’s more likely that one that did that kind of intentional drawing would be ruled to violate the 14th Amendment.”

GOVERNOR, LEGISLATURE AT ODDS OVER THIS MAP

The governor’s comments were the most explicit yet as tensions over the fate of redistricting have been festering for months. In January, the Republican governor broke with tradition and proposed his own congressional redistricting map that gave Republicans a 20-8 advantage over Democrats. It also contradicted the legal approach embraced by House and Senate Republican leaders, which preserved the four Black congressional districts approved by the courts in 2015.

By contrast, DeSantis’ proposal eliminated the North Florida Black congressional district, weakened a Black district in Orlando, and left the state with just two districts that would reliably elect Black candidates to office.

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Legislators attempted to appease the governor by passing a map that created a Jacksonville-centric district in North Florida while dismantling the current district that stretches across the top of the state. But DeSantis vetoed the congressional

redistricting plan and argued that the protections the map afforded Black voters in Jacksonville and Orlando were an “illegal gerrymander” under the 14th Amendment provisions of equal protection.

This week, legislators signaled they are prepared to let the governor have his way as long as he takes the lead. In a memo released publicly on Monday by House Speaker Chris Sprowls, R-Palm Harbor, and Senate President Wilton Simpson, R-Trilby, they said legislators would not propose their own congressional redraw, but instead would use whatever the governor proposes.

Meanwhile, voters and advocacy groups Common Cause Florida and FairDistricts Now have criticized the governor’s interpretation of the law and have asked a federal court to declare Florida’s congressional redistricting at impasse. The state must have its congressional map in place in time for candidates to qualify for congressional districts by the June 17 deadline.

A three-judge panel on Monday scheduled a trial to start May 12 in the federal lawsuit if the Legislature and governor don’t agree. The court also rejected a motion by Secretary of State Laurel Lee for a stay in the case. Both sides have proposed the names of redistricting experts whom the court could appoint as special masters to draw the maps.

WAS LEGISLATIVE MEMO A SURPRISE?

Ellen Freidin, chief executive officer of FairDistricts Now, a nonpartisan organization that worked to pass the 2010 constitutional amendment to impose new redistricting standards in Florida, has said DeSantis’ approach to redistricting was “trampling on rights of minority voters and turning back the clock” in an effort to “enhance his standing with Florida and national voters.”

DeSantis on Tuesday seemed surprised by the Sprowls and Simpson memo, indicating that he had expected his staff to be talking behind the scenes with legislative staff to come to a consensus on a plan that they would propose.

“I thought that my legal office had been working with the House and Senate to try to kind of have a compromise that everyone would agree on,” he said.

After legislators were caught a decade ago allowing political operatives to influence the redistricting process in violation of the Constitution, lawmakers established a strict protocol for restricting public input and limiting access to the redistricting process this time.

DeSantis was asked Tuesday if he will be preserving the document record to show “what your intent was or what the intent is in drawing these districts.” Instead of responding, the governor pivoted.

“The people that were involved will go and testify in front of the Legislature about the product that was created,” he said. “And so, you know, this is kind of my first foray, and I don’t really know how all this stuff works.”

He then talked about the need to draw districts that were geographically compact, not splitting counties and cities. He predicted “they’re going to be able to do a map from what they’ve been telling me that will have less county and city splits than what the Senate had originally done, and have better compactness score.”

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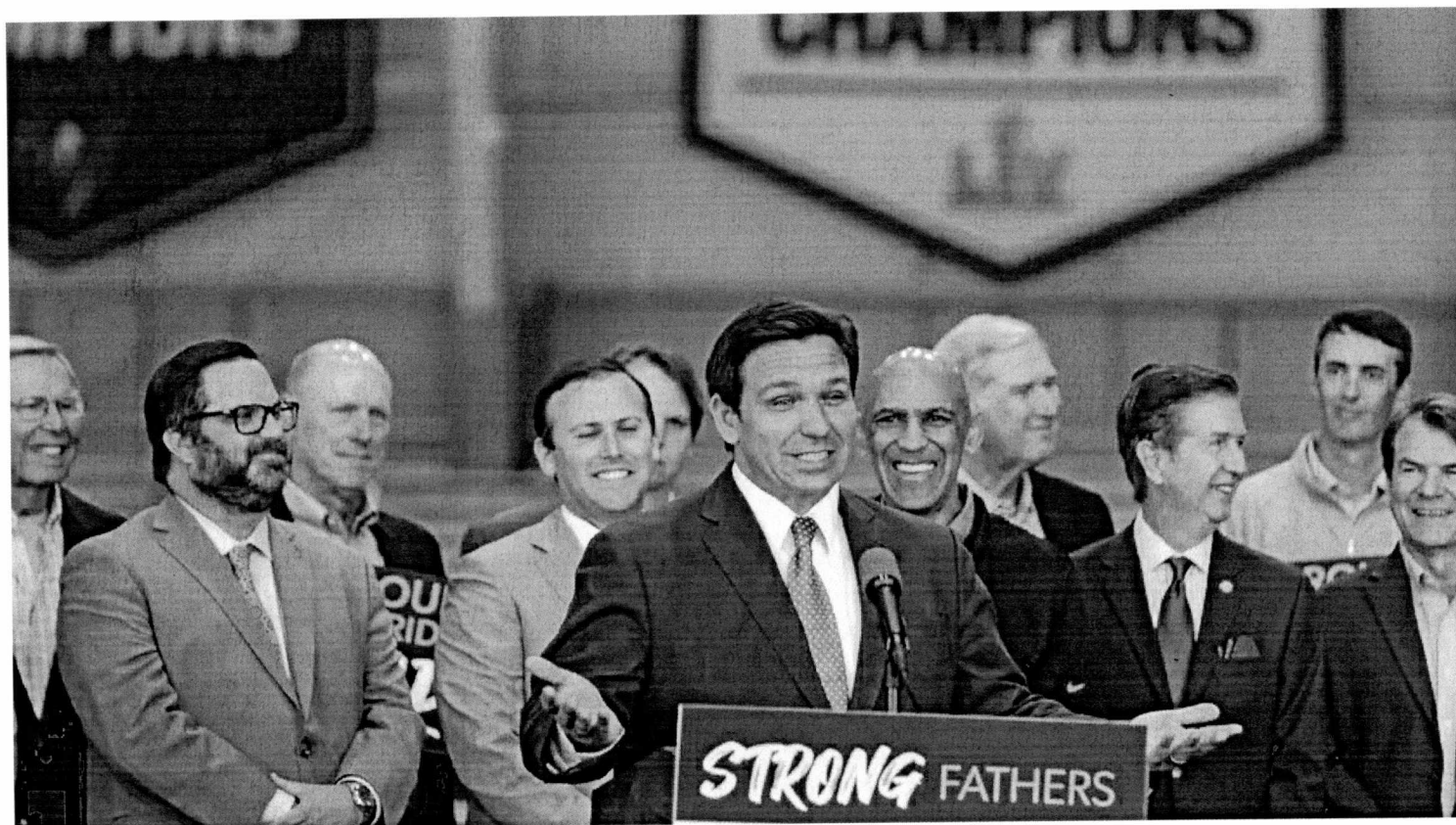
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DeSantis signs bill to expand foster care financial aid to caregivers, children

