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PROM ROYALTY CROWNED

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On Saturday, March 21 St. Amant’s juniors and seniors had the opportunity to attend prom. It is a memorable night for all involved, it is a shared right of passage amongst the attendees. The night of prom is always surrounded by anticipation and excitement for the night withholds fancy dresses, sharp suits and fun music.

Although the dancing is fun , another exciting moment of the night was the presentation of the 2026 Prom Court King and Queen. The Prom Court consisted of Addison Blanchard, Cale Babin, Kyleigh Brigalia, Cooper Babin, Ali Cunningham, Henry Brown, Ameila Duplessis, Marcus Dunn, Pheinyx Francis, Quinten Elisar, Rylee Gonzales, Mylez Hebert, Jessika Graham, Cooper Ladner, Gracie Guillot, Kha (Kenny) Nguyen, Ryleigh Lanoux, Evan Rapp, Addey Ohmer, Donald Schonberg, Ella Young, Kaven Taylor, Emma Young, Rashaad Williams and lastly Emma Young.

Out of the 24 Prom Court participants Kenny Nguyen and Kyleigh Brigalia were crowned prom king

and queen. “I feel incredible, I love my friends!” Nguyen said, “ It feels rewarding knowing that I there’s people that enjoy speaking to me, it feels so nice.” Similarly Prom Queen Brigalia said, “I feel so loved by my community, STA has brought so many amazing people into my life, I truly feel so much gratitude and love.”



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Despite winning, both Nguyen and Brigalia never expected that they would receive the crowning and the title of king and queen. “I didn’t even know about prom until I got into highschool, I remember seeing a guy that I found cool won and since I wanted to do the same.” Nguyen said. Brigalia also believed that prom court’s Pheinyx Francis was going to gain the title. “I thought someone funny like Pheinyx

Francis would have won.” Despite their doubts the two are extremely grateful for their crowns and their peers who voted for them to win.

Overall, prom 2026 was a success, and it was very fulfilling for both the prom court and the students who attended.

Junior Kian Delhommer will soon educate the country on the importance of Ag I

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Junior Kian Delhommer has officially been nominated to attend Nationals in Portland, Oregon for her speech in Ed-Rising. She placed second at State, which further led to this amazing opportunity. Her TED-talk mainly consisted of how Agriculture I should be a required course for students all around the country.

At state, Delhommer faced intimidating challenges such as “having to present on a huge stage to an empty auditorium with two people in front of her with Mrs. Green on the side.” Yet, she still managed to persevere and place second in the entire state of Louisiana in her category. CTE courses are great opportunities for preparing students for the future, especially in a trade. Welding, carpentry and electrician classes are not available to students who have not taken the Agriculture I course.

As students progress in their high school years, many decide that college is not the best option for them. The students who make these last-minute decisions tend to be those in the senior class. “Instead of being introduced to Ag I in their freshman year, they take it their second semester of senior year and only got to take one technical course in their entire high school career,” Delhommer said. In Louisiana, having experience in technical courses and trades can be detrimental to one’s career if college is not in the picture.

To prove this, Delhommer did research upon East Carroll Parish schools in Louisiana. “East Carroll Parish had to go into recovery due to COVID-19,” according to Delhommer. When a school must enter recovery, it refocuses on transforming the school into a highly-functioning place where students can thrive again.



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Delhommer said, “the state government funded to get more teachers in, and their second goal was to get technical courses, and to get Ag I.” Delhommer found that, before the school went into recovery, there were not many job opportunities in the area. “Before recovery, their highest paying job in their parish was working at the jail. 22% of people were working in the jail. That is 22% of the parish’s income coming from not a great paying job,” she said. In her research, she also noticed that after introducing technical courses and courses such as Agriculture I, there was a clear increase in percentages of construction workers, food preparation workers and landscapers.

As many know, Louisiana is very trade-based. Delhommer is excited to “take something so close to home and bring it to the other side of the country.” She hopes to show future educators about how different parts of the country work, and how others can bring this knowledge that she gained to their homes and introduce it as well.

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Lady Gators win against Central, lose against Walker

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On Tuesday, March 24, the St. Amant Lady Gators defeated Central High Wildcats 15–5 at Central High School, thanks to a powerful performance at the plate.

Senior Brooke Rabalais led St. Amant with two home runs and seven runs batted in. She hit both home runs in the first inning, including a grand slam, helping her team take an early lead.

