

# Top Honors for OCPS School Board

**S**ince 1981, Florida Alliance for Arts Education (FAAE) has united educators, artists, community leaders, citizens, arts education organizations and corporate partners to ensure that Florida's students receive a complete education that includes the arts.

Each year, FAAE recognizes leaders who work in various capacities to ensure that arts education of the highest quality is available in all Florida schools and communities. On June 12, the 2105 FAAE Leadership Award recipients were honored at the annual awards ceremony, held at the Dr. Phillips Center for the Performing Arts.

Judged by a statewide panel of experts, Orange County Public Schools was selected for the 2015 FAAE School Board Leadership Award. Presented by Dr. Mary Palmer, FAAE founder and arts advocate, this honor recognizes outstanding Florida school boards for



**FROM LEFT:** Debbie Fahmie, FAAE board vice president; Superintendent Dr. Barbara M. Jenkins, OCPS; Nancy Robinson, OCPS school board member; Christine Moore, OCPS school board member; Joie Cadle, OCPS school board member; Kathleen "Kat" Gordon, OCPS school board vice chair; Linda Kobert, OCPS school board member; Mary Palmer, Ph.D., FAAE Advisory Board; Pam Gould, OCPS school board member; and Scott Evans, OCPS Coordinator for Visual & Performing Arts, Health & Physical Education

exemplary support of high-quality arts education through the policies and practices within its district. To learn

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