The legislation will give relatives and non-relatives caring for foster children the same amount of money as licensed foster parents.



Gov. Ron DeSantis takes questions from reporters during a news conference on Monday, April 11, in Tampa. On Tuesday, he signed a bill that expands payments for relatives and nonrelatives who have children placed with them in out-of-home care. [MARTHA ASECIO-RHINE | Times]

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TALLAHASSEE — Gov. Ron DeSantis on Tuesday signed a bill to financially benefit more people who care for needy children and help additional children who were in the foster care system attend a state college or university.

The bill will expand access for monthly payments to caregivers of foster children by giving relatives and non-relatives the same amount of money as licensed foster parents.

It will also make more foster care children exempt from paying tuition and fees at state colleges and universities. The state already allows certain foster youth to receive a tuition and fee exemption. But the bill, which takes effect July 1, will expand the criteria to the following kids who have gone through the shelter system, have been through dependency proceedings or have had their parents' rights terminated:

- Kids who are or were in out-of-home care.
- Children who spent at least 18 months in out-of-home care but who were reunited with their parents.
- Kids who were adopted after being in the care of the state.
- Kids who were placed in permanent guardianship and remain there until turning 18, or who enrolled in an eligible institution before turning 18.

“All these kids deserve an opportunity and we’re going to do what we can to make sure that their dreams and hopes and aspirations can become a reality in a loving home,” DeSantis said.

DeSantis signed the bill ([SB 7034](#)) at Miami Dade College, alongside Lt. Gov. Jeanette Nuñez, Senate President Wilton Simpson and other state lawmakers, including Sens. Ileana Garcia, R-Miami, and Manny Diaz, R-Hialeah.

Nuñez said Miami Dade College is a “symbol of hope and opportunity for so many in our community,” and has a “strong network of support for students transitioning from foster care.”

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Simpson, who was adopted at the age of 6, said the bill is taking a “holistic” approach to helping vulnerable children while they are in the system and as they exit it.

He lauded that the bill aims to create parity with the rate currently paid to licensed foster care and certain relative and non-relative caregivers, and how the tuition waiver could have long-term impact on vulnerable children’s lives.

“Think of how many other problems in our society we might solve, right?” Simpson said.

DeSantis said the bill is a commitment to “adoption and foster care,” and that it sends a clear message that Florida is committed “to the proposition that every life counts.”

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More than 14,000 Miami Dade College Grads Will Earn Degrees in 2022

This year's graduates will walk at three commencement ceremonies on April 23

Miami, April 12, 2022 – Demonstrating steely resolve and hard work, **more than 14,000 Miami Dade College (MDC) students will earn degrees this month.** Graduates will make the momentous walk across the stage at **three outdoor commencement ceremonies Saturday, April 23, at loanDepot park, home of the Miami Marlins.**

Ceremonies will take place at **8:30 a.m. (North, Padron and West Campuses), 1:30 p.m. (Wolfson, Medical and Homestead Campuses) and 6:30 p.m. (Kendall and Hialeah Campuses).** In addition, **ceremonies will be livestream at www.mdc.edu/livestream.**

MDC's 2022 graduates represent 124 nationalities and speak more than 60 languages. Many are already making significant contributions in their communities and blazing trails in their respective fields, including computer science, business, healthcare, the arts, and more.

Meet some of this year's outstanding graduates:

Hialeah Campus

Pre nursing major **Camilo Rivas**, 20, helped care for his grandmother who has advanced dementia since he was in the seventh grade. Living through that experience fueled his interest in the field of nursing and prepared him with the experience and necessary social skills to help patients. At MDC, he found a mentor in philosophy professor Dr. Josh Sheptow and was involved in the philosophy club. Rivas, who was diagnosed with ADHD, has used this condition to challenge himself to excel. He has maintained a perfect 4.0 GPA and hopes to be accepted into MDC's prestigious nursing program next with the goal of eventually becoming a nurse practitioner.

