

Outstanding Senior Leaders



Banquets

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Who Shall Be Our Leaders?

A person that guides, a person that leads—a leader! A simple word, everyone uses it. It's what every band has, what every organization wants. It's what a person respects, what most people wish to imitate.

A leader is known mostly through actions but can be identified only through behavior and being.

A leader is one:

- whose evaluation of the present is the fixture of the past,
- whose truth is reality
- whose reality is understanding
- whose understanding is life
- whose life challenges the complacency of living.

A leader is one who does not understand the limitations of being human. A leader is one who loves everyone known and believes in everyone loved. A leader has good friends — a challenge in itself.

A leader is one who hides personal aspirations to fulfill the dreams of another. A leader is one that lives what is believed, lives because of beliefs, and lives that others may live and become believers.



Program

Master of Ceremonies

Ms. Ava Havidic, Student Advisor to the School Board
Millennium Collegiate Academy

Ms. Bihanca Jusme, Alternate Student Advisor to the School Board
Blanche Ely High School

Presentation of Colors

Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Army JROTC, Northern Schools
West Broward High School Army JROTC, Southern Schools

National Anthem & Pledge of Allegiance

Welcome

Ms. Patty Brown, Director, Athletics & Student Activities

Introduction of Platform Guests

Greetings from the Associate Superintendent, Nontraditional Schools

Dr. Ted Toomer

Greetings from the School Board

Dinner

Introduction of Speaker

Ms. Xenia Santiago, Liaison, Athletics & Student Activities

Keynote Speaker

Overview of the Role of Student Leaders

Remarks and Recognition of Outstanding Senior Leaders

Ms. Melissa Yezdimir, Student Government Advisor
Boyd H. Anderson High School

Ms. Donna Yard, Student Activities Director
West Broward High School

Recognition of Scholarship Winners

Special Recognition

Mr. Justin Mellinger, Cady Studios

Closing Remarks



Atlantic Technical College And Technical High School Tech Tigers



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Alexa Marie Horodecki

GPA: 3.75 • Class Rank: 17/140

Service Hours: 1,798

Alexa Horodecki is president of seven clubs on campus including the Student Government Association, Inter-Club Council, Students Working Against Tobacco (SWAT), and Students Preventing Unintentional Drownings (SPUD). Through Student Government, she was able to give back to the community by raising almost \$10,000 for the Anthony Rizzo Foundation. She has also hosted various school events like Lip-Sync Battle, Family Feud, Autumn Fest Dance, and free swimming programs. She has also held PTA events, attended school committees, and held a member role in the School Advisory Council. Through SWAT and SPUD Alexa has presented to the student body on topics ranging from the harms of tobacco usage and how to help someone quit tobacco usage to how to escape a drowning car, CPR lessons, and how to save a drowning victim. She has also presented to the Department of Health. Alexa obtained awards such as Do the Right Thing of Coconut Creek Police Department earning national and state recognition and All Around Achiever for her school.

Alexa plans to attend Nova Southeastern University to major in biology with a minor in pre-health.



Michelle Kesner

GPA: 3.3 • Class Rank: 41/140

Service Hours: 43

Michelle is the senior class president, Mu Alpha Theta treasurer, 3D Professionals historian, and an active member of Key Club and Skills USA. In the past few months, she was certified with HAAS CNC and Six Sigma Yellow Belt. Her greatest contribution to her community is her participation in Key Club, partnering with not only other students in her school but around the county. Most recently, Key Club partnered with the city of Margate to help bring in the Winter Festival. Helping in different sections of the fair making sure that not only are the guests and children having fun, but also maintaining a safe environment. Although the Winter Festival is only one example, Key Club has taught her a great sense of responsibility through their events. Not only is she helping her school, but also people not only in the county but across Florida.

She says her greatest contribution to her school was encouraging others to participate during their last year. Michelle plans to attend the University of Central Florida majoring in Mechanical Engineering.



Duchnah Chennise Richard

GPA: 3.8 • Class Rank: 43/140

Service Hours: 107

Duchnah Richard is the president of Teen Political Forum, which empowers students to voice their concerns, perspectives, and ideas with their elected officials directly. Additionally, as a BRACE cadet, she assists peers in preparing for college and career readiness. As the vice president of aWEARness, she supports her peer-led initiative, collaborating with the vice mayor to shed light on under-discussed and stigmatized social, behavioral, and mental health issues. She was recognized nationally for outstanding academic achievement by the College Board. She is a part of the Broward College Entrepreneurship Program and her school's book club.

Duchnah plans to attend American University in Washington, DC, to major in international relations and a minor in economics and history.



Lorenzo Rivera

GPA: 3.575 • Class Rank: 28/140

Service Hours: 60

Lorenzo is the Business Professionals of America and Music Club president. He aims to teach students to succeed in a professional environment and give them a running start in whatever field they choose. He also leads these future business professionals to compete in competitions at the state and national levels. He saw the school was missing something, and he sought to remedy it by founding the school's music club. Through his actions he created a place for students who are passionate about music, like himself, to come together with like-minded individuals and to express their interest in the musical arts. He served as vice-president of the Student Government Association for two years where he assisted in revitalizing the school spirit that had been dowsed by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Lorenzo plans to join the Air Force while attaining his major in computer engineering and minor in human resource management as he has ambitious plans of becoming a titan of industry in the field of AI and cybersecurity.



AVANT GARDE ACADEMY SHARKS



Alexis Arroyo
GPA: 3.57 • Class Rank: 4/92
Service Hours: 298

Alexis is the vice president of the National Honor Society, demonstrating her leadership skills and dedication to community service. She is a dedicated and passionate student who not only excels academically but also finds her true calling in the arts. As the first chair oboe player in her school's music ensemble, Alexis's musical prowess reflects her commitment to excellence and discipline. Beyond her musical achievements, she serves as Mu Alpha Theta secretary and the yearbook's lifestyle editor. Alexis is not just a student; she is a storyteller who believes in the power of the arts to convey meaningful narratives. Whether through the emotive notes of her oboe or her active involvement in the National Honor Society, Alexis strives to make a positive impact and share the stories that connect us all in the tapestry of life.

She has applied to the University of Florida intending to work in the entertainment industry as a screenwriter for film and television.



Samuel Espina Martinez
GPA: 3.7 • Class Rank: 15/92
Service Hours: 110

Samuel is the Student Government historian. He excels in organizing activities. His influence extends across the Hispanic Honor Society, Science Honor Society, and the junior class board. Through effective communication, he fosters unity among students, creating a positive school environment. Samuel's commitment goes beyond documentation; he actively engages peers to enhance the overall experience. His diverse roles contribute to a vibrant school community. His journey exemplifies the impact of active involvement and communication in creating a better educational environment.

Samuel Espina is not just a historian but a catalyst for positive change in the school community. As an aspiring architecture major at Florida International University, Samuel brings organizational skills, interpersonal abilities, and a passion for community improvement.



AVANT GARDE ACADEMY SHARKS



Samuel Pedraza Medina
GPA: 3.6 • Class Rank: 11/92
Service Hours: 243

Samuel is the president of the Hispanic Honor Society and was treasurer for the past term. He is also a sergeant-at-arms of Mu Alpha Theta and junior class and a member of the Student Government and the National Honor Society. He is an active member in his community assisting at multiple community kitchens, city clean-up events, and emergency humanitarian relief for landslides and flooding disasters. Throughout his life, he has challenged himself to increase his skills by competing in multiple sports such as soccer, kickboxing, swimming, and tennis; winning gold medals in 100-meter freestyle swimming and tennis in individual championships.

Samuel plans to attend Florida International University and major in business administration.



Carlos Joaquin Seminario
GPA: 3.91 • Class Rank: 3/92
Service Hours: 729

Carlos is a determined and accomplished student currently pursuing a major in business administration (pre-law). Serving as the president of Mu Alpha Theta for two years, Carlos has demonstrated both a passion for mathematics and strong leadership skills. In addition, during his junior year, he successfully led the Student Government Association as its president, showcasing his organizational acumen and decision-making prowess. As the president and founder of the Science National Honor Society, Carlos initiated projects, including the coordination of a well-received school-wide science fair. Notably, he achieved fourth place worldwide in the "Go Mosquito" contest organized by NASA and GLOBE in 2018, highlighting his commitment to innovation and scientific excellence. In 2020, Carlos earned the title of Outstanding Delegate at the PIMUN conference, showcasing his diplomatic and negotiation skills. Carlos' dedication to academic and co-curricular pursuits is further underscored by his active involvement in various leadership roles. Through his dynamic contributions and achievements, Carlos has proven himself as a motivated and accomplished student leader.

Carlos Seminario has applied to the University of Florida and Florida International University where he plans to study corporate law.



BLANCHE ELY HIGH SCHOOL TIGERS



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Naomie Dorisca
GPA: 3.48 • Class Rank: 61/427
Service Hours: 295

Naomie Dorisca is the Student Government vice president and an active member of Mentoring Tomorrow's Leaders. Throughout her years in high school, she has participated in co-curriculars such as Interact Club, National Honor Society, band, and volleyball. Naomie has the understanding of being a leader. She comes in a specific way where others see her as a beam of light. Her receiving honor roll shows the effort behind the scenes. She also works at a clothing store where she gains customer service knowledge as well as developing interaction with customers coming from different countries.

Naomie has a laugh that builds up joy around her peers. She hopes to attend Barry University where she plans to major in accounting and minor in finance.



Niya Lashane Golatt
GPA: 3.49 • Class Rank: 16/427
Service Hours: 823

Niya is the Student Orientation Leader's president. The organization helps guide incoming freshmen to learn about the school's magnet programs, clubs and activities, and the history of the school's founder, Blanche General Ely. While maintaining academic achievement, she has been an active member of many clubs such as Student Government, Mentoring Tomorrow's Leaders, Ladies of Intrigue, Students Working Against Tobacco, the Principal's Advisory Board, and Agents of Change. She has been awarded first place in her middle school debate tournament and was recognized for being a 2023 student mentor for Mentoring Tomorrow's Leaders. Since she always loves to influence others and radiate guidance, she was promoted at her job after only working there for a little over a year. As a shift leader, she has continued to express her loyalty and devotion to her directors and coworkers.

Niya has not committed to a school yet but hopes to attend Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University where she plans to study psychology and pursue her passion for helping her community. Niya is not finished with her purpose or destiny on this earth, and she will not stop until she overachieves her goals and affiliations.



Janessa Kelley
GPA: 3.7 • Class Rank: 31/427
Service Hours: 176

Janessa is the Student Government parliamentarian, and Mentoring Tomorrow's Leaders co-president. MTL is a program designed to allow students to do peer-to-peer mentoring and tutoring. She is an active member of Students Working Against Tobacco (SWAT) and Women of Tomorrow. She's been able to reach out to her peers and mentor them. She's the captain of her varsity basketball team. Her greatest contribution to her school is helping out at pep rallies and school spirit events. There's a sense of pride she gets when helping put together an event for peers and teachers.

Janessa has dual enrollment college credits and will be attending Bethune-Cookman University. There she will major in biology, with hopes to become a veterinarian.



Jaylee Nelson
GPA: 3.98 • Class Rank: 2/427
Service Hours: 342

Jaylee is the Mentoring Tomorrow's Leaders president, a peer mentoring program that reaches out to underclassmen and at-risk students. She is known to be an exemplary honor student, seamlessly blending academic excellence, leadership, community service, and varsity basketball. Her dedication to academics is noticeable in her consistently high grades, while her involvement in leadership clubs like Student Government, Human Relations Council, and Agents of Change, showcases her commitment to shaping a positive school community. Jaylee has received several honors including the African American Recognition Award from the College Board and Most Outstanding Senior Student of the Month from the Pompano Exchange Club.

Jaylee has not chosen where she will further her educational career yet, but she has been accepted at Louisiana State University and Spelman College. She plans to major in biology pre-med in hopes of becoming a sports medical physician.



BOYD ANDERSON HIGH SCHOOL COBRAS



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Jailah Johnson

GPA: 3.72 • Class Rank: 4/448

Service Hours: 37

Jailah is senior class president, Student Government, and International Baccalaureate vice president while holding other presidential positions as well. Involved in every pep rally and school activity, she connects with her peers to stimulate a healthy and fun school lifestyle. With the responsibilities given to her, she's made time for school as well as excelling in academics and receiving national recognition from the College Board two years in a row. She was captain of the cheerleading team and the track team, whilst volunteering to help shape the future minds of America.

This future psychiatrist will attend Hampton University, where she will major in psychology, and attend medical school.



Kelis Martin

GPA: 3.3 • Class Rank: 33/448

Service Hours: 161

Kelis is the senior class vice president, working collaboratively to inspire others. Born and raised in Jamaica, she always dreamed of coming to the United States. Her hard work and perseverance led her to an incredible opportunity as part of the unique college preparatory magnet program Entrepreneurship Leadership Military Academy (ELMA), where she serves as a commander, and has proudly earned several awards. Kelis is an A&B honor roll recipient for her outstanding academic performance and strong commitment to her studies. She has dedicated herself to serving the community, earning 100 service hours and her commitment to volunteering has not gone unnoticed, earning recognition for her contributions. In addition to her academic achievements, Kelis has been acknowledged for her impeccable personal appearance, reflecting her dedication and commitment to maintaining high standards. Kelis holds leadership roles within the magnet program and the broader school community. This role allows Kelis to exercise her leadership skills and contribute to the development of the program.



Aydon Perkins

GPA: 2.93 • Class Rank: 161/448

Service Hours: 435

Aydon is the JROTC Battalion Commander. He has dedicated his high school years to leadership education, community service, and improving the lives of others. He has advocated for the voiceless, taken charge in multiple advanced situations, and he has given his life to Christ. He has also served on the ICC (Inter-Club Council) committee for his school's JROTC organization. Aydon has been nominated as the Cadet of the Year by his Army JROTC instructors, a truly prestigious nomination. Aydon has also received the JROTC Recognition Award from the AMVETS Association, for diligence in the discharge of duties and willingness to serve both God and country for the benefit of all. His fellow peers and colleagues look at him as a leader and a role model.

Aydon plans to attend Marion Military Institute or Nova Southeastern University where his goal is to commission into the US Army and serve a full career.



Janara Villatoro-Monroy

GPA: 3.59 • Class Rank: 38/448

Service Hours: 319

Janara is the president of Latinos in Action and HOSA historian. She is an active member of Key Club and Student Government. Her greatest contribution to her community is teaching the kids at her church, setting a good example for the young minds of her community. Being a member of the clubs allowed her to make friends and to involve herself in school activities, especially as a member of HOSA which allowed her to teach kids CPR and help with blood drives. Through these activities, she was able to build strong connections with her classmates and mentors.

Janara has not yet decided where to attend college, she has applied to Florida State University and Florida Agricultural & Mechanical University. She plans to major in nursing.



BROWARD VIRTUAL SCHOOL TRAILBLAZERS



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Iniyah Johnson

GPA: 3.2 • Class Rank: 132/154
Service Hours: 137

Iniyah is the Student Government president which is a club that was created within our school to help promote the communication and understanding between the staff and the student body. Iniyah is also Key Club president, and Protecting Animal's Wellbeing and Safety (PAWS), Astronomy Club, and Culinary Club vice president. Her greatest contribution to her school has been inclusivity and creating safe spaces within school clubs like SGA and Key Club, bringing students together who probably would never have gotten out of their comfort zone. Working with the different clubs at her school she has been able to educate others on different topics, ranging from mental health to human trafficking.

Iniyah has been accepted at Nova Southeastern University where she plans to become a nurse anesthetist.



Fiona Shanley

GPA: 4.0 • Class Rank: 28/154
Service Hours: 98

Fiona is serving her second year as president of the National Honor Society, contributing to successful student events and charity drives. She is also an advisor and founding member of the Cara Dances On Foundation, which raises funds for college scholarships in memory of Cara Loughran, who died in the 2018 Marjory Stoneman Douglas shooting. This endeavor also includes the annual "Cara Dances On" Irish Dance competition in Fort Lauderdale where she organizes almost 300 competitors. While maintaining straight A's, Fiona competes at the international level with Irish dance and is currently ranked 27th in the world. Since the age of six, she has performed and taught Irish dance in the South Florida community for schools, senior centers, the Girl Scouts, community celebrations, and charity events.

Fiona's top two colleges are Florida Atlantic University and Florida Gulf Coast University. She plans to study exercise science to one day become a physical therapist. In addition, she is working towards starting a professional dance career and performing in shows like "Riverdance."



