



CUDA CHRONICLE

June 2021

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

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

It has been a quite a 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 2021 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 2021 for all their hard work.

- 450 seniors are expected to graduate at the Ocean Center on June 5th.
- 155 seniors completed 23,342 hours of community service over four years.
- 21 students earned their Associate of Arts degree from Daytona State College:
- 14 students were inducted into the NSBHS Hall of Fame: Shelby Balmer, Loubien Demetitia, Matthew Duguay, Lily Harvey, Morgan Hibel, Daisha Jarvis, Brooke Kornegay, Ashley Lane, Kasey Lane, Samuel Latty, Joshua McGinnis, Timia Merrick, Emma Schlageter and Samantha Share.
- Congratulations to Shelby Balmer and Lilly Harvey, recipients of the Daytona News-Journal's Medallion of Excellence.
- Honors Night was celebrated May 20th.
 - ◇ 87 local community organizations awarded our student with scholarships
 - ◇ \$417,867 from in area and local scholarships
 - ◇ \$422,000 from college scholarships
 - ◇ \$1,496,000 from armed forces
 - ◇ \$2.3 million total scholarships provided to our students
 - ◇ 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.

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Students of the Month



March 2021
Aidan Rivero
Scholar of the Month



April 2021
Doug Dittmer
Athlete of the Month



April 2021
Hannah Meeks
Scholar of the Month



April 2021
Marina Miller
Athlete of the Month

School Bus Safety Poster Contest

Congratulations to Max Cornette, 1st Place winner and Anthony Trend, 2nd place winner of the School Bus Safety Poster contest for "Love the Bus Week."



Turning Around Winner

2021 Turn Around Winner
Shaun Diehl, Jr.



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Florida State Thespian Festival

Before spring break, 12 of our students participated (virtually) in the Florida State Thespian Festival. Overall, they received 5 superiors and 7 excellents! We also had 1 student receive a Top Honor! **Congratulations!**

Solo Musical:

Olivia Graeff-Fanelli – Superior

Duet Musical:

Olivia Graeff-Fanelli & Ana Brynteson-Hanke – Excellent

Duet Acting:

Paige Murray & Bianca Cotuna – Excellent

Abigayle Farmer & Michael Burnett – Superior

Nevaeh Barnard & Isabel Toussaint – Superior

Ensemble Acting:

Ana Brynteson-Hanke, Emma Crouse & Abigayle Farmer – Excellent

Costume Design:

Ari Mills – Excellent

Alissa Burke – Excellent

Costume Construction:

Olivia Graeff-Fanelli – Superior
Nevaeh Barnard – Superior (and Top Honors!)

Playwriting:

Bianca Cotuna – Excellent

Student Directed Scene:

Isabel Toussaint - Excellent

Teacher of the Year

*Congratulations Mrs. Outlaw
VCEC ESE High School
Teacher of the Year 2021!*



Engineering Academy

Many thanks to Bob Davis, Mr. Danny Robins and Ms. Joanne Magley who donated a model jet engine to the NSBHS Engineering Academy. We are so thankful for the Adopt-a-School Program and for the STEM connection!



Pictured left to right are: Timothy Merrick, Principal, Bob Davis from Volusia County Hotel & Lodging, Danny Robins from District 3, Volusia County Council, Dennis Humphrey, Engineering Academy Teacher, Joanne Magley, Director of Marketing & Customer Experience-Daytona Beach International Airport and Kelly Amy, Volusia County Schools Manager, Strategic Partners.

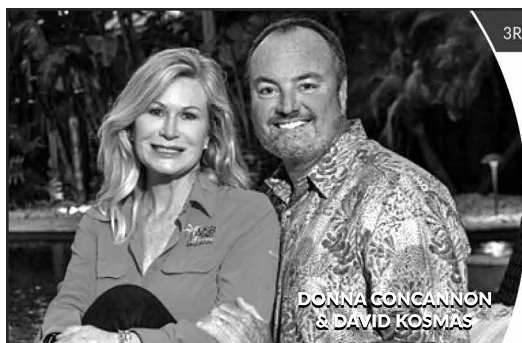


Crime Stoppers Poster Contest

Congratulations Tristen Avallon – 9th Grade who received 3rd Place in the Crime Stoppers Poster Contest. Tristen will not advance into the final round against three other counties.

Preparing a Dining Room

Mrs. Outlaw's transition class learned to prepare a dining room for an event. The Elks hosted a Mother's day fundraiser for Elks Children Therapy Services which provides therapy to families who have children with Autism. A special thanks to all of our students!



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The New Smyrna Beach High School Ag Department hosted its annual bee program on May 4 and 5. The program featured a live-working beehive, a presentation from the vice president of the Volusia County Bee Keepers Association, honey tasting, and an informative question and answer session. Students learned the importance of bees in pollination, the natural history of bees, and their role in the ecosystem.

World Language Festival Highlights

The 42nd annual Volusia County World Languages Festival was completely virtual. Nearly 50 NSBHS World Language students had their projects submitted by March 13th. Here are NSBHS 1st place winners:

- Dylan Balmer Cultural Meme
- Sophia Billhartz Vocab Poster
- Seamus Botsford Global Awareness Presentation
- Robert DeLong Cultural Meme
- Michael Gunnip Cultural Meme
- Sarah Hutto Vocab Poster
- Taniya Jackson Vocab Poster
- Brianna Luoma Vocab Poster
- Nicolas McKinney Travel Brochure
- Jordan McPhee Tradiciones Navideñas
- Sydney Monk Cultural Meme
- *Libby Nickels Vocab Poster-Best of Show
- Jocelyn Revodt Graphic Novel
- Stephanie Rivera Art Around the World
- Neo Stawniak Travel Brochure

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Congratulations Class of 2021!



Congratulations! Tye Duncan awarded a \$1,000 Playwriting District 3 Scholarship from District 3 Thespians Educational Theatre Association Florida Chapter



Cheyenne Lewis was recognized and awarded a \$500 scholarship from the International Club. She will be attending Duke University in the fall. Best Wishes!



Seniors:
Blake Chiam pou, Isabelle Wade and Zachary Walton working on their final project in Game & Simulation



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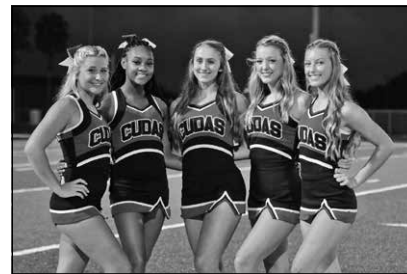
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