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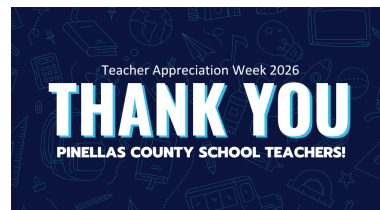
SOARING TO ANOTHER YEAR AS AN A DISTRICT

Welcome to TogetherPCS, the district's monthly newsletter featuring students, staff, alumni, coaches, curriculum, community partners and so much more!

In this issue, we celebrate several of our Class of 2026 seniors, who will graduate at the end of May. Keep an eye on the website and social media for stories of graduates across the district. We also feature the Dunedin High School 3DE National Champions and we visit with Palm Harbor University High School alum Philippa Tuckey, who, after falling in love with car racing when she was little, now works for McLaren Racing.

Do you know someone who should be featured in TogetherPCS? Please click the "Nominate Here" button below.

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This week, we celebrated **Teacher Appreciation Week!** From special meals to gifts and performances, we recognized our incredible teachers across the district.

Check our social media channels for highlights on the impact and dedication of our educators. Thank you, teachers, for your commitment and all that you do every day!

WHAT'S INSIDE



Graduation Dates:

High school graduations will be held on May 20-23 for traditional high schools, May 28 for Educational Alternative Services and Pinellas Virtual and May 26-27 for Exceptional Student Education. Please visit our [Graduation Page](#) for specific dates and times by school.

Last Day of School

May 28

Summer Bridge

Begins June 1. Visit the [Summer Bridge](#) page for more information, including registration and transportation.

Summer Camps

Looking for a fun and fulfilling way to spend your summer? There are still a couple of PCS camps with openings. Visit the [Summer Camps](#) page for a full list of options.

2025-2026

Mark your calendars for the first day of school: August 11, 2026.



Dunedin wins first in 3DE national competition

A team of five from Dunedin High School has earned national recognition after winning The Home Depot National 3DE Challenge, outperforming schools from across the country with an innovative solution designed to improve the customer experience for DIY shoppers.

More than 80 schools nationwide participated in the competition. The Dunedin team created an innovative Do-It-Yourself customer experience centered around Home Depot's paint department and competed against three other schools in the national championship presentation before a live (online) panel of Home Depot judges.

"These students wowed the Home Depot judges at a live (online) event," said Ryan Alford, Dunedin High School's 3DE school director.

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ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT



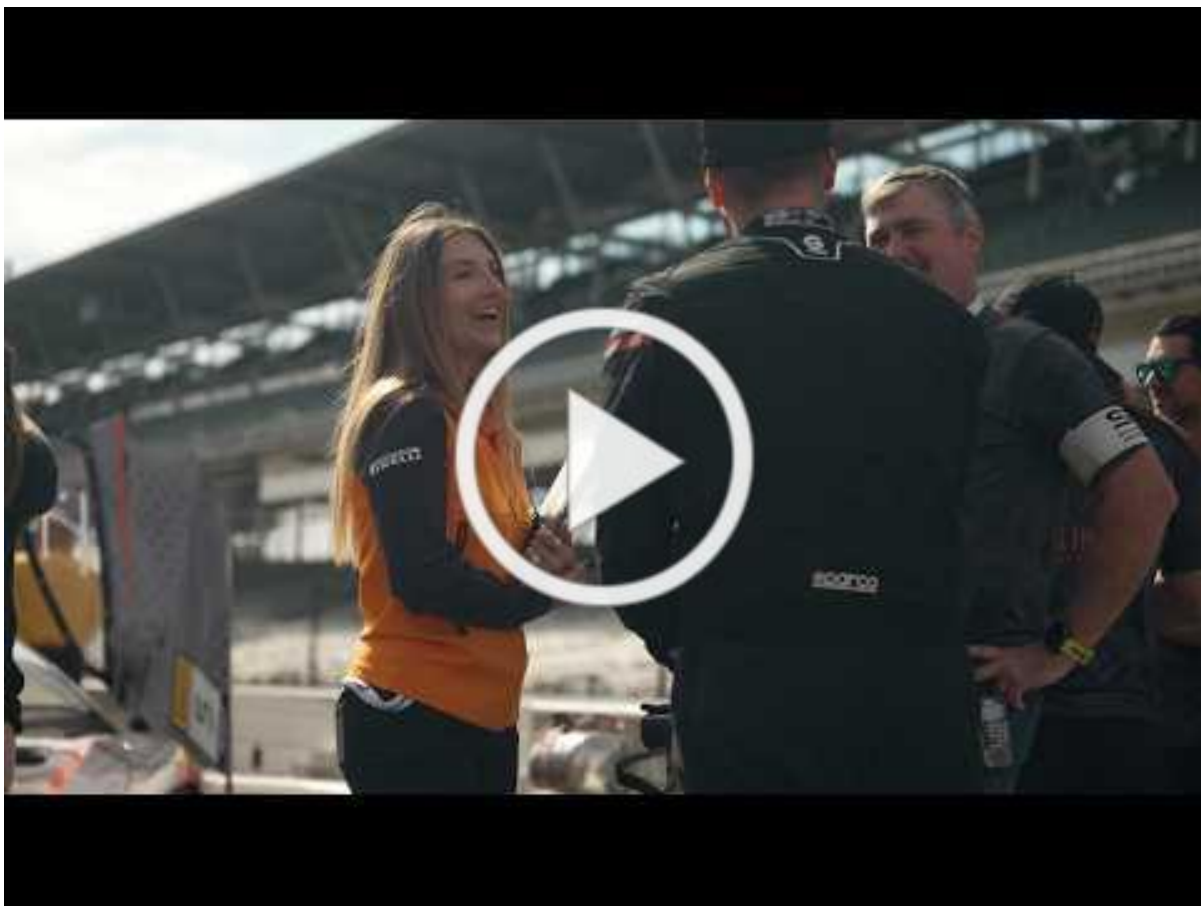
Philippa Tuckey-Steinbrenner, a 2012 graduate of Palm Harbor University High School, is now the Series Manager for McLaren Trophy America for McLaren Automotive.