Nelson Rubio, 29, will graduate with a bachelor's degree in applied science in supervision and management. Born and raised in Hialeah, Rubio, and his sister, who is enrolled in the physician assistant program at MDC Medical Campus, are first in their family to go to college. He was drawn to MDC's flexible classes and found a supportive environment that encouraged him to live up to his and get involved in extra-curricular activities. He is Student Government Association President, Phi Theta

Kappa Vice-President, member of the Philosophy Club and a Scholar's Mentor. He was an Academic Excellence Award recipient and is on the Dean's List. Rubio plans to attend the University of Miami to pursue a master's degree in business and eventually become an entrepreneur in real-estate.

Homestead Campus

Jazmin Laughlin, 19, came to MDC as a Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) and graduated high school at the top of her class. At MDC she majored in biology with the goal of one day becoming an anesthesiologist. She completed HIV research under the guidance of Dr. Nia Madison, Director of HIV Research and Assistant Professor of Microbiology at Homestead Campus, and helped spread awareness about blood disorders, mental health, and breast cancer. Born with Factor VII Deficiency, a rare bleeding disorder, she knows what is like to live with health challenges. Scratches, bruises or cuts could seriously endanger her life, but none of this was an obstacle for Laughlin, who also became a member of Phi Theta Kappa, TRIO Student Support Services and as President of the Student Government Association, among other organizations and clubs. She also works as a school nurse at MAST Academy and Homestead Middle School.

Business major **Lisbet Hernandez**, 19, is the daughter of Mexican migrant workers who were only able to obtain a fifth-grade education. Born in Miami and raised in Homestead, Hernandez was part of the College Assistance Migrant Program (CAMP). Shortly after the onset of the pandemic, she launched an online clothing boutique, which is still going strong and has become her main source of income. Running a full-time business while keeping her grades up full-time was a challenge, but fueled her desire to succeed. She was the recipient of the Florida Prepaid Scholarship and the MDC College Assistance Migrant Program Scholarship. In addition to her degree, she leaves MDC with a Business Specialist Certificate. She plans to continue growing as an entrepreneur owning various businesses and giving back to the farmworker community by helping, encouraging, and guiding students like her.

Kendall Campus

Economics major **Edgar Rodriguez**, 19, will graduate with a perfect 4.0 GPA and leaves behind an impressive legacy as the founder and co-president of Future Finance Leaders, the first dedicated finance club at MDC Kendall Campus, where he helped close the financial literacy gap among fellow students and collaborated with local wealth management firms to secure internship opportunities for club members. He also worked with MDC's Miguel B. Fernandez Family School of Global Business, Trade & Transportation and the Business Innovation & Technology (BIT) Center on curriculum development for the College's new financial technology program and joined the investment committee that helped shape MDC's first Student Managed Investment Fund (SMIF). Rodriguez also founded and was vice president of the Kendall Campus Chess Club and a Phi Theta Kappa member. He aspires to continue his education and spread his knowledge of wealth management and finance both as a professional and professor.

Janelly Ceopa, 20, from Lima, Peru, is a celebrated member of MDC's famed Volleyball Lady Sharks. She will graduate with an associate degree in business administration and become first in her family to get a college degree. Ceopa had to balance courses to learn English with academics and athletics. Determined to succeed, she adapted quickly and even found on-campus employment in the International Student Services Department. With a cumulative GPA of 3.75, she has made it to the Dean's List three times. As part of the Lady Sharks, in 2021 she won the FCSAA State Championship, was selected Most Outstanding Player in the Tournament and named to the All-Tournament Team. She is headed to the University of North Florida, where she has been offered a full athletic scholarship, and will pursue a bachelor's degree in marketing. She dreams of becoming a business owner and owning a hotel.

Medical Campus

Surgical technology major **Wesley Santelises**, 35, is also the first in his family to graduate from college. A father of three children, Santelises currently holds three part-time jobs to make ends meet. He came to MDC motivated by the flexible schedule the College offers for working adults and with the desire to obtain better opportunities to support his family through an education. Along the way, he also found inspiring professors who took a genuine interest in his success. He was a Black Student Opportunity Scholar, recipient of the Bank of America Upskill Scholarship and other grants. His next goal is to become an anesthesiologist.

At two-years-old, massage therapy major **Andrew Schreiber**, 23, was adopted by two blind parents, who a year later, adopted his biological brother so they could grow up together. Schreiber was inspired to become a massage therapist by his father, who runs the Schreiber Pain Relief Institute, a very successful practice that has treated numerous professional athletes from the world of hockey, basketball and football, including Shaquille O'Neal and Dan Marino. While attending MDC, he gained experience working at his dad's clinic performing active isolated stretching on patients. His goal is to obtain his license and continue learning from his father. One day he hopes to continue his father's work at the clinic with help from his close friend and classmate James Milton.

North Campus

Biology Major, **Angelica McCalla**, 20, was inspired to attend MDC's prestigious The Honors College. She was convinced the program would equip her with the knowledge and experiences necessary to follow a career path toward medical school. While employed as a Registered Pharmacy Technician, she was active as a STEM Research Intern and in several organizations including Global Medical Brigades of which she was president; Doctors without Borders, Phi Beta Lambda, Phi Theta Kappa and NAMI, the National Alliance on Mental Illness. The daughter of Jamaican and Philippine immigrants, her academic effort was recognized with several accolades, including The Florida Pathways to Success S-STEM Scholarship; the BDO Seidman, LLP Scholarship and a nomination to the prestigious Barry Goldwater Scholarship. She also remained on the Dean's List. She will pursue her dream of becoming a physician in the future.