Madeleine Elisabeth Thorpe-Reeve

GPA: 3.9 • Class Rank: 23/154
Service Hours: 100

Madeleine Thorpe-Reeve is the president of the Students4Students tutoring club. She has supported this club throughout the entirety of her high school career, climbing the ranks from a tutor to secretary, to president across the past four years. She has maintained academic excellence while contributing to community efforts, Key Club, and balancing various other leadership positions, such as the president of the Debate and the Health & Fitness Clubs. She has also taken the initiative to jumpstart her college career by enrolling in early admissions and has thrived in the new environment.

Madeleine has applied to Florida State University and Florida Atlantic University. She hopes to become a clinical psychologist and will use all that she has learned from her leadership experiences to aid her in this journey.



Shengrong Ryan Xie

GPA: 4.00 • Class Rank: 2/154
Service Hours: 230

Ryan is the treasurer for the National Honor Society. His greatest contribution to the community was his annual participation at the local Coral Springs Teen Political Forum, where he has been vocal with Florida state representatives about rebuilding outdated pipelines around Broward County to improve the health and well-being of local residents. In NHS, Ryan is also recognized for his leadership in chairing the Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital Donation Committee twice and his proactive contributions to the JDCH trivia committee. Not only is Ryan striving for excellence in his community, but he is also striving for excellence in his academics. He demonstrates this through his multiple Principal's Honor Awards recognizing his straight A's through high school, as well as through his AP Scholar with Honors Award recognizing his four consecutive AP exam scores of five.

Ryan plans to attend the University of Florida with a major in biology and a minor in psychology. His future vocational goals are to pursue a career as a surgeon.



CHARLES W. FLANAGAN HIGH SCHOOL FALCONS



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Trent Dominic Carter

GPA: 3.79 • Class Rank: 10/600

Service Hours: 685

Trent epitomizes versatile leadership across academia, sports, and community engagement. Serving as the National Honor Society president and Debate Team treasurer, he showcased exceptional organizational skills and financial expertise in orchestrating successful events and initiatives. As captain of both the varsity swim and varsity water polo teams, Trent exemplified unwavering dedication, fostering teamwork, resilience, and strategic thinking among his peers. His standout achievement involved spearheading one of Broward County's largest Special Olympics events, advocating for inclusivity and empowerment in sports for special needs individuals. Trent's impactful leadership earned him recognition for his commitment to fostering unity and diversity.

Eager to continue his journey, Trent aspires to build upon these experiences in higher education, aiming to pursue a degree aligning with his passion for making a meaningful societal impact. He plans to attend the University of South Florida and major in business with an emphasis on marketing.



Manuel Guerrero

GPA: 3.3 • Class Rank: 32/600

Service Hours: 81

Manuel is the president of the Political Activism and Voter Engagement Club (PAVE), which helps keep students informed on current events and aids them in the transition to active citizens as they reach voting age. Through his work in PAVE, over 800 students have registered or pre-registered to vote at his high school over the past two years. He was a six-year member of Speech & Debate, as well as president of his school's chapters of the English, Science, and Math Honor Societies.

Manuel plans to major in International Relations with a minor in linguistics at the University of Central Florida on an FTIC and Bright Futures Scholarship in hopes of becoming a political educator and communicator.



Lovely Martin

GPA: 3.5 • Class Rank: 51/600

Service Hours: 91

Lovely is the senior class president and has been committed to her role for four years. She states her greatest contribution to her school community is creating an open environment for all peers to confide in her. Lovely is also the Student Government Association vice president and an active member of the Superintendent's Advisory Committee, Mentoring Tomorrow's Leaders, and Black Student Union. Outside of school, she maintains part-time employment while actively being the older sibling. Her most memorable experience as class president was creating a theme week to introduce seniors to the beginning of their last year of high school.

Lovely is currently learning to earn a certification in Patient Care Technician while attending high school and plans to attend Clark Atlanta University and major in business and a minor in hospitality management.



Taylor Lynn Rodriguez

GPA: 3.67 • Class Rank: 39/600

Service Hours: 283

Taylor is the Key Club president. She was also the Health Information Project president, the Black Student Union vice president, and an active member of the National Honor Society. She states that her biggest contribution to her community was assisting her mother in founding an organization engrained in providing direct service to those in need and who are experiencing homelessness. Through, her work she has been able to help feed hundreds of people in need. Her greatest contribution to her school has been in educating the younger generation through her work with the Health Information Project. HIP allowed her to teach students how to identify and cope with mental health issues and other health topics.

Taylor plans to attend Florida State University and major in criminology with a minor in education. She aspires to become a criminal lawyer and later teach law.



COCONUT CREEK HIGH SCHOOL COUGARS



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Denise Guerrero

GPA: 3.4 • Class Rank: 53/405

Service Hours: 229

Denise is the president of the Spanish National Honor Society, through the organization she helps students with any difficulties they have regarding schoolwork or other kinds of work. She is also able to help students earn service hours by offering community service hours opportunities. Through the club, she has been able to attend competitions and conferences. She participated in the World Languages Academic Competition in Broward County, opening the competition with a traditional dance, she also competed in the section of poetry in which she won second and third place along with impromptu. Throughout her school year, she participated in school performances for Hispanic Heritage Month and Black History Month. She was part of the Teen Political Forum which is an organization that allows students to discuss important topics with county, state, and local officials.

Denise hopes to attend Florida International University where she plans on getting a Bachelor of Science in nursing and a Bachelor of Arts in psychology, with the goal of becoming a psychologist.



Adreana McEachrane

GPA: 3.7 • Class Rank: 2/405

Service Hours: 299

Adreana is the president of Mentoring Tomorrow's Leaders, helping students with their academics, and offering college tours and scholarship chances. She has been able to organize activities for children to advance academically and set a remarkable example of mentorship through her work with the program's teachers. She was honored with the Senior Leadership and Community Service Awards, for continuously contributing by participating in beach and river cleanups and working at animal shelters and hospitals. She played soccer and was involved in student government. She feels her greatest contribution to her school is her volunteer work at events and fundraisers while promoting her school and club by visiting middle schools.

Adreana intends to enroll at the University of Florida, she plans to major in veterinary medicine.



Dashiyah McGowan

GPA: 3.42 • Class Rank: 13/405

Service Hours: 113

Dashiyah is the senior class vice president. She has consistently achieved excellent academic results, earning mostly A's and B's. She excelled in her educational journey, from participating in the Gifted Education Mentorship (GEM) program in middle school to taking Advanced International Certificate of Education (AICE) courses and dual enrollment classes in high school. She also attended Atlantic Technical College, where she received a certification as an Orthopedic Technician. Dashiyah has also participated in various organizations from elementary to high school, including robotics, Mentoring Tomorrow's Leaders, and Student Government. Dashiyah is also known for her athleticism, having participated in cheerleading for over six years, dance for three years, and flag football for two years.

Her academic and co-curricular achievements earned her scholarships from three colleges: Louisiana State University, Bethune-Cookman University, and Wingate University. Dashiyah plans to major in pre-med or biology and attend medical school after college, to become a medical professional specializing as an anesthesiologist.



Racquema Rascheena Streete

GPA: 3.82 • Class Rank: 31/405

Service Hours: 226

Racquema is the vice president of the Spanish National Honor Society. She started high school in 2020 during the COVID-19 pandemic. In the beginning, she had few accomplishments though that changed as the years went on. She was also the secretary of Key Club under Kiwanis and a past member of the marching/concert band. Her role in the Spanish National Honor Society has made her confident to contribute to the Hispanic Heritage Month, Black History Month, and Haitian Heritage Month performances. Being a secretary, taught her to be organized and prepared for her future career, along with helping the community as much as she could.

Her greatest contribution to her school is her energy and the school projects she worked on. Racquema plans to attend Broward College and major in accounting.



COLLEGE ACADEMY AT BROWARD COLLEGE



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Marina Carmo
GPA: 3.77 • Class Rank: N/A
Service Hours: 425

Marina is a Broward County Honor Society County Liaison, and a student leader and officer at Broward College's Student Government, where she advocates for over 56,000+ high school and college students. She is actively involved in Model United Nations, honing her skills in global diplomacy and problem-solving. Marina excelled academically, receiving an Associate of Arts degree with Highest Honors, along with an honors certificate from Broward College. Over the years, she has received multiple honors, including the Florida Gold Seal of Biliteracy, National Hispanic Recognition, and a third-place achievement in a Portuguese Language and Culture competition hosted by the Brazilian Embassy.

Marina was selected through the Posse Foundation to receive a full-tuition scholarship and will be attending Franklin & Marshall College. She will major in international affairs and public policy with a minor in French and Francophone Studies. She plans to one day work as a foreign service officer for the State Department or the United Nations.



Briana Kelli Martin
GPA: 3.5 • Class Rank: N/A
Service Hours: 400

Briana is a team captain of Relay for Life, an executive board member of the Principal's Advisory Council, the Monarch Mentoring Society vice president, the Black Student Union event coordinator, and an active member of the National Honor Society. She also serves as an organizing member of Relay for Life Coral Springs, Parkland, Coconut Creek, and Margate. Through her work with this nonprofit, Briana has been able to raise awareness within her community by fundraising and answering the question, "Why do you relay?" by carrying on the legacy of her childhood friend who passed away from cancer. Briana is also dedicated to raising political awareness within her community as an event coordinator and moderator within Coconut Creek's Teen Political Forum.

Briana recently completed Nyah Project's LEAD series, an experiential leadership training for underrepresented youth in South Florida, and was chosen as one of 12 fellows for their Global Youth Leadership Fellowship to Morocco. As an awardee of the Posse Scholarship, Briana will attend Hamilton College to major in government and minor in jurisprudence, law, and justice studies.



Angeles Elena Mejia
GPA: 4.0 • Class Rank: N/A
Service Hours: 139

Angeles is the founder of Liberation through Learning. She feels her biggest contribution to her community was empowering Black and Latina girls/gender-expansive youth to express themselves through visual/performing arts and written expression through multiple events with the Justice is Us Project, the NAACP, and the Association of Black Psychologists. She was the only student invited by Secretary of Education Miguel Cardona to speak at the Engage Every Student Event for the Department of Education in July 2022. She is a 2024 Horatio Alger National Scholar for her determination in the face of adversity, an afterschool ambassador for the Afterschool Alliance, president of her school's Multicultural Club, and wellness chair for the Broward Youth Coalition.

Angeles' greatest contribution to her school was after the April 2023 flooding when all schools were closed except Broward College, after discovering students were not involved in the decision-making process at the college. She attended a Board of Trustees meeting to provide feedback on including students in their student emergency decision-making. She plans to attend Williams College and double major in political science and sociology.



Booseong Eric Seo
GPA: 3.98 • Class Rank: N/A
Service Hours: 117

Booseong is the vice president of Student Government at Broward College. In collaboration with the Broward College Student Life Office, he has successfully organized various events focused on civic literacy, scholarship, and advising, for a diverse student population. Booseong has represented Broward College at the Florida College Systems Student Government Association (FCSSGA) State Advocacy Conference, advocating for the student body on Senate Bills related to the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program and Mental Health resources. He will receive his Associate of Arts with the Highest Honor, along with the Robert "Bob" Elmore Honors College Certificate. Booseong serves as the president of both the Pre-Medical Club and the American Cancer Society and volunteers as a research assistant in hospice.

Booseong will be attending Johns Hopkins University, where he will double major in molecular & cellular biology and public health studies. In the future, he plans to attend medical school and pursue a career as an oncologist.



COOPER CITY HIGH SCHOOL COWBOYS



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Imani Carre

GPA: 3.9 • Class Rank: 38/537

Service Hours: 232

Imani is the co-founder and president of the Black Student Union, an organization that aims to embrace, educate, and empower her school community. As vice president of the Multicultural Club, she has led multiple fundraising events and service projects, promoting unity in diversity. She is also an active member of DECA and the National Honor Society. Has served her community through her involvement in annual health fairs with Nova Southeastern University. She has performed with Arts Ballet Theatre of Florida in multiple ballet productions, competing in various competitions, and representing the US in the International Young Dancers Festival in Germany and Malaysia, earning her scholarship awards from prestigious summer dance intensive programs, such as Dance Theatre of Harlem and Julliard.

Imani aspires to pursue a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree, with a concentration in dance. It is her commitment to hard work, service, leadership, and passion that she brings with her, seeking a place in the professional dance world and beyond.



Emily Moreno

GPA: 3.9 • Class Rank: 23/537

Service Hours: 258

Emily is the National Honor Society president, senior class historian, National English Honor Society vice president, and Broward County Honor Society co-parliamentarian. She created and led her school's first Helping Hands for the Holidays which included projects to celebrate staff members, bring fun activities to the student body, and raise money for non-profit organizations such as Joe DiMaggio. In addition, she is the print-editor-in-chief of her school newspaper, The Lariat where she's received state and district-wide awards for her contributions. Emily founded the website "Monarch" which provides information to immigrant teens about living in the US with their unique immigration status. Outside of school, she dances at the Academy of Arts, winning student of the year her sophomore year and working at the front desk since her freshman year. Emily is dedicated to her church and its youth worship team, and a student intern in high school.

Emily has not yet chosen her future university but she plans to study journalism and pursue the pre-law path.



Madeline Elizabeth Sansone

GPA: 3.75 • Class Rank: 61/537

Service Hours: 140

Madeline is the senior class president. She is passionate about her role in Student Government and thrives to create an inclusive environment within her school. She believes it is very important for students to get involved with school clubs and activities since these co-curricular activities help students build relationships with their peers. Madeline strives to make all students feel heard when expressing their opinions regarding class activities. She also is a very active student and has participated in clubs and sports such as cheer, flag football, National Honor Society, Health Information Project, and many more. As a student-athlete, Madeline has learned that time management and the ability to delegate are two very important skills a leader must obtain. Madeline believes school spirit and involvement are what lead to a positive high school experience and hopes that every student gets to experience this joy.

Madeline has applied to Florida State University and the University of Florida. She plans to pursue a career as a physical therapist.



Gina Olivia Schoenfeld

GPA: 3.81 • Class Rank: 19/537

Service Hours: 174

Gina is the Student Government Association and has been involved in Student Government since the ninth grade. She is a two-year chairperson of the Superintendent's Student Advisory Council. Through her involvement with Student Government, she has assisted in planning the homecoming celebrations for the past four years and it is one of her most memorable past times. Outside of Student Government, Gina is a member of the nationally recognized TV program, Cowboy Television. As a junior, Gina became the youngest president of Cowboy Television and earned the prestigious excellence award at the annual Student Television Network national convention. She is also captain of the water polo team and a member of the swim and dive team. Not only is she athletically inclined, but she is also academically driven. Gina ranks among the top 20 distinguished students.

Gina hopes to attend the University of Florida where she will major in political science with a minor in public relations, with the end goal of becoming a lawyer.



CORAL GLADES HIGH SCHOOL JAGUARS



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Alejandra Alzate

GPA: 3.78 • Class Rank: 39/658

Service Hours: 125

Alejandra is vice president of competition for HOSA–Future Health Professionals. Through HOSA, she has been able to start a mental health promotion project recognizing economic disparities at her school. Her greatest contribution to her community has been working as a swim instructor teaching children how to improve their swimming skills and the importance of water safety. Additionally, she has been a member of the Key Club, Science National Honor Society, and varsity swim. Her most memorable leadership experience was when she created a Google Classroom for her school's HOSA club which offered members support throughout the competition season.

Alejandra plans to attend Florida State University and major in exercise physiology in hopes of becoming a pediatric physical therapist.



Rami Raymond Phillips

GPA: 3.83 • Class Rank: 14/658

Service Hours: 251

Rami is vice president of DECA. He states that the greatest contribution that he has made to his community was promoting and volunteering for the Parkland Buddy Sports Program, an organization dedicated to helping those who are disabled to be able to play sports. His greatest contribution to his school is bringing international recognition to their DECA program in the marketing category. He was also the Congress and Public Forum Captain for his Debate Club in his junior year, along with being a two-year member of both the National Honor Society and Stem Club.

Rami plans to attend the University of Florida and major in biomedical engineering, along with a minor in business management. He hopes to one day be able to start his own business in the biomedical engineering field.



Gianna Thomas

GPA: 4.0 • Class Rank: 1/658

Service Hours: 416

Gianna is the Florida District Key Club lieutenant governor and a leader in the community, intending to help and connect with those around her. During her early high school years, she co-led an organization with the mayor of Coral Springs to teach students important life skills like public speaking, mental health, and more. With her role in Relay for Life and Key Club, she was able to initiate a large-scale canned food drive, getting over 400 cans for the local Soref JCC Food pantry. At her Key Club Conference, she presented workshops to over 300 students about local organizations, and how to become involved with them. She has received multiple honors including student of the month, distinguished lieutenant governor award, and AP scholar award. She was part of her school's track and field and cross-country teams. She was also a member of HOSA, where she won second place at the regional competition for her research poster.

