



## **MEDIA ALERT**

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### **Students Overcome Odds and STRIVE To Pursue Their Path** *Education Foundation Hosts 20<sup>th</sup> Annual STRIVE Awards Lunch*

- WHAT:** STRIVE Awards Luncheon (previously Most Improved Student Awards)  
An event that celebrates high school students who have made tremendous achievements while overcoming incredible odds.
- WHEN:** **Tuesday, April 24, 2018**  
**11:00 AM to 1:00 PM (doors open at 10:30 AM)**
- WHERE:** **Michael's On East Ballroom**  
1212 S East Ave, Sarasota, FL 34239
- WHO:** Education Foundation of Sarasota County
- WHY:** Students from North Port, Venice, Riverview, Sarasota, and Booker High School who have made positive changes in their lives while overcoming personal and/or academic difficulties will be honored during a ceremony on April 24<sup>th</sup> at Michael's On East in Sarasota. Chosen by their guidance counselors, ***five juniors and five seniors from each school will be recognized. Each senior will also be presented a \$2,500 scholarship to aid in the student's pursuit of a postsecondary education.***

The STRIVE Awards Lunch is hosted by the Education Foundation of Sarasota County and produced in partnership with Sarasota County Schools. Jennifer Vigne, president of the Education Foundation, and Todd Bowden, superintendent of Sarasota County Schools will both speak at the event.

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#### **About the Education Foundation**

The Education Foundation of Sarasota County is an independent partner working to advance philanthropic support for Sarasota County Schools. Its mission is to enhance the potential of students, promote excellence in teaching and inspire innovation in education. Guided by the belief that education changes lives, the Education Foundation strives to match each donor's passion with high-impact projects created to ensure students graduate with purpose and are prepared for a post-secondary pathway. The Education Foundation of Sarasota County and its philanthropic investors are champions for students, teachers, and schools. For more information on how to be a champion for education, visit [EdFoundationSRQ.org](http://EdFoundationSRQ.org).

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