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### **Meadowcreek High School educator awarded 2018 Inspiration Award**

**Lynnette Aponte, an Outreach Specialist at Meadowcreek High School, is the Latin American Association's (LAA) 2018 Inspiration Award** recipient. The LAA gives the award to an individual who has adapted, integrated and now thrives as a contributing member of his/her community. They are members of their communities who are courageous, determined, and passionate and give of themselves selflessly. Most importantly, they are individuals who through their commitment, perseverance, and leadership inspire us all.



Aponte says she is humbled by the recognition. "I feel so honored that I was selected to receive this award. I believe education is empowering and transformational, and it is my hope to have a positive influence on the younger generation and pay it forward," Aponte said.

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Aponte was recognized for the honor at the **29<sup>th</sup> Annual LAA Compañeros Awards Luncheon**. The annual fundraiser where the LAA honors exceptional individuals who are making meaningful contributions to advance the well-being of individuals and families in the community was held Thursday, April 12, at the Georgia Aquarium. This well-known and anticipated event draws more than 500 corporate and community leaders every year.

Janiah Bowler, student body president of Meadowcreek High School, shares “Mrs. Aponte inspires me every day. She is a true example of a servant leader as she takes time to listen, is always willing to help, and has a positive attitude. She is a constant reminder to me to be a diligent worker and to be kind while doing so.”

Lily Thorpe, a senior school ambassador, says she could not be more honored to have spent her senior year of high school under the leadership of someone as determined, hard-working, and humble as Aponte. “Her unending and selfless commitment to Meadowcreek’s students and community members has greatly inspired me, as I have never seen her stop until she sees success. Due to her mentorship, my experience as her intern has been incredibly fulfilling, and I am inspired by her belief in all people, including myself,” Thorpe said.

As an outreach specialist, Aponte is responsible for building relationships between the business community, parents, students, and community organizations, while maintaining strong educational partnerships for continued support and sustainability at Meadowcreek High. She has been at the school for three years and has been employed by Gwinnett County Public Schools for 14 years.

For more information about Aponte’s Inspiration Award, visit our website at <http://www.meadowcreekhhigh.org> or call Dr. Jimmie L. McKinley, Assistant Principal at 770-245-3487.

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