

CUDA CHRONICLE

For the parents, staff, students, and community of
New Smyrna Beach High School

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

It has been quite challenging but productive year for our Cudas!

Throughout the year, our students have joined organizations, played sports, found courses they liked, and have overcome many obstacles.

Our graduating class of 2022 is an amazing group of students. I am so grateful that I was given a front row seat to witness their courage and resolve. We know they are ready, willing, and able to make a difference in the world and know that their future is a promising and bright one to come.

We celebrated them at Honors Night, and I would like to take a moment to recognize the Class of 2022 for all their hard work.

- 481 seniors are expected to graduate at the Ocean Center on May 26th.
- 184 seniors completed 19,382 hours of community service over four years.
- 17 students earned their Associate of Arts degree from Daytona State College:
- 16 students were inducted into the NSBHS Wall of Fame: Frank Bellissimo, Evan Bonamo, Shaley Brown, Sienna Burns, Faythe Corr, Jace Engberg, Isabella Fahey, Christopher Hill, Haley Hinkle, Ian Lange, Emma Norman, Luke Ouellette, Sean Ranieri, Marissa Ruedlinger, Rachel Wang and Cooper Wilkinson.
- Congratulations to Rachel Wang and Isabella Weisheimer, recipients of the Daytona Beach News-Journal's Medallion of Excellence.
- Honors Night was celebrated May 19th.
 - » 79 local community organizations awarded our students with scholarships
 - » \$579,000 from area and local scholarships
 - » \$1.53 million in Armed Forces enlistments including service academies and ROTC Programs
 - » Thank you so much to each of our local donors who every year dedicate time to reading student applications and then spending their evening with us on Honors Night to make the dreams of students come true. We are extremely grateful for your dedication to our students!

Parents and guardians, during the summer, please note that the school will be open Monday-Thursday. Please call the main office for any information you may need or check our website www.nsbhigh.com for details on the beginning of the new school year.

Have a wonderful summer,

Timothy R. Merrick, Principal

NSBHS Mission Statement:

Working together with parents, school personnel and community members, New Smyrna Beach High School students will graduate with the knowledge, skills and values necessary to be positive contributors to society.

C O N G R A T U L A T I O N S

Scholar of the Month

March 2022

April 2022



Daniel James Wilson



Kyla Kavanaugh

Chris Hixon Exemplary Sportsmanship Award

The Florida Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association (FIAAA) Board of Directors selected Gerald Fuller to receive the Chris Hixon Exemplary Sportsmanship Award for Section 2. The Chris Hixon Exemplary Sportsmanship Award is designed to honor athletic administrators who have distinguished themselves as leaders that promote and exemplify the "Spirit of Sportsmanship". This award is presented to one individual in each of the four (4) FHSAA sections.

Congratulations on this well-deserved honor!



L-R Mr. Fuller and Mr. Merrick

Athletes of the Month

March 2022



Haley Hinkle and Jamey Bruner (Not Pictured)

April 2022



Makenna Estes



Ryan Geary

Citizens of the Month

March 2022



Stella Azam and Eden Broomall

April 2022
Zoe Hill
(Not Pictured)

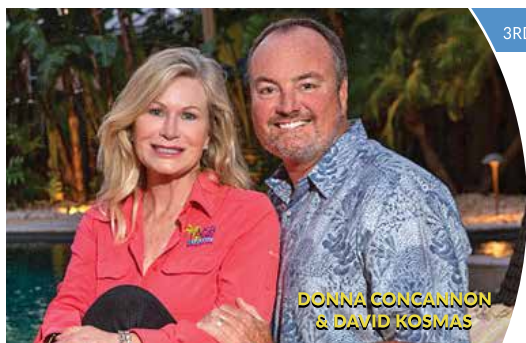


Crime Stoppers Poster Contest

Congratulations Zoe Bounarmpalis, 1st Place, Kathryn Ledden, 2nd Place, and Jocelyn Revoldt, 3rd Place. These students will be recognized for their posters and the School Board Meeting on June 14th at 4:30 p.m.



