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**Outstanding Superintendent and School Board Member Receive Statewide ‘Star’
Recognition from Consortium of Florida Education Foundations**

Two Florida school system leaders were recognized for their exemplary leadership by the [Consortium of Florida Education Foundations](https://educationfoundationsfl.org) (Consortium) at the 76th Annual Joint Conference of Florida School Boards Association and Florida Association of District School Superintendents December 1 in Tampa. They were singled out for recognition for championing community and business involvement in education through their local education foundations.

“We think it’s important to celebrate the school district leaders who make it a priority to foster private-sector support of public education through their local education foundations,” said Mary Chance, Consortium President and CEO. “This year’s recipients are outstanding examples of the many individuals who advocate for our local education foundations and help us raise more than \$83 million annually to support our students, teachers and schools.”

Consortium of Florida Education Foundations 2021 STAR Award Recipients:

Christopher Cowart –Superintendent, Levy County – [Levy County Schools Foundation](https://levycountyschoolsfoundation.org)

Linda Cuthbert – School Board Member, Volusia County – [FUTURES Foundation for Volusia County Schools](https://futuresfoundationforvolusiacountyschools.org)



*2021 STAR School Board Member, Linda Cuthbert and
STAR Superintendent, Chris Cowart*

About the Consortium of Florida Education Foundations:

The Consortium is the membership organization for Florida’s school district-wide local education foundations. Established in 1987, the Consortium connects individuals, organizations, and financial resources to build the capacity and effectiveness of Florida’s local education foundations. Together, Consortium members raise more than \$83 million annually for a variety of locally driven initiatives and are led by 1,200 board members, 80% of whom are local business and community leaders working in partnership with school district leaders. The Consortium manages the nation’s only 1:1 legislative match for education foundation initiatives and a variety of privately funded grant programs. To learn more about the Consortium or connect with any member local education foundation, visit <https://educationfoundationsfl.org>.