

## **Local Leader Named Florida Superintendent of the Year**

ST. AUGUSTINE, FL -- The Superintendent of Schools for St. Johns County has been awarded the state's highest honor.

Dr. Joseph Joyner was named Florida's Superintendent of the Year for 2009 during a luncheon at the Annual Joint Conference of the Florida School Boards Association and the Florida Association of District School Superintendents (FADSS).

"Dr. Joyner is an outstanding educator and is greatly respected and admired by everyone," is how FADSS CEO Bill Montford describes him, adding, "He is truly a champion for all children."

Dr. Joyner has been the Superintendent since 2003, and has overseen the introduction of 8 new schools and a #3 ranking in the state on the FCAT.

The district has earned an "A" grade every year he's been in charge, and graduates from the St. Johns Public Schools rank second in the state in college readiness.

His efforts have also gone to the athletic fields. Dr. Joyner implemented the state's first Pursuing Victory with Honor program, which incorporates character building into all athletic programs.

This is not the first recognition for Dr. Joyner. Last year, the Consortium of Florida Education Foundations gave him one of two Superintendent of the Year awards, and he was named Alumnus of the Decade by the University of Central Florida, from whom he earned master's and doctoral degrees.

For today's award, Dr. Joyner will travel to San Francisco to be recognized at the national conference of the American Association of School Administrators.

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