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## **DM&A's ME & MY COMMUNITY 2019 WINNING TEAM PRESENTS THEIR SOLUTION TO MAYOR DEMINGS AND KEY STAFF MEMBERS**

**ORLANDO, FL – On September 30, 2019** Diane Meiller and Associates, Inc. (DM&A) was thrilled to accompany the winning team from the 2019 **me & my commUnity™** program “Ending Domestic Violence in Central Florida” to present their solution to **Orange County Mayor Demings** and his key staff members. The four young girls (**Michelle Ortiz – Dr. Phillips High School, Heloisa de Assis Goncalves – Freedom High School, Neemy Gressine – University High School and Crystal Cristino-Sanchez - Evans High School**) did a tremendous job and were asked to come back and present to the Human Trafficking & Domestic Violence Task Force and **Lonnie Bell, Jr – Director of Family Services in Orange County**. Mr. Bell stated the girl’s presentation and solution was among the best has seen to date. These young ladies were composed throughout the presentation and Q&A session and demonstrated their knowledge and passion for solving the issue in our community.

The **me & my commUnity™** program provides an opportunity for high potential, under-served girls in their junior year of high school to work side by side with a “mentor” to analyze and develop solutions to Central Florida’s most serious problems. The mentors are high-profile female executives who guide the students to remediate the problem by using skills in research, critical thinking, leadership, collaboration, fiscal stewardship and communications. The 2019 mentors induced executives from Orlando Utilities Commission, Darden Restaurants, Reedy Creek Improvement District (RCID), Schellman, Orlando Health as well as Diane Meiller and Associates.

Dr. Barbara Jenkins, Superintendent of Orange County Public Schools endorses **me & my commUnity™** as a unique mentoring program which “engages female OCPS students in leadership activities to help build self-worth and value as they analyze real community issues and create solutions with effects that are long-lasting”.

**me & my commUnity™** is a registered 501c(3). For more information on how to participate or to donate, please contact Brian P. Gouthro at 407-487-1992 or visit the website at [www.meandmycommunity.com](http://www.meandmycommunity.com).

