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Outstanding Superintendent and School Board Member Receive Statewide ‘Star’ Recognition from Consortium of Florida Education Foundations

Two Florida school system leaders were recognized for their exemplary leadership by the [Consortium of Florida Education Foundations](#) (Consortium) at the 75rd Annual Joint Conference of Florida School Boards Association and Florida Association of District School Superintendents held virtually December 2-3. They were chosen from among several local nominees for championing community and business involvement in education through their local education foundations. A video link to the presentation can be accessed [here](#).

“We think it’s important to celebrate the school district leaders who make it a priority to foster private-sector support of public education through their local education foundations,” said Mary Chance, Consortium president and CEO. “This year’s recipients are outstanding examples of the many individuals who advocate for our local education foundations and help us raise more than \$80 million annually to support our students, teachers and schools.”

CFEF 2020 STAR Award Recipients:

Cynthia Saunders – Superintendent, Manatee County – [Manatee Education Foundation](#)

Mary Bolla – School Board Member, Clay County – [Clay Education Foundation](#)



Superintendent Cynthia Saunders with Braden Elementary School Students



Mary Bolla at a Clay Education Foundation Tools 4 Clay Schools Event

Established in 1987, the Consortium is the membership organization for Florida’s countywide school district local education foundations with a mission to advance student achievement in Florida by increasing private sector investment and involvement in public education. The Consortium now represents 64 member foundations with 1,100 business and community leaders serving as volunteer board members and has offered the annual Star awards since 2007.

To learn more about the Consortium or connect directly to a member local education foundation, visit educationfoundationfl.org or contact Mary Chance, president, at (352) 338-0250 or marychance@cfef.net.