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Pardon Us For Being Proud

For the third year in a row, researchers at the University of Miami have shown that our Miami Lighthouse inclusive model benefits students, teachers and parents. The three year study found that the quality of teacher-child interactions in both emotional and behavioral support exceeded the national average on the Classroom Assessment Scoring System, an industry standard rating scale.

All Miami Lighthouse Learning Center for Children™ students demonstrated significant increases, not only in their course work, but also in their approaches to learning, communication skills, and social and emotional development.

Enhanced parent-teacher communication in our Learning Center has given parents new strategies to best assist their children's academic and social-emotional development at home, including during remote instruction, in the wake of the pandemic.



Miami Lighthouse Learning Center

Our Talented Artist Takes First Place In State Competition

We are proud to announce that Nora De La Bat, a participant in our Miami Lighthouse Senior Group Activities program, has won first place in the “Forty 4 Forty” Arts4All Florida exhibition, held recently in the Florida Capitol in Tallahassee. Her beautiful painting, titled “Ondine: Memento Vivere”, represented Miami Lighthouse in the competition. The title, translated from Latin, means “Live in the moment”.

Nora is visually impaired. She tells us she has been inspired during the pandemic to paint more at home, stating “we must celebrate life for all we have is now. Ondine is very personal for me,” says Nora. “It is meant to overcome how people ‘see’ a blind person. It is an accomplishment of my own spirit.”



Miami Lighthouse's talented artist, Nora.

We Are Driving The National Agenda On Website Accessibility!

Last year, when the first Democratic presidential debate was taking place in our own backyard, we set out to learn more about the candidates but made a startling discovery: none of their websites were accessible to low-vision or blind users.

Our ADA Compliance Meter not only garnered national attention, it created lasting change. Our blind IT experts worked with then candidate Joe Biden's campaign to ensure their website was designed in a way for all to access. On day one of the new administration, the Biden team launched a revamped [Whitehouse.gov](https://www.whitehouse.gov) which incorporated our previously recommended changes. Read about the new accessibility components such as high-contrast and large text modes along with the added accessibility statement in the [New York Times](#), [NPR](#) and [CBS News](#).

To find out if your company website is ADA compliant, email us at: ADACompliance@miamilighthouse.org or call 305-856-4176



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