St. Amant scored 10 runs in the first inning to take control of the game. Rabalais started the scoring with a three-run home run. Sophomore Kaydi Landry added an RBI single, and a Central error brought in two more runs. Rabalais later hit a grand slam to finish off the big inning.

Rabalais was asked about the first inning and she said, “Getting 10 runs out of the way and scoring helped us stay calm throughout the day and not feel like we were pressing for runs as much. This made us less nervous and we could focus more on playing together.”

The Gators added five more runs in the third inning. Senior Rylie Causey hit a single that scored two runs, and sophomore Devin Tanner followed with a double that brought in three runs.

Sophomore Kyndall Landry pitched for St. Amant and earned the win. She allowed four runs, three

of them earned, on six hits over five innings. She also struck out six batters and walked one

St. Amant finished the game with 11 hits. Senior Bailey Ducote, Causey and Rabalais each had two hits. The team also got six walks.

On Thursday, March 26, the Lady Gators came up just short in a close 9–8 loss to Walker High School.

St. Amant started the game strong and quickly built a 6–1 lead by the second inning. In the first, Rabalais hit a single that brought in two runs, and Kaydi Landry added another run with a sacrifice fly. Tanner helped extend the lead in the second inning with a double that drove in two runs.

“Just knowing that my defense was behind me and just letting them put the ball in play and making my defense work behind me,” said Landry as she talked about her difficult fight in the circle.

Even with the loss, several St. Amant players had strong performances. Tanner, Kyndall Landry, and Ducote each had three hits. Tanner also led the team with three runs batted in. Causey, Rabalais, and sophomore Madeline Stevens each added multiple hits.

The Lady Gators face their next opponent, Denham Springs today. We wish them the best of luck!



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The NJROTC Orienteering team competes at their first Nationals

By: BRYCE LONIDER
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On the weekend of March 14 and 15, the Gators of the NJROTC Orienteering team went to Alachua, Florida to attend their first ever National Orienteering competition which held over 40 teams and 500 cadets. Orienteering is seen as a combination between cross-country and a scavenger hunt. “This is one of the most fun things about NJROTC,” Lieutenant Commander Aaron Bates mentions. In orienteering, one is being tested on their endurance and speed because every cadet is running from each control to finish the race as fast as they can to help their team get the lowest time. St. Amant had three top finishers including Grant Wells in the Varsity Male, Garret Hebert in the Junior Varsity Male and Sophia Centanni in the Junior Varsity Female.

To practice for nationals and other orienteering competitions, the Gators spend a lot of time in the classroom. Due to Louisiana’s geography, practicing for orienteering in outdoor circumstances is difficult considering there is nowhere local to practice. They have an acronym called CARE which stands for: Control Attack point Route and Elevation features. Having this acronym allows them to have an idea on how to get from one control to another. The Gators must figure out which control they are going to next, figure out their attack point, find a route to take and then observe elevation levels to ensure they are heading in the right direction. “It would take a lot of faith to say that

you are ‘pretty sure’ it is that way,” Commander Bates comments. This means that practicing this acronym can make sure the Gators are not getting lost and are not just wandering around to find the next control. Making certain observations on the map the runners are given and seeing them happen in real life can give the runners confidence in themselves that they are heading the correct way.

During Nationals, Sophomore Sophia Centanni, was the only female that competed at nationals for the Gators and came out 34 out of 72 other female runners which is significant improvement from when she started to where she is now. Centanni started orienteering as a freshman and at her first race she ended up getting lost. “I got lost and I got scared and I felt completely defeated” Centanni states. For two years, she continued to compete in races but unfortunately could not finish them. However, at regionals

this year she not only finished the race, but also ended up winning the whole thing. “It was really just Commander Bates telling me to keep going because I didn’t want to keep going, but he believed in me and I am glad he did”. With the continuous support of Lieutenant Commander Bates, Centanni was able to help St. Amant qualify for their first ever nationals in orienteering which is where she placed 34. Centanni’s remarkable journey in Orienteering made other females also want to participate in the sport of Orienteering.



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STA Bowling won district and are heading to playoffs

By: ALEXANDRA TOSTE
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St. Amant's bowling team has had a great season thus far, winning district and heading into playoffs. This is the boys first time making it into playoffs since coach Darrin Cagnolatti started back in 2020. "Winning district with both teams is a huge accomplishment. We have a very competitive district compared to most of the rest of the state," said coach Cagnolatti.

