

KATIE ABBOTT

COUNCILMEMBER IN PINECREST, FLORIDA

PERSONAL PROFILE

Devoted to community service with an emphasis on education, families, safety, and the environment. Proven leadership through elected and appointed positions in the community.

ELECTED AND APPOINTED POSITIONS

Pinecrest Village (Population 18,490) Vice Mayor (2022), Councilmember, 2018-2021

- Elected to a 5-Member Council in Miami-Dade County, FL, With an Annual Budget of About \$27,000,000
- Pinecrest is Triple A-Bond Rated & Holds Many Recognitions Such As Tree City USA, Florida Green City- Silver, & STAR Certification

Pinecrest Youth Advisory Council (YAC) Co-Chair, 2018- Current

- Appointed by Council to Co-Chair a Teen Council Interested in Local Government, Volunteering, & Environmental Issues
- In 2021, Won a Florida League of Cities Community Service Contest Award

Pinecrest Educational Advisory Committee (EAC) Co-Chair, 2019, Member, 2016- Current

- Appointed by Council to Co-Chair a Group of Area School Principals, Miami-Dade County Public School Representatives, Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA) Leaders, & Parents to Discuss Educational Matters & Policies

Pinecrest City Music Project (PCMP) Board Member, 2020- Current

- Appointed as Secretary to a 501(c)(3) Organization That Provides Students with Muscial Education and Growth Opportunities

National League of Cities Federal Advocacy Committee Member, 2021- Current

- Appointed to Energy, Environment, and Natural Resources & Council on Youth, Education, and Families Committees
- Represent Pinecrest on a National Level & Collaborate With Other Municipal Leaders on Shaping National Policies

Miami-Dade County Public Schools (MDCPS) Student Services Advisory Committee Member, 2018-2020

Miami-Dade County Public Schools (MDCPS) Safety and Security Task Force, 2018-2020

- Appointed by MDCPS School Board Member Dr. Larry Feldman to Both Committees
- Worked with Community and MDCPS Leaders to Discuss County-Wide Student Services Policies and Procedures

Pinecrest Zoning Board Member, 2016- 2018

- Appointed by Mayor to a Board Responsible for Granting Variances & Advising on Matters of Planning & Land Use Policies

Parent Teacher Association (PTA) & Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA) Leadership Positions, 2013- Current

- PTSA Board Member, Palmetto Senior High, Elected 2018, 2019, & 2020. 2,800+ Students, 20+ Committees, Budget \$83,000+
- PTSA President, Palmetto Middle School, Elected 2016 & 2017. 1,000+ Students, 25+ Committees, Budget \$120,000+
- PTA President, Pinecrest Elementary School, Elected 2013 & 2014, 1,000+ Students, 25+ Committees, Budget \$150,000+
- EESAC (Educational Excellence School Advisory Council) Member, 2013- Current

Pinecrest Neighborhood Crime Watch Co-Captain, 2016- Current

- Co-Founder and Co-Chair of a Group of Neighbors who collaborate with Pinecrest Police to Promote Safety & Awareness

OTHER EXPERIENCE

Scholastic Inc., NYC and FL, Educational Publisher- 2000- 2017

- Producer and Project Manager, Internet Division

Educator, NC, NJ, NYC- 1995-1999

- Taught Preschool, Kindergarten, 3rd, and 4th Grades

ACADEMIC BACKGROUND

Columbia University Teachers College

M.A. IN GIFTED STUDIES W/ HONORS, 1999

Duke University

B.A. IN SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGY AND ELEMENTARY EDUCATION W/HONORS, 1996

OTHER INTERESTS

8-time marathoner and Half-Ironman finisher, devoted reader, travel aficionado, decent chef, quilter, planet saver