



FAU PROPEL Student Receives Governor's Shine Award

Florida Atlantic University's Principal Rapid Orientation and Preparation in Educational Leadership (PROPEL) is proud to announce that one of its students was recently awarded the Governor's Shine Award.

Master's candidate Luis Espinosa, a student in PROPEL's Third Cohort, was awarded the Governor's Shine Award which is presented to Floridians who have helped children through education. Governor Rick Scott recognized Mr. Espinosa at the December 10th meeting of the Florida Cabinet. The Governor said that it was

an honor to thank Mr. Espinosa for his contributions in and outside of the classroom, noting that the work he does provides a foundation for the future success of students.

Espinosa, pictured above with Apollo MS Principal Shawn Haycock, has been teaching for 17 years and currently serves a STEM educator and as the chair of the Science department at Apollo Middle School in Hollywood, FL. He also heads the Aeronautics STEM Magnet Program, and is the head of Linking Education and Employment Opportunities (LEEO), Florida's first middle school industry certification program.

In addition to receiving the Governor's Shine Award, Espinosa has also recently received the Milken Educator Award in recognition of his achievements. The Milken Educator Award is given to early-to-mid career educators for their achievements and for the promise of future accomplishments.

PROPEL is the result of a \$3.5 million grant awarded by the Florida Department of Education in December, 2011 for its innovative approach to a principal preparation program. For more information about the PROPEL program, contact Dr. Daniel Reyes-Guerra via phone at 954-236-1654 or via email at dreyes@fau.edu.