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As the recipient of leadership award, Challenger principal awards 2-year Florida Prepaid student scholarship

Spring Hill -Leadership and academic excellence was truly celebrated this week when Challenger K-8 Principal Rosemarie Maiorini was presented with the Florida TaxWatch Principal Leadership Award and CK-8 student Caroline Bui was awarded a two-year scholarship through the Florida Prepaid College Foundation at a ceremony held at Challenger on March 7th. As the Leadership Award recipient, Maiorini was gifted with the opportunity to present a student of her choice with the scholarship.

Bui, who is in the seventh grade, was recognized for her academic achievements and her dedication to her school and community. She is an active member of the Beta Club, participates in community outreach projects, and is a member of cheerleading team at the school. Said Maiorini: Despite the difficulties she has encountered, she continues to push herself to achieve excellence, proving that a mindset and hard work can overcome any obstacle. ...She is a shining example of what can be achieved through kindness, hard work, and an unwavering commitment to personal and academic growth. May this scholarship serve as a stepping stone to even greater achievements in the future."

Florida TaxWatch, a nonprofit organization, offers its Principal Leadership Award as a "data-driven principal recognition initiative." Its aim is to identify principals throughout the state who have had the greatest impact on their students. Winners are not nominated by anyone, but are instead selected through TaxWatch research information of data and evidence, analyzing student performance data over several consecutive years.

"It was an honor to be part of recognizing Ms. Maiorini and celebrating Caroline, said Superintendent John Stratton. "Ms. Maiorini is a data driven administrator, a compassionate educator and a champion for her students. And, on behalf of the school board and myself, we congratulate Caroline and her family."

"I am deeply honored and humbled," Maiorini said. "This recognition is not just a reflection of my efforts, but a testament to the incredible teamwork and dedication of everyone involved in our school community." She attributed the success to the passion and commitment of her teachers who "give their all every day. ... I want to emphasize that this award is not just mine to celebrate. It belongs to each and every member of our school community."

*Photos attached