



# UDA CHRONICLE

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

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Greetings Cuda Families,

As we enter the fourth quarter, we will be regularly updating information about school events, particularly those for our seniors. Daily announcements are made to the students at 9:24 am and emailed to the teachers if students have questions later. School Messenger, our website, and calling in to the school are the primary avenues for families to find information. Our Activities Director, Heather Roberts, can provide details on these events if you have questions. She can be reached at 386-424-2555, extension 38510 or [harobert@volusia.k12.fl.us](mailto:harobert@volusia.k12.fl.us).

Parents and families, please continue to monitor your students' grades and attendance through Parent Portal. We are in the home stretch and it's important for everyone to continue to stay diligent in the classroom working on assignments as well as follow the safety guidelines on campus and at various events. Regular student attendance is paramount for success. All teachers provide office hour time from 12:03 p.m. to 12:18 p.m. for students to receive additional assistance. Our teachers' email addresses are on our website. Please contact the teacher if you have questions or concerns about your student's progress.

We are looking forward to a fast-paced fourth quarter full of state assessments, final performances, sporting events, and many other events. Plans for various senior events are in the process of being finalized to close out the school year. Once these plans are completed, we will be sharing that information along with graduation information. Please let us know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Timothy Merrick, Principal  
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## 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.



## STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

### JANUARY



*Breena Thompson  
Scholar of the Month*



*Sean Hurley  
Citizen of the Month*



*Corrin Austell and Dylon York  
Athletes of the Month*



*Jace Engberg and Isabella Fortin  
Athletes of the Month*

### FEBRUARY



*Emma Norman  
Scholar of the Month*



*Justin Lloyd  
Citizen of the Month*

### Outstanding Seniors

Congratulations to our 22  
Outstanding Seniors for the  
Class of 2022



*Bottom Row L – R, Rachel Wang,  
Riley Sauter, Lenise Rainge-Inniss,  
Isabella Fahey, Sienna Burns, Kaytlyn  
Amalfitano, Natalie Rosado-Rodriguez*

*Middle Row L – R, Randeja  
Hamilton, Frank Bellissimo,  
Bradley Secomski, Evan Bonamo,  
Luke Ouellette, Faythe Corr, Emma  
Norman, Payton Berse*

*Top Row L- R, Willie Williams,  
Shaley Brown, Cooper Wilkinson,  
Christopher Hill, Sean Ranieri,  
Isabella Weisheimer*

*Not Pictured Jace Engberg*

### 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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## FFA

Congratulations, NSBHS FFA on your achievements won today in our District competition, which means they took first place in Sub-District. I am so proud of these kids!!! Josh Briggs took second place in Tractor Driving! Hailee Wetherell took second place in Extemporaneous Speaking. Niccole Sangiamo was there representing NSBHS FFA and our District as a FFA Federation Officer.

*"Our greatest weakness lies in giving up. The most certain way to succeed is always to try just one more time."*

-Thomas Edison

These kids don't give up and they are hungry to do and learn more and to always exceed expectations. **#blessedagteacher #NSBHSFFA #barracudastrong**

Also I wanted to share that NSBHS FFA students Emma Norman and Payten Gintz went to the NJSA (National Junior Swine Association) Show in Perry, Ga. They both did a great job and in fact Payten Gintz placed 5th in class with her Duroc at a National show.

## Cuda Care

Where is the Education Academy headed? Our FFEA Chapter took a field trip to visit local Educational Facilities. Our first stop was Easter Seals, a childcare and therapy facility that provides care for children with disabilities, on our tour we learned about the care they provide for special needs children and ways they help children when they have developmental delays. Our next stop was Rising Stars Academy, a childcare facility that provides care for infants to age 4 years. Our tour provided sight on infant and toddler care. With YMCA being our last stop the tour of the facility gave us valuable information on the membership process and about their after school program. After a full day of visiting we stopped at Chick-fil-a for sharing thoughts and the importance of Early Childhood Teachers!



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## 43rd Annual Volusia County Social Studies Fair

Historical paper Category for the 43rd Annual Volusia County Social Studies Fair



L – R Jaden Black 1st Place, Logan Blacken 3rd Place, Elizabeth Mazda 2nd Place and Principal Mr. Merrick



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## Scholastic Art & Writing Awards

### Alliance for Young Artists & Writers

This is an incredible achievement, and we the fine arts department are so proud of our students' accomplishments! Their creative hard work was recognized by a panel of creative professionals from our metro Jacksonville area as the most outstanding work submitted among their peers. We are especially proud as they received just over 2,600 entries in 16 different categories!

Since 1923, the Awards have recognized some of America's most celebrated artists and writers while they were teenagers, including: Tschabalala Self, Stephen King, Kay WalkingStick, Charles White, Joyce Carol Oates, and Andy Warhol. We are so impressed and proud to count our NSBHS students among these esteemed Scholastic Awards alumni!

