

2025-2026

The 2026 Florida Assistant Principal of the Year receives a \$2,500 prize, while the two state finalists receive \$1,000 each and the district winners receive \$200.

## 2026 Assistant Principal of the Year



Reshonda Scott  
East Ridge High School  
Lake County

East Ridge is a public high school that opened in Fall of 2002, in Clermont, FL. With an influx in surrounding areas, East Ridge High School (ERHS) became the largest school in Lake County, enrolling 2,700 students in grades 9-12. Our vision is to strive for excellence as 'One Knight,' while building a safe and positive learning environment. ERHS'

story and mission has always been to 'Accept the Challenge to Move ERHS from good to Great.' When I became an Assistant Principal at ERHS in the Summer of 2022, I was tasked with expanding onto this vision and mission through the adaptation, development and implementation of current and new systems. I've had the opportunity to do this in some primary roles as AP Coordinator, managing over 1,700 exams; the AICE Coordinator, starting the program at ERHS in 2023; being the Summer School, Night School, and Curriculum administrator to strategically manage student growth; and as the Professional Development Coordinator, with a 3-year focus on the mastery of academic standards.

## Finalists:

**Melissa Miller**

Frederick Douglass Elementary School  
Miami-Dade County

Ryan Garrett

Tuskawilla Middle School

Seminole County