

SHENANDOAH MIDDLE SCHOOL MUSEUMS MAGNET

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Two Students from Shenandoah Middle, One of Miami-Dade County Public Schools' Museums Magnet Schools, Are Selected to Participate at the National Preserve America Summit.

Miami, FL (October 16, 2006) - Laura Bush, First Lady of the United States and Honorary Chair of the Preserve America Initiative, has announced that in conjunction with the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation she will lead a national Preserve America Summit on October 18-20, 2006, to mark the 40th Anniversary of the National Historic Preservation Act. The summit will be held in New Orleans, LA.

Kassandra Hernandez and Alberto Regalado, both bright, energetic, 8th grade students at Shenandoah Middle Museum Magnet School, are invited to be a part of the student component to the summit. In addition, both students are enrolled in the Extended Foreign Language Program, which promotes courses in English and Spanish. Save Our History partnering with Preserve America in inviting students from across the country to discuss their views of history and preservation and make recommendations to Mrs. Bush and the council on how to make history education more engaging and fun for students. Their work will be used as the basis for educational resources that will be developed after the summit by Gilder Lehrman and The History Channel.

Kassandra and Alberto will discuss the museum magnet program as an example of the ideal concept of teaching to make history more appealing and exciting. The museum magnet forges strong partnerships with local area museums and cultural institutions in Miami-Dade County. Museum educators work side by side with classroom teachers, interfacing the standards-driven curriculum with the objects and artifacts in their respective museums as well as visiting historic buildings and sites through out the county. This integrated curriculum, focusing primarily on object- and project-based learning, emphasizes problem-solving, communication, exploration, invention and inquiry through on-going visits to their museum and cultural partners:

Shenandoah Middle School – Dade Heritage Trust; Historical Museum of Southern Florida; Lowe Art Museum, University of Miami; Miami Art Museum; Museum of Science; and The Wolfsonian-FIU.





Cassandra Hernandez
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Dear Cassandra,

On behalf of The History Channel's *Save Our History* program and the Preserve America Initiative, we would like to thank you for attending the Preserve America 2006 Youth Summit. We commend your efforts to support local history preservation in your community. Enclosed please find your photos from the event.

We hope you will continue your efforts to learn about, document and preserve your heritage. Happy Holidays and best wishes for 2007.

Best regards,

The Save Our History Team



*To Cassandra Hernandez
With best wishes,*

Laura Bush