Nominations for Heavy Hitters in Education were invited from the public and selected by the editor. Inclusion is based on the applicant’s prominence, achievements and community involvement. This is the third year of recognition for Heavy Hitters in Education. Those selected previously were not repeated.

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Heavy Hitters in Education

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Henzinger has learned how to teach and number of new steps since she took over Teach For America in 2004 as executive director in Miami-Dade County. The nonprofit organization is developing a national corps of top college graduates to teach for at least two years in low-income public school communities. Henzerling’s timing and skills speak for themselves, as she has increased the number of corps member teachers from 36 to 105; expanded services to 38 partner schools from Carol City to Homestead; and tripled the number of K-12 students served by the program from 3,000 to more than 5,000.

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Keiser co-founded Keiser College in 1977 and built an institution from one student and five employees into a statewide college system with more than 40,000 students and more than 1,300 employees. The fifth-largest private college in Florida, it offers 42 majors on 21 campuses in 18 communities statewide. U.S. Secretary of Education Margaret Spellings appointed Keiser to the National Advisory Committee of Institutional Quality and Integrity, which advises the secretary on matters regarding establishment and enforcing the standards of accrediting agencies and associations. He is chairman of the Accrediting Commission of Career Schools and Colleges of Technology, and serves to the Florida Council of Student Financial Aid Advisors and the Higher Education Funding Advisory Council.

Keiser received his Bachelor of Arts degree at Tulane University and a Doctor of Education degree at the Union Institute & University.

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Responsible for all aspects of the Sagemont Upper School program, supervises the curriculum, teacher training, student progress, communication with parents, buildings and grounds for the institution. She has created a “learning community” for the upper school’s 400 students who come from 41 countries. They are supported by 65 staff in 60,000 square feet of building space on 5.5 acres.

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Having made a profound impact on this prestigious private school, Cowgill quadrupled its enrollment to more than 400 million during her 11-year tenure as principal and transformed its campuses in Fort Lauderdale and Boca Raton, although new buildings and renovations have been completed for the school’s nearly 2,600 students, it is in Pine Crest’s academic and programmatic growth that Cowgill says she takes the greatest personal satisfaction.

Over the past decade, six of the school’s students have won the coveted Presidential Scholar Award and Pine Crest has received national recognition for its number of National Merit Scholars, National Hispanic Scholars and a First Intel Talent Award winner (2000). Cowgill helped create: Pine Crest’s Jump Start and Science Research Programs, led the school to national prominence for its program graduates to teach and established Breakthrough: Fort Lauderdale – in conjunction with the national Breakthrough Program – providing summer programs, college and college and mentoring to underserved students in area public schools.

Cowgill’s biggest professional challenge was following in the footsteps of Pine Crest founder Dr. Mae McMillan and her son, while her biggest personal challenge was fighting cancer five years ago and undergoing radiation and chemotherapy, while never missing a day of work. McMillan, Cowgill strives to be a strong woman, a visionary and a charismatic school head.

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Immediately prior to joining Palm Beach Atlantic, Kloba was the full-time VP of professional development for the 50,000-member American Association of Christian Counseling.

He started on the lowest rungs and quickly climbed the career-path ladder. He was a teacher, coach, counselor and administrator in both Pennsylvania and New York public schools. Later, he was dean of the School of LifeLong Learning at Liberty University, founding and serving as dean of the School of Counseling at Regent University, and director of the Interdisciplinary Studies Program and tenured professor at Liberty University, where he was selected as Professor of the Year in 1980.

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Liftin was the founding chair of the Council for Education Change, a nonprofit organization created to promulgate significant educational changes. She serves as the leader of the council and has been responsible for maintaining its unique position in the United States as one of the leading educational advocates for the children of our nation. She is the author and publisher of the book, "Heavy Hitters."

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As dean of the College of Engineering, he has management responsibility for programs with 2,200 students and 165 faculty and staff in five academic departments offering degrees in six engineering and computer science disciplines through Ph.D. Stevens also oversees externally funded research expenditure in excess of $8 million annually.

Practical blends with the academic: He is the author of two textbooks and more than 100 technical articles, as well as the recipient of the FAU Presidential Leadership Award, FAU Teacher of the Year, FAU Researcher of the Year, as well as 12 other major awards for excellence in teaching and research.

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He has worked with students at FAU, Palm Beach Community College, Broward Community College and other schools.

A dedicated member of the community, Stromberg has served on the board of directors of various organizations, including the Toyota Gator Bowl, the Boca Raton Chamber of Commerce, The Haven, the Police Athletic League of Boca Raton, the Garcia Stromberg Architecture firm and Deliver the