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ARIZONA CARDINALS QUARTERBACK SHAUN KING AND FLORIDA GOVERNOR JEB BUSH
HONOR OUTSTANDING AFRICAN AMERICAN LEADERS AT MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY
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ORLANDO- -Members of the Florida African American Education Alliance (FAAEA), Arizona Cardinals Quarterback Shaun King and Governor Jeb Bush today honored students, teachers, administrators, community leaders and organizations that have helped to close the achievement gap between minority students and others at the African American Education Alliance Martin Luther King Day Recognition Luncheon which was held at the Radisson Plaza Hotel in Orlando.

The Alliance honors a Florida student, teacher, school administrator, community leader and community organization every month for their contributions and commitment to education. During today's luncheon Shaun King and Governor Bush spoke about Dr. King's efforts to ensure that every child received a quality education. King also presented awards to the honorees.

"The Martin Luther King, Jr., holiday is a time to reflect and honor a leader whose vision and virtue changed American history," Shaun King said. "I commend the Florida African American Education Alliance for honoring Dr. King's legacy by promoting educational excellence and accountability for all students, parents and educators. As we celebrate his accomplishments, we must renew our commitment to building stronger communities and continue to expand opportunities in education for all our children."

King was recently appointed a spokesperson and board member of the Alliance, an outreach organization designed to disseminate accurate information regarding Florida's education reforms and to encourage the active involvement and partnership of African American students, parents, and communities toward the continued improvement of education in our state.

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