The team sets goals for themselves before the season starts, "We set goals as a team at the start of the season. Having both the girls and boys teams win district, well that is just special and speaks to the quality and dedication of our student athletes," said assistant coach Noell Lee who has been involved in high school bowling for five years but just started at STA this year. Both of the coaches firmly believe all their players have put in the work and earned their spot in the playoffs. The coaches

say they will remain calm and trust in the preparations for the matches.



When the players are in pre-season they practice twice a week. During a match the players only pay attention to themselves so they don't get distracted by their opponents. "If I focus on what me and my teammates are doing then that's going to ensure that we can do the best that we can do," said senior Chase Cagnolatti.

The girls went to playoffs as well as making it into the final four last year. They also beat Dutchtown High School twice this season, making them 6-0 in district play. "I am proud, when I remember my last year's average, it has really improved with all the time we dedicate to it," said senior Jessie Tengler about her performance.

Even though there was a lack of freshmen recruits for this season, the coaches will have their eye out for the

upcoming 2026-2027 season.

Gator Baseball beats EA after loss to Walker High

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St. Amant High School's Baseball team loses to Walker High School with the final score of 3-1. The Gators started off the game with Junior, Tucker Miller, pitching. Tucker pitched the first five innings of the game, striking out one and walking two. Miller said that while he was pitching he wanted to get ahead. During Miller's time pitching he gave up six hits and three runs, with two earned. When asked what he can improve on, Miller states "Definitely waste pitches and stuff like that when I'm early in the count." Despite the runs that were given up, Head coach Caleb Ricca states "If your starter can



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hold you at about three runs or less from the other team you feel like your offense at home can do it."

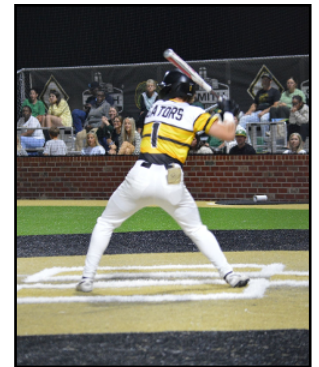
The Gators continued to fight to stay in the game and never gave up. They were down by three runs until the sixth inning when Cooper Templet brought Cooper Babin in for their first run. However, this was not enough to finish the game with a win. When asked about future games Coach Ricca said "I feel like the games are about to go on a little run."

On Thursday March 26, the Gators beat EA with the final score of 8-2. Although the game started off slow, Ricca states that in the middle of the game the gator

offense was able to go into attack mode. This is what the gators needed to execute the win Thursday night. When asked about the strengths in the game, what was highlighted was the pitching performance. Tyson Sheets "led the way" helping keep the score 0-0 allowing the offense to be able to relax and focus on their jobs when at bat. He was able to keep the team calm throughout the game and continued competing as offense came into play later in the game.

The win against EA wasn't the only exciting factor in this game. It was also senior Quinten Elisar's first game back from an injury that occurred during football season. Elisar tore his ACL during the St. Amant vs. EA game back in October. What is usually a six month recovery time, Elisar was able to come back in just four months. "Coming back to baseball and having the whole community around felt amazing," said Elisar. Dealing with his injury, he was told multiple times by doctors that he most likely wasn't going to be back for his final season. However, Elisar knew that if he kept a positive attitude and strong faith that he would be able to return to the diamond for his final season. Elisar wants to thank his coaches and teammates for helping him through this experience and helping him recover and get back to playing.

The Gators play this Tuesday and Thursday against Live Oak High School and we wish them the best of luck!



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Gators flag football keeps the win streak of two for two in their season

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On Thursday March 19, 2026 St. Amants flag football team had their first game. The Gators had a huge win of 27-0 against GEO Next Generation Tigers at St. Michael.

During the game Emma Schexnayder got two receiving touchdowns, Pheinyx Francis and Arianna Castille both got one pick six.

Coach Darren Simoneaux said that he thought the team did really well, "we were missing half our team from softball and track and we still performed at a high level". Coach Joleigh Hartman said, "Without having the track girls there, it was a great opportunity for me and Coach Simoneaux to see people that aren't attached to any other sport. We went in there very confident from the practice day before. Truly it was really great to see students who aren't



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on any other sports teams yet." Francis thinks that the game went really well and that there are a lot of things they still need to work on, but she thinks that "everybody is growing and getting better the more they play." On Thursday, March 26, the Gators played Madison Prep at the pit. Going into the game Coach Simoneaux felt really good and knew this was going to be the best opponent they played all year. The Gators were able to score their second win of the season with a score of 8-0!

