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SCHS and NWFSC: Ties that Bind



Seacoast Community Leaders



Florida Governor Ron DeSantis



NWFSC Leaders

Caroline Good- Post Staff

Seacoast marked a historic milestone with the ribbon cutting of the new Northwest Florida State College South Walton center on August 28th, 2025. The new buildings include spaces for both the college and high school students to use. State representatives, local authorities, and educators attended the event and praised the center as an investment in the current and future generations.

Governor Ron DeSantis, College President Mel Ponder, Superintendent Russell Hughes, Senator Jay Trumbull,

Students and families attending the ribbon cutting expressed excitement about the opportunities ahead.

Major League Baseball Hall of Famer Tom Glavine, and Representative Shane Abbott were among the notable attendees at the ceremony.

"This should be a place where students can dream big, work hard, and know their community is invested in them," said Florida Department of Education Commissioner Anastasios Kamoutsas. Millions of dollars were invested into the new building, and it will accommodate 500+ students annually and includes classrooms, labs, and group work areas, showing its dedication to preparing students for both the workforce and higher education.

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After the first semester, students and faculty say the new campus is already an inspired place of learning and collaboration, reflecting the community's commitment to creating more education and opportunity in South Walton.



Seacoast Student Leaders: Kincso Tischler, Faith Brooks, Chloe Lafreniere , Bayne Thibodeau



Stacey Greenway, Tricia Peterson, Donna Armstrong

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SGA: People Behind the Positions

Aryana Patel - Post Staff

The 2025-2026 Seacoast Student Government Association (SGA) has been working hard, bringing together a group of students excited to make an impact in the community. This team not only plans events such as Lunch at the Coast, dances, and spirit weeks, but also represents student voices and works to create a positive school environment.

At the forefront of SGA is President Anaya Patel, who has focused on connecting all grade levels by organizing events and keeping the school spirit high. Vice President Bayne Thibodeau has helped coordinate these events and kept communication running smoothly between the officers and representatives.

Secretary Fernanda Leyva has managed records and coordinated messages between students and SGA, while Treasurer Savannah Robertson has handled finances to make sure events and fundraisers run effectively.

“Their work ensures that student voices are heard and that school life remains engaging for all grades.”

Grade representatives play an essential role in bringing ideas and concerns from their peers. Senior Representatives Sydney Pereira, Gabrielle Pierce, and Maya Netro aim to leave a lasting impression by helping their classmates enjoy a memorable final year.

Junior Representatives Sydney Downing, Chloe Lafreniere, and Bryce Thibodeau have worked to increase involvement and engagement among students.

Furthermore, Sophomore Representatives Aryana Patel, Ava Schaekel, Haydyn Ward, and Sullivan Stubley contribute energy and dedication to their responsibilities as peer leaders and student advocates.

Freshmen Representatives Corinna Hughes, Eliana Korzinov, Madison, Montgomery, Jillian Pereira, Charlotte Stubley, and Alex Kate Wickman bring forth new ideas for events, student programs, and school improvement, along with enthusiasm to support school initiatives.

The 2025-2026 SGA represents a team committed to leadership, collaboration, and making high school experiences valuable and inspiring. Their work ensures that student voices are heard and that school life remains engaging for all grades. -



President Anaya Patel



Vice President Bayne Thibodeau



Secretary Fernanda Leyva



Treasurer Savannah Robertson

Photos Courtesy of SGA Members

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Senior Reps



Maya Netro



Sydney Pereira



Gabrielle Pierce

Junior Reps



Sydney Downing



Chloe Lafreniere



Bryce Thibodeau

Sophomore Reps



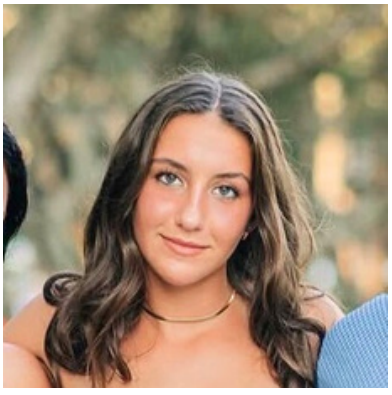
Aryana Patel



Ava Schaekel



Sullivan Stubley



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SGA: People Behind the Positions