Gianna has been accepted at the University of South Florida and the University of Central Florida but is waiting on other college admissions decisions before she makes a choice. She plans to pursue a major in biochemistry with a minor in business studies on the pre-medical track. Her end goal is to become a pediatrician and open her own practice.



Brooke Werner

GPA: 3.8 • Class Rank: 40/658

Service Hours: 71

Brooke is the Student Government Association president, representing the student body to the highest standards while being involved in the community. Brooke has worked with members of class officers and outside clubs to create new events and traditions for the student body while also working with the non-profit Unbreakable Organization to spread awareness and raise funds for the amazing scholarships they provide to students who are affected by gun violence. She has dedicated years to Student Government to try and make a change in her school by starting new traditions and introducing new projects that incorporate SGA working with other clubs in the school and organizations outside of the school. During her sophomore year, she earned an underclassmen award for leadership and then went on to earn her AICE/Cambridge diploma her junior year.

Brooke is hoping to attend the University of Miami but is still waiting to make a final decision. She plans to study business/digital marketing.



CORAL SPRINGS HIGH SCHOOL COLTS



CORAL SPRINGS HIGH SCHOOL COLTS



Karina Ali
GPA: 3.96 • Class Rank: 10/510
Service Hours: 219

Karina is the president of the Spanish National Honor Society. As a club officer, she has been able to reach out to other students and encourage them to engage in activities that promote school spirit and culture. Her greatest contribution to her school's community is the engagement and promotion of Hispanic culture through academic activities such as trivia games and scavenger hunts. She is also the senior class treasurer, a position in which she takes charge of fundraisers and money collection. Karina is an active member of the National Honor Society as well, as she engages in community building within her school by tutoring students and collecting donations for the Harvest Drive and Toy Drive.

Karina plans on attending Florida International University and majoring in geosciences.



Georgia Powell
GPA: 3.4 • Class Rank: 77/510
Service Hours: 133

Georgia is the Florida Association of Student Councils District VI Treasurer and Student Government's second vice president. Through the Student Government Association, she has impacted the students at her school by being an active member of her school's community by participating, promoting, creating, and developing school events to make a better place for the student body. She has been able to advocate for her peers by listening to their opinions and finding solutions to their concerns. Georgia is an active member of HOSA, Mentoring Tomorrow's Leaders, Science National Honor Society, Key Club, and the School Advisory Council. She completed a painted mural in memory of the victims of the Marjory Stoneman Douglas shooting, which stands to her as her forever imprint on her school. All the while completing her studies.

Georgia has applied to multiple universities and is awaiting decisions. She hopes to achieve her dream of becoming an anesthesiologist and will major in pre-med: biology.



Bailey Elizabeth Vance
GPA: 3.8 • Class Rank: 16/510
Service Hours: 183

Bailey is the senior class vice president and Best Buddies historian. Through this position, she organizes fundraisers, creates advertisements, manages social media accounts for the class, plans major events, and works closely with advisors, other officers, and administration. All with the intent of boosting school spirit and making senior year fun, and affordable for all her classmates. She has been the girls' varsity volleyball captain for two consecutive years, winning MVP in both 2022 and 2023. She is a member of the National Honor Society and Science National Honor Society. Bailey is also a Cambridge student and is part of the first year of students at her school to earn the AICE diploma with Merit in their junior year.

Bailey plans to attend the University of Central Florida or University of Florida where she will major in business administration and marketing.



Asfi Zaman
GPA: 3.90 • Class Rank: 2/510
Service Hours: 273

Asfi is the National Honor Society parliamentarian and National English Honor Society historian. A well-rounded high school student with excellence in her academics and her character. Her academic excellence is reflected in the fact that she is currently number two in her class of 510 students. She has taken the most difficult and rigorous courses offered at her campus while also maintaining good grades. One of her main achievements is that she will receive the Cambridge Diploma when she graduates as an honor student. Asfi also has many leadership roles in clubs such as Business Professionals of America (BPA), Key Club, and Spanish National Honor Society. She was awarded second place in districts and states in BPA for a competition. Her involvement is not just limited to the campus. She has spent years tutoring children at her local mosque as well as tutoring at her school, and middle and elementary schools. She has also volunteered in summer camps and has gone to numerous beach clean-ups.

Asfi is on the path to getting her associate degree by the time she graduates high school and hopes to go to medical school to become a doctor. She has been accepted at the University of Central Florida but is waiting on decisions from the University of Miami and the University of Florida.



CORAL SPRINGS CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL PANTHERS



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Kaitlyn Marie O'Neill
GPA: 3.8 • Class Rank: 19/208
Service Hours: 102

Kaitlyn is the Student Government president, and she aims to listen to her peers' concerns and increase school spirit. She spends most of her time working with Student Government, and within that time she has been able to host events that boost student morale and education. Through Parkland Buddy Sports and other Student Government events, she has worked with neurodivergent children and positively impacted their ability to perform activities and cherish every moment they have. She has received multiple honors such as the Fastest Rising Leader Award and the Underclassman Leadership Award. She was the captain of both the cheerleading team and track team at her school, as well as a member of many clubs such as DECA, the National Honor Society, and SADD.

Kaitlyn plans to attend either the University of Central Florida or the University of South Florida, and major in political science and government.



Nicholas Pappalardo
GPA: 3.44 • Class Rank: 74/208
Service Hours: 352

Nicholas is the DECA president. His greatest contribution to his community is his internship with the City of Coral Springs where he has lived and gone to school his entire life, as well as running a donation drive for Broward Shelter his junior year. He has participated in DECA all four years of high school and competed at the state level for three years. He won first place in the Debate competition category "Informative Speaking" and became the captain of the category for his school. He is recognized as the lead tech team member of Coral Springs Charter School as he provides technical assistance to his fellow students and staff. He has held officer positions in DECA for three years, Virtual Enterprise for three years, and Panther Promotions Podcast for one year.

Nicholas plans to attend Florida Atlantic University to major in computer science and a minor in marketing.



Hannah Tajalli
GPA: 3.98 • Class Rank: 5/208
Service Hours: 107

Hannah is the senior class secretary, spending most of her time organizing events and increasing student participation. Taking on this role has allowed her to make a difference in her school's community, bringing her fellow peers together by creating a fun and influential environment. She successfully juggles her officer position along with being an active member of the National Honor Society, HOSA, and SADD. She also serves as a Student Government senator and a student athletic trainer. Her leadership was recognized last year when she received the Underclassman Leadership Award from her school.

Hannah hopes to continue her education by studying medicine to become a doctor and continuing to be the leader she's always strived to be.



Aiden Tarshis
GPA: 3.81 • Class Rank: 36/208
Service Hours: 265

Aiden is the Student Government vice president. His greatest accomplishment is founding and running the first Coral Springs Charter Pawlympics, a community field day event for children with varying exceptionalities. After the success of this event, he was asked by Parkland Buddy Sports to co-host a Valentine's Day dance with the Coral Springs Charter Student Government Association. Aiden along with the other Student Government officers, were placed back into the Leadership 1 class to help guide and groom the future leaders of their school. One of his greatest high school experiences. Aiden has been an active member of the National Honor Society, a three-year varsity baseball pitcher as well as a three-year editor for the school's yearbook publication.

Aiden plans to get his EMT certification this summer before heading off to Florida State University to study biomedical science and then medical school.



CYPRESS BAY HIGH SCHOOL LIGHTNING



CYPRESS BAY HIGH SCHOOL LIGHTNING



Joshua E. Burke
GPA: 3.82 • Class Rank: 90/1083
Service Hours: 1031

Joshua Burke is best known for his service as Florida DECA executive vice president, where he helps lead an organization of more than 13,000 members. As the state's executive vice president, he has played a major role in the annual statewide community service project. Notably, this year's initiative involved organizing a successful shoe drive with thousands of donations to benefit microenterprises and underprivileged individuals in Haiti, Cambodia, and other regions. Moreover, Joshua has led his nine-person state officer team to successfully conduct a Fall Leadership Conference for over 300 attendees in Tampa, Florida. In his capacity as a leader, he has been instrumental in creating the 'Florida DECA Advocacy Board,' a new initiative aimed at promoting advocacy within the organization. Additionally, he has dedicated over four years to serving the Jewish National Charity as the Chief of Marketing. He has successfully secured partnerships with Publix, Walmart, and Good360 to donate thousands of goods to those in need, ultimately leading him to become a Miami Herald Silver Knight nominee. Joshua plays varsity lacrosse, performs in musical theatre, co-operates his own dog-sitting business, and runs his own YouTube channel with over 40,000 views.

Joshua plans to major in business and is thankful for his friends, family, and teachers.



Chinmay Nitin Deshmukh
GPA: 3.88 • Class Rank: 34/1083
Service Hours: 553

Chinmay is president of one of the world's largest HOSA-Future Health Professionals chapters. Through his work organizing swab drives, fundraisers, and a public awareness campaign, over 500 individuals have been added to the National Bone Marrow Registry and \$12,000+ has been raised to support bone marrow transplants. He is also a founding officer of Shelter of Hope, the head of the Science Fair for the Science National Honor Society, and the Ambassador for the National Honor Society. Chinmay has multiple distinctions, including National Merit Semi-Finalist status, the Naval Science Award, five academic awards, and a novel manuscript on microplastic pollution extraction pending publication.

Chinmay was accepted early to the Ivy League, where he plans to major in biochemistry & economics at the University of Pennsylvania.



Vivian Lopez
GPA: 3.93 • Class Rank: 66/1083
Service Hours: 365

Vivian is the Student Government Association president, which plans and executes student-led events based on the principles of spirit and service to ensure a positive and engaged student body. Through Student Government, she has contributed to organizing community service-based projects like Harvest Drive and school spirit events like Homecoming. She is the chairperson of the Dance Marathon Committee focused on raising critical funds for Children's Miracle Network Hospitals and fighting for children's health. She has received multiple honors including three underclassman awards and was awarded second place at the international level of DECA competition for her project focused on inspiring younger generations to explore different fields of professionalism and the possibility of entrepreneurship. She is the Habitat for Humanity secretary and has served her local church as an assistant Catechist for the entirety of her high school career.

Vivian has been accepted to Indiana University Bloomington and Florida State University. She plans to major in political science with a minor in psychology, in hopes of becoming a successful attorney and devoting her life to service to others.



Shayna Slatkin
GPA: 3.83 • Class Rank: 126/1083
Service Hours: 508

Shayna is the Best Buddies Chapter co-vice president and Student Government third vice president. Due to her passion for fostering friendships between those with intellectual and developmental disabilities, upon their return to campus after the COVID-19 pandemic, she was able to completely rebuild their practically nonexistent organization. With many other passionate officers, she was able to get the club back on its feet, reintroducing their traditional club dances, socials, and most crucially, their one-on-one buddy-pair connections, reigniting the flame of the most important bonds with students with intellectual and developmental disabilities. As the news section editor for The Circuit newspaper, she has been honored with an "All Florida" award in Newspaper Commentary Off Campus at the 2023 Florida Scholastic Press Association Convention and an "Excellent" in poetry. She was awarded the Academic Excellence Award in Student Government for the 2022-2023 school year.

Shayna plans to attend the University of Florida or Florida State University and major in sociology.



DEERFIELD BEACH HIGH SCHOOL BUCKS



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Kelsey Fort
GPA: 3.2 • Class Rank: 27/454
Service Hours: 218

Kelsey is a four-year member and president of the Speech and Debate Team. She is also the Student Government Association vice president and senior class president. She is a member of the Art Club, Key Club, National Honor Society, Mentoring Tomorrow's Leaders, GEM's Club, and Human Relations Council. Speak Out is a club that Kelsey also has great involvement in that teaches students basic life skills and the importance of safe sex. She also participates in her school's morning and afternoon announcements. Outside of the academic realm and clubs, Kelsey is captain of her high school's softball team. Kelsey has been in the International Baccalaureate Program since her freshman year. She also is a three-year member of the Urban League of Broward County's College Tour. In her free time, she volunteers at a food pantry called Nina's Place on Saturdays, Full Gospel Church Pantry on Mondays, and The Boys and Girls Club during the summer.

Kelsey plans on attending Howard University in Washington DC where she will be studying political science. She plans to become a criminal defense attorney.



Caitlyn Gray
GPA: 3.67 • Class Rank: 10/454
Service Hours: 269

Caitlyn is a three-year member and vice president of Mentoring Tomorrow's Leaders (MTL) as well as Investing in Women of the Future (IWF) treasurer. She is an active member of Key Club, Urban League's College Tour, Women of Tomorrow (WOT), and Mu Alpha Theta. She volunteers at Nina's Place, Student Government events, Game Changers Foundation Incorporated, and Key Club events. She is in the International Baccalaureate (IB) Program. She is a recipient of the College Board's National African American Recognition Program Award. One of Caitlyn's most memorable leadership experiences was participating in Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Her two clubs joined up as a team to brainstorm creative ideas to raise awareness through posters and T-shirts. Always a participant in this great event this year she had the opportunity to lead a team.

Caitlyn plans to attend Howard University.



Avianka Grindley
GPA: 3.81 • Class Rank: 6/454
Service Hours: 164

Avianka is president of the Best Buddies Club, which creates opportunities for students with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Through her work, she mentors students and allows them to showcase their skills in leadership. Avianka holds her education to high levels, she is a student of the International Baccalaureate Program, where she takes college classes in high school. Outside of the academic curriculum, Avianka has participated in Key Club, Human Relations Council, HOPE, National Honor Society, Math Alpha Theta, and Speak Out. These clubs have helped shape her into who she is. They've taught her how to be a leader and how to give back to her community. Avianka is very passionate about the idea of community service. This was shown when she was given an award for her participation in a Blood Bleeding Disorder Organization.

Avianka plans to attend the University of Florida to study health science and embark on her journey to become an orthodontist.



Kianna Hope Harmon
GPA: 3.5 • Class Rank: 54/454
Service Hours: 35

Kianna is the senior class treasurer. She establishes the budget; records all financial transactions and collects deposit/fundraising money earned. Kianna maintains a rigorous course schedule, she is dual enrolled in three courses at Broward College, and multiple AP classes at the high school. Outside of the academic curriculum, Kianna serves as the Human Relations Council president and has participated in the National Honor Society, Key Club, and Speak Out Association. She also runs her own hair business on the weekends to save up for college expenses. Her greatest contribution to her community was participating in beach and park cleanups. She enjoys doing this because she realizes how unclean her community is and reminds her, that we should take better care of our environment.

Kianna plans to attend Florida Agricultural & Mechanical University.



DILLARD HIGH SCHOOL PANTHERS



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Khamari D. Griffin

GPA: 3.71 • Class Rank: 34/425

Service Hours: 471

Khamari is a well-rounded product of Broward County Public Schools and has been attending since the age of three. With Khamari being a senior, he must look out for others and be there for his peers in any way shape, or form. Even though he may not have had many leadership roles, nor they may not be as big as others he still tries to be there for his classmates whenever he can and be a positive influence. He has been a part of many organizations both in and out of school and volunteered with the City of Lauderdale Lakes Summer program. As a candidate for president of Youth Behind the Shield, all he wants is for his team officers and members to love his leadership, how he looks out for others, and being able to help and leave a lasting impression on his underclassman peers. Khamari has been on the honor roll his entire academic career.

Khamari plans to attend either Florida Agricultural & Mechanical University or Florida Atlantic University and major in business and sports management, with the hopes of becoming a manager for a major sports team or individual players manager in professional sports.



Asharia Hostzclaw

GPA: 3.0 • Class Rank: 105/425

Service Hours: 73

Asharia is the Student Government Association president, which fosters a sense of communication between the student body and faculty. Through her work students were able to openly express their concerns and receive effective results, while also spearheading a series of fun and interactive events for students to partake in. She has held multiple leadership positions including National Junior Honor Society president, Business Professionals of America Chapter leader, freshman and sophomore class president, junior class vice president, Student Government Association president, and chief operating officer over Junior Achievement Business. She is a member of her school's cheer team and enjoys mind-enriching activities such as playing sudoku and reading digital books on Wattpad.

Asharia plans to join the United States Navy and then attend Florida Agricultural & Mechanical University. She will major in biological sciences with a minor in business administration, in the hopes of becoming a general physician.



DaJ'La Jones

GPA: 3.2 • Class Rank: 88/425

Service Hours: 272

DaJ'La is the senior class president. She not only plans events for her class but she ensures everyone gets any help they need whether it's with community service hours or work. Throughout her high school career, she has held many leadership roles. DaJ'La is not only a class president but she is also her school's Air Force JROTC commander. DaJ'La gives back by participating in Mentoring Tomorrow's Leaders and Big Brothers Big Sisters. She helps many younger students through their middle and high school years. She has received many awards, the biggest one being "Cadet of the Year" 2021-2023 with her JROTC unit.

