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**Florida Chancellor for Public Schools Jacob Oliva,
Senator Aaron Bean and Office Depot Named 2020 Outstanding Partners by
Consortium of Florida Education Foundations**

Florida's local education foundations foster deep public/private-sector partnerships to innovate learning and power student potential in nearly every county-wide school district throughout the state. Countless partners are involved each year and the [Consortium of Florida Education Foundations](#) (Consortium) Annual Partnership Celebration provides an opportunity to recognize top outstanding statewide partners in both the public sector and private sector. This year's honorees were recognized September 24 in a virtual event that can be accessed [here](#).

Florida's Chancellor for Public Schools Jacob Oliva was honored for his strong engagement with the Consortium through presentations and training for local education foundation leaders on accessing student data in determining program and funding priorities. He was also a strong champion of the Flagler Education Foundation, helping shape their Classrooms to Careers focus when superintendent there.

Senator Aaron Bean (District 4) was also selected for recognition for both is local and statewide involvement. After learning of the impact of district-wide education foundations elsewhere in the state, he helped establish and champion the Nassau Education Foundation. He is an advocate for the School District Education Foundation Matching Grant Program and this year helped secure a new funding source for local education foundations through three new out of state specialty license tags. ([H.B. 1135](#))

Office Depot was this year's honoree from the private sector for their strong support of students and teachers through the education foundations in Broward and Palm Beach school districts and growing engagement statewide. Their Start Proud program helps thousands of students get equipped and excited for each new school year with National Director of Community Investment Alex Price involving dozens of Office Depot employees in in-person backpack distribution events.



Chancellor Jacob Oliva



Senator Aaron Bean, District 4



Alex Price, Office Depot

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