Freshman Reps



Corinna Hughes



Eliana Korzinov



Madison Montgomery



Jillian Pereira



Charlotte Stubley



Alex Kate Wickman

Photos Courtesy of SGA Members

Compass Crew

Faith Brooks - Post Staff

The Compass Crew debuted at the beginning of the 2025-2026 school year. A student-led initiative organized by Ms. Catherine Limekiller, it introduced incoming freshmen to each other and helped them start the year off on a good foot and ease the first-day-of-school jitters.

Upperclassmen split the freshmen into small groups and led them through a variety of different games. Other upperclassmen assumed different leadership roles, including directors, who took charge in



Compass Crew and new students having fun outside.

"The event...acquainted freshmen with the new campus and their fellow classmates."



Compass Crew leaders, Bayne Thibodeau and Kincso Tischler.

Photos- Ava Schaekel, Post Staff

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organizing the event and making sure everything ran smoothly, and S-group leaders, who led the Freshmen Olympics. The Olympic games allowed different small groups to meet and compete against each other.

Overall, the event encouraged upperclassmen to develop their leadership skills, and acquainted freshmen with the new campus and their fellow classmates. Ms. Limekiller states that the Compass Crew "will only get better with time." Next year, Compass Crew intends to build off of their success, taking advice from the freshmen and upperclassmen who participated in the event, and continuing to foster leadership and initiate friendships. -

Photos- Ava Schaekel, Post Staff



Compass Crew upperclassmen waiting to welcome new Seacoast students.



Compass Crew talking with incoming Seacoast students.



Compass Crew leading student games.



New Seacoast students, today; Seacoast leaders, tomorrow.

Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration

Ruby Grice - Post Staff

Seacoast Collegiate High School celebrated Hispanic Heritage Month by creating projects, cooking and eating cuisine, doing artistic projects, and more in dedication to Hispanic Heritage.



Students having fun at Hispanic Heritage Month LATC
Photo Courtesy of Val Wallace

This month was more than just a celebration of culture, it's a time to appreciate the stories and traditions that make our community interesting and vibrant. Each year, Hispanic Heritage Month celebrates the cultures, languages, and stories that enrich our communities.

From September 15 to October 15, we honor the generations who have shared their art, music, and traditions, and recognize the students, teachers, and families who continue to shape our world with pride and creativity. Beyond the festivities, it's a time to appreciate how diversity connects and strengthens us all.

For Seacoast's Spanish teacher, Señora Val Wallace, from Bolivia, this month holds a special meaning. Beginning two years ago, Señora Val got Seacoast to start celebrating Hispanic Heritage month -- and thanks to her, students and her fellow teachers continue the tradition alongside her. Because of her input for

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the festivities, The Seacoast Post interviewed Señora Val to get her opinions on Hispanic Heritage Month.

Q: What does your Hispanic heritage mean to you personally?

A: My Hispanic heritage is who I am. It connects me to my family, my roots in Bolivia, my language, and the values I was raised with. It reminds me to always value community, hard work, and the joy of celebrating life through food, music, and traditions.

Q: Can you share a tradition or story from your culture that has shaped who you are?

A: One tradition that really shaped me is Carnaval de Oruro in Bolivia. It's a huge celebration with music, dancing, and incredible costumes, and it brings together both indigenous traditions and Spanish influence. Growing up with that taught me the importance of unity, creativity, and respecting different cultures that come together as one.

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Mrs. Val Wallace, Spanish Teacher, and students.

Photo Courtesy of Val Wallace

Q: How do you think Hispanic culture positively influences our community?