DaJ'La plans to major in criminal justice and then hopes to be commissioned into the Air Force as an officer to become a private investigator or military police officer.



Tiffany Jones

GPA: 3.7 • Class Rank: 5/425

Service Hours: 252

Tiffany is vice president of the Rotary Interact Club, which aims to encourage leadership and community service; it promotes goodwill by engaging young people in various service projects. Through the National Technical Honor Society, she helps direct and set goals for her school's honor roll assembly, which recognizes and rewards students for their academic excellence. Additionally, through the School Board, she has participated in Rally to Tally, addressing issues—such as safety and funding—to the Florida House of Representatives, advocating for improvements in her school district. Tiffany has been honored as the recipient of the National African American Recognition Award. Her artwork has been exhibited in the Superintendent AP Studio Art Show and the Art Serve Gallery. She is a dedicated member of her school's volleyball team and Key Club. Holding CTE industry certifications in Adobe Illustrator and Entrepreneurship Small Business.

Tiffany plans to attend Florida State University, aiming for a double major in business and criminal justice to pursue a career as a lawyer.



EVERGLADES HIGH SCHOOL GATORS



EVERGLADES HIGH SCHOOL GATORS



Aaliyah Blanc
GPA: 3.0 • Class Rank: 151/448
Service Hours: 196

Aaliyah is the 2024 class president. She states her biggest contribution to her community was her non-profit which aimed to alleviate stress for homeless people. She is also an active club member in the Black Student Union, Mentoring Tomorrow's Leaders, the National English Honor Society, and the Student Government Association. She has been a cheerleader for three years and for two she served as captain. She also has been training in many styles of dance for the past 14 years. Aaliyah's most memorable leadership experience was her first event as class president, Senior Sunrise. The senior class met at the beach to watch the sunrise and bond as a class. At that moment she felt the importance of being president.

Aaliyah plans to attend North Carolina Agriculture and Technical State University to major in kinesiology.



Queenie Jiang
GPA: 3.56 • Class Rank: 91/448
Service Hours: 525

Queenie is the National Honor Society vice president and a dedicated and passionate volunteer with a broad impact. She generously contributes her time to her local nursing home, engaging in various activities, managing logistics, and providing companionship to the elderly residents. Queenie's commitment extends beyond local boundaries, in the summer of 2023, she embarked on a trip to the Sermesa Masaya Hospital in Nicaragua. She played a crucial role in supporting doctors with vaccine administration and supplying essential medical resources, successfully raising nearly \$2,000 to procure necessities for the hospital's patients. That same summer, she achieved another pinnacle of recognition – the esteemed United Nations Peace Award. Beyond her altruistic endeavors, Queenie excels as the captain of her school's golf team and holds leadership positions in prestigious honor societies, including the Math Honor Society, and Key Club. Her love and compassion for aiding others are evident not only in her volunteer work but also in her active involvement in various school activities.

Queenie aspires to attend the University of Florida, where she plans to pursue a major in business or finance. Her multifaceted achievements and unwavering dedication exemplify her commitment to making a positive impact on both local and global communities.



Kate Seymei Kang
GPA: 3.8 • Class Rank: 93/448
Service Hours: 670

Kate is the co-founder and president of the 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, Educate to Encourage, and has spearheaded initiatives addressing educational disparities globally. Apart from being the vice president of HOSA and the co-captain of the varsity tennis team, Kate has also made a noteworthy contribution to Key Club in the role of event coordinator. Her dedication to community service goes beyond her studies; she mentors and volunteers for international organizations like Asian Passion and ENgin. Notably, Kate has received accolades like the Congress of Future Medical Leaders Award of Excellence and the Annual Presidential Volunteer Service Award, recognizing her outstanding contributions to education and community welfare as a visionary leader and community advocate.

Kate plans to continue to pursue her interest in medicine by attending Harvard Medical School's MEDscience program where she actively dedicates her time to making meaningful contributions to healthcare. With a future aspiration to become a pediatrician, Kate continues to inspire change, leaving an indelible mark on her community and beyond.



Gabriella Marrero
GPA: 3.3 • Class Rank: 98/448
Service Hours: 684

Gabriella is the class of 2024 secretary, which plays a role in ensuring that the class of 2024 is informed and organized. This position has given her the chance to assist in leading the senior class to graduation. She is also the co-founder and vice-president of both GTV and Photography Club, which explores the digital art world of videography, filmmaking, photography, and editing. These positions have allowed her to certify in editing software, as well as discover other digital artist and encourage their growth. She has received certification in Photoshop and Premiere Pro. Her most memorable experience is being privileged enough to photograph many events throughout her years in the Photography Club.

Gabriella has applied to the University of Central Florida and the University of Florida. She plans to major in medicine/nursing, in hopes of becoming an anesthesiologist or a neonatal nurse.



FORT LAUDERDALE HIGH SCHOOL FLYING L'S



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Sharlyn Yosari Aguilera

GPA: 3.81 • Class Rank: 68/493

Service Hours: 71

Sharlyn is the Speech and Debate Club president. Through this activity, she has been able to reach out to students and teach them how to advocate for change in their communities by simply using their voices. Her passion for this activity is made evident through her greatest achievement of hosting over 25 local and district debate tournaments, where the profits generated went towards helping low-income students on her debate team gain access to national circuit tournaments, such as Harvard National Speech and Debate tournament, at reduced costs. In the state of Florida, Sharlyn is ranked sixth for Impromptu speaking in speech and debate. Additionally, Sharlyn was also the historian of the Student Government Association and sophomore class. She is an active member of Mindful Me, Latinos in Action, the Principal's Advisory Board, and the social media manager of her church's youth group.

Sharlyn plans to attend Florida State University and major in athletic training with the hopes of becoming a sports nutritionist for the NFL in the future.



Anaiya Shantell Anderson

GPA: 3.9 • Class Rank: 18/493

Service Hours: 360

Anaiya is the Black Student Union vice president. Her greatest contribution to her community was volunteering 15 hours at her local high school assisting in the general elections. She registered over 250 new voters in a single day. Throughout her high school career, she has managed to maintain a leadership role in a cultural club, a part-time job, and academic excellence ranking in the top 3% of her class. She has obtained a Certificate of Completion from the Cambridge International program at her high school within two years which will allow her a \$40,000 scholarship to attend university. Anaiya has been fostering positive environments to add to the inclusive, supportive environment of her school.

Anaiya will attend Florida International University, majoring in psychology in hopes of becoming a doctor of psychology focusing on child research and forensics.



Avagrace Correll

GPA: 3.7 • Class Rank: 79/493

Service Hours: 62

Avagrace is the Student Government president, and her passion for this association can be seen through the scope of her work over the past three years. She is not only the Student Government president but also a school leader and student mentor for many of her peers on campus. Avagrace is in the top 15% of her class while working and taking rigorous courses, mentoring underclassmen, finding her love for fashion, serving as the Student Government president, and Fashion Club historian. Regardless of the rigor, she has maintained her big-hearted, wide-eyed ambitions. These ambitions include ensuring that the underclassmen continue to carry on the work that she and her team have established. One example is the Zen Garden that she and her team built as an outlet for students who need a social or emotional outlet from the day-to-day stresses of high school.

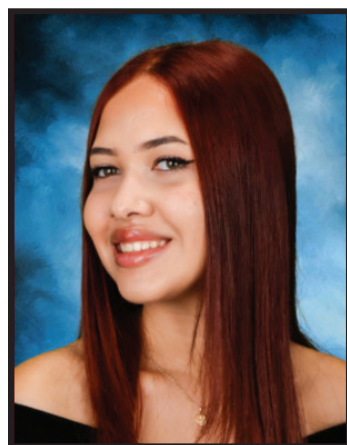
Avagrace plans to attend Pennsylvania State University and enroll in the College of Education, in hopes of becoming a successful educator like both of her parents.



HALLANDALE HIGH SCHOOL CHARGERS



HALLANDALE HIGH SCHOOL CHARGERS



Briana Lynn Chang
GPA: 3.9 • Class Rank: 1/232
Service Hours: 170

Briana is president of the National Honor Society, which was recently reactivated due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Through this leadership role, Briana has taken a newfound initiative toward advocating for the minority groups that constitute the halls of her school. She has coordinated a "Walk with Pride" event during Pride Month for the LGBT community and its allies and plans to commemorate African American heroes through a "Black History Wax Museum" in honor of Black History Month. As a member of the Student Government Association, she has also appreciated Hispanic heritage and Haitian culture. Outside of these leadership roles, Briana is both a learner and a mentor. On behalf of Latinos in Action, she successfully improved the FSA reading levels of three third graders at Colbert Elementary. As a previous member of the Health Information Project (HIP), Briana was also an advocate for health education. Her dedication outside the classroom was no hindrance to her performance in school, she was named Cambridge Student of the Quarter for her hard work in AICE Media Studies and she earned the AICE Diploma in the fall of her senior year.

Briana has been accepted at the University of South Florida and Florida Agricultural & Mechanical University. She plans to major in biology to become an anesthesiologist.



Shaylyn Sophia Lyons
GPA: 3.68 • Class Rank: 2/232
Service Hours: 386

Shaylyn is president of the class of 2024, this role is pivotal in keeping her peers in the loop about upcoming school events and opportunities. She has devised an innovative announcement method that uses Excel, WhatsApp, and the Public Address system, which has been instrumental in the success of the Plug: News Club, which Shaylyn spearheaded. Thanks to her efforts, students are consistently informed of the latest news and happenings around the school, which has helped them to stay ahead of the curve. Apart from this, Shaylyn is also an active member of Business Professionals of America and has participated in regional, state, and national conferences. Her team recently secured second place for the Visual Design Team at the 2023 State Leadership Conference. Shaylyn is also the president of the Drama Club, treasurer of the Student Government Association, and a member of Jobs for Florida's Graduates.

Shaylyn intends to double major in finance and music theater at Florida State University, and after graduation, she plans to move to New York and work in the theater industry.



Maykeline Meza
GPA: 3.4 • Class Rank: 7/232
Service Hours: 375

Maykeline is the Student Government Association president. In this role, she hosted multiple events that helped to increase school spirit among students and staff and fostered a positive school culture. She also has leadership roles in many other clubs such as the National Honor Society, Brace Cadets, and Young People's Project. Through her work with the National Honor Society, she was able to create agendas and events that brought awareness to the students and school. For example, on Earth Day the club made Peace Day Rocks where the students were allowed to write heartfelt messages. While juggling her positions in these clubs Maykeline has been able to maintain a 3.4 unweighted GPA and was recognized for being the best overall in the magnet program. Her greatest community contribution was being involved in her school's 50th anniversary celebration and the Martin Luther King parade.

Maykeline will attend Broward College for two years and then will transfer to a university where she will major in human resources.



Averyanna Newton
GPA: 3.5 • Class Rank: 30/232
Service Hours: 274

Averyanna is president of Mentoring Tomorrow's Leaders, a peer-to-peer mentoring and leadership program. She has been a member of many clubs and has frequently helped around the school, and participated in multiple activities. Her most memorable leadership experience was mentoring the underclassmen; doing that allowed her to see that she could take on a leadership role and help others. She is an active member of the National Honor Society, Future Athletic Administration, and the yearbook. Averyanna also participated in athletics including track and field and flag football.

Averyanna plans to major in forensic science at either Florida International University or the University of Central Florida in hopes of becoming a crime scene investigator.



HENRY D. PERRY EDUCATION CENTER GATORS



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Nina Pollard

GPA: 3.0 • Class Rank: 24/492

Service Hours: 191

As early as eight years old, Nina expressed an interest in helping others by sharing with her family that she wanted to help the homeless. She was invited to be a keynote speaker at the youth program at her church where she encouraged others to overcome and face their challenges with bullying and mental health. Nina has always enjoyed a variety of recreational activities with her family such as soccer, basketball, and dance. She earned almost 200 community service by volunteering for non-profit organizations. She has earned honor roll, a Safe Schools Ambassador award, and participated in various school clubs. One of her most memorable moments was mentoring other students and encouraging them to think about life after high school and their future goals. As someone who personally struggled with self-motivation, she wanted to inspire others to think differently about life after this stage.

Nina plans to study business and become a successful entrepreneur in the beauty industry.



Wattson Ricot

GPA: 3.4 • Class Rank: 10/492

Service Hours: 75

Wattson is a uniquely qualified and dedicated student. He has faced many challenges. Chief among these is the adoption of a different culture requiring him to learn English on the fly. He obtained fluency in just three years, adding to his already proficient status in Haitian Creole, French, and Spanish. As a visually impaired student, he has learned to adapt and even thrive beyond the limits of what many had seen for him. It is a testament to his perseverance and success. His determination to strengthen his knowledge base pushes him to consistently ask questions and fulfill his scholastic obligations without complaint resulting in strong production.

Wattson's goal is to attend Broward College to earn his associate degree and then transfer to Florida International University for medical school with the intent of becoming a pediatrician.



HOLLYWOOD HILLS HIGH SCHOOL SPARTANS



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Rashad Jones

GPA: 3.0 • Class Rank: 62/350

Service Hours: 53

Rashad is a member of Mentoring Tomorrow's Leaders (MTL), First Priority Club, and the Peers and Partners program. His greatest contribution to his school is assisting ESE students to succeed academically through the program Peers and Partners. In addition, through MTL An accomplished athlete who excels in both football and volleyball, Rashad has demonstrated his commitment to excellence through notable achievements, earning recognition for his outstanding contributions to sports and community involvement. His impactful initiatives within these clubs showcase his passion for mentorship and leadership development. Rashad wants to continue to help others and encourage others to be more supportive of their peers.

Rashad plans to attend Sheridan Technical College to complete the HVAC program.



Nicole Sofia Quiles

GPA: 3.21 • Class Rank: 27/350

Service Hours: 90

Nicole is the Student Government Association's second vice president and president of the Inter-Organizational Council (IOC), through which she works to connect the school's clubs to promote a more interconnected school. She is also active in her community by tutoring kids at nearby elementary schools, and by donating food and clothes to her community. She was a member of the Student Government Association during her sophomore year and worked on service projects for her school. In her junior year, she was inducted into the National Honor Society and was elected vice president for Latinos in Action. She planned service activities for the community such as beach cleanups and donations. She has also participated in numerous school projects and activities like Spooky Spartans, ice cream socials, and more.

Nicole plans to pursue a career in the medical field to fulfill her desire to help people. She is waiting to hear back from several colleges including the University of Florida, Florida State University, and Nova Southeastern University.



Joseph Ramos

GPA: 3.7 • Class Rank: 22/350

Service Hours: 494

Joseph is the Battalion Commander for the Entrepreneurship and Leadership Military Academy and the third vice president of the Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD) chapter. He uses his influence in these positions to provide other students with opportunities to learn more about service learning and promote a safer school environment through projects he has led. He has been able to bring cadets within his school together and hosted events in which cadets all around the county have participated. Some of his most noteworthy awards from JROTC include the Purple Heart Medal, Superior Cadet, and WOA silver medal which he has earned through his leadership and class standing. He was also the commander of the Raider Team, Drill Team, and JLAB teams for JROTC and qualified for state-level competitions four times.

Joseph is in the process of applying for the United States Air Force Academy and intends to major in aerospace engineering.



Gabriel Alexander Varela

GPA: 3.30 • Class Rank: 37/350

Service Hours: 247

Gabriel is the Student Government Association president, he states his greatest contribution was reviving school spirit by rallying his peers with enthusiasm and leading them to third place at the Broward County Association of Student Councils' Wacky Olympics. He is gratified that during his term as president, he was able to work with his fellow SGA members to raise school spirit and increase participation to the point where students are proud to be Spartans. He was also JROTC's S3 battalion operations and training officer, an active member in both the Florida Future Educators of America Chapter and Key Club, and served as the secretary of the class of 2024 his junior year. He was recently awarded JROTC's superintendent's Own Guard.

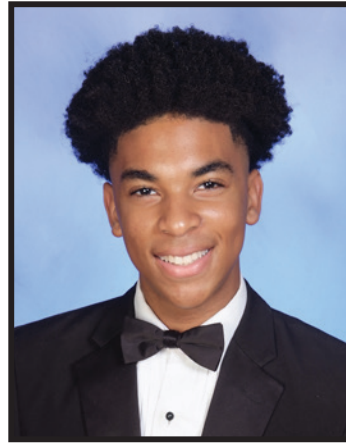
Gabriel has been accepted into Nova Southeastern University but is still waiting on other college admissions decisions before making a final choice. He plans on majoring in political science with a minor in philosophy.



