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### *Alumni of Distinction Award Nominations Open*

(SARASOTA, Fla.) Oct. 16, 2018 -- The Education Foundation of Sarasota County has opened nominations through Nov. 15 for the Sarasota County Schools 2018-19 Alumni of Distinction Award.

The alumni award recognizes a Sarasota County Schools graduate who has achieved career and/or civic success thanks, in part, to district educators who made a lasting impact on their education.

Anyone may nominate eligible Sarasota County Schools graduates for the Alumni of Distinction Award. To be eligible, a nominee must be a graduate of a Sarasota County high school and must be available in person or by video conference on Wed., Dec. 12, 2018, from 10:30 a.m. to noon.

Nominations will be accepted by completion of an online form at [EdFoundationSRQ.org/AOD](http://EdFoundationSRQ.org/AOD). Nominations are open now and will close Nov. 16.

The Alumni of Distinction Award recipient will be named at the Ignite Education Awards Ceremony where the Sarasota County Teacher of the Year also will be announced.

More information about and tickets for the Dec. 12 awards celebration honoring Sarasota County teachers are available at [EdFoundatioinSRQ.org/ignite](http://EdFoundatioinSRQ.org/ignite) or by calling 941-927-0965.

#### **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 postsecondary 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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