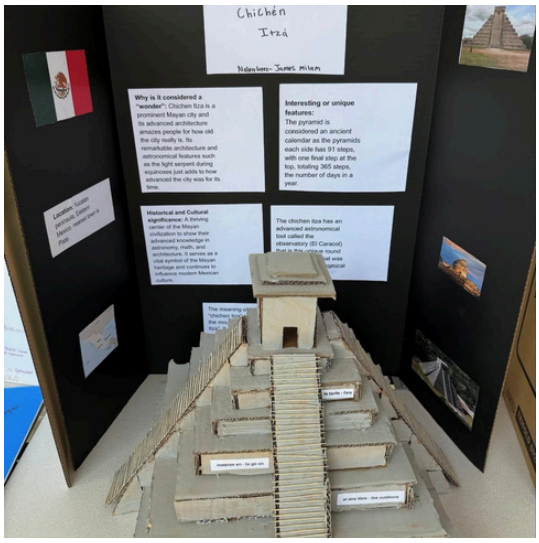
A: Hispanic culture adds so much to our community — from food and art to language and music. But even more than that, it brings strong values of family, hospitality, and resilience. Those things help build a community where people support each other and celebrate differences.

Q: What message would you like to share about the importance of celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month?

A: At Seacoast, celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month is a chance to encourage students to expand their minds. It's an opportunity to learn about different traditions and cultures, to be open to new perspectives, and to see the value of diversity even if it's not always visible around us. I hope it also inspires students to learn a new language and, one day, to travel and see the world for themselves. -



Student Albert Phung gives a "thumbs up" for the HIspanic Heritage visualart display
Photo Courtesy of Val Wallace



Student project- Chichen Itza pyramid
Photo- Ava Schaekel, Post Staff



Sydney Pereira and Mrs. Tricia Peterson serving Spanish cuisine.

Photo- Ava Schaekel, Post Staff

Cross Country

Grace Whitlock - Post Staff



Cross Country having fun



Boys and Girls Cross Country Teams

Training, Teamwork, and Persistence Define Seacoast's Cross Country Season. From the beginning of June, the Seacoast cross country team has been hard at work.

They showed up to practices three to four times a week, practicing on their own two days a week, and racing nearly every other weekend. This past fall, the cross country team participated in several meets, including a pre-season meet held at Northwest Florida State College.

Coach Katie Hodge was hired within a week of school getting out last year, and she wasted no time getting to work. She started conditioning with the athletes at the start of summer, helping all of them not only get faster, but taught them some valuable lessons, as well.

Coach Hodge has taught the Seacoast cross country team the importance of balancing recovery and nutrition with training. She has also helped to make the Seacoast Collegiate High School cross country team a safe environment, with all athletes forming lifelong bonds with one another. These lessons can be used throughout each runner's life, beyond the cross country course.

To these athletes, their progress relies solely on their hard work on and off the course. Furthermore, they have all shown incredible work ethic from June to the season's end. Practices revolve largely around track workouts, tempo runs, long runs, and recovery runs. By doing these crucial workouts weekly, they achieved faster times and built endurance.

The combined efforts of Coach Hodge and the Seacoast cross country team has paid off significantly. Both the girls and boys teams worked hard and competed at State competition in November.

The cross country team worked hard every day. When you see someone with a cross country team shirt on, know that they put in a lot of work to be able to wear it! -



Girls Cross Country

Photos Courtesy of Grace Whitlock

Seacoast Boys and Girls Golf

Elle Nykamp - Post Staff



Boys and Girls Golf Teams



Junior, Eli Montgomery

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The Seacoast Collegiate High School's Girls and Boys Golf teams' seasons started off with a bang. The girls, in their debut season as a Seacoast Golf team, secured first place in their first match against Marianna on September 4. The boys team had quite impressive results as well, placing second overall in the match.



Seacoast and Seaside Golf



Seacoast and Seaside Golf

On September 10, the boys team competed in the first boys only tournament and second of the season. It was played at Kelly Plantation against both Rocky Bayou and Destin High School. Elijah Montgomery, Kody Sprenkle, and Frank Brown all showed up with outstanding individual results. With Elijah placing 3rd overall and Kody and Frank tying for 5th, the boys proved that they can handle the pressure.

Photos: Seacoast Collegiate High Instagram Social Media

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THE ADDAMS FAMILY: BEHIND THE SCENES



Addams Family Cast back stage


Viking Ancestor, Sophia Barrientos and Cowboy Ancestor, Mireya Holtz, posing backstage.

