

## OurKids Graduation Inspires All to Continue Supporting Our Community's Youth



On Tuesday, June 14<sup>th</sup>, [OurKids of Miami](#) [Dade/Monroe, Inc.](#) and the Department of Children & Families, along with Miami's Dependency Court Judges and child welfare and community partners, celebrated the accomplishments of youth and young adults in foster care who completed high school, college or vocational school studies. Five young adults who graduated with honors were also recognized.

Many FFCR team members attended the ceremony at the City of Miami Police College auditorium to witness this special moment. [FFCR Program Assistant Denise McArthur](#), a spoken word artist who herself was formerly in foster care and is now a college graduate, was one of the featured speakers.

Along with Denise, the audience heard inspiring stories of resilience and success from former foster youth Dr. Robert Auguste, who now holds a PhD in physical therapy, and Racquell Perry, a recent law school graduate. The ceremony also included a keynote address by Miami-Dade County Commissioner Daniella Levine Cava, a long-time champion for foster children.

This moment of achievement reminded everyone how important it is for our community to ensure that children, youth and young adults – especially those in the foster care system – have supportive adults in their lives. Every child in foster care can be a success, but it requires an investment of time, talent and resources by each of us. The youth of our community deserve this investment, and with our support, they will give back to our community at large.

Congratulations to all the graduates! We wish you the utmost success as you continue your journey!