



# UDA CHRONICLE

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

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## Remembering the 2016-2017 School Year

Dear families,

As we come to the end of the 2016-2017 school year, I am mindful of how this year started. Our first day of school was for "9th graders only", and had a full-day of activities to transition the students into the high school. Throughout the year, the Cuda freshmen have joined organizations, played sports, found courses they liked, and overall became a very strong class. I watched them in April at an awards ceremony for 9th graders and marveled at how far they have come in their confidence as young adults. The class of 2020 is already achieving great things.

Our seniors are busily preparing for graduation on May 27th by finishing their extra-curricular activities, projects, coursework, and enjoying some school sponsored activities, such as Prom, Grad Bash, and then the Legacy Walk and Senior Breakfast. The class of 2017 has been an amazing class full of incredible scholars, imaginative leaders, and talented athletes. We have had many senior events honoring their achievements, and I can't wait to see all the scholarships given out on Honors Night.

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

Congratulations to all our students for a successful year.

Have a wonderful summer,  
Mrs. Chenoweth



## 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.

## Crystal Apple Awards 2017

Congratulations to Carly Leonard who was selected as one of the four Crystal Apple Award winners at the Southeast Volusia Chamber of Commerce banquet on April 26th. The chamber does an excellent job supporting and recognizing teachers in this area. Ms. Leonard's commitment to our school is outstanding, and this recognition very deserving.

Congratulations again Ms. Leonard on all your accomplishments.



## Vietnam Veteran Visit

SSG Jim Sursely came to New Smyrna High School on March 28th and spoke to ten classes in the auditorium. This is his story: Jim recalls fire and noise erupting at his feet. But he doesn't remember being thrown into the air by the explosion of a Viet Cong land mine. In fact, he didn't learn the full extent of his sacrifice for America until he landed in an Army hospital in Colorado. The explosion tore away both of Jim Sursely's legs and his left arm. It could have been worse. If Jim's clothing had not caught fire, cauterizing his gaping wounds, the young Army Staff Sergeant might have died. That's why he says, "It's an absolute miracle that I'm still around." First, Jim was taken from the field to Da Nang, then to Japan, and finally to Colorado – it was 1969 and Jim was 21.

Jim survived some of the most severe battle wounds ever, and the demons of fear, depression and despair came knocking on his door early on. But he remembers the tough love he got from other disabled veterans. As he built a successful real estate career, he always made time to give other disabled veterans the same kind of help that once meant so much to him.

That involvement led to Jim's election to a one-year term as National Commander of the Disabled American Veterans. He continues to play an active role in the DAV nationally, and in the Orlando DAV Ch. 16 as acting Treasurer and previous Commander.

We were honored to have Jim speak to the students. Jim told Mrs. Myers, the US History teacher who reached out to him to come speak to the students, that he would be happy to come again next year and maybe bring some other veterans with him.



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## SGA Donates Profits To Charity

This year, the Student Government Association has led many successful fundraisers. Portions of the profits from both the Winter Formal dance and the Week-of-the-Cuda carnival were donated to charitable causes.

Students enjoyed having another opportunity to dance the night away in the gym, and over 400 Cudas turned out to play games and compete in tug-of-war, obstacle courses, and pie-throwing contests at this year's carnival.

The dance and carnival weren't just about having fun. Cuda students' involvement in these SGA-sponsored events help raised \$350 for The Humane Society of the United States, \$100 for the Special Olympics' Polar Plunge, \$300 for Open Door Haiti, and \$900 toward the cost of shipping care packages to soldiers overseas.

A portion of the proceeds has been set aside to help fund Teacher Appreciation Week celebrations in May as well.



## Adopt-A-Soldier Drive

This year, New Smyrna Beach High School took part in an adopt-a-soldier drive—sending 55 care packages and letters to American soldiers stationed in Afghanistan. Clubs on campus were instrumental in collecting supplies which members of the Student Government Association then organized, packaged, and shipped overseas.

Command Sergeant Major James L. Whittenton stopped by NSBHS to show the troop's gratitude, gifting us a beautiful certificate and retired flag that the troop once flew.