Pay Attention to the cast behind the curtian: an insider's look at behind the scenes of The Addams Family.

Kincso Tischler- Post Staff

Under Ms. Abbie Lee Webster's leadership, the Addam's Family cast rehearsed every Monday and Tuesday, occasionally Wednesday, for the two months preceding the show, from 2:45 to 4:30. These rehearsals focused on blocking, choreographing, memorizing lines, and constructing sets and props. Each rehearsal echoed with laughter at jokes or funny mistakes and excitement for working on the next scene. Highlights included choreographing the songs "Full Disclosure" and "When You're an Addams."


Uncle Fester and The Addams Family Ancestors



Rehearsal fun backstage

Photos: Ava Schaekel- Post Staff

"Friendships and memories grew throughout the process, creating a must-see performance."

Performers worked hard onstage while the tech crew created the show behind the scenes, building the enchanted Addams mansion and props like Grandma's potion cart. Being a part of the cast was an exciting and learning experience. At every rehearsal, I would walk into rehearsal, and I would see and hear cast members helping each other with lines, song lyrics, and choreography. This not only helped improve the show, but it also helped improve our personal skills.

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THAT'S A WRAP!

Faith Brooks - Post Staff

On October 24th and 25th, Seacoast's very own Musical Theatre Club put on The Addams Family Musical on the brand new outdoor stage. After nearly two months of rehearsals, the Seacoast Theatre Club's hard work paid off. Combined with stunning costumes, wigs, handmade set pieces, and professional lighting and sound, the performances blew crowds away.

Ms. Abbie Lee Webster, Seaside Neighborhood Schools' resident theatre teacher and director for the musical, worked tirelessly with Musical Theatre students to put together the show. They put on two shows — one on Friday and one on Saturday at 7:00 PM. The cast, crew, and audience were all buzzing with excitement. -



Olivia Hicks as Grandmama



Faith Brooks as Wednesday and Alex Koehler as Lucas Beineke and Lita Ciaravino as Mal Beineke watch Lucas' mom, Alice Beineke, played by Kincso Tischler.



Musical Theater Director, Ms. Abbie Lee Webster and her Addams Family Cast and Crew

Photos: Nora Crowe - Post Staff

"I had such an amazing time bringing The Addams Family to life with this group of students! They did an amazing job at rehearsals and I was so proud of all the hard work they poured into their characters! I already miss working with them and can't wait for Mamma Mia with them next year!" - Abbie Lee Webster



Victorian Ancestor, Jenna King



Morticia Addams - Hailey Estrada



Ancient Greece Ancestor, Legacy Wagner, and '20s Flapper Ancestor, Alexa Becker



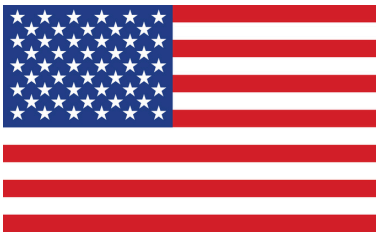
Military Appreciation Club members greet students at their bake sale.

VETERAN'S DAY

Ruby Grice - Post Staff

SCHS Military Appreciation Club Honors Veterans Through Service and Leadership. Students at Seacoast Collegiate High School marked Veterans Day with purpose this year.

The Military Appreciation Club led the effort, and the club's sponsor, History teacher Mrs. Katherine Gallagher, described why the day matters to her. "Veterans Day reminds me to honor all who served their country, especially my dad, who served as a physician in the U.S. Navy," she said. She explained that the club carries that tradition forward through meaningful service. The club's fall bake sale raised $300



for the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and Mrs. Gallagher emphasized the club's mission: "We want to work directly with organizations that provide aid to veterans and give as much money as possible to nonprofits that benefit them."

Mrs. Gallagher praised the dedication and leadership within the club. "I feel proud of all the members," she said. "Leaders such as Sullivan Stubley, Elizabeth Tidwell, and Oliver Jordan impress me with their work, and ambassadors Amelia Goode and Kenadi Luskey bring incredible energy. I see students taking on challenges and asking how they can make a difference. Many want to join the U.S. armed forces, and I feel grateful to guide such a motivated group."

