

# THE ASPIRANTE

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## ASPIRA Celebrates Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

**North Miami, FL** Joined by representatives from the national ASPIRA association, parents, students, teachers, community partners and local politicians, ASPIRA of Florida inaugurated the first of three



educational campuses. On the historic date of November 19, 2008, ASPIRA's ceremony will be remembered with other historic events such as the



Gettysburg Address and the Discovery Day of the island of Borinquen, to be renamed Puerto Rico, as noted by ASPIRA's Board Chair, the historian Dr. Victor Vazquez-Hernandez. North Miami City Vice Mayor Michael R.

Bynn (picture above) performed the honors of the ribbon cutting with the ASPIRA Board of Directors assisting. In attendance were members of the construction teams and general



contractors: Mike Balais & Howard Turin of Balais Construction, Lee Ramos founding ASPIRA member and Architect along with Julio Sanchez of JSA Group, as well as Miami-Dade Fire Rescue Captain Menefee & Lieutenant Simmon, (picture left) all of who's efforts made this project possible.

The highlight of the ceremony had to be the welcoming speech of Miami-Dade County Commissioner Dorrin Rolle, who delighted the guest with a chorus of "ASPIRA, you've done goood" and the ASPIRA Charter Band, with less than three months of rehearsals; this 25-piece band entertained the guests and brought tears to some.



**Commissioner Dorrin Rolle**