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## Visiting Artist Trent Berning

Mrs. Colby's AP 3D Studio Art & Ceramics students had the privilege of working with Professor Trent Berning recently. Mr. Berning is the Associate Professor of Art in Ceramics at Daytona State College, as well as a practicing artist. He has worked in the ceramics field for over twenty years. Mr. Berning conducted portfolio reviews with the AP students—providing feedback on their artwork and their artist statement. With the Ceramics students, he demonstrated tips for wheel throwing, including centering, throwing off the hump, and techniques for altering thrown forms. Working in a small group setting allowed the students to ask questions and work one on one with a professional artist for guided practice. For more about Trent Berning and his ceramic artwork, please visit his website [www.trentberning.com](http://www.trentberning.com).



## NSBH Art Students Show Work at Dali Museum

Several NSBH art students had artwork accepted to the Salvador Dali Art Museum in St. Petersburg, FL. This year's theme is "Surreal Identity," and consists of original portraits inspired by Surrealism created by Florida high school students. The show will run from **May 13 – August 27, 2017**.

There were over 500 submissions, and the following students were accepted:

2D Artwork, Ms. Kirstie Geyer, faculty:

Caroline Crawford- *Blue Eyed Beauty*  
Ana Lopez- *Not an Android*  
Riliegh Benton- *Wallflower*  
Hannah Crabtree- *21st Century*

Sculpture, Mrs. Christine Colby, faculty:

Starr Shaver- *Bloom*  
Annie Smith- *Heart's Dreams*  
Rowan Lewis- *This Face of Mine*  
Meaghan Flint- *Muertadella*

Photography, Mrs. Tina Curry, faculty:

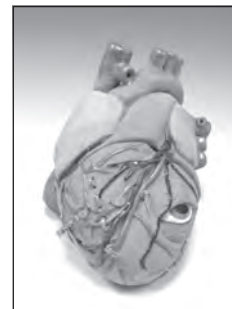
Kate Shif- *Eye of the Beholder*



Rowan Lewis.



Starr Shaver



Annie Smith



Meaghan Flint

The Dali Museum celebrates the life and work of Salvador Dali (1904-1989) and features works from the artist's entire career. The collection includes over 2,100 works from every moment and in every medium of his artistic activity. For more about the Dali Museum and the upcoming exhibition, visit [www.thedali.org](http://www.thedali.org).

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## AVID

New Smyrna Beach High School AVID students have had an incredible year. Seniors are gearing up for graduation activities, such as Prom, Grad Bash, the AVID Senior Celebration, Honors Night, and of course, GRADUATION! Some will be going off to college, entering the military, or attending certificate programs that will prepare them for entering the work force while pursuing their college degree. Please congratulate all our seniors when you see them!



## Prism Concert

Join us on May 12th and 13th at 7:00 p.m. in the auditorium for the end of year Prism Concert which is a showcase of some individual groups and ensembles in the program.

## Lakeside Jazz Fest

The Barracuda Jazz band performed at Lakeside Jazz Fest in Port Orange. The student performances were great! They received a superior rating and were awarded Most Outstanding Sax section, Most Outstanding Trombone Section, and Most Outstanding Trumpet section. In short, this means that they performed the best out of all the bands that were on stage that day.

## State Solo and Ensemble

On August 23rd, students traveled to Apopka High School to perform at the State Solo and Ensemble. This is an opportunity for the students to perform in front of college professors and professionals in the field for intense comments and tough critiques. Please congratulate the following students:

Hannah Messier – Superior with Distinction  
 Angelo Weatherspoon and Angelo Theofanous – Superior with Distinction  
 Joe Kennedy – Superior  
 Sam Bookhardt – Excellent  
 Sydney Gragg – Excellent  
 NSBHS Color Guard – Superior  
 Brooke Ashby  
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## Travel the World with Mrs. Everidge, Mrs. Lott, & Mrs. Rizzo

Our 2017 trip to England, Ireland, Wales, and France is this summer. There are 28 students, teachers, and parents on this tour, and we are excited to share our stories when we return.

If you want to travel with us in 2019, we have two opportunities available. The first is England, Scotland, and France. This trip is 11 days and the current monthly payment is approximately \$155. The second is to the Galapagos Islands. This trip is also 11 days and the payment is approximately \$168.