JP TARAVELLA HIGH SCHOOL TROJANS



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Jordan Kenneth Chang

GPA: 3.84 • Class Rank: 14/563

Service Hours: 171

Jordan holds five officer positions in four different clubs around his school including Key Club, Interact Club, HOSA–Future Health Professionals, and the National Honor Society. As vice president of the Interact club, he along with fellow officers was able to successfully promote various fundraisers like Deck My Room. This is an amazing organization that uses donated toys and decorations to accessorize the hospital rooms of kids with chronic illnesses. Outside of school-related co-curricular activities, he volunteers with the city of Coral Springs to pick up trash on the roadside to maintain a more sustainable environment. Jordan has received several awards and honors like Top Weighted GPA and Outstanding Achievement in Social Studies.

Jordan has applied to Columbia University and New York University. He hopes to attain a job in the field of anesthesiology or own his own business.



Sandy Le Pham

GPA: 3.98 • Class Rank: 12/563

Service Hours: 265

Sandy is the secretary of HOSA–Future Health Professionals, which empowers students to become leaders in the global health community, through education, collaboration, and experience. Sandy states that her greatest contribution to her community is her active participation in her Vietnamese community. Her greatest contribution to her school is her active role in the Save What's Left Club, recycling to help reduce the plastic waste that ends up in landfills. She is also the president of Mu Alpha Theta and the secretary of Save What's Left. She has received multiple honors including a Certificate of Excellence for Top Weighted Grade Point Average and a Certificate of Excellence for Allied Health & Health Occupations Students of America. She received her Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) Certification.

Sandy has applied to the University of Florida and the University of Central Florida. She plans to major in chemistry, working toward becoming a pediatrician.



Jayla Rochelle Smith

GPA: 3.8 • Class Rank: 9/563

Service Hours: 214

Jayla is the National Honor Society vice president, Make Our Schools Safe secretary, Key Club fundraising coordinator, and Interact Club treasurer. She is an active member of HOSA–Future Health Professionals and Early Childhood Education. Jayla has achieved her Child Development Associate and Basic Life Support certifications. She is currently a teacher assistant for a freshman Algebra 1 class. She plays midfield on her school's lacrosse team and was awarded Rookie of the Year during her junior year. In 2023, she was awarded the Top Weighted GPA in her class. Her involvement has not only administered her growth as a student but has also impacted the community around her. Her passion for working with kids has inspired her to pursue a career in medicine as a pediatrician.

Jayla has been accepted into Howard University and the University of South Florida. She has applied to Florida State University and the University of Florida and is still waiting to make a final decision. She plans to study health science.



Jordan Weintraub

GPA: 3.98 • Class Rank: 7/563

Service Hours: 334

Jordan Weintraub is the team lead of a group participating in the International Internship Program Law and Advocacy, which enables students to engage with a rural Nigerian community to promote human rights awareness, support victims, facilitate rehabilitation, and enhance cultural resources. Through her work in Leadership Initiatives, she was able to diagnose a patient in Nigeria through telemedicine and propose security training for a new University in Nigeria which was ultimately approved for budgeting. As president of Children Helping Other Children, Jordan worked to fundraise money to provide toys for young children with chronic diseases in hospitals. In her time as president of the debate team, she was able to secure donations from various restaurants and law firms to raise money for national-level tournaments. Jordan was a two-time captain of the swim team and worked to revive and expand the Special Olympics and Best Buddies clubs at her school, bringing in more student involvement.

Jordan plans to become a physical therapist specializing in special needs treatment. She has applied to several colleges including the University of Central Florida and the University of Florida.



LAUDERHILL 6-12 STEM MED MAGNET SCHOOL PANTHERS



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Nicholas Barnett

GPA: 3.65 • Class Rank: 3/18
Service Hours: 269

Nicholas is well known for being the "Triple Threat Treasurer," the nickname given to the person in charge of running three organizations within Lauderhill 6-12: the Student Government Association, the Senior Class Committee, and the National Honor Society. At first, Nicholas Barnett was hesitant to take on leadership roles. That was until he took chemistry and environmental management, where he was selected to be the operations manager for his group. Tapping into his hidden talent, he would not only successfully lead his group to achieve better grades in class but also win first place in the Mole Day Contest and receiving the Certificate of Achievement in Chemistry Honors. Being treasurer allowed Nicholas to manage a large-scale chocolate fundraising campaign, operate Panther Brew, and manage club funds for future events. As he proceeds closer to his graduation and reflects on his past experiences at Lauderhill 6-12, he believes his participation in the operation of school events has acted as a catalyst that allowed him to grow tremendously as an individual.

Nicholas has applied to Broward College and Florida International University. He plans to obtain a degree in information technology.



Ethan McFarlane

GPA: 3.6 • Class Rank: 9/18
Service Hours: 98

Ethan is the president of Mentoring Tomorrow's Leaders, First Priority, and the Senior Class. He is also the historian for the Student Government Association, and a member of the yearbook staff, SWAT, SPUDD, SADD, and the National Honor Society. He does various school projects like game nights for students or repainting the parking lot for teachers. Through SPUD, SWAT, and SADD, he educates students on swimming safety and the dangers of various drugs. He also aims to inspire the younger generation through Mentoring Tomorrow's Leaders and guiding his mentees to greater heights. His greatest community contribution was volunteering for Feeding South Florida, having fed over 1,000 people who did not have access to readily available food.

Ethan is interested in attending Florida Polytechnic University or Full Sail University.



Kayla Winsome Senior

GPA: 3.7 • Class Rank: 4/18
Service Hours: 112

Kayla is the vice president of the National Honor Society, where she can represent her school on the academic threshold. Through traditional acts of service practiced by NHS, she is always giving back to her community attempting to put a smile on as many faces as she can with her greatest contribution being donating non-perishable food items to those in need. She also donated toys during her school's annual toy drive. She also mentors her selected underclassmen to achieve the impossible.

While Kayla may be unsure of the career path she wants to take, she is sure of one thing: she is a leader who contributes to event planning, academics, and role modeling. She will carry these leadership skills to Broward College and any university she transfers to.



Shekinah Lois Wells

GPA: 3.71 • Class Rank: 8/18
Service Hours: 351

Shekinah is the Student Government Association president. She states her greatest contribution is to help her peers or community by giving back. She believed in the importance of giving back to peers and the community. Through her involvement in various organizations and community service initiatives, she has made a positive impact on others' lives. In addition, she has participated in the youth council with the Hibiscus Girls Leadership Academy. Through her experiences, she has developed essential leadership skills such as effective communication, problem-solving, and relationship-building. These qualities have fueled her passion for creating positive change and inspired her to pursue further opportunities to give back to her peers and community. She is a member of Mentoring Tomorrow's Leaders and the secretary of the National Honor Society. Overall, it has shaped her leadership abilities and fueled her desire to create a better and more inclusive society.

Shekinah is unsure where she will be going to school after graduation, but she plans to study fashion design and entrepreneurship.



MARJORY STONEMAN DOUGLAS HIGH SCHOOL EAGLES



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Lauren Allison Buchwald

GPA: 3.4 • Class Rank: 363/826

Service Hours: 314

Lauren Buchwald has had a big influence on her school's community. In her role as senior class president, she has united and effectively represented her peers, exhibiting remarkable leadership abilities. In addition to her position as class president, Lauren has demonstrated her dedication to creating a welcoming and supportive school climate by spearheading several mentorship groups such as Kefford's Kitchen and Kefford's Kids. As the president of "Make Our Schools Safe," she demonstrates her commitment to a safe and supportive learning environment. Lauren's involvement in a variety of student activities is indicative of her sensitive and well-rounded personality. She is regarded as a significant and devoted student leader because of her dedication to bringing about positive change and enhancing the well-being of her classmates. Lauren is a remarkable person who goes above and beyond to improve everyone's educational experience, as seen by her broad engagement.

Lauren has applied to Syracuse University and Indiana University.



Morgan Kate Goldman

GPA: 4.0 • Class Rank: 173/826

Service Hours: 290

Morgan is the Student Government Association president. Her role as the SGA president has made a huge impact throughout her school and community. She has been able to be the voice for the student body and someone that others look up to. Morgan has been involved with leadership since her freshman year and has grown each year. She is a member of the National Honor Society, in which she enjoys working with peers on school-wide events. She is a member of The Chabad of Parkland and received the Best Visual Presentation Award through the Solomon Leadership Program. In this program, she worked with community members who hold leadership positions and gained incredible knowledge from their experiences. She also won the Peer Counseling Award for demonstrating positive skills within the classroom environment. She holds a varsity letter in both soccer and flag football and continues to demonstrate leadership skills on the field. She was the first recipient of the Parkland Flag Football Memorial Scholarship for her dedication to the sport.

Morgan will pursue criminology at Alabama State University, where she will play Division 1 soccer continuing her passion.



Macy Marie Meis

GPA: 3.98 • Class Rank: 17/826

Service Hours: 725

Macy is the class of 2024 and the National Honor Society vice president. Macy started the inaugural chapter of Laughter Heals at her school, advocating for the beneficial healing powers of laughter in mental, physical, and spiritual well-being. A founding member of the Parkland Youth Ambassador program for her community, a two-time DECA champion, winning fifth place in the world at the DECA International Career Development conference in the Project Management Career Development category. She has pursued a number of her passions, including being president of the Rowdy Eagles Club, head photographer for MSD Sports Media, School Advisory Council student representative, a dancer and choreographer in the multicultural show, a DECA officer, an avid member of PTSO, a Student Television Network competitor, a hospitality and tourism competition team member, the football team's media manager, and a varsity cheerleader. She will graduate in the top 3% of her class with an AP Capstone Diploma.

Macy hopes to attend the University of Florida to study sports media, sports medicine, and project management.



Abigail Melamed

GPA: 3.78 • Class Rank: 30/826

Service Hours: 789

Abigail is the National Honor Society president. Through her work with Career Closet, Abigail has been able to reach hundreds of individuals in need of professional business dress to maximize their potential in the professional landscape. She worked tirelessly on giving Career Closet nonprofit status so that the corporation could continue to grow. Abigail works with the youth of her community as a goalkeeper coach and referee. She has received multiple honors including the National Forensic League Degree of Honor and AP Scholar and is an active competitor in Debate and DECA. Her most memorable leadership experience was being the tutoring chair of Mu Alpha Theta.

Abigail has applied to the University of Florida and Florida State University. She intends to major in political science with a minor in English Literature, in hopes of becoming an attorney or judge.



MCARTHUR HIGH SCHOOL MUSTANGS



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Hailey Navita Heeraman

GPA: 3.75 • Class Rank: 6/497

Service Hours: 394

Hailey is the senior class president. She claims her most prominent contribution to her community was raising \$1,000, single-handedly, donating to the orphaned children of Gaza, and becoming an advocate for the Islamic community paired with her position as Muslim Student Association president. Through her leadership roles, reached out across the county, spreading awareness and countering misinformation about the culture, thus earning proclamations for Muslim Heritage Month in over seven cities in South Florida. She is the chief editor and lead photographer of the yearbook, helping rebuild the club following the loss of two sponsors. She has taken photos of more than 100 student-athletes without charge, aiding them in building their college portfolios. She is president of the Science National Honor Society, a club she rebuilt her sophomore year from five members to over 40. She serves as AICE Leadership treasurer, the National Honor Society historian, and video productions historian.

Hailey plans to go to the University of Florida and major in political science with a minor in criminal justice.



Tyler Deion Hilaire

GPA: 3.1 • Class Rank: 203/497

Service Hours: 367

Tyler is the Student Government Association vice president, which helps facilitate student/faculty relations, ensures students' concerns are resolved, and oversees students' clubs and other activities, along with advocating so that the students have a voice in what goes on around campus. He states that his most memorable experience was attending the South Florida Leadership Training Camp which prepared him for his leadership roles. He was recognized for the volunteer work he does for his school, from setting up events, improving school spirit, and helping his peers and the staff. Tyler was recognized as an outstanding leader by his cross-country team and is currently the Music Tech Crew president.

Tyler plans to attend Sheridan Technical College and major in automotive technology or culinary arts.



Jada Renae Jones

GPA: 3.0 • Class Rank: 76/497

Service Hours: 349

Jada, the Student Government Association president, demonstrated exceptional leadership by organizing the Leprechaun Hunt, where she built relationships with ESE students. The success of the Leprechaun Hunt was recognized in Broward County's Association of Student Councils Citizenship Development category as third place. Her most memorable leadership experience was being elected Student Government president and attending Camp Eagle's Advanced Leadership Training. At camp, she forged relationships and connected with students and advisors in her council. While working on various tasks, she noticed some council members weren't contributing as much as others, she observed their strengths and tailored a task for them to participate effectively. This experience allowed her to enhance her leadership skills by encouraging the leadership of others. Jada's inclusive leadership style and remarkable initiative earned her Camp Eagle's Advanced Leadership Training Honor Council Award.

Jada hopes to attend North Carolina Agricultural & Technical State University. Her occupational goal is to become a physical therapist.



Kaylee Cassandra Pineda

GPA: 3.96 • Class Rank: 17/497

Service Hours: 1,253

Kaylee is secretary of the Student Government Association, a vital organization that teaches leadership, service, and responsibility. She is the project manager of the National Honor Society, creating projects for the organization, and follows through with contacts to set up community service opportunities. Kaylee also is the co-founder of the Chess Club and was vice president. As VP she attended meetings and built a community surrounding an intellectual game. The most rewarding role in her school has been providing a network of services to her teachers through volunteering and making it known that she is always there for them. She is also the vice president of the Music Tech Crew, volunteering for many community and school-based activities to provide sound and technical support. In her time in school, she has received multiple awards for outstanding GPA, and honors for extensive service hours. She is a proud member of Pre-Med, Latinos in Action, and Mentoring Tomorrow's Leaders. Her kindness is a virtue that she hopes to grow even more due to her desire to be in the medical field. She hopes to leave a lasting impact on her school and encourage her peers.

Kaylee has applied to Florida Agricultural & Mechanical University, the University of South Florida, and Florida Atlantic University. Her occupational goals are to make a difference in the healthcare field.



MILLENNIUM 6-12 COLLEGIATE ACADEMY STARS



Destiny Rein Corker
GPA: 3.98 • Class Rank: 1/55
Service Hours: 142

Destiny is the president of the class of 2024 and head of the stairwell committee in the National Honor Society. Through the stairwell project, she plans to brighten the day of the students who frequent her school's back building by essentially "putting a pep in their step." Furthermore, she is introducing the One Blood bus for blood donation to her school in hopes of forging a strong partnership for more blood drives to come. The first-ever blood donation is set to take place on Valentine's Day for "Give Love Give Blood." Her most memorable leadership experience helping their Student Government organize the high school's first-ever field day. The responsibility of planning and executing the event took immense time, preparation, and teamwork, but at the end of the event, the class of 2024 took home the trophy!

Destiny has been accepted at Nova Southeastern University and the University of Central Florida. She is on the pre-medical track and will double major in biochemistry and sociology in the hopes of becoming an interventional radiologist.



Tinei Nyakuyedzwa, Jr.
GPA: 3.5 • Class Rank: 27/55
Service Hours: 292

Tinei is the activity leader for the middle school program called Star Points which is in partnership with Positive Behavior Interventions and Support (PBIS), a system that rewards students points for good behavior to make sure that student feels appreciated for all good deeds they do in the school. Tinei is a dual enrollment student with all his classes at Broward College but even though he doesn't have to be at his high school, he attends his school on Monday and Friday to complete the Star Points during the morning and lunchtime for all middle school grades. Tinei is known to be a man of service, always trying to help the people around his school. He has received awards for not only academics but also for his character.

Tinei will attend Lynn University, the university awarded him a \$22,000 scholarship. He will major in psychology, in the hopes of becoming a child psychologist.



MILLENNIUM 6-12 COLLEGIATE ACADEMY STARS



Rachel Fay Robison
GPA: 3.9 • Class Rank: 5/55
Service Hours: 215

Rachel is president of the Tamarac Teen Council, which encourages teens to be an active part of their community. She has led impactful community projects through efficient communication with city officials to bring out youth opinions. She is also vice president of the senior class and the National Honor Society, with an active role in planning school-wide events for her peers to enjoy.

Rachel plans to major in Aerospace Engineering at the University of Florida and has kickstarted her career with an Aviation Internship at the Museum of Discovery and Science. She was accepted into this educational opportunity to study engineering hands-on in her selected expertise. Rachel hopes to one day work at NASA or Space X and contribute to studying the resources of our planet and how we can preserve them.



Charlie Willis
GPA: 3.9 • Class Rank: 13/55
Service Hours: 266

Charlie is the co-president of her school's Executive Council. She states her greatest contribution was advocating for more recycling in her school through Key Club, in which she started a committee dedicated to educating her peers on the importance of recycling as well as its increase. She was nominated for and awarded the Carson Scholar Scholarship, given to those who excel academically and are dedicated to serving their communities. She is also a board member for her school's Health Information Project (HIP), a member of the National Honor Society, an editor for the yearbook, and was Key Club secretary.