L-R Zoe Bounarmpalis, Jocelyn Revoldt, Mr. Merrick and Kathryn Ledden



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The winners Above are, Mr. Patrick Hole, Ms. Carli Bryan and Ms. Debra Marsicano.

Bob Noss Memorial Mini-Grant Program Kiwanis

The Kiwanis Club of Southeast Volusia County offered their annual grant program which is designed to assist local educators by providing them with money for classroom supplies, materials, and activities when they cannot find funding for elsewhere. Teachers, staff members and administrators from Southeast Volusia public schools are eligible to apply for the grants. This year will mark their 28th year for this grant.

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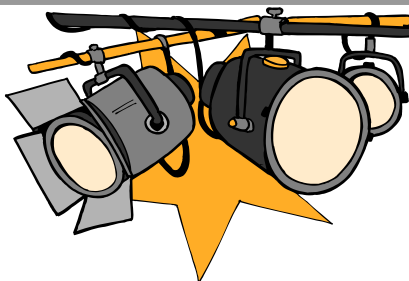
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State Thespian Festival Results

Over spring break, 13 of our theatre students attended the Florida State Thespian Festival, which is the largest theatre festival in the world! Here are our results:



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|---|------------------------|-----------|
| B. Behrens | Monologues | Excellent |
| P. Atkinson | Solo Musical | Excellent |
| I. Toussaint | Student Directed Scene | Superior |
| N. Barnard & L. Kennedy | Duet Acting | Superior |
| Cardot & Co. (A. Cardot, I. Toussaint, A. Farmer, M. Guevara, G. Murray, W. Konieczny) | Ensemble Acting | Superior |
| B-Hanke & Co. (A. B-Hanke, E. Crouse, W. Smelley) | Ensemble Acting | Superior |

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World Language News

On Saturday, March 26th the Volusia County World Languages Festival was held at DeLand High School. The theme of the festival was Global Diversity and Inclusion. This was the first face-to-face festival since the onset of COVID. Approximately 600 students from the district participated in the festival. NSBHS students from Mrs. Guruvadoo's and Mr. Gellermann's classes that placed 1st or 2nd are listed below. ¡Felicitaciones!

Teacher exchange with Sister City Campeche, México

In March, Nadia May Acosta, a high school teacher from Campeche, visited NSBHS as part of an on-going exchange supported through Volusia County Sister Cities and The University of Florida Center for Latin American Studies and Dr. Mary Risner.

Señora May Acosta visited several of Mrs. Guruvadoo's, Mrs. Rosado's and Mr. Gellermann's Spanish classrooms. She also visited Mr. Desko's computer lab, Mrs. Curry's art class and some of Mrs. Luff's culinary classes. In fact, Mrs. Luff's culinary classes made empanadas and hosted a lunch with Señora May Acosta and Mrs. Rosado's mental health club.

As part of the on-going exchange through UF, Mr. Gellermann and Mrs. Luff will be going to Campeche, México in early June and spending 10 days visiting schools, collaborating with Mexican teachers and learning about the local culture.