There is a third trip planned to Iceland in 2020. This trip is 6 days and the current monthly payment is approximately \$101. Students must be enrolled in high school or college at the time of the trip. Parents are always welcome. Please email Mrs. Everidge directly for more information.



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### Math Application in the Algebra 2 Honors Classroom

During the unit on Probability and Statistic in Mrs. Hughes Algebra 2 Honors classroom, students collected their own data to compute a variety of measures of central tendencies. The data students used was the diameter of the bubbles blown through a straw on their desks.



For the unit on Trigonometry, students constructed a unit circle using a paper plate, ruler and markers. The constructed paper plate was then used as a study guide to find angle measures in radian and degrees, as well as sine and cosine coordinate points around the unit circle.



### International Club Fund Raising

#### PROVIDES SCHOLARSHIPS FOR GRADUATING SENIORS AND SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR PROJECT GAITU IN KENYA, AFRICA


On March 25th under the direction of club sponsor, Mrs. Guruvadoo, approximately \$1000 dollars was raised at the Mullinax Ford Drive One For Your School event. Most of the funds were earned by test drivers. However, the club also sold quesadillas, French pastries (donated from Mon Delices), drinks and had henna artists painting on hands. Thanks to the hard-working club members, Caitlin and Ciara Chianpou, Bailey Hamm, Judette McKenzie, Brenden Jones, Brad Ferner and Lily Desauniers; and to all of those who "drove one for their school" for making this a huge success. The funds raised this year will go towards scholarships for graduating seniors in the World Languages and International Club. Some funds will go towards school supplies for project Gaitu in Kenya, Africa.

Beyond the Drive One For Your School Fundraising event, Mrs. Guruvadoo has been busy all year knocking on doors looking for local community sponsors. We have an incredibly generous and supportive community. The International Club and World Languages program of NSBHS would like to thank these local community members for supporting the club with their donations that will go towards scholarships for graduating seniors and school supplies for project Gaitu.

- Dr. Michael Somai from Eagle Eye Dental
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## World Language Department Cultural Exchange

Solana Peña and Sofia Schilling from Buenos Aires, Argentina spent approximately a month visiting Florida. They had just graduated high school and will have started college in March. The girls are family friends of Mrs. Stach, NSBHS assistant principal. Mrs. Stach informed our World Language department that they were interested in doing a cultural exchange with our students. The International Club invited them to a club meeting/potluck lunch February 15th. Sofia and Solana introduced themselves and explained their life situation in Argentina, mostly about school and everyday teenage life. They answered questions from students and teachers. Then, they asked our students questions about their lives. Solana brought the traditional Argentine drink Mate to the meeting which was fascinating to our students.

The following Wednesday, February 22nd, Sofia and Solana returned and visited 2 classes each period getting into the classes of all 5 NSBHS World Language teachers. They addressed a variety of topics, from living quarters and communication to food and leisure time activities. In the upper level classes, Spanish 3 and 4, they spoke only in Spanish to students even though their English is excellent. They were in each class for 15- 20 minutes. The girls shared a pizza and salad lunch with teachers.

It was really an amazing experience and very inspiring to see young scholars from another country reach out and actively seek to learn about our country and culture. And it was extremely generous of them to voluntarily spend the entire day speaking with hundreds of World Language students about Argentina.

## Volusia County World Language Festival

The Volusia County World Language Festival was held at Spruce Creek High School on Saturday, March 25th. The NSBHS World Languages were well represented with approximately 150 entries. The festival opening ceremony started at 9 am and the awards ceremony ended at 2pm. In between, there was food, karaoke singing, cultural experience rooms, a cultural talent show, Olympic competitions, art, global awareness presentation boards and more. Many Cuda participants placed in their events, listed below are some of the highlights.