Please plan to attend the Northeast Florida Scholastic Art Awards Ceremony at the Florida Theatre (128 E. Forsyth St.; 32202) in downtown Jacksonville on Saturday, February 12th at 10 AM.

Award Exhibition openings will follow at the Jacksonville Main Library for individual works (303 N. Laura Street; Jacksonville, FL 32202) and Jacksonville University's downtown campus for portfolio works (76 South Laura St.; 18th Floor; 32202).



### Northeast Florida Scholastic Art Awards

#### 2022 New Smyrna Beach High School Award Winners

Student Name	Work Title	Awards	Work Category	Educator Name
Theo Avalone	What's Wrong With me?	Gold Key	Comic Art	Laura Johnson
Nissa Burke	Shohi	Silver Key	Digital Art	Tina Curry
Alissa Burke	The Human Influence	Silver Key	Art Portfolio	Tina Curry
Cheyenne Cushman	Overgrown	Silver Key	Drawing & Illustration	Laura Johnson
Madilynn Dees	Tree of Life	Honorable Mention	Sculpture	Kristen Gregor
Madilynn Dees	Vintage Progress	Honorable Mention	Art Portfolio	Tina Curry
Madilynn Dees	On the Savannah	Silver Key	Sculpture	Kristen Gregor
Toja Rmin-Reaves	The Curiosity Of A Child	Gold Key	Digital Art	Tina Curry
Toja Rmin-Reaves	The Naturality of a Person	Silver Key	Art Portfolio	Tina Curry
Melisse Fredette-Huffman	Trash Panda	Gold Key	Photography	Tina Curry
Melisse Fredette-Huffman	Self Mines	Honorable Mention	Photography	Tina Curry
Melisse Fredette-Huffman	Clean and Pure	Silver Key	Photography	Tina Curry
Melisse Fredette-Huffman	Follow Me	Silver Key	Art Portfolio	Tina Curry
Melisse Fredette-Huffman	All Eyes on me	Silver Key	Digital Art	Tina Curry
Savannah Keeter	Silence	Honorable Mention	Digital Art	Tina Curry
Cassandra McCall	Light Up My Life	Honorable Mention	Art Portfolio	Tina Curry
Cassandra McCall	Outside Light	Silver Key	Digital Art	Tina Curry
Liyann Morris	That's Frank!	Honorable Mention	Sculpture	Kristen Gregor
Stella Mullins	Rowing Cup and Saucer	Honorable Mention	Ceramics & Glass	Kristen Gregor
Jet Murphy	Closer Look	Silver Key	Digital Art	Tina Curry
Danielle Murphy	Finding New Sense of Self in the Loss of Self	Silver Key	Art Portfolio	Tina Curry
Sabrina Nelson	Steps to Become GOD	Silver Key	Art Portfolio	Laura Johnson
Alex Newbury	decay	Silver Key	Digital Art	Tina Curry
Alex Newbury	penance	Silver Key	Sculpture	Kristen Gregor
Nadezhda Olkhova	Away from myself	Gold Key	Digital Art	Tina Curry

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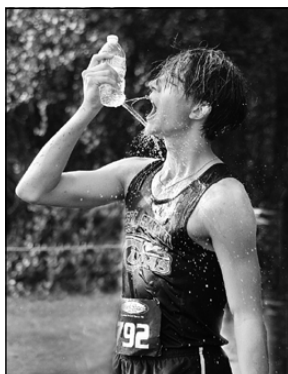


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## FFA Week

Mr. Eschen was voted by students to kiss a cow during FFA Week.



Student Name	Work Title	Awards	Work Category	Educator Name
Nadezhda Okhova	Hidden in the sand	Honorable Mention	Drawing & Illustration	Tina Curry
Nadezhda Okhova	Portrait of a man	Honorable Mention	Digital Art	Tina Curry
Nadezhda Okhova	Male notan study	Honorable Mention	Digital Art	Tina Curry
Nadezhda Okhova	Tay Tay eating hot chestos	Honorable Mention	Digital Art	Tina Curry
Nadezhda Okhova	Female Notan Study	Silver Key	Digital Art	Tina Curry
Nadezhda Okhova	Show some Face	Silver Key	Art Portfolio	Tina Curry
Mahi Rahman	Follow the light	Honorable Mention	Art Portfolio	Tina Curry
Caitlyn Richards	Lettuce Get This Bread	Honorable Mention	Sculpture	Kristen Gregor
Jaden Piggie	calatrophic	Gold Key	Photography	Tina Curry
Megan Schlack	Snake eyes	Gold Key	Sculpture	Kristen Gregor
Megan Schlack	Hostage	Silver Key	Comic Art	Laura Johnson
Sophia Squilieri	Hydrate	Gold Key	Photography	Tina Curry
Sophia Squilieri	The Essence of an Athlete	Silver Key	Art Portfolio	Tina Curry
Alyson Strong	Spring has Sprung	Honorable Mention	Sculpture	Kristen Gregor
Salma Sulatycki	Symbol of Fertility	Gold Key	Ceramics & Glass	Kristen Gregor
Anthony Thant	Geometric City	Honorable Mention	Art Portfolio	Tina Curry
Zoie Tund	Scars of the Past	Honorable Mention	Sculpture	Kristen Gregor
Teresa Vordenberg	River of Rainbows	Honorable Mention	Digital Art	Tina Curry
Isabella Weisheimer	Risk of Extinction	Gold Key	Art Portfolio	Tina Curry
Isabella Weisheimer	Little sister	Silver Key	Photography	Tina Curry

