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## **McKINLEY FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC.**

### **McKinley Financial Services Honored for Support of Urban Teachers Academy**

#### **Ft. Lauderdale, Florida**

Mr. Jim McKinley, President of McKinley Financial Services, announced that the Company received a tribute by the Urban Teachers Academy Program (UTAP).

Since 2005, McKinley Financial Services has hosted a recognition dinner for the high school graduates of the Urban Teachers Academy and their families. Through partnerships with local universities, the School Board of Broward County program trains students to become teachers in urban schools. Only 12 graduates attended the first dinner. This past year, 70 graduates and their families and friends joined the celebration.

To honor McKinley for its contribution to this program, Dr. Robert Parks, Broward School Board Member for District 7, issued a proclamation at a recent School Board meeting to "recognize this model corporate citizenship." (See photograph on page two.)

"This proclamation comes with a heartfelt thank-you for being a friend and advocate for the Urban Teachers Academy," Dr. Parks told Ralph Campbell, Executive Vice President of McKinley Financial Services.

"The Urban Teachers Academy is all about growing future leaders and reflects the Broward School Board's important role in growing people," said Campbell. "All of us at McKinley are honored and privileged to support this program and serve our community."

To date, 149 students have graduated from the UTAP and are serving Broward County as teachers in urban public schools.

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**About the Urban Teachers Academy**

The Urban Teachers Academy Program (UTAP) begins tapping potential students starting in middle school and sometimes as early as elementary school. Those interested and able to pursue teaching careers enter a rigorous four-year high school program that includes practical experience at local schools, exposure to higher education, and instruction from master teachers. Upon successful completion, the students are guaranteed a debt-free college education through the Broward Teacher Fellowship. UTAP coordinators continue to support the students throughout college as well. Graduates are guaranteed positions in urban Broward Schools.

**About McKinley Financial Services, Inc.**

In 21 years, McKinley Financial has grown exponentially to become one of the largest minority-owned insurance agencies in the United States. Last year, McKinley Financial Services grossed more than \$287,000,000 in sales. Utilizing a team of over 50 agents and service personnel, McKinley has recently developed an initiative to penetrate the Fortune 500 and has enhanced their efforts in pension benefits' sales and service.



Photo: (l to r) Ms. Sara Rogers, Urban Teachers Academy Program Coordinator for Broward County; Mr. Ralph Campbell, Executive Vice President, McKinley Financial Services; and Dr. Robert Parks, School Board Member, District 7.