Both Coach Simoneaux and Coach Jo think the girls are getting better each day and are starting to get a better feel for the game. The Gators play Wednesday April 1 at St. Michael against LA School For The Deaf at 5 pm and against St. Michael at 6 pm. We wish the lady Gator flag football team good luck for their upcoming games!

St. Amant FCA host Fields of Faith

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On Monday March 23, FCA hosted Fields of Faith at the Pit. Fields of Faith is where students can come together, worship, play games and talk about Jesus Christ and how he has changed their lives. Huddle Sponsor,



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Morgan Green said that Fields of Faith is "an event to celebrate all of these athletes coming together on the field to talk about Jesus and how he transforms lives." This is St. Amant's first time since 2019 hosting Fields of Faith. STA is a

recognized FCA huddle so they can register their Fields of Faith and anyone in Ascension or surrounding areas can go and participate. Athletes and students from St. Amant, Dutchtown, East Ascension, Prairieville and even Woodlawn High to Monday's event.

During the event three students spoke to their peers and talked about their testimonies, two of which are St. Amant's own: Kyleigh Brigalia and Josie Villar. Brigalia said that her testimony was how Jesus changed her life starting when she got baptized at seven and how God has used her purpose for her different experiences in her life. Villar was excited to give her testimony but was nervous to do it in front of a crowd. Villar said, "I wasn't really doing it myself, I was doing it for God."

During this event there was also a student lead worship band, led by Bryson Guidry. Guidry said that he has always had a passion for music, especially worship

music since he got saved. He found the people to make the band by going to different churches and youth groups to see who would be interested as well as asking other FCA groups from different schools.

There were also different pastors from different churches in the community that came and students were able to find a church to disciple at. Chris Carlin from Healing Place Church in Baton Rouge came and talked about the Gospel to the students as well.

FCA calls their mission the "Three E's" engage, equip and empower. Mrs. Green said, "Our overall goal was to do that, engage them, equip them and empower them to know who Jesus is and how he can change their life."

Mrs. Green comments that the students are the reason that events like Fields of Faith happen. "Without kids like Bryson, Kyleigh and Josie, who took the initiative the event doesn't happen."

Mrs. Green said. Without the heart and hard work from these students the events wouldn't be possible. Mrs. Green left a special message to the students who helped with the event, "Thank you so much for responding to the call that Jesus has asked you to do and for sharing and giving up your time in such a sacrificial and sweet way." FCA meets every Friday before school at 7:05 and would love to see you there or at other events like Fields of Faith!



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Teachers outside of the classroom: Worship Singers Mrs. Jones and Mr. LeBlanc

By: HAYDEN LOUPE
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Along with bakings, many teachers have a hobby of singing, such as Mrs. Jessica Jones and Mr. Chad LeBlanc. The two enjoy singing for their churches and leading the worship and choir teams.

Mrs. Jones, one of the Spanish teachers here at St. Amant, has been singing for her church since she was little. "My dad was a singer and use to be in a band, I think I got my talent from him," said Mrs. Jones. Mrs. Jones has always been apart of her worship team and as an adult she actually is able to lead the congregation at her church at least once or twice a week. Mrs. Jones has a few songs and artist that she really enjoys singing. For worship, her favorite song is "Ocean" by Hill Song Worship, but when she is alone or out with friends a few of her favorite artist to cover are Taylor Swift, Adele and Carrie Underwood.

Mrs. Jones favorite part of singing with her church is that she gets lead the congregation and for her father. Sadly, her father passed away when she was 17. Mrs. Jones' singing allows for her to honor and be close to her father. "I know I'd be making him proud following in his footsteps" said Mrs. Jones as she honored her late father. She also mentions how her dad's passing is a reason that her hobby has grown into what it is now.