Charlie plans to attend Carnegie Mellon University. She will major in computer science with a minor in creative writing, with hopes of authoring books and becoming a software developer.



MIRAMAR HIGH SCHOOL PATRIOTS



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Nataleah Sienna Bowford

GPA: 3.46 • Class Rank: 21/469
Service Hours: 54

Nataleah, the class of 2024 president, is an eclectic, driven young lady. She puts in maximum effort in all her endeavors and has been recognized by major organizations. Nataleah was named a Posse Semi-Finalist, one of the nation's most distinguished scholarships for high-achieving students, and was selected by Broward County Public Schools to represent them in Florida's capital. Nataleah is challenging herself by partaking in these kinds of opportunities while simultaneously taking the most rigorous courses offered at her school, International Baccalaureate (IB) courses. She is also the secretary of the Science National Honor Society, event planning chair of Mentoring Tomorrow's Leaders, and an active member of the Student Government Association, Key Club, and Environmental Science Club. These are just a few of the achievements she can list on her resume. Despite her busy schedule, she is always willing to help her harried classmates with anything they need, displaying her innate selfishness and desire for the upward mobility of those around her.

Nataleah hopes to attend the University of Notre Dame to major in biology and minor in environmental science, in the hopes of becoming a pediatrician.



Georgeanne N. Johnson

GPA: 3.3 • Class Rank: 18/469
Service Hours: 146

Georgeanne is the president of the Astronomy Club; she founded the club as a junior for students interested in exploring the topic of astronomy. She also holds leadership positions in seven other clubs including the National Honor Society, the Science National Honor Society, and the Coding Club. She has an athletic background playing sports during the eighth grade. Georgeanne enjoys the performing arts, once a part of the band playing the alto saxophone and then performing iconic pieces like the "Miracle Worker" in front of judges to a new member of the Step Team performing at pep rallies and showcases. She does this all while balancing her grades and a job internship outside of school with a tech company, America on Tech, that focuses on educating young teens interested in working in the technology sector and connecting them with real jobs. Georgeanne has received multiple honors such as Most Outstanding All-Around Female Athlete and Most Outstanding Student in AP Chemistry.

Georgeanne plans to attend the Florida Institute of Technology (Florida Tech) in the fall on the Panther Scholarship. She will major in astronomy and astrophysics and earn a Bachelor of Science degree to become an astrophysicist one day working at NASA or SpaceX.



Deanna Menders

GPA: 3.65 • Class Rank: 53/469
Service Hours: 157

Deanna is the Student Government Association president. She states that throughout her high school years, she was lucky to engage in many clubs and co-curricular activities. She believes that these activities shaped her character and ignited her desire to explore further and apply her passions. She also found the time and patience to give back to her community through service. Along with giving back to those in need, she held other leadership positions at her school: captain of the girls' varsity flag football team, vice president of the class of 2024, and the Haitian Culture Club, Crime Watch treasurer, and event planner for Environmental Club. One of her most memorable leadership experiences was when she attended the Florida Association of School Councils (FASC) convention. At this impactful event, she got the opportunity to immerse herself in workshops, gain leadership strategies, and collaborate with other members of the Student Government Association. The lessons learned at FASC impacted her role as student government president since it enriched her leadership capabilities.

Deanna plans to attend Duquesne University and major in chemistry with a minor in biology. She plans on pursuing a career as a pharmaceutical scientist.



Robin Rajan

GPA: 3.68 • Class Rank: 99/469
Service Hours: 216

Robin is the vice president of Students Against Destructive Decision (SADD), an organization whose aim is to prevent accidents caused by students making potentially destructive decisions. Through his work with the club, he reached out to many students to spread awareness of drug and alcohol use, vaping, etc. Even during his lunch or after school, he hands out cards that contain a variety of facts and solutions regarding the issues that youth face today. Additionally, he provides mental health counseling to many students throughout his time. He saw tangible results within his community, and others were taking similar initiatives, as they were also engaging in conversations about the importance of mental health. Throughout this, he recognized that his impact was deeply felt. He is also the vice president of the National Honor Society, an active member of HOSA, and the treasurer of the class of 2024, among many other clubs and leadership positions.

Robin plans to attend the University of Florida and intends to major in nursing with a minor in computer science or healthcare administration.



MONARCH HIGH SCHOOL KNIGHTS



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Jessenia Maria Almanzar
GPA: 3.28 • Class Rank: 105/562
Service Hours: 875

Jessenia is the Student Government president, she has hosted and chaired countless events and activities for three years during her term. Through her work, she has also been able to reach her community through a youth program called Coconut Creek Police Explorers. Where she has volunteered for trainings and city-sponsored events. She previously served as the Student Government historian for both her junior and sophomore years. She was awarded the high honor of being promoted to sergeant within the Explorer Program. She has participated in several campus clubs such as Multicultural, the National Honor Society, class office, Dance Marathon, and cheerleading. All clubs and organizations have given her a cumulation of over 875+ service hours. She was also a chair to the A21 Walk for Freedom in Fort Lauderdale, which spreads awareness about Human Trafficking.

Jessenia will major in law at the University of Florida, where she will obtain her Juris Doctor. After college, her goal is to join law enforcement to follow in her father and uncle's footsteps as police officers.



Sarielys Ariana Cuevas Valentin
GPA: 3.5 • Class Rank: 172/562
Service Hours: 178

Sarielys is a two-term president of Latinos in Action, as well as the historian of the Spanish National Honor Society. She is also an inductee of the English Honor Society and the National Honor Society. She will be taking her academic rigor forward with her into post-secondary education, preparing for a career in law. Her leadership positions within her school, as well as the other organizations she is a part of, have strengthened her capabilities and pushed her mindset beyond compare. Her most memorable leadership experience was working with a Latino content creator, Edison Lopez, also known as Señor Edison on Tiktok. He spoke on the importance of the empowerment of the Latino culture and how to take experiences beyond the classroom. He motivated the group and inspired Sarielys to actively take part in coordinating and leading the activities of the society. She was grateful for the feedback.

Sarielys has applied to Stetson University and Florida Gulf Coast University. She intends to become an immigration lawyer.



Brianna D. Figueroa
GPA: 3.9 • Class Rank: 9/562
Service Hours: 429

Brianna is the battalion commander of the JROTC program, which teaches young people to be leaders and better citizens. Through her work in the program for the last 4 years, she was able to play a key role in the battalion getting a 99% on the JPA inspection, allowing the program to keep its honor unit gold star. She has been able to help the program advance by changing the way things are planned and carried out. She held a successful Veterans Day program honoring veterans who have served our country. Not only that, as captain of the drill team, she was able to lead her team to the state competition for the first time in over eight years, completely shifting the mentality of her team. She has received multiple honors, including Cadet of the Year and the Distinguished Cadet Award, where she has held the highest GPA in the program for the last few years. She is also the vice president of the National Honor Society, a tutor for Mu Alpha Theta, a member of the Hope Sunshine Club, and an active member of her community.

She will major in computer engineering, hoping to become an engineer in the future at the University of Florida.



Leila Christie Noel
GPA: 3.5 • Class Rank: 114/562
Service Hours: 100

Leila is the two-term president of the Black Student Union, which helps African American students have a voice, build confidence, take action in school activities, and ultimately help others in need. Leila was also the manager and co-captain of the dance team. She guided her team to victory, they won first place in the 2024 Battle of the High Schools. She is also an active member of Women of Tomorrow and Mentoring Tomorrow's Leaders. Leila was honored as the Spanish River Community High School Distinguished Alumni in the Business Field; she was recognized for Outstanding Achievement in Leadership and Academic Skills for Mentoring Tomorrow's Leaders and was invited to join NSHSS for academic achievements.

Leila will major in business administration and law with a minor in political science, in the hopes of becoming a corporate lawyer. She has been accepted into Florida International University and the University of Miami, but she is waiting on decisions from other universities before she makes her final choice.



NORTHEAST HIGH SCHOOL HURRICANES



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Cody DeMayo

GPA: 3.88 Class Rank: 5/320
Service Hours: 279

Cody is the Corps Commander of the Air Force JROTC unit after just two years within the program, something many only accomplish in their fourth year. This position comes with many overbearing duties such as the maintenance, operation, and functionality of the program's 172 cadets and 10 Leadership Development Requirement (LDR) activities. Despite the stresses, Cody has achieved a 5.0 weighted GPA participating in many of the school's most rigorous programs. He has completed both the Aerospace and Renewable Energy magnet programs, earned an FAA (Federal Aviation Administration) Part 107 drones license from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, and is on track to graduate with his AICE diploma doing all of this while running cross country and track & field since sophomore year. Due to his achievements, he was selected for multiple scholarship opportunities including an eight-week Flight Academy program and the J100 Scholarship through Air Force JROTC.

Cody plans to attend the University of Florida majoring in aerospace and mechanical engineering in hopes of entering the United States Airforce as a Second Lieutenant.



Kyla Nicole Simon

GPA: 3.8 Class Rank: 12/320
Service Hours: 400

Kyla is the Student Government president. She states her greatest contribution to her community was leading her Student Government with perseverance through the hard times they faced while trying to execute different school events. She is also the treasurer of Magnet Ambassadors, a mentor for Mentoring Tomorrow's Leaders, and an active member of the National Honor Society and the Human Relations Council. She served as the chairperson for the Broward County Association of Student Council's (BCASC) annual Middle School Leadership Workshop, a one-day, intensive workshop that taught 125 middle school delegates from 27 different schools how to improve their leadership skills, but more importantly, gave them the tools to take back to their schools so that they could train their peers. Kyla states that her most memorable experience was attending the South Florida Leadership Training Camp, she learned not just leadership skills, but life skills that she will implement throughout her future.

Kyla plans to attend either Spelman College or Florida State University majoring in psychology and minoring in business. She intends to be a clinical psychologist or an industrial-organizational psychologist after completing graduate school.



Braylen Washington

GPA: 3.83 • Class Rank: 5/320
Service Hours: 109

Braylen is the Junior Academy of Science Club research mentor and Business and Entrepreneurship Club president. He states his greatest contribution to his community has been advocating for the growth of STEM and scientific curiosity in children and adults during his time as an Environmental Ambassador at the Museum of Discovery and Science. He is also secretary of the Gardening Club and cofounded a computer science club at his school called "Hack at Northeast." He was invited by the National Academy of Future Physicians and Medical Scientists to the Congress of Future Medical Leaders where he received the Award of Excellence for his commitment to using scientific research to service and lead humanity into the future. He was also awarded special merit by Fairchild for spearheading and presenting research trials for edible food options on the International Space Station to a panel of NASA scientists.

Braylen plans to attend the University of Florida and major in microbiology and cell science. His occupational goal is to be a laboratory biosciences research scientist.



Grace Li Young

GPA: 3.98 • Class Rank: 3/320
Service Hours: 100

Grace, a dynamic individual, served as the senior class secretary with unparalleled dedication, leaving a memorable mark on her high school journey. Her exceptional organizational prowess, effective communication skills, and open-minded perspective were instrumental in ensuring seamless class affairs and a memorable senior year. Beyond her academic commitments, Grace achieved remarkable personal accomplishments, leaving an indelible mark in the community. She stands as a beacon of accomplishment, having actively contributed to her community through extensive involvement in her city's youth sports and junior lifeguard program. She has received a multitude of academic awards including ones acknowledging her hard work in AICE English Language, AP Stats, AICE Psychology, and numerous other classes, as well as multiple honor rolls throughout her high school career.

Grace hopes to attend Florida State University or the University of Florida. She will major in psychology with a minor in sociology, aiming to get a doctorate in psychology and become a clinical psychologist.



NOVA HIGH SCHOOL TITANS



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Jazmin Joseph

GPA: 3.67 • Class Rank: 94/502
Service Hours: 149

Jazmin is the Business and Entrepreneurship Club president. She states her greatest contribution to her community is teaching and encouraging a love for STEM to young girls in communities where STEM activities and programs are few. Jazmin's story demonstrates the transformational power of education, mentorship, and the unwavering belief that every young mind, regardless of background, can contribute to the ever-evolving landscape of STEM. She also serves as the president of the 13-Year Club, vice president of the Student Government Association, and vice president of the Health Information Project Club, and is an active member of the Senior Senate, Women of Tomorrow, Jobs for Florida Graduates, and College and Career Transition Club.

Jazmin intends to major in Computer Science with a minor in marketing at the University of Florida.



Alana McBean

GPA: 3.82 • Class Rank: 31/502
Service Hours: 609

Alana is the founder of Serve South Florida, a social media journalistic effort intended to highlight the contributions of nonprofits throughout South Florida. Through her work with international student organization, Key Club, she has been able to lead the volunteer efforts of over 900 students, through her current leadership position as a Lieutenant Governor. She has fostered her passions for community service and public speaking through the Law & Public Policy and Speech & Debate programs and has even spearheaded a public speaking program for youth at a nearby YMCA. She has received multiple honors including being selected as a 2023 Bank of America Student Leader and 2024 Disney Dreamer. She was a Big Sister as part of the Big Brothers Big Sisters Program, president of the National Honor Society, and captain of the School Duel Team.

Alana has been accepted into Howard University but is waiting on final decisions from other colleges, such as the University of Miami. She intends to major in communications with a minor in journalism, in the hopes of becoming a broadcast journalist.



Sabal Schuster

GPA: 4.0 Class Rank: 25/502
Service Hours: 295

Sabal is president of SkillsUSA. He states his greatest contribution to his community was initiating a 3D printing program at the Museum of Discovery and Science, educating the museum guests and staff about the benefits of 3D printing. He is also the National Honor Society treasurer, a youth member of the Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Arts Advisory Board for the City of Hollywood, the golf team captain, an active member of the Jewish Student Union and Mu Alpha Theta, and a leading tutor in peer math tutoring at his school. Sabal is the gold medalist in Additive Manufacturing at the 2023 SkillsUSA National Leadership and Skills Conference, has received the AP Scholar with Distinction Award, and is the Silver Knight Nominee for his school in the Vocational/Technical category. He has received thousands of dollars in merit scholarships from Florida Polytechnic University, Florida Atlantic University, and Wilkes Honors College respectively.

Sabal plans on attending the University of Florida with a major in computer science and a minor in entomology.



Siddharth Sudhakar

GPA: 3.81 Class Rank: 26/502
Service Hours: 228

Siddharth is the Speech and Debate president. He states his greatest contribution was revitalizing his high school debate program, which has moved up to eighth in the state with over 150 active members and now extends to the fourth grade. Beyond giving students a voice on national platforms, Siddharth is an assistant heritage class teacher at his temple and a pediatric ER volunteer at Memorial Hospital Miramar. He has received several awards, including the Florida Forensics League Novice and Varsity State Champion in Extemporaneous Speaking in 2021 and 2023 respectively. He is currently ranked first in the nation for points accumulated by competing in Extemporaneous Speaking.

Siddharth hopes to attend the University of Florida, majoring in microbiology, and aspires to be a cardiothoracic surgeon.



PIPER HIGH SCHOOL BENGALS



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Jaylen Elena Candelaria

GPA: 3.5 • Class Rank: 55/588

Service Hours: 43

Jaylen is the JROTC Battalion XO who has faced adversity during her time as a high school student, through this adversity, she continues to envision a promising future for herself. Jaylen encompasses a hunger for learning and truth. Her generous spirit draws attention to those who cross her path. Her greatest contribution to her community is raising money for breast cancer in honor of my grandmother, helping raise money for Autism in honor of her brother, walking in the pride parade in support of the LGBTQIA+ Community, and participating in both the Autism Awareness walk and Breast Cancer walk. At only 17, Jaylen has already mapped out her career path to becoming an entrepreneur and obtaining her CPA license. Her ambition has led her to receive award recognition in, entrepreneurship and small business, Vietnam Veterans of America, Cadet Officer of the Quarter, Excellence Award from JCLC Camp, and JROTC Superintendent's Own Guard.

Jaylen plans on getting her associate degree at Broward College with a major in accounting then transferring to East Stroudsburg University where she will major in accounting, minor in finance, and continue toward a master's in accounting.



Abdulkadir Husein

GPA: 3.98 • Class Rank: 1/588

Service Hours: 104

Abdul is the Environmental Club president. As president, he has helped students and faculty become more environmentally conscious and promoted sustainable practices by leading a school recycling program and gardening initiative. He has continued this work outside of school as a City of Sunrise Sustainability Advisory Board member, collaborating with fellow board members to recommend sustainability-focused policy to the city. He is also the president of Mu Alpha Theta, through which he leads a peer-to-peer advanced mathematics tutoring program, and Key Club parliamentarian. His greatest community contribution is as a teacher, tutoring students in science and mathematics in ninth grade through Silverline Tutoring, an online nonprofit student support organization. He has developed a passion for teaching and facilitating growth among the youth of his community. He is a volunteer tutor at his high school and local middle school, while also working one-on-one with many students in his community.