Meanwhile, **Aleen Almesmar**, 20, dreams of one day becoming a cardiologist and saving lives. Born in Miami, the biology major, whose parents immigrated from war-torn Lebanon, made the most of her time at MDC, also serving as Board of Trustees Student Representative and President of the Student Government Association. Through the latter, she hosted monthly food drives delivering over 1000 food packages to students and families in need. She also worked part-time while attending school and volunteered at the Earth Ethics Institute and with Relief for Haiti, collecting and donating medical and hygiene supplies after the 2021 earthquake. Almesmar was the recipient of the Civic Action Award, conferred by MDC's Institute for Civic Engagement and Democracy, and the American Dream Scholarship. She is also an accomplished violinist and hopes to one day play professionally.

Padrón Campus

Economics major, **Susana Piedrahita**, 20, has logged in more than 200 service hours for initiatives that include the H.E.A.L from Within Project in support of individuals with mental health disorders for which she helped raise over \$20,000, earning her a proclamation from Commissioner Eileen Higgins, and the nonprofit Blue Missions Group to help create a potable water system to benefit a community of more than 30 families in the Dominican Republic. She was also active in school organizations, such as Phi Theta Kappa, which she presided; Hermione's Army; Phi Beta Lambda and as director of the Global Solutions Sustainability Challenge. Born in Manizales, Colombia, Piedrahita plans to pursue a degree in corporate law at the University of Miami to represent nonprofit organizations.

Born and raised in Santa Lucia, a small colonial town in Honduras, **Daniela Cerrato's** parents moved the family to the U.S. when she was 13 to get away from violence and provide their children better educational opportunities. Now, at 19 years-old, Cerrato takes nothing for granted, pursuing her goals with determination while in the process of seeking political asylum. At the Honors College, she found guidance and support to reach her potential. Cerrato divided her time between the Honors College Dual Language Program and student organizations, such as Future Business Leaders of America-Phi Beta Lambda, of which she was Vice President; Phi Theta Kappa; The Mentorship Program; and as a senator of the Student Government Association while maintaining a 4.0 GPA. The business major hopes to develop sustainable business assistance programs to support small entrepreneurs.

West Campus

Business administration major **Maria Bracamonte**, 19, arrived in the U.S. from Venezuela during her senior year in high school. She was lacking essential requirements for graduation and was told that fulfilling them would take two years. Undeterred, she went to work and did it all in one-year. She continued to excel at MDC, maintaining a 4.0 GPA and making the dean's list on numerous occasions. She was Phi Theta Kappa president and participated in Future Business Leaders of America Phi Beta Lambda and Student Government Association. She was also a Dream Award Scholar, an English Composition I Scholar and a 2022 All Florida Academic Team Scholar. Bracamonte also completed

more than 200 community service hours. Her long-term goal is to become a financial analyst and set up a company that allows her to give back to the community and offer growth opportunities to minorities.

Alejandro Espinoza, 30, graduates with a bachelor's degree in supply chain management. Arriving from Havana, Cuba at age 14 and with almost no parental support, he learned to rely on himself and worked hard to get where he is today. He wanted to succeed and also inspire his younger sister. At MDC he found just the program he was looking for and drew inspiration from mentors such as business professor Carlos Erban, with whom he built a strong friendship. Espinoza maintained a 3.91 GPA and participated in Sigma Beta Delta and The National Society of Leadership and Success while working full-time. After MDC, he plans to pursue a master's degree at the University of South Florida where he will be one of only 25 students accepted into the Supply Chain Management Program. He aspires to apply his knowledge toward solving Miami's public transportation issues.

Wolfson Campus

Computer Science major, **Sami Katta**, 19, lived in his native Damascus, Syria until age 11 when his parents made the difficult decision to leave their country due to civil war. They emigrated to Haiti in 2013, where his father worked in finance for the United Nations, and in 2017, they moved to Miami. Katta joined MDC's acclaimed Honors College and participated in volunteer activities with Planned Parenthood and the nonprofit Miami-Dade Area Health Education Center (AHEC), raising awareness about diabetes. In 2018, he overcame his own health challenge when he successfully shed 80 pounds with diet and exercise. He was the recipient of the Mark Richard Scholarship, conferred by the United Faculty of Miami Dade College (UFMDC); won third place in the Datathon hosted by MDC and earned a Bloomberg Terminal Certification. Fluent in Arabic, English and French, Katta's career goal is to become a software developer and to launch a tech startup in the future.

When **Nivia Lascaibar**, 58, gets her bachelor's degree in applied studies, she will be earning her third degree at MDC. In 2014 she received an associate in paralegal Studies and in 2015 an associate in pre-law. And she did it while balancing work, life and challenges along the way, including divorce, raising two sons as a single parent and working full-time in the legal field since 1987. Today, both her sons are college graduates, one of which received his associate at the same commencement ceremony. Lascaibar is not done with school just yet. She plans on seeking additional certifications in human resources and become a NALA-certified paralegal. She's also considering an MBA.

USCB FINANCIAL HOLDINGS, INC. APPOINTS MARIA C. ALONSO TO ITS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

By: Community News Releases, April 12, 2022



USCB Financial Holdings, Inc. (the "Company") (NASDAQ: USCB) and its wholly owned subsidiary, U.S. Century Bank (the "Bank"), announced today the appointment of Maria C. Alonso as an independent director of both the Company and the Bank.

