

Palm Beach County Declares Oct. 19 FAU CARD iRISE² Mentoring Day



iRISE² Match Activity at Green Art Studio in Boca Raton. Left to right: Alexandria May, Rebecca Heatherman, Sophia Sirianni, Lacy Hennessy, Diana Dacosta, Nick Milligan, Shannon Carter, Shakira Abraham and Darius Murray.

Florida Atlantic University's Center for Autism and Related Disabilities is proud to announce that Palm Beach County Commissioner Melissa McKinlay has declared October 19th as iRISE² Mentoring Day in Palm Beach County.

The iRISE² Mentoring Program provides individuals diagnosed with autism or a related disability the opportunity to engage in a supportive one-to-one relationship with a dedicated trained, professional mentor who provides guidance, support and friendship through social engagement while exploring career interests.

Every year in Palm Beach County, iRISE² Mentoring Day will be recognized alongside national recognition of Disability Mentoring Day, also on Oct. 19, and Disability Employment Awareness Month. Bringing awareness, opportunity and education to the lives of individuals impacted by autism and related disabilities is the focus of the iRISE² Mentoring program. Now Palm Beach County officially has a day to focus awareness and get directly involved in helping individuals reach their full potential in the community and workplace.

"We are extremely proud and honored to be recognized by Palm Beach County, and we look forward to continuing our efforts and bring more awareness and opportunities surrounding areas of mentoring individuals with disabilities," said iRISE² Mentoring Program Coordinator Darius Murray

To learn more about the program, join CARD on iRISE² Mentoring Day, Oct. 19, 2016 from 4 – 6 p.m. at the Chocolate Spectrum located at 6725 West Indiantown Rd., Suite 38 in Jupiter, Fla.

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