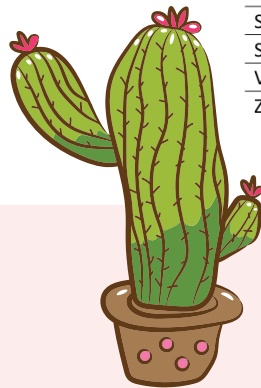
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| Kavanaugh Kyla | Guruvadoo | Video Lesson | 1st |
| Jones Tanner | Guruvadoo | Vocabulary Poster | 1st |
| Propp Katie | Guruvadoo | Cultural Bookmark | 1st |
| Blythe Jayden | Guruvadoo | Video Lesson | 2nd |
| Hess Haylee | Guruvadoo | Cultural Bookmark | 2nd |
| Kemick Gabriel | Guruvadoo | Vocabulary Poster | 2nd |
| Mc Cartha Joseph | Guruvadoo | Cultural Bookmark | 2nd |
| Ocker Madisson | Guruvadoo | Vocabulary Poster | 2nd |
| Schwab Jaime | Guruvadoo | Video Lesson | 2nd |
| Wischmeier Maria | Guruvadoo | Cultural Bookmark | 2nd |
| Wood Maya | Guruvadoo | Cultural Bookmark | 2nd |
| Bubaloni, Naia | Gellermann | Vocabulary Poster | 1st |
| Cullen, Molly | Gellermann | Around the World Art Gallery | 1st |
| Fenner-Cross, Autumn | Gellermann | Global Awareness Tri-Fold | 1st |
| Haedrich, Sklyer | Gellermann | Global Traditions | 1st |
| King, Dorian | Gellermann | On-line Quiz | 1st |
| Morales, Luna | Gellermann | Global Traditions | 1st |
| Shank, Declan | Gellermann | On-line Quiz | 1st |
| Thompson, Autumn | Gellermann | Vocabulary Poster | 1st |
| Turci, Zoie | Gellermann | On-line Quiz | 1st |
| Zheng, Yufang | Gellermann | On-line Quiz | 1st |
| Alison, James | Gellermann | On-line Quiz | 2nd |
| Birsch, Noah | Gellermann | Vocabulary Poster | 2nd |
| Brock, Annie | Gellermann | Graphic Novel | 2nd |
| Brock, Annie | Gellermann | Infographic | 2nd |
| Corr, Emma | Gellermann | Cultural Bookmark | 2nd |
| Corr, Emma | Gellermann | Global Awareness Tri-Fold | 2nd |
| Cullen, Molly | Gellermann | Cultural Meme | 2nd |
| Gibson, Nicholas | Gellermann | On-line Quiz | 2nd |
| Hunn, Magdalena | Gellermann | Music Video | 2nd |
| LaConte, Haley | Gellermann | Photography Around the World | 2nd |
| Levine, Falcon | Gellermann | On-line Quiz | 2nd |
| Lundberg, Grady | Gellermann | Cultural Meme | 2nd |
| McCarthy, Abbey | Gellermann | Infographic | 2nd |
| Repyneck, Leonardo | Gellermann | Photography Around the World | 2nd |
| Slocum, Alexis | Gellermann | Global Traditions | 2nd |
| Stanley, Lily | Gellermann | Vocabulary Poster | 2nd |
| Vinh, Kyle | Gellermann | Cultural Comparison | 2nd |
| Zheng, Yufang | Gellermann | Graphic Novel | 2nd |



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*Pictured from left to right,
Mrs. Luff, Señora May
Acosta, Mrs. Rosado*



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Renown St. Augustine Peruvian Restaurant “Llama” Owner/Chef Gives Demonstration to NSBHS Culinary Students

Chef and owner of the Llama restaurant, Marcel Vizcarra, through the efforts of The University of Florida Center for Latin American Studies and Dr. Mary Risner, visited the culinary classes of Mrs. Luff. Chef Vizcarra demonstrated how to make Peruvian ceviche and how to prepare and present one of the restaurant’s popular appetizers, smoked beef hearts. Some students were able to work side by side with the chef and his crew. While demonstrating, Chef Vizcarra talked with students about Peruvian culture, the restaurant business and answered a variety of questions.



NSBHS culinary students prep the beef heart

Global Cuisine at NSBHS Culinary Academy

In a collaboration between the University of Florida Center for Latin American Studies, The Llama restaurant, and teacher, Dana Luff, at the New Smyrna Beach High School Culinary Academy, students had the chance to interact with and observe a local chef at work. Students learned about Peruvian culture and cooking techniques through a demonstration offered by Chef Marcel Vizcarra. Students volunteered in the preparation, observed techniques, and enjoyed food tasting during the classes. Chef Marcel prepared two classic Peruvian dishes, ceviche and anticuchos.