Abdul plans to attend Princeton University as a QuestBridge National College Match Scholarship recipient and major in electrical and computer engineering.



Samara Maggie Rawls

GPA: 3.8 • Class Rank: 9/588

Service Hours: 283

Samara is the president of her First Priority Club, facilitating faith-based student-led activities and creating a safe space for Christians on campus. Additionally, she is a BRACE cadet for Broward County Public Schools, where she prepares her peers for post-secondary options. Samara is the vice president of the Mu Alpha Theta Club, where she tutors her peers one to two times a week, along with other clubs. In the community, Samara serves on her local youth council board, and volunteers at her local Department of Veterans Affairs. She has received numerous awards, including the Cambridge AICE Diploma, the College Board's National African American Recognition Award, and the Florida Seal of Biliteracy. Samara is an author in a local newspaper, The Westside Gazette, where she enjoys sharing a youth's perspective on various events occurring throughout the community.

Samara has been accepted at Hampton University and Spelman College. She will major in health sciences, in the hope of becoming a physical therapist and eventually owning her own practice.



Lauren Smith

GPA: 3.88 • Class Rank: 2/588

Service Hours: 331

Lauren is the Key Club president through this position she was able to perform multiple service projects that aimed to help those in her community who tend to struggle the most. She has held numerous leadership positions throughout her time at her school and her local church. Most prominent was her work through the AWANA program which gave her the ability to create meaningful connections with young girls and become somewhat of a mentor for them. Through her work in this program, numerous kids have not only learned about Jesus but have obtained help in acquiring things that they previously struggled to get, such as new clothes. Lauren was also a BRACE cadet which allowed her to connect with her school's seniors and give them important information for their futures that they otherwise would likely fail to receive. In addition, Lauren had leadership positions in clubs like the National Honor Society, Mu Alpha Theta, and Environmental Club.

Lauren has applied to the University of Florida and the University of Central Florida and though she is unsure of which she will attend; she will focus on majoring in geography while exploring other options in college.



PLANTATION HIGH SCHOOL COLONELS



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Ivanna Valentina Corona

GPA: 3.7 • Class Rank: 115/421
Service Hours: 342

Ivanna is the president of Latinos in Action, a position that has allowed her to show others that hard work and success comes from many backgrounds. Her greatest contribution to the community has been coordinating and carrying out the Harvest Drive, an activity that managed to supply more than 160 needy families. Her greatest contribution to her school was organizing and enjoying multiple activities where they exhibited and enjoyed different cultures and traditions, demonstrating the beauty found outside the country and the richness of each dance, song, and recipe. Thus, creating a student space where each person is welcome to learn and enjoy cultural diversity. She also holds the positions of vice president of the Health Information Project (HIP) and secretary of the Spanish Honor Society (SHS).

Ivana plans to attend Broward College for two years, she will then transfer to Florida International University to study finance.



Helena Bassam Dimiati

GPA: 4.0 • Class Rank: 6/421
Service Hours: 114

Helena is the president of the Spanish Honor Society, which recognizes and promotes academic excellence in Spanish studies while engaging in community service and cultural enrichment activities. She states her greatest contribution to her community was traveling door-to-door and collecting toys in her local community to donate to the Winter Toy Drive for Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital. She has received multiple honors including becoming a QuestBridge Finalist, a National Merit Commended Student, and the Outstanding Math Student for 11th Grade. She's also the president of Mu Alpha Theta and the founding president of an inclusive Multicultural Club.

Helena plans to attend the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and major in astrophysics with a minor in earth, atmospheric, and planetary sciences, hopefully leading her into a scientific researcher position in the future.



Asin Sara Sajan

GPA: 3.7 • Class Rank: 15/421
Service Hours: 150

Asin, serving as the president of the Student Government Association, holds a leadership role, leading and advocating for her peers. In this role, she organizes events, addresses student concerns, and works on projects to enhance the overall student experience. She is a role model among her peers, portraying someone reliable, patient, dependable, and resilient. Beyond her role as SGA president, Asin also dedicates her time as an instructor at Kumon, an institution providing individualized learning in math and reading. Through this experience, she has learned the significance of education, the virtue of patience, and the passion for serving others.

Asin aims for a future career in the medical field, aspiring to contribute to the well-being of others. She has applied to the University of Florida, Florida Atlantic University, and Nova Southeastern University.



Amya Jasmine Wallace

GPA: 4.0 • Class Rank: 1/421
Service Hours: 1,033

Amya was featured on the October segment of "Students Who Shine" on CBS. She composed a research proposal about iron's role in the selective vulnerability of dopaminergic neurons during the onset of Parkinson's Disease under the mentorship of a UCLA professor in neurology that is currently in the process of being published. Through her work with the BRACE Cadet program as manager, ambassador, and event coordinator, she has implemented scholarship and secondary learning projects that have helped students across the district and has hosted informational meetings for over 100 potential cadets. As president of Key Club, she has coordinated various monthly service projects that addressed needs within the community both on and off campus and cultivated partnerships with Joe DiMaggio's Children's Hospital, The Wishing Crane Foundation, Broward Outreach Center as well as other local nonprofit organizations. Alongside receiving her Associate of Arts degree in December, Amya has received numerous honors and awards including the Princeton Service Award and the AP Scholar with Distinction Award.

Amya plans to attend the University of Miami on a Premier Scholarship. She will major in neuroscience with a minor in microbiology & immunology, in the hopes of becoming an anesthesiologist.



POMPANO BEACH HIGH SCHOOL TORNADOS



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Ayla Claire Friedman
GPA: 3.77 • Class Rank: 77/266
Service Hours: 569

Ayla serves as president of the Student Government Association (SGA) helping to oversee student-run events. Through her position, she has had the opportunity to work alongside her peers and teachers to help create a positive and engaging school environment. Involved in SGA for three years she has also served as the executive board historian her junior year and committee chair sophomore year. After attending conventions and conferences, Ayla has learned how to thrive as a leader on campus. Alongside Student Government, she is the Make Our School Safe Club vice president and last year traveled to Washington DC to present an anti-bullying campaign for local elementary schools to help decrease acts of violence in retaliation from childhood bullying. Outside of campus walls, Ayla is an avid dancer and acts as one of the team's captains. With 569 logged service hours and her own 501c3 non-profit organization, she uses her time to give back to the community that gives so much to her.

Ayla plans on attending an in-state college with a major in marketing and a minor in dance. She is grateful to her teachers, administrators, friends, parents, and everyone who has helped her get where she is today.



Tristan Huang
GPA: 3.65 • Class Rank: 76/266
Service Hours: 217

Tristan is the senior class treasurer. He organizes fundraising events and entertaining outings to raise school spirit and strengthen class bonds. He uses his experience as class treasurer to further other clubs he leads, such as the Asian American Association, a club he co-founded that educates on the many Asian cultures and promotes small local Asian businesses. He also helps lead Seaperch and manages the tennis team. The most memorable leadership experience Tristan had was organizing and participating in the painting of our parking lot spots to raise money for the senior class. The sense of community created from being out with his peers painting, sharing resources, and enduring the heat together further strengthened his relationships with many of his classmates.

Tristan plans to attend the University of Florida and major in computer science.



Natalia Lopez
GPA: 3.87 • Class Rank: 21/266
Service Hours: 261

Natalia is the president of the class of 2024. She states her greatest contribution is using both her roles as class president and as vice president of the Women's Empowerment Club to implement and create positive change. She founded a PERIOD chapter - a social advocacy group dedicated to women's issues - in her local community, is a member of FL-23 Rep. Jared Moskowitz's Congressional Youth Cabinet, and is actively involved in her school's Student Government Association. She is also a fierce student-athlete with significant involvement both off and on the field. Through flag football, Natalia has received the distinct honor of representing the Miami Dolphins and American Football Conference (AFC) East as a finalist for the National Football League (NFL) Latino Youth Honors/Hispanic Heritage Foundation.

Natalia has applied to the University of Florida and the University of Central Florida. She plans to major in broadcast journalism with a minor in political science.



Geoffrey Olivier Pierre
GPA: 3.84 • Class Rank: 65/266
Service Hours: 184

Geoffrey is a high school senior who has served as president of the Mentoring Program. In this role, he oversees new student orientation and guides upperclassmen volunteers to support freshmen transitions. Geoffrey played a lead role in organizing his school's International Summit, an immersive cultural exchange program bringing visiting students from several countries to campus. He also is a member of the Student Government Association and has an officer position in both Fashion and Design and Women's Empowerment Clubs. Geoffrey leads children's ministry activities through his local church on weekends, developing faith-based lessons and activities for around 20 youths between 5-12 years old. He finds this community service incredibly fulfilling.

Geoffrey hopes to attend Florida State University or the University of Central Florida. He plans to get a bachelor's degree in civil engineering.



SEAGULL ALTERNATIVE HIGH SCHOOL SEAGULLS



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Jah'Miracle S. Belle
GPA: 3.17 • Class Rank: 5/53
Service Hours: 20

Jah'Miracle is a member of the Senior Leadership Council and is of Haitian and Jamaican descent. She has a one-year-old daughter named Amiria, her biggest motivation to be successful. In her spare time, she enjoys giving back to her community in various ways, such as volunteering at Church By The Glades for the past 11 years. She gives back by feeding the homeless, doing hair, and giving back in any way she can. She has been an active member and leader of Women of Tomorrow, mentoring other students to motivate them and model leadership. She has been an enthusiastic scholar for many years receiving prestigious awards such as the Principal's Award, A Honor Roll, and A/B Honor Roll. Jah'Miracle is proud to share that due to her scholastic ability, she was promoted to the 12th grade at the beginning of her junior year, skipping the 11th grade and continuing her exceptional studies as a senior for the 2023-2024 school year.

Jah'Miracle's future aspirations are to attend the illustrious Florida Agriculture & Mechanical University to obtain a nursing degree or doctorate of medicine and work in pediatrics.



Dieunika Pierre
GPA: 3.3 • Class Rank: 2/44
Service Hours: 50

Dieunika Pierre is the secretary of Business Professionals of America (BPA). Her duties consist of data entry assistance, recruiting members, demonstrating leadership, and continuing to motivate her peers. She states her greatest contribution to her community was volunteering with the Children's Day Care at Seagull High School, teaching preschoolers how to tie their shoes and believe in themselves with motivational chants. She was recognized for her service by the principal and director of the daycare. One of her proudest accomplishments was aiding Adults with Autism (AWA) ranging from the age of 29 to 64. She read stories, discussed current events, and decorated for their monthly parties.

Dieunika plans to attend Florida Atlantic University to pursue a career in medicine as a nurse.



Da'shaun Porter
GPA: 3.17 • Class Rank: 4/63
Service Hours: 6

Da'shaun took leadership roles helping with school-wide initiative activities. He was the lead student facilitator who assisted the host Ms. Michaud by setting up the activities for their childcare/students' Easter Egg Hunt and field day. For the Easter Egg Hunt, he was the lead facilitator, he helped place the eggs outside on the field and set up the search area for the daycare children to go search. Signs were placed at stations 1 & 2 to separate the children evenly before they started searching. His second leadership activity was our schoolwide field day. Da'shaun helped pack the drinks in a cooler, pushed them to the designated area, and helped set the games and activities for all the students and children to play. These roles helped him broaden his leadership and organizational abilities.

Da'shaun has yet to decide what his post-secondary education plans will be.



Carmen Esther Ruiz
GPA: 3.42 • Class Rank: 1/19
Service Hours: N/A

Carmen recently arrived in the United States from Cuba. In this short time, she has overcome many changes including adapting to her new culture. She has demonstrated her leadership skills by providing other students new to the United States with the support needed to improve their understanding of their new environment. Carmen always desired to come to the United States in search of a better future and is determined to continue her studies and to be able to contribute to helping her community. She is an avid math and science student who also enjoys volunteering at her church to provide food and assistance to those in need.

Carmen hopes to attend Florida International University and is interested in pursuing a degree in the medical sciences, preferably as an orthodontist.



SHERIDAN TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL WOLVES



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Mia Alejandra Ramirez

GPA: 3.95 • Class Rank: 12/99
Service Hours: 1,050

Mia is a well-rounded student who has shown a strong work ethic and commitment to the community. As class president, she brought her peers together and accomplished new heights via her commitment to her studies and leadership in the school. Mia has won numerous awards, such as the CollegeBoard National Hispanic Recognition and the award for the most service hours completed by an 11th grader. She was actively involved in her community outside of school as well. She began by volunteering regularly at the Next Generation Learning Center and is now qualified to mentor newer volunteers. Her greatest contribution to her school was her dedication to listening and serving her classmates and providing them with the best results possible to ensure that everyone enjoyed their high school career. As class president, she was tasked with attending the School Advisory Council meetings and informing parents, board members, and school employees of recent news about the class.

Mia has applied to the University of Florida where she plans to major in biochemistry with the goal of becoming a pharmacist.



Christopher Raphael

GPA: 4.0 • Class Rank: 2/99
Service Hours: 393

Christopher is the co-president of Equity Leadership Club, which focuses on creating a safe and welcoming environment for students. He is secretary of the Brain Bowl Club, Mu Alpha Theta Honor Society, and class of 2024. He has received multiple honors including the Horatio Alger State Scholarship, QuestBridge Match Scholar, and College Board National African American Recognition Award. He participated in many Quiz Bowl Competitions placing second at regionals and fourth at states. His greatest community contribution is his resilience in creating a diverse environment. Assisting in raising awareness for people with disabilities through events such as Broward Speaks for Autism, he also partnered with Sunrise Community Inc. to pass out informational flyers for people interested in disability home care.

Christopher is planning to attend Dartmouth College on a full scholarship. He is planning to major in engineering sciences modified with computer science with the hopes of becoming a hardware engineer.



Alegna Yamari Reyes

GPA: 3.72 • Class Rank: 26/99
Service Hours: 441

Alegna is the vice president of the class of 2024. Through her position, she strives to make the best memories for her class members and gives assurance that all their opinions are heard and matter. Aside from being the vice president of her class, she is currently the vice president of the Spanish Club, secretary of She Has Empowerment Club, treasurer of Girls Who Code, and ambassador for the Thomas W. McCormick Scholarship Fund. Alegna is currently a part of the Pharmacy Technician program at her school, where she hopes to become a certified pharmacy technician. Her greatest contribution to her school is how proactive she is when it comes to organizing and running the clubs. Being an extrovert, she always goes out of her way to bring club involvement up and makes sure everyone feels included and welcomed. Alegna hopes she has inspired others to try new things and be a part of their community because no matter what they may think, their opinion does matter.

Alegna plans to attend Florida State University as a member of the C.A.R.E Abridged program to major in biochemistry and later pursue medical or dental school.



Lauryn Rhea Roberti

GPA: 3.931 • Class Rank: 10/99
Service Hours: 354

Lauryn is the president of the club She Has Empowerment (S.H.E.). They host guest speakers and complete newsletters and activities to educate students about issues that affect women, especially in the workforce. She has been a part of the club since her sophomore year and has advanced through different officer positions. Because she demonstrated such dedication within the club, she received the Award of Excellence for S.H.E. Lauryn is also the vice president of Girls Who Code. They learn and practice how to code as well as empower women in a positive environment through technology. Not only is she president and vice president of two different clubs, but she is also the secretary of the National Honor Society. Outside of school, she is a shift lead at the franchise Crumbl Cookies. She must supervise employees, delegate tasks, and execute decisions swiftly. She received an Employee of the Month certificate for her consistent diligence.

Lauryn will be attending the University of Miami. She plans to major in international studies.



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Joven Edouard
GPA: 3.4 • Class Rank: 10/79
Service Hours: 242

Joven is a natural-born leader with a drive to create opportunities for himself and to help others succeed. While joining Restoring Grace Baptist Church he helped give out meals to over a hundred homeless people around Broward County. He wanted to expand his community's reach, so he applied to become a camp counselor for one of Fort Lauderdale's parks which allowed him to meet a plethora of children who were looking to have fun during the summer. With his goal-speaking mentality, he continued to be a leader at school and through his co-curricular activities, as the Student Government treasurer and co-captain of both the track and basketball teams during his sophomore and senior seasons. Joven is dual enrolled and will be graduating with an associate degree.

Joven will attend the University of South Florida where he will study computer science, in hopes of becoming a computer programmer.