Ms. Alonso, a highly respected business executive with a proven track record spanning more than 25 years across banking, marketing, social responsibility, and community engagement, most recently served as the President and CEO of United Way Miami, one of the region's largest philanthropies, from 2017 through 2021.

"Maria brings decades of corporate experience, philanthropic leadership, and deep community ties across South Florida, making her an incredible addition to our board," said Luis de la Aguilera, President and CEO of the Company and the Bank. "She's a dynamo with tremendous energy and know-how that will help us realize our vision to be the best community bank in Florida."

Under her strategic direction at United Way Miami, Ms. Alonso managed the community's largest funder of health and human services while overseeing a \$40

million dollar budget and more than 250 staff members across multiple locations, as well as a diverse Board of Directors comprised of private and public sector leaders.

"I am honored to join the U.S. Century Bank family at such an exciting time," said Ms. Alonso. "I look forward to leveraging my experience in support of the Bank's growth goals and commitment to giving back to the communities it serves."

Ms. Alonso earned a Master of Business Administration (MBA) degree from Florida International University and is a Cum Laude graduate from the University of Miami with a Bachelor of Science degree in Industrial Engineering.

Her involvement in community organizations has included: New World School of the Arts (past Executive Committee Chair), Leadership Florida, International Women's Forum, Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce (past Board Chair), Miami-Dade Beacon Council (past One Community, One Goal Co-Chair), Camillus House, Miami Dade College Foundation, The Miami Foundation, and Teach for America. Ms. Alonso is a recognized community leader having received numerous awards celebrating her civic, business, and philanthropic contributions to the South Florida community.

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VIDEO: Leyla McCalla Shares Live Performance of New Track 'Dodinin'

McCalla's new album will be released on May 6.

by Michael Major Apr. 12, 2022



Less than one month from the release of her new album 'Breaking The Thermometer', cellist, banjo player and vocalist Leyla McCalla has shared a live performance of the new track "Dodinin."

" "Dodinin" in Haitian Kreyol means "rocking" and is meant to evoke the image of the slave master on his porch, rocking in his rocking chair," McCalla said of the track's meaning. "I found this song on an album by a group called Atis Independan - a

collective of Haitian artists in exile in New York in the 1980s. The song says, 'it is us who bake the bread and it's us who get burned, it's us who make the bed and it's us who sleep on the earth.' This song is about revolution and really serves as a tribute to the revolutionary spirit of the enslaved peoples of Saint Domingue who overthrew the colonial powers and created the nation state of Haiti."

Born out of a multi-disciplinary theater project commissioned by Duke University, which acquired the complete Radio Haiti archives in 2016, 'Breaking The Thermometer' combines original compositions and traditional Haitian tunes with historical broadcasts and contemporary interviews to forge an immersive sonic journey through a half century of racial, social, and political unrest.

The music is captivating, fueled by rich, sophisticated melodic work and intoxicating Afro-Caribbean rhythms, and the juxtaposition of voices-English and Kreyòl, personal and political, anecdotal and journalistic-is similarly entrancing, raising the dead as it shines a light on the enduring spirit of the Haitian people. McCalla isn't just some detached observer here, though; she writes with great insight and introspection, examining her own journey of growth and self-discovery as she uncovers the Radio Haiti story and the inextricable ties that bind us all to it.

"Haiti's always seen as this far-away place," McCalla says, "but we're far more connected as Americans than we realize. Haiti was the first independent Black nation in the western hemisphere. Its very existence was and remains a threat to colonial power. At the same time, though, it symbolizes a lot about injustice and oppression around the world. When we talk about 'Black Lives Matter,' Haiti is a huge part of that."

The mix of musical performance and spoken word recordings also establishes a template for much of what's to come on the album. The mesmerizing "Fort Dimanche," for instance, uses both original songwriting and archival audio to tell of the infamous Fort Dimanche political prison used by the Duvalier regime to interrogate, torture, and execute suspected dissidents; the meditative "Ekzile" underpins journalist Michele Montas' recollections of being forced to flee her home country with brooding layers of cello and percussion; and the previously mentioned "Dodinin," which arrives after a poem of refugee desperation written and read by another assassinated journalist, Richard Brisson, gives voice to the pain and frustration of the working poor.

"I actually learned that song years ago from an old Smithsonian Folkways record," says McCalla, "and it is a song of revolution, of the poor rising up against the ruling class, and it just felt so emblematic of Haitian social dynamics from colonial times straight through to today."

Later this month McCalla will perform at New Orleans Jazz & Heritage Festival and the Breaking The Thermometer theatre work will be shown at Miami Dade College in early May. That will be followed by a run of June West coast tour dates with Neko Case. All upcoming shows are listed below.

Watch the new performance video here:

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4/29 - New Orleans, LA - New Orleans Jazz & Heritage Festival

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Miami Dade College to Illuminate Freedom Tower Blue & Green for National Donate Life April 22

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Blue & Green Day is part of National Donate Life Month in April, a national effort to focus attention on organ, eye and tissue donation and transplantation.

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For more information, please contact George Yacoubian at gxy144@miami.edu (<mailto:gxy144@miami.edu>).

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I enjoyed many social occasions with them, and I worked with Ellery when she was the principal at New World School of Arts. They believe great things are possible in America, and they worked hard to make them come true, for themselves and for their children. They exemplify the American Dream.