### From Mrs. Guruvadoo's classes:

- Judette Mckenzie for being awarded **Best of Show** for French 2 on-line test
- Brendan Darcy for 1st place French 2 on-line test
- Madyln Wilson won the **Best of Show** for French 1 on-line test
- Ciara Chiampou 1st place for French 1 on-line test
- Alison West won 1st place for her cookbook and her Vocabulary Poster for French 1
- Alexis Welsh won 1st place for her poster board on Global Awareness for Spanish 1
- Nick Martinez and Daniel Roche-1st place for Musical Video for Spanish 1
- Nick Paradiso and Kunsuwan Narongsak - 1st place for Lesson Video for French 1
- Kaitlyn Ruding won 1st place for Around the World Art Gallery
- Austin Reheiser won 1st for Vocabulary Poster French 2

### From Mr. Gellermann's classes:

- Ann Smith for **Best of Show** Global Awareness Poster
- Riley Larkin for 1st place Global Awareness Poster
- Cooper Hogan 1st place Global Awareness Poster
- Monica Garcia 1st place Global Awareness Poster
- Caroline Crawford 1st place Around the World Art Gallery and 1st place Cultural Bookmark

- Caitlin Chiampou 1st place Around the World Art Gallery
- Kyler Geiger 1st place Cookbook and 1st place Spanish 3 on-line test
- Shilynn Higinbotham 1st place Cookbook
- Jessica Pandey 1st place Cultural Meme
- Cooper Hogan 1st place Cultural Meme
- Camryn Palm 1st place Cultural Meme
- Kaya Faris 1st place Krazy for Karaoke beginner Spanish
- Group Musical Video 1st place to Thomas Beckler, Caitlin Chiampou, Kayla Del Rosario, Monica Garcia, Shilynn Higinbotham, Caroline Martinez, Graysen Potter, Justin Rodriguez and Joseph Spradlin.
- Cy Hesselton 2nd place Spanish 3 on-line test
- Joseph Spradlin 2nd place Spanish Poem Spanish 4
- Daphne Detra 1st place Travel Brochure

Thanks to the many students who participated in this year's festival and congratulations to all the placers. A special thank you to Mrs. Adarve and Mrs. De Leonardi for helping Mr. Gellerman with the Krazy for Karaoke event.

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### Digital Multimedia Design and Digital Video Production

Digital Multimedia Design and Digital Video Production students from across the district took part in the HUB on Canal Student Film Festival! Many thanks to Kate Barnette, CTE Specialist, and the DMMD and DVP teachers and students who were part of this inaugural community event. The press release and winners are listed below.

#### THE FIRST ANNUAL HUB ON CANAL STUDENT FILM FESTIVAL ANNOUNCES AWARD WINNERS

Students from Four Area High Schools Received Awards and Prizes  
NEW SMYRNA BEACH, Fla. - The Hub on Canal Inc. announced the winners of its film festival categories for both films and film posters at a private awards ceremony for students, parents, and teachers held at The Hub on Canal on March 2, 2017.

The student film festival was developed as part of a collaborative effort between Volusia County Schools and The Hub on Canal. During the fall 2016 semester, film production students created 4-minute films that reflected the theme of the film festival, A Day in My Life as I See It. Students in the digital multi-media department at each school collaborated with the student filmmakers to create movie posters. Approximately 50 student films and movie posters were submitted for judging.



#### Student Award Categories and Winners

The winners and awards selected by the judges for the 2017 film competition are listed as follows:

##### 4-Minute Film Competition

- **1st Place in Film Competition and Best Directing**, Danielle George, Take One, New Smyrna Beach High School
- **2nd Place in Film Competition and Best Cinematography**, Bobby Levy, Life in the Moment , New Smyrna Beach High School
- **3rd Place in Film Competition and Editing**, April O’Gorman, Day in the Life of a Missionary in Haiti , New Smyrna Beach High School
- **Honorable Mention and Best Writing**, Eliza Budanio, A Day in My World As I See It , Spruce Creek High School
- **Judges Special Award for Post-Production Effects**, Alex Brunning, A Day in the World of D-Man, Deland High School

##### Film Poster Competition

- **1st Place in Film Poster Competition**, Aneil Brunning Rampersad, A Day in the Life of D-Man , Deland High School
- **2nd Place in Film Poster Competition**, Abby Sweinhagen, A Day in the World of D-Man , Deland High School
- **3rd Place in Film Poster Competition**, Steven Menendez, A Day in the World as I See It , Deland High School