Club members also shared what the day and their work mean to them. Sullivan Stubley described Veterans Day as "a time to honor those who fought and sacrificed so much to defend our interests, both domestically and abroad." He explained that the club raises awareness, runs fundraisers, and supports veterans by offering financial help and assistance with daily needs.

For Elizabeth Tidwell, the club's impact reaches beyond the holiday. She believes the club "brings awareness to what people's parents and grandparents went through, how those experiences shaped their lives, and why it matters to carry that legacy forward."

Through service, leadership, and genuine respect, SCHS students work to strengthen their connection to veterans and deepen the school's appreciation for military service. -



Military Appreciation Club sell delicious baked goods to raise money for The Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Photos: Ava Scheakel - Post Staff

SEACOAST'S FIRST THANKSGIVING FEAST

Mrs. Janie Green - Journalism Advisor

Seacoast Collegiate High School welcomed parents and families to join in on our first annual Thanksgiving Feast, held in our new courtyard on Friday, November 21, 2025. Complete with a catered menu from 98 BBQ and delicious desserts provided by families, the afternoon was not only a time to stop and enjoy the company of others, but also a time to reflect and be grateful for a dream realized: our new learning space in conjunction with Northwest Florida State College.

In the spirit of the season, Ms. Catherine Limekiller and Ms. Grayson Glover organized a canned food drive context in the weeks preceding the Thanksgiving Feast. Seacoast brought in 1, 317 cans. Since Ms. Nash's class and Ms. Limekiller's class, brought in over 400 cans, each class was rewarded with a pizza party. Ms. Glover and parent volunteers took the cans to Harvest House in Destin after the event.



Student representatives from Ms. Nash's class with an abudance of canned goods.

Photos: Mrs. Penny Blank - Journalism Advisor



Seacoast Students enjoying the afternoon

Our Musical Theater department provided choreographed show-stopping entertainment to the song "What is this Feeling" from the Broadway Musical, Wicked. Mireya Holtz performed as Elphaba and Alexa Beker played Galinda with an incredible cast. Former Seacoast students who have younger siblings at Seacoast joined their families at our feast. It was a delightful afternoon celebrating education, families, and friends on Seacoast's new campus. -



Mr. Drew Ward congratulates Cross Country on qualifying for State.



Ms. Abbie Lee Webster introducing the Musical Theater Club.



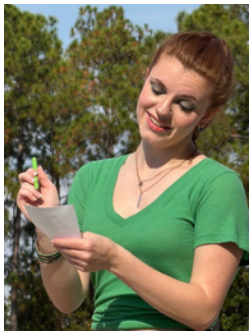
Ms. Limekiller's students with their collection of canned goods.



Musical Theater takes a bow.



Mireya Holtz and Alexa Becker performing.



Senior Mireya Holz performing as Elphaba.

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The South Walton Center is a significant step toward offering more access to education across the region. With its technology and dual-enrollment programs, the new campus should improve workforce development in the region and more adequately prepare students for a range of career paths. Officials stated the opening of the center is part of continued efforts to invest in education and secure the future of Northwest Florida. -



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GOLF

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Competing as the Swordfish, both the boys and girls teams worked hard through a series of matches this fall, and they did well at the district competition at the end of October.

Win or lose, the hard work, growth, and dedication shown by the Seacoast golf team this season has made it one to remember. -



Homecoming, March 7

ADDAMS

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Being a part of the cast, I loved being in on all of the inside jokes and phrases like “lock in” being shouted out when times became stressful or when the cast was being goofy. At the end of every rehearsal, Yogurt Addams—a stuffed goose adopted as the cast’s pet—was awarded to a cast or crew member showing the most effort. The recipient’s joy made this tradition a highlight.

Whether cast or tech, everyone brought enthusiasm and energy to this show. Friendships and memories grew throughout the process, creating a must-see performance. The Addams Family cast and crew were thrilled for the audience to experience the results of their effort! -

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Careers on Campus: Upcoming Dates:



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March 27th	**Aviation**
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May 22nd	**Engineering**

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