

Dr. Manuel C. Barreiro

A Vision of Pride and Excellence"



Dr. Manuel C Barreiro's career began in Miami Dade County Public Schools in 1983 as an ESE teacher at Dunbar Elementary School where he remained until 1989. In 1990 Dr. Barreiro continued his career as a teacher at Jane S. Roberts Elementary School where he was known for his dynamic, enthusiastic and dedicated demeanor with students and staff. In 1990 he was selected as an educational Leadership student to represent Barry University's Advisory Board.

From 1993 to 1995 Dr. Barreiro became an Assistant Principal at Joe Hall Elementary School under the leadership of School Principal Ms. Barbara Bell. He also had the opportunity to work in the same capacity at Sunset Park Elementary with Dr. Elizabeth Faust, Principal until 1996. In 1996, Dr. Barriero became the Principal at Marjory Stoneman Douglas Elementary School. During his 11 years as Principal of MS Douglas, Dr. Barreiro represented his school with pride and professionalism. He was proud to share the outstanding achievements of his 1,100 students. He provided his students a learning environment that fostered academic excellence in two languages, both English and Spanish under the BISO model school.

His motto was: *A vision of Pride and Excellence!* He enjoyed many years of success including 4 years in a row of "A" status from the State of Florida on his school's academic

achievement. During his private time, he enjoyed caring for and growing orchids. His collection was quite extensive. In fact, the campus of MS Douglas benefited from his green thumb, and at the request of his family, a trust fund will be established in his memory to provide for the perpetual care and maintenance of the gardens at the school. He was a visionary leader and a professional educator of the highest caliber.

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