



## Cover Memorandum/Staff Report

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**TO:** Mayor and Commissioners  
**FROM:** Janai Bowens, City Manager's Office  
**THROUGH:** Terrence R. Moore, ICMA-CM  
**DATE:** January 6th, 2026

EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION: PACESETTERS AWARD

**Background:**

The "Excellence in Education: Pacesetters Award," is a new initiative designed to recognize and celebrate exceptional students that display leadership and personal growth within the city of Delray Beach. This award acknowledges students who demonstrate excellence, serving as positive examples for their peers and community.

The Pacesetters Award is a proud collaboration with the Delray Beach Police Department, and its foundation is firmly rooted in the department's core values of P.A.C.E.: Professional, Accountable, Consistent, and Engaged. By aligning the award with these principles, we aim to highlight the importance of character and civic responsibility in our youth.

The Pacesetters Award aims to strengthen the bonds between the youth of Delray Beach and local government, fostering trust, a culture of engagement, and community leadership. The Pacesetter's award seeks to cultivate a sense of civic pride and motivate students to actively contribute to a thriving community. Ultimately, this program is an investment in the next generation of leaders, recognizing the talent and dedication that will shape the future of Delray Beach.