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Volusia Council for Exceptional Children Banquet

Way to go, NSBHS! Through your nominations for the VCEC Awards, NSBHS had 12 nominees for the categories below. Four NSBHS nominees were honored in their category, the most at one school! It was obvious to all that attended that we have one of the best schools in the district! Thank you for all that you do for our students with disabilities!



ESE Administrator

Eleeta Hopkins
Jennifer Stach

ESE Inclusion Teacher

Dana Luff
Rachelle Lilly
Beth Outlaw

ESE Support Staff

Felicia Mitchell
Zachary Camporese

ESE Teacher

Shannon Salisbury
Mary Zihal

ESE Parent

Ellen Peppas

ESE Paraprofessional

Almette Agledor
Kerry Horan

NSBHS CUDAS awarded the VCEC Honor in their category (Volusia Council for Exceptional Children):

- Mary Zihal, VCEC ESE High School Teacher of the Year
- Rachelle Lilly, VCEC ESE High School Inclusion Teacher of the Year
- Ellen Peppas, VCEC ESE High School Parent of the Year
- Eleeta Sue Hopkins, VCEC ESE High School Administrator of the Year

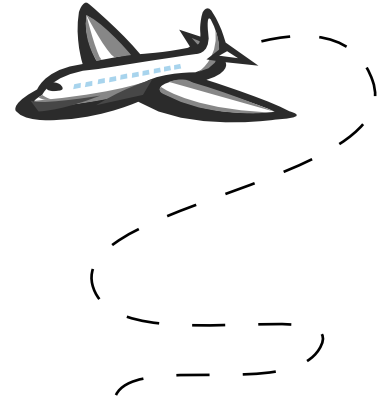


Overview of Poster Contest

City of Edgewater Department of Environmental Services-Utilities Division sponsored a "Drop Savers" poster contest. The poster depicted a **water conservation idea**, in slogan and drawing form. The contest goal was to teach and promote the importance of water conservation through a long-range education and awareness program.

New Smyrna Beach High School student Kyla Kavanaugh won 1st Place in the high school poster contest. Her poster will be on display in the Edgewater Council Chambers and will also be submitted to the Florida Section of American Water Works Association (FSAWWA) "Drop Savers" Water Conservation Program.

Honorable mention was won by Barbara Marie Neville.



Summer Travel Abroad Opportunities

This summer 26 students, parents, and Mrs. Everidge will be traveling to Europe. We will spend 18 days traveling throughout the most iconic parts of Italy and Greece: Milan, Venice, Pisa, Rome, Pompeii, Athens, a cruise through the Greek Isles, and much more! Students will get to see the art, architecture, and pieces of history they've only ever read about in books.

Next summer we are traveling to Berlin, Prague, Budapest, and Krakow to explore historical sites, such as the Berlin Wall, Auschwitz, and Hero's Square. Students in good academic standing are invited to see Coach Berry in room 6-226 for more information.

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Tomorrow's Leaders

This year we received 112 applications and 41 students from Volusia County Schools were selected to participate in the 2021-22 class of Tomorrow's Leaders sponsored by FUTURES Foundation for Volusia County Schools. The students participated in 5 seminars during the school year.

- Wednesday, November 10, 2021 – Leadership, Diversity & Ethics
- Thursday, December 9, 2021 – Sports Marketing & Entrepreneurship
- Thursday, January 6, 2022 – Criminal Justice, Government & Education
- Thursday, February 10, 2022 – Manufacturing & the Arts
- Thursday, March 3, 2022 – Healthcare & Social Services

The 2022 TL graduation took place Wednesday April 27, 2022, celebrating district wide TL students at The Museum of Arts and Sciences.

L-R Mr.
Merrick,
Tillman Arieti,
Alize Cardot,
Ava Grimaldi,
Angel Mathax
and
Ava Tanner



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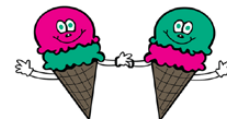



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