- Renee S. Lieberman,
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POR ANA CEBALLOS
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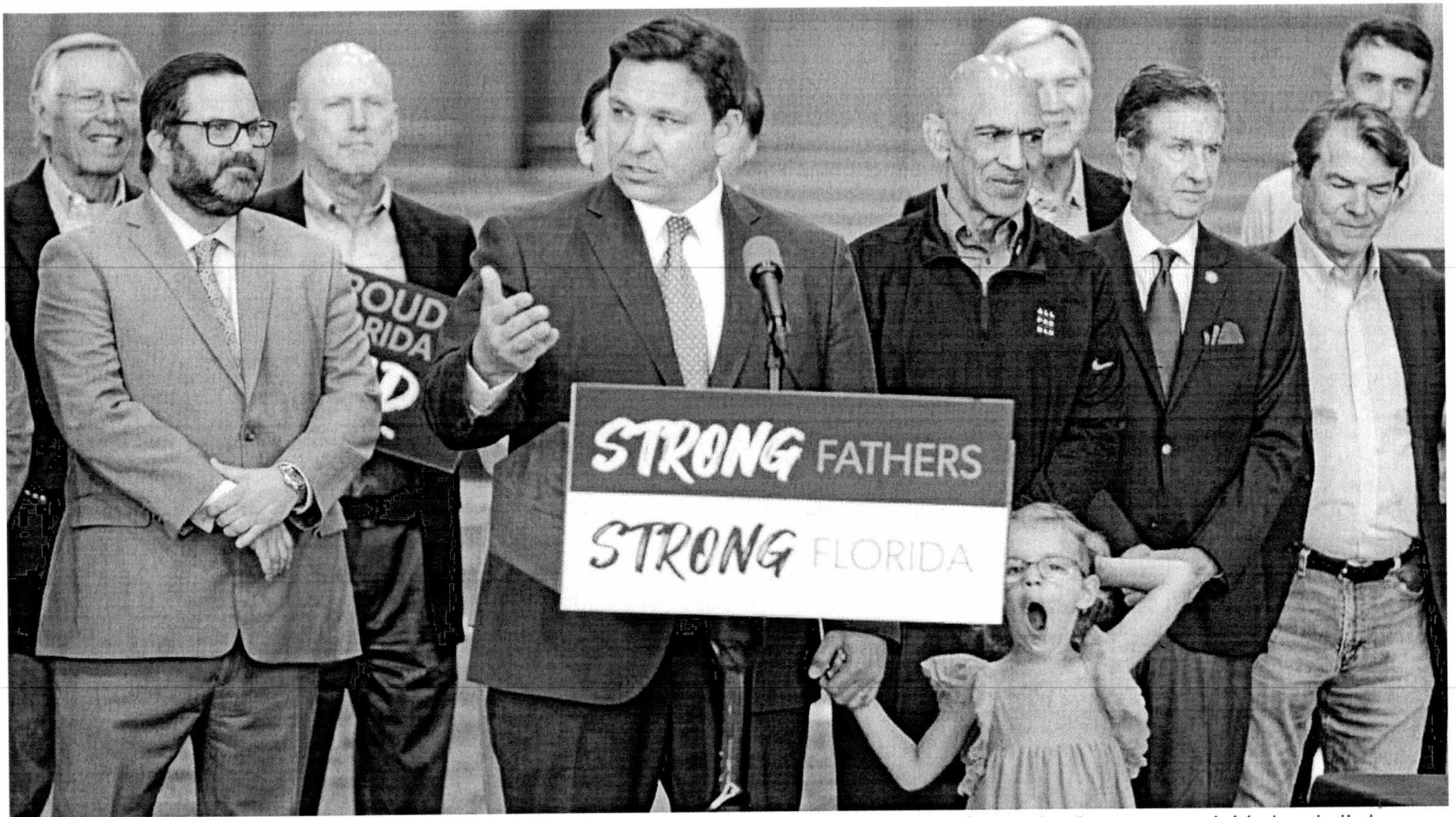
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DeSantis firma ley para ampliar la asistencia económica a cuidadores y niños en sistema de acogida

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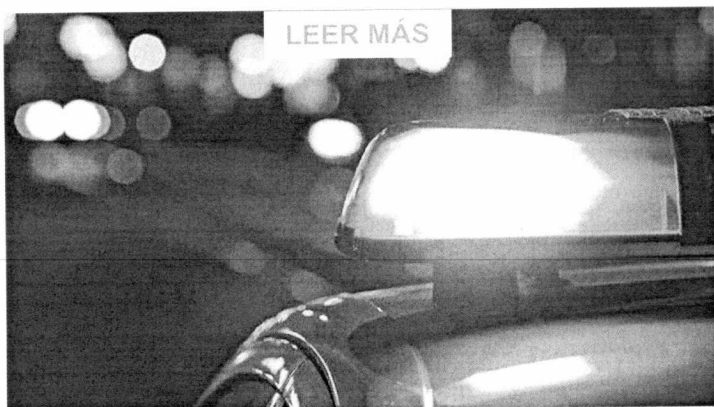
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Hallan a dos niños muertos en un apartamento de Miami

POR DAVID OVALLE Y CHARLES RABIN

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Es hora de que el Congreso apruebe reformas migratorias y ayude a los estudiantes de Miami-Dade

POR LUISA SANTOS



He visto y sentido de primera mano la necesidad de una reforma migratoria en Estados Unidos. También he sido testigo de que el Congreso no aprobó una reforma migratoria significativa como la que propone la Dream Act y las estipulaciones de alivio migratorio que se incluyeron en la Build Back Better Act.

La aprobación del alivio migratorio, como los incorporados en estos dos proyectos de ley, cambiará la vida de miles de floridanos, ayudará a abordar la actual escasez de mano de obra, fortalecerá nuestra economía y apoyará a nuestras comunidades locales.