PHOTOS CONTRIBUTED BY MR. LEBLANC

Mr. LeBlanc, the In School Suspension Prosidrer has been singing church music since he was in high school. He started out singing with his high school girlfriend, his now wife, in her mom's youth choir at St. Theresa. His wife invited him to go sing with the choir. He was in band, but never sang. Since, that day Mr. Leblanc has found that he was pretty good at singing and has been singing ever since. Mr. Leblanc's favorite part of singing with his choir is that he gets to interact with so many people and that it is so rewarding. "When you put all the voices together it is good enough to contribute to the choir," said Mr. Leblanc. The choir is something that allows for all people who may not be able to do a solo come together and create something that they couldn't do themselves. Mr. Chad enjoys the early renaissance latin musette that is really challenging and intricate. Mr. LeBlanc is currently the choir

director at Most Pleasant Sacrament in Baton Rouge, where even the choir teacher here, Mrs. Sara Bray, is apart of the choir Mr. LeBlanc directs.

Mrs. Jones and Mr. LeBlanc both enjoy the honor to perform in front of their peers and help lead a way in their worships. While they both started for different reasons, they find that it is a way to be close to others, here or in heaven.

Two Gators win first at Louisiana State FFA welding contest

By: GRACE AVANTS AND JOLIE VILLENURVE
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This past week St. Amant welding students competed in Louisiana State Welding competition and had two students place first overall, Breydon Gros and



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Lysander Lopez. Students who competed had previously taken Mandy Delaune's welding classes which helps prepare them for their competitions, "their preparation starts long before they actually participate in the competition," Delaune said. Taking welding classes installs

multiple skills that will stay with students through competition and carrying on these skills when they join the workforce. Students also are involved in the program ABC, Associated Builder and Contractors which provides public schools with "jump start" programs for high school students that are wanting to pursue careers in the construction industry, the two winning students attend ABC.

"Judging is a two man team doing different jobs", Delaune voices. Judging depends on multiple factors; the

cut, quality and complete weld. If the judges are looking at the root pass - a critical first weld in a multi-pass joint- they want to ensure it looks clean and smooth. Then, the judges would look at the cap, essentially looking for any defects on the rods or metal instruments. "the one with the least amount of imperfections," says Delaune, would be more likely to win.

At most of the competitions they will have employers at the event that can help get students job opportunities and different welding companies, which helps set up secure jobs for after college. But, at the state competition, "it's really restricted," Delaune said, not many people could go and observe the competition as its students are welding. But, ABC competitions do have numerous recruiters there for students to network with. Overall students have a high chance of being able to be recruited by companies and have incredible opportunities through these competitions and programs.



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Opinion: Is AI constructive or destructive to our community?

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As many know, Artificial Intelligence has grown more popular than ever over the course of the last two years. From generating homework answers to creating forms of entertainment like “Fruit Love Island,” the use of AI appeals to the teenage population, and most can agree it has gotten out of hand.

“69% of high school students reported using ChatGPT to help with school assignments and homework in May 2025,” College Board’s New Research: Majority of High School Students Use Generative AI for Schoolwork reports. That is more than half of the high school population admitting to using forms of AI to help them with homework. Tiktok has also contributed to spreading forms of AI such as short skit-oriented videos like “Fruit Love Island” and short films with similar characters, which can be shockingly interesting. An NBC News article titled, The AI Fruit Drama on TikTok that’s too busy to pass up states, “Within 10 days, these anthropomorphic fruits — the stars of a TikTok series called ‘Fruit Love Island’ (inspired by Peacock’s “Love Island” franchise) — have drawn in more than 3.3 million followers to the AI.Cinema021 account on TikTok.”

When engaging in these activities that involve AI, many do not realize the true harm that is being done. Sure, lots of people have heard or read about how much water Artificial Intelligence consumes, but are these people truly aware? ‘Thirsty’ ChatGPT uses four times more water than previously thought, an article from The Times states, “Many data centres use water-based systems to cool the

plant with towers evaporating the heat, like a huge perspiration system, which means that the water is lost.” The water that is being used does not recycle, further meaning it is not a part of the water cycle. The water is lost permanently, and when looking at just about how much water is being lost, it is a scary concept to grasp.

So, the next time you use Artificial Intelligence for that entire packet of homework, or share that one “Fruit Love Island” Tiktok, make sure to think of the potential consequences.






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To prepare for Nationals, Delhommer plans to change up her speech in order to add more context for those who are not familiar with a trade-based world. TED-talks are usually given by experts, and Delhommer said, “From now until June, I will educate myself to become an expert on the topic. Educating myself now will not only help myself, but will help the students I get to teach in the next five or more years.” Congratulations Kian Delhommer on this



From left: Sam Manuel, Cara Waguespack and Kian Delhommer compete at State Ed-Rising Rally.


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