The scores of Portfolios on these 12 AP pretest Portfolios explained.  
Gold Key=4-5 on real AP test Silver Key = 4-3 Honorable Mention =3-4

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## Showdolls

The New Smyrna Beach High School Showdolls made finals in the Small Varsity Pom division for the fourth year in a row. The Showdolls made 27th place out of 50 teams. The small varsity Pom division had the most teams than any other category over the weekend. The Showdolls and Coaches are grateful to have been able to compete against some of the strongest dance teams in the country and gain more experience from the competition.

## World Languages News

### Culinary Collaboration

Ms. Adarve's Spanish 1 & 2 classes learned how to prepare tostones on the 28th of January. Classes met in Ms. Luff's Kitchen lab where she graciously provided the utensils, knives, hot oil and cooking stations. The students learned about plantains, their nutritional value and their prominent place in cuisine around the world. The students peeled, cut and smashed them while Ms. Luff's advanced students helped Ms. Adarve fry and serve them. Food is always a good way to promote cultural awareness and understanding and the students had a good time. Many said they would like to make this simple dish for their families.

### Mexican Teacher Visited NSBHS through Sister Cities and UF Center for Latin American Studies Program

Nadia Kass May, a teacher from our sister city of Campeche, México, visited the NSBHS campus on Tuesday, March 22 and on Friday, March 25. She will be collaborating and planning future exchange projects with Ms. Luff and our Culinary Department and with Mr. Gellermann and the World Languages Department. It is planned that Ms. Luff and other CTE teachers from the area will go to Campeche this June as part of this on-going exchange.

### Making a Difference

February 22nd was World Encephalitis Day. Mrs. Guruvadoo, with the help of the International Club and the Athletic Department, was able to raise \$5,000 to donate to the Mayo Clinic for Education and Research on Autoimmune Encephalitis. These funds will support the first clinical trial in the USA in Anti-Nmda Receptor Encephalitis, which affects mostly young people. The trial is being led by two of the world's leading neurologists in this field; Dr. Gregg Day from the Mayo Clinic, Jacksonville, FL and Dr. Maarten Titulaer MD, PhD. Erasmus MC University Medical Center, Netherlands. Mrs. Guruvadoo believes that even a little bit can help,

and the more awareness and research, the more lives can be saved. She thanks all who contributed to these fund-raising efforts.

### World Languages Festival 2022

The Volusia County World Languages Festival will be at Deland High on Saturday, March 26 from 9:00 am- 1:00 pm. Nearly 600 students from Volusia County will be participating in the festival. Over 60 students from Mrs. Guruvadoo's and Mr. Gellermann's classes will be participating in a variety of events such as vocabulary posters, cultural memes, music videos, artwork, poetry recital, etc. The event is open to the public.

### Lithuanian Engineering Student Presents to NSBHS Classes

On Tuesday, January 25th Lukas Bajarunas visited various NSBHS classes. Lukas is a friend of Cuda Alumna, Danielle Gellermann (2014). Mr. Bajarunas is Lithuanian and is currently completing his master's theses in aerospace engineering at Delph University in The Netherlands, one of the top engineering schools in the world. Lukas gave a presentation to Mr. Gellermann's world history classes about the history of Lithuania. He also spoke to Mr. Gellermann's 3rd period Spanish classes about learning languages. Lukas speaks Lithuanian, English, Russian, Swedish, and French. He stressed with students the importance of immersion to really learn a language and encouraged them to travel and spend some time living in another country. He also talked with several of Mr. Prather's engineering classes about his studies in the Netherlands. His thesis deals with the efficiency of the windmill blades on the large windmills used on wind farms.





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## MLK Scholarship Winners

Congrats to NSBHS MLK Scholarship winners in attendance at the Community MLK Festival in Daytona. Lenise Rainge-Innis, Willie Williams, Sean Ranieri and Christopher Hill, you make us proud.



## School Safety Poster Awareness Contest



Miguel Romero and Scarlet Weisheimer

## Solos

Students below will be attending State for their Solos.



L – R Andrew Haynes, Alexzander Krack, Madison Butler, Hannah Collins, Siddharth Sukhdeo and Mr. Merrick



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