Este tema es personal. Yo era un estudiante de tercer año en la preparatoria Coral Reef cuando me enteré de que era indocumentada, y cambió mi vida dramáticamente.

Antes de darme cuenta de ello, yo era un estudiante estrella que aspiraba a asistir a la universidad fuera del estado. En un

momento, se cerraron todas estas puertas abiertas de posibilidades. Gracias a la orientación de mis maestros, pude inscribirme en el Miami Dade Honors College, mientras mi familia y yo tratábamos de conseguir un estatus migratorio legal. Me siento increíblemente afortunada de haber tenido estas oportunidades, ya que la mayoría de los migrantes indocumentados se enfrentan a barreras que les impiden cursar estudios superiores y obtener un empleo.

Tras graduarme en la Universidad de Georgetown y conseguir el estatus migratorio de residente permanente, fundé Lulu's Ice Cream.

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rio personalizado. Al igual que yo pude ir en pos de mis sueños en este país, quería asegurarme de que mis empleados tuvieran las herramientas necesarias para perseguir también sus sueños.

No soy en absoluto un caso aislado. Millones de inmigrantes como yo apoyan nuestra economía y nuestra fuerza laboral creando empresas y trabajando con diligencia en sus empleos. Los 4.5 millones de inmigrantes en la Florida pagan \$8,500 millones en im-



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ESTE ES un tema nacional. Aquí, miembros y aliados de El Colectivo en Carolina del Norte se reunieron frente al Terry Sanford Federal Building para exigir una reforma migratoria integral, el 14 de febrero de 2022.

puestos locales y estatales y contribuyen con \$98,000 millones anuales a la economía de la Florida. También somos creadores de empleo, ya que los propietarios de negocios inmigrantes de la Florida emplean a más de 845,000 personas.

Estas contribuciones no se dan fácilmente. Los inmigrantes trabajan duro para tener la oportunidad de forjarse una vida mejor. A pesar de enfrentar innumerables obstáculos, los inmigrantes siguen siendo resilientes y contribuyen con pasión a nuestra economía, nuestras comunidades y nuestra fuerza laboral.

También tengo el honor de prestar servicio como integrante electa de la Junta Escolar del Condado Miami-Dade. Me animan los esfuerzos del personal del distrito para crear un entorno incluyente y de apoyo para los estudiantes indocumentados, que experimentan mayores tasas de depresión, ansiedad y trastorno de estrés postraumático. En mi primer mes como miembro de la Junta, propuse el punto H-8, que reenfocaba y volvía a comprometer a las Escuelas Públicas del Condado Miami-Dade (M-DCPS) a proporcionar recursos post-secundarios y a apoyar a los estudiantes indocumentados y a

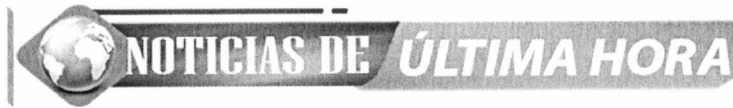
los de familias de estatus mixto. Como resultado de este punto, el trabajo del personal del Distrito, y el apoyo de los socios de la comunidad, M-DCPS ahora tiene un sitio web integral amigable para los estudiantes lleno de recursos y el personal de servicios estudiantiles recibe desarrollo profesional específico.

Si bien esta y otras acciones similares tomadas a nivel local son importantes, es hora de que el Congreso adopte medidas claras y concretas para lograr un cambio significativo que tenga un impacto positivo en los 74,000 estudiantes indocumentados de la Florida.

Para mí, y otros como yo, la reforma migratoria es más que un juego de football político partidista. Se trata de las esperanzas y los sueños de millones de estudiantes, familias y trabajadores que solo quieren una oportunidad de perseguir el Sueño Americano.

Soy una estadounidense y una inmigrante orgullosa. Conozco por experiencia las increíbles contribuciones que los inmigrantes pueden hacer a nuestra nación. Les pido que se unan a mí en el trabajo de reformar nuestro sistema migratorio aprobando reformas integrales de inmigración para mantener a las familias seguras, para impulsar nuestra fuerza laboral y la economía, y para proteger la belleza cultural de los migrantes en nuestras comunidades.

Luisa Santos es miembro de la Junta Escolar de Miami-Dade en representación del Distrito 9.