Despite spending her days surrounded by the roar of race cars, the sound that can still stop Philippa Tuckey-Steinbrenner in her tracks is the tardy bell at Palm Harbor University High School.

More than a decade after graduating from PHUHS, Tuckey recently returned to campus and was instantly transported back to her high school years the moment the familiar bell echoed through the hallways.

“It was incredibly nostalgic,” Tuckey-Steinbrenner said. “I hadn’t heard that bell in over 10 years.”

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CONGRATS CLASS OF 2026



Zephyniis Wharton Lakewood High

Zephyniis Wharton has spent her high school years saying yes to every opportunity she could find and that mindset helped shape her into the traditional valedictorian of Lakewood High School.

With a 4.46 GPA and a passion for storytelling, creativity, and community, Zephyniis describes her experience at Lakewood as “a love-hate relationship” in the best possible way.

“I love the roller coaster,” she said. “I never know what to expect when I come here, and I’ve taken every opportunity.”

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Rafael Feraci St. Petersburg High

Rafael Faraci has spent his high school years fully immersed in leadership, creativity, and community, and now, he’s heading to the University of Florida with a clear vision for his future.

A senior at St. Petersburg High School, Rafael centered his experience around what he calls a “trinity” of involvement: theater, student government, and the social studies honor society, Rho Kappa. As a dedicated thespian, he performed in nearly every school musical over the past four years, wrote plays that advanced to district competitions, and mentored younger theater students.

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Neveah Lewis Dunedin High

Neveah Lewis has never allowed obstacles to define her limits. Instead, the senior at Dunedin High School has spent the past four years building confidence, developing leadership skills, and discovering a passion for engineering through robotics, athletics, and advocacy.

Hard of hearing since birth, Neveah says she once felt shy and uncertain, but over time learned to embrace who she is and use her experiences to inspire others.

“I love myself for who I am,” she said. “Being deaf and hard of hearing is just part of who God made me to be.”

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Amerie Akuffo Gibbs High

Amerie Akuffo set her sights on a goal in ninth grade and never let up. Now, as the valedictorian of Gibbs High School, she’s not only graduating at the top of her class, but also making history as the school’s first Beta valedictorian and the first Black female valedictorian since integration.

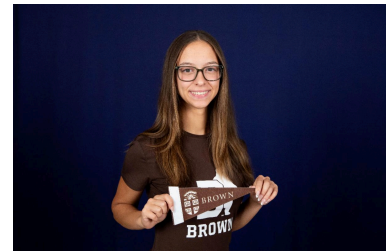
Amerie said she realized early that this achievement was within reach, launching what she describes as a focused, four-year mission.



Adrianna Antoniou East Lake High

Adrianna Antoniou has built her high school career on discipline, determination, and balance, qualities that helped the East Lake High School senior become the school’s first female wrestling state champion while also excelling in the classroom.

Earlier this year, Adrianna made history by winning the state championship in the 155-pound weight class after an impressive postseason run that included defeating the tournament’s top



Gabrielle Zsido Tarpon Springs High

Gabrielle Zsido embraced every opportunity she could during her time at Tarpon Springs High School. It was that spirit of curiosity and community that helped lead her to Brown University this fall.

A standout student, athlete, and community leader, Gabrielle says one of the things she loves most about Tarpon Springs High is its close-knit and collaborative environment.

"It's very liberating," she said. "All the work has been put in, and now it's just waiting for graduation."

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seed in the semifinal match. The accomplishment capped off years of hard work and dedication to a sport she says has given her some of her best memories.

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"It's been a very familial experience," she said. "There are no limiting factors. I've been able to explore every corner of the community at this school."

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The Superintendent Says...

"Congratulations class of 2026 graduates! I am so proud of your hard-earned accomplishments and feel honored to have witnessed a small portion of your journey. Please keep in touch and let us know where you go from here. We know you will continue to achieve amazing things!"

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