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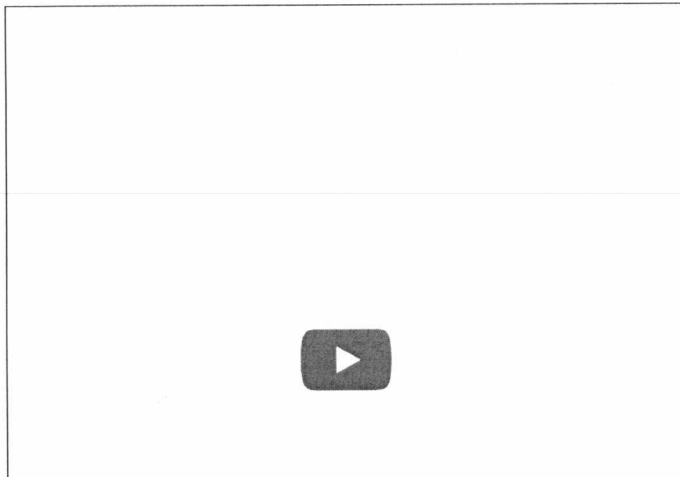
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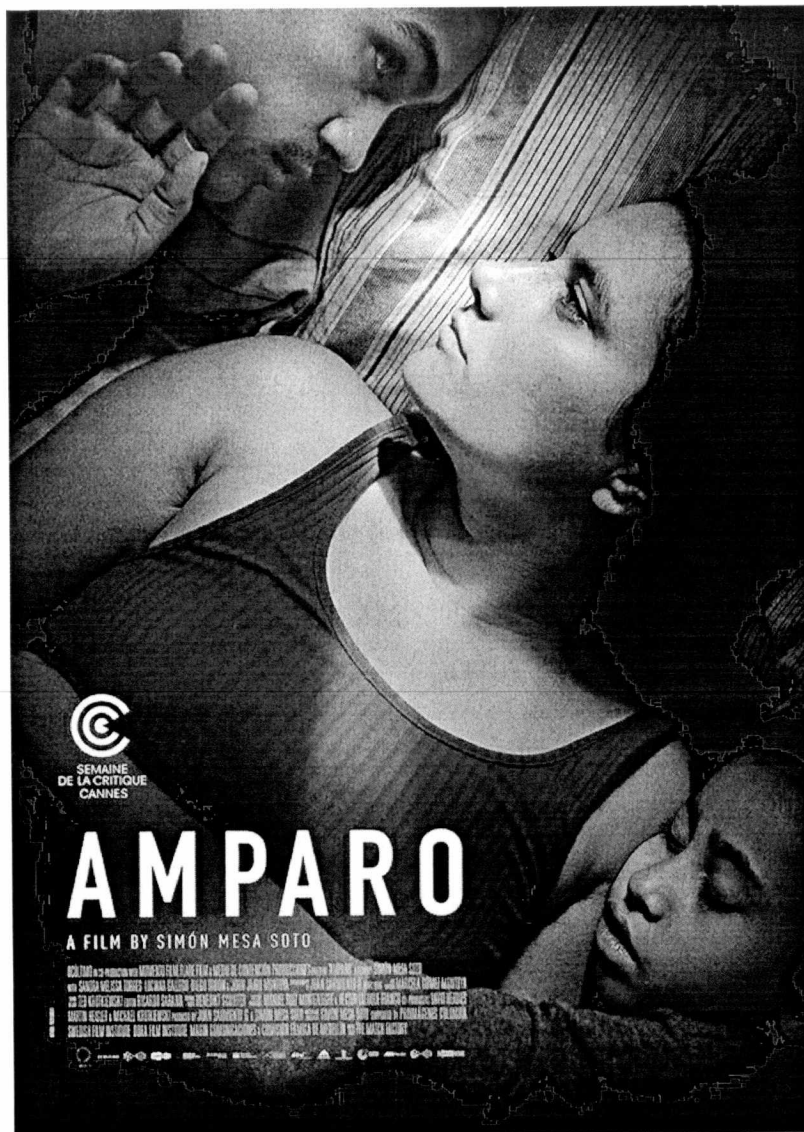
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Su destino parece sellado. Solo un día antes de la partida de Elías, Amparo consigue contactar con un hombre que le ofrece alterar los archivos de su hijo y sacarle de allí. Sin apenas opciones, Amparo emprende una carrera contra el tiempo para liberar a su hijo en una sociedad donde reina la corrupción.

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En efecto, el personaje principal de la película, *Amparo*, representa a decenas de miles de madres colombianas que, bajo las hostiles circunstancias de la guerra, deben enfrentar no sólo el temor de la pérdida de un hijo, sino también la revictimización y los abusos de un sistema social y político controlado por hombres en posiciones de poder.

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por el machismo, la guerra y la corrupción", anota Juan Sarmiento G., productor de la película que, entre el 2021 y el 2022, ha cosechado cuatro premios y más de 20 selecciones en prestigiosos festivales internacionales.

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Amparo, y su contribución a esa historia plural que **Colombia** debe conocer, se podrá ver en las salas de cine del país desde el 28 de abril.

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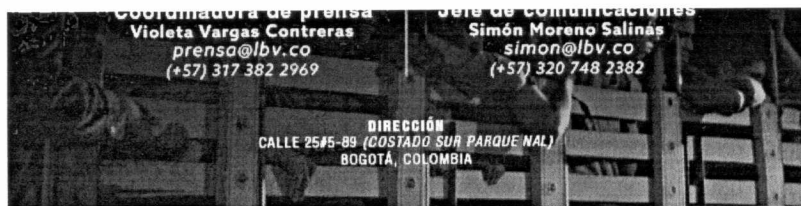


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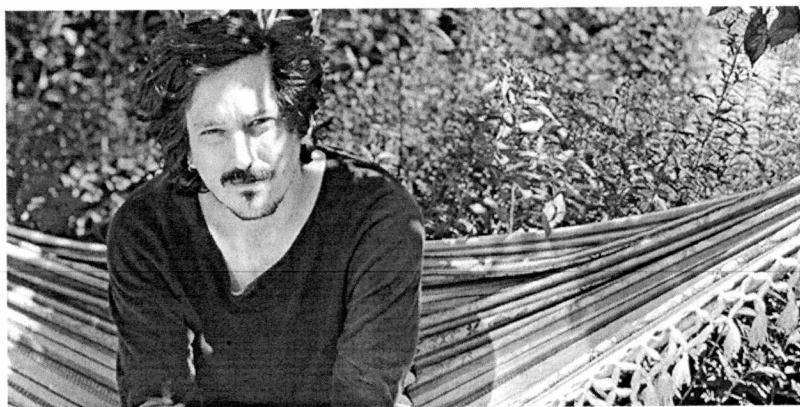
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