Marilyn Merilan
GPA: 3.6 • Class Rank: 11/79
Service Hours: 54

Marilyn is the Student Council activities director and one of the founders and captain of the Step Team. She has shown great determination, courage, and outstanding leadership in whatever she wants to accomplish. Through her experiences in the Boys and Girls Club and at school, she has developed into a wonderful young lady who also helps others reach their full potential. One of her most memorable leadership experiences was creating a great club to encourage all of the students to get out there and share anything they need help with instead of keeping it balled up inside.

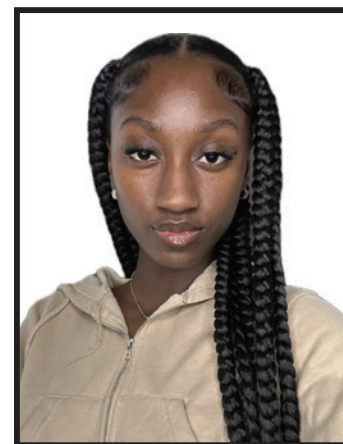
Marilyn intends to attend Florida International University. She will major in criminal justice with a minor to be decided. She hopes to become a homicide detective so she can help her community even more.



Adam Hosein Vilama
GPA: 3.85 • Class Rank: 1/79
Service Hours: 49

Adam is one of the founders of Project Plove, a project that looks to give opportunities to minority youth and bring the public together. Adam also is a part of the Broward BRACE Cadet program and has worked to bring awareness about college readiness and career readiness to his school as well as networking with students throughout Broward County. He is currently the 12th grade Student Council president and serves as a senior ambassador to the Student Government Association. Adam has received multiple awards including an AP Scholar designation, and the College Board National African American Recognition Award amongst others. He says his greatest community contribution was being a children's hospital letter writer. Beginning in 10th grade, he sent cards to children's hospitals across America, while never thinking it would make a huge impact, but realizing that kids were able to receive letters that would hopefully make them feel just a little better, made him happy.

Adam hopes to attend Harvard University. He plans to major in molecular biology with the hopes of becoming a health professional.



Alana Renae Wilcox
GPA: 3.4 • Class Rank: 7/79
Service Hours: 146

Alana is the Student Government vice president, a student-athlete, an entrepreneur, and thriving academically; all while being dual enrolled and pursuing a major in biology. Alana has been involved in many co-curricular activities such as cheer, volleyball, track, Ladies of Elegance, Glee Club, Book Buddies Club, Student Council, and Cooking Club. Throughout her years of school, her overall goal has always been to leave her mark and make a change in other's lives. Alana is the last of six children, she has always felt the need to stand out and show others what she's capable of. A big family has taught her how to face adversity and overcome difficulties in life. She has done many community service acts both within and outside of her church Restoring Grace. She takes the most pride in her relationship with Christ and her business, @laid.bylana.

Alana hopes to attend Florida Atlantic University or Florida Gulf Coast University.



SOUTH BROWARD HIGH SCHOOL BULLDOGS



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Diego Figueroa
GPA: 3.92 • Class Rank: 2/561
Service Hours: 483

Diego is the Math Honor Society Club president, but his greatest contribution to his community is being an active member of Hallandale Beach's Police Athletic League by volunteering as a soccer coach and referee for their recreational seasons. His extensive academic and co-curricular achievements have been recognized by Florida state representative Sheila Cherfilus-McCormick, and the Florida Hispanic American Chamber of Commerce. Additionally, he is also the vice president of the Social Studies Honor Society, secretary of the Science Honor Society, and a swimmer on the swim & diving team. He is a QuestBridge National College Match Finalist. Diego's most memorable experience was organizing Pi Week during his junior year. Being an officer in the Science Honor Society and president of the Math Honor Society, he had the pivotal role of organizing and running the math and science-themed spirit week from March 13-17, 2023, where on Pi Day, students were able to "pie" teachers in the face during lunch. Being able to creatively combine math and science education as an engaging school event that successfully brought the school community together was a fulfilling experience.

Diego will attend Northwestern University to major in electrical engineering with a full-ride scholarship.



Sydney Mazor
GPA: 3.85 • Class Rank: 28/561
Service Hours: 281

Sydney is the Student Government president. Her aim through high school has been to improve her school and community through administrative conversation addressing the needs and concerns of her peers. Through her leadership in the school district, she has been able to make changes by serving on advisory boards, including the Superintendent's Student Advisory Committee, to advocate for her peers. She has received multiple honors including being recognized as one of USA Water Polos Academic All-American athletes and becoming a Lombardi and Stamps Nominee. She has been captain of the water polo team since her sophomore year. Her greatest community contribution was founding "The Period Project" which collects and distributes feminine hygiene products to anyone in need while stopping the stigma by addressing both the biological components and cultural developments so that we can evolve as our community does. These products should be a human right to have without any shame or price tag.

Sydney applied to the University of Florida and the University of Central Florida. She plans to study sports medicine on a pre-health track hoping to improve treatments given to athletes upon injury.



Adriana Monterrey
GPA: 3.3 • Class Rank: 53/561
Service Hours: 488

Adriana Monterrey is the senior class president. She works closely with advisors to plan exciting events for the senior class. This includes a senior sunrise, senior spirit days, senior BBQ, and more. She also serves as Debate Club president and National English Honor Society president. Her role has earned her a nomination to the Freedom Foundation's Leadership Conference in Valley Forge, Pennsylvania. Adriana served as the co-captain of the basketball cheer team her junior year, and the co-captain of the football cheer team her senior year. Adriana's greatest contribution to her community, was through her role as National English Honor Society president and working with "Got Sneakers," to donate shoes to underprivileged people. It was an outstanding way to help her community while promoting the message of English literacy for all students.

While Adriana is undecided on which university to attend, she has been accepted to Florida International University and the University of South Florida. She plans to major in political science and history, with hopes of becoming a lawyer.



Dameliz Cecilia Rivera
GPA: 3.8 • Class Rank: 134/561
Service Hours: 270

Dameliz is an excellent student, who, over the past four years, has worked to achieve honor roll continuously. Dameliz has strived to become Bulldog of the Month at SBHS as she took part in the Thanksgiving Harvest Drive, aided in special school events such as Grandparents Day, hosted a Veterans Day ceremony, and more. She has taken part in JPA where she earned a Medal of Distinction. She takes part in color guards all around the community providing service and honoring the nation. She is also part of the marching band and concert band where her fellow band members and herself perform for many events and were granted Superiors at MPA. Her most memorable leadership experience is as a leadership member of JROTC. As captain of the Raiders and Drill teams, she gets to have group and one-on-one experience with other cadets as they learn to reach for opportunities and grow as a team.

Dameliz's field of study will focus on medical sonography where she dreams of helping women all over the world.



SOUTH PLANTATION HIGH SCHOOL PALADINS



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Jalisa Simon Coleman
GPA: 3.28 • Class Rank: 235/512
Service Hours: 310

Jalisa is the Student Government Association's third vice president – a role in which she is tasked with creating fun, interactive school spirit events and activities for students of all grades to participate in to enhance the high school experience. She worked collaboratively with other elected SGA officers and members, providing students with memorable pep rallies, coordinating the entire Homecoming dress-up week, as well as glamorous Senior Nights to send graduates out with a bang. She also holds the title of co-editor-in-chief of the yearbook, which allows her work in SGA to be memorialized for future officials in her position. Because of her tireless work, she has been honored with certification of recognition awards for both SGA and the yearbook. Jalisa also spends hours volunteering her time to organizations such as Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Broward County.

Jalisa wants to continue her education at the University of California in Davis. She plans to major in pre-veterinarian sciences and minor in cinematography and film video production. While continuing her formal education, Jalisa still wants to be an active participant on the college campus by joining volunteer groups and the Student Government.



Marisa Fein
GPA: 3.84 • Class Rank: 44/512
Service Hours: 1,528

Marisa is a highly motivated and accomplished student leader with a passion for community service and marketing. Marisa has held several leadership positions throughout high school, including president of DECA, BBYO regional president, and president of JFG. She is also a proud recipient of the Cambridge Diploma and has been recognized for her exceptional leadership skills with the DECA Leadership Award. In addition, she has worked as a summer camp counselor at AEF Summer Camps, where she demonstrated her dedication to making a positive impact in the lives of others. Marisa is also actively involved in her local community, having worked with the Greater Plantation Chamber of Commerce. She has been nominated for a Silver Knight Award for her outstanding achievements in the field of business.



Mysha Afroza Khan
GPA: 3.93 • Class Rank: 30/512
Service Hours: 423

Mysha is currently her chapter's DECA president and head of the human resources department. She is a four-year DECA competitor and a marketing program completer, where she was certified in entrepreneurship and small business last year. Through her role, she was able to help the club achieve a Diamond Level in their Annual Business Plan two years in a row, and hopefully lead them to a third this year. She started working in retail at 16 and got a second job at Kumon at 17 where she tutors young children in math and reading. Since middle school, she has been a friendly face at West Regional Library as a teen volunteer. She was president of the Key Club and earned the G. Harold Martin Outstanding President Award to recognize her achievements during her presidency at the state level. Her biggest heroes are her mother for her endurance and heart, her oldest sister for her courage, and her older sister for her selflessness.

Mysha has applied to the University of Florida and the University of Central Florida. Her dream is to be a US Diplomat and aid with international development. Her other aspirations include helping run non-profits based on humanitarian or educational causes like the Mai Soli Foundation, and working in marketing or public relations.



Oriana Sanchez Mora
GPA: 4.0 • Class Rank: 156/512
Service Hours: 191

Oriana is the treasurer for Latinos In Action and an active participant in LIA's Board of Directors. Hailing from Venezuela, she honed her tutoring skills in high school and currently extends that passion by tutoring third graders at Plantation Park Elementary School. She further states that tutoring reading has been challenging but is a rewarding experience. In the brief span of her time in the country and with a language barrier, Oriana has distinguished herself academically, earning awards like "Most Ambitious Student" and "Straight A First Quarter." Her greatest contribution to her school has been dedicating 100+ hours to community service, specifically focused on cleaning and enhancing the school environment.

Oriana plans to attend Broward College and double major in engineering and business administration. She aspires to ascend to the role of CEO within a life insurance company, steering strategic initiatives and fostering financial well-being for clients through innovative and ethical business practices.



STRANAHAN HIGH SCHOOL DRAGONS



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Alejandra Aguilar-Vado

GPA: 3.0 Class Rank: 91/289

Service Hours: 235

Alejandra is the founder and president of the Student Government Spirit Committee which creates, organizes, and hosts all the school's pertinent events such as homecoming and prom, sports games, pep rallies, and community events. Alejandra is not simply a member, but a leader within clubs and organizations such as the following, but not limited to: JROTC Operations Officer and Second in Command, she is secretary of her graduating class office, Cheerleading captain, a mentor for Mentoring Tomorrow's Leaders and for the Boys' and Girls' club, president of Drama Club, and the president of the school's Announcement Crew. Through her leadership and community involvement, Alejandra has truly made a difference in the lives of her peers and teachers by bringing those around her together and guiding them to success, while being positive in the process. She has received honors and awards such as "A" Honor Roll, Most Outstanding in Algebra 2, Outstanding Senior, Cadet of the Quarter, and Broward County Athletic Association (BCAA) Cheerleader.

Alejandra plans to attend Florida Agricultural & Mechanical University where she will major in biology, with the hopes of becoming a forensic pathologist.



Miya Chadae Dennis

GPA: 3.69 Class Rank: 8/289

Service Hours: 315

Miya is the Student Government Association president. Through her work as president, she contributes to her campus with student-led initiatives such as "Read More, Scroll Less" to promote school spirit and community outreach. Miya is also the president and re-founder of Dragons Speech & Debate, where her most fond leadership memories lie. She states that the opportunity to assist students in developing the skill of public speaking creates success at the core. As CEO of Simply Cheerly, she promotes well-being and awareness of mental health through her company and is an active Peer Health Educator for the Health Information Project. She had the honor of being selected for public advocacy work through Rally to Tally. With the goal of being a civil attorney, Miya has gained work experience at VLP Copenhaver Espino, as a legal office assistant.

Miya plans to attend Florida Agricultural & Mechanical University with a major in political science and public administration.



Jennifer Gudiel Ramirez

GPA: 3.88 • Class Rank: 2/289

Service Hours: 156

Jennifer is of Guatemalan Mexican descent born in the US but raised in Mexico. With her everyday beaming smile, Jennifer can be described as a kind, responsible, and committed leader who aspires to attend college as a first-generation alumnus. As a four-year active member of the Latinos in Action Organization as vice-president and president, she has inspired students to go above and beyond in all the learning opportunities that come across despite the challenges presented. It includes things such as guiding and mentoring them to be high school-ready graduates, specifically, English speakers of other languages as she faced the same difficulties in her elementary school journey. She has been involved in Advanced Placement courses and honor classes and received recognitions that include the 2022-2023 Latinos in Action Medal, was cardiopulmonary resuscitation certified her sophomore year, and received certificates of superior achievement and excellence in AP Spanish Language and AP Spanish Literature.

Jennifer plans to attend Miami-Dade College. She is looking forward to majoring in hospitality and tourism to later pursue her dream in the aviation field.



Jakivia Owens

GPA: 3.7 • Class Rank: 70/289

Service Hours: 115

Jakivia is a remarkable individual who has made significant contributions in various fields. Born in 2006, at Plantation General Hospital, she has led an inspiring life filled with ups and downs. At a young age, she lost her dad and lost his family also. After her father's death, his family moved on and didn't do much for her or her siblings afterward which caused her to no longer want to associate with them. During her educational years, she attended Lauderdale Manor Elementary, Lauderhill Paul Turner Elementary, Dillard Elementary, William Dandy Middle, and now the Stranahan High School! She always tells everyone that William Dandy formed her and Stranahan molded her into the leader she's always wanted to be.

Jakivia would like to attend Florida Agricultural & Mechanical University or Spelman College. She plans to study nursing or healthcare science. As of right now, she's studying medical administration at McFatter Technical College which puts her in the position to have a front desk job in a pediatric office once she graduates.



WEST BROWARD HIGH SCHOOL BOBCATS



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Gabriella Antmann

GPA: 4.0 • Class Rank: 4/622

Service Hours: 102

Gabriella is the band captain of the Performance Ensemble. Through her leadership role, she has been a mentor to many musicians, establishing the standard of student leadership and professionalism that the ensemble is known for while the band attended Bands of America for the first time in over a decade. She has received several awards and is a five-time Florida All-State and a six-time Broward All-County Band/Orchestra clarinetist. She is the president of Girls Who Code Club where she leads programming classes to teach young women in STEM Python. She is a member of the Tri-M Music Honor Society and a regular competitor at the Science Olympiad (with an award in anatomy and physiology).

Gabriella plans to attend university as a biochemistry major on a pre-med track.



Addison Christian App

GPA: 3.74 • Class Rank: 31/622

Service Hours: 155

Addison currently serves as the Battalion Commander of a distinguished JROTC unit. Throughout high school, he has been recognized for his achievements with multiple awards, most notably earning the Superior Cadet Award in 2022. Demonstrating exceptional leadership, Addison successfully leads a battalion of over 270 JROTC cadets, fostering unity and achieving remarkable results both physically and academically. Committed to community service, Addison contributes significantly through work at Mission BBQ, with a focus on honoring, serving, and feeding veterans. This dedication to community welfare aligns seamlessly with Addison's future aspirations, as evidenced by his appointment to the United States Military Academy at West Point.

Addison is poised to become a transformative leader, Addison envisions making a positive impact on the nation, carrying forward the principles of leadership and service cultivated throughout his impressive JROTC journey.



Sheyjar Kaul

GPA: 3.92 • Class Rank: 14/622

Service Hours: 317

Sheyjar is the president of the National Honor Society, where she leads service projects like the Harvest Drive and tutoring to help her community. As forensic coordinator for the Speech and Debate team, she has guided novices and achieved national recognition in prominent tournaments like the NSDA Nationals and NIETOC. She is also a dedicated member of both the English and Science National Honor Societies. Sheyjar's commitment to service extends to the South Florida Hindu Temple's Balvihar program, where she mentors students to foster moral and cultural awareness, and to the Holding Hands Foundation, where she supports and assists pediatric cancer patients. Sheyjar also enjoys playing the piano and dancing in the styles of hip-hop and classical Bharatanatyam, which she has been doing for the past 12 years.

Sheyjar is looking forward to majoring in the sciences at her future college.



Emma Stefanini

GPA: 3.82 • Class Rank: 28/622

Service Hours: 263

Emma is the vice president of the senior class, which entails organizing school events such as prom or field trips for the seniors at her school. Her work has helped raise money for her senior class and organize events to benefit the community such as hosting a book drive and carrying out senior events. She has received numerous awards, some of which include the Outstanding Achievement In Science, Fine Arts, Language Arts, and class office, recognition in the District's World Languages Academic Competition, and the Certificate of Special Congressional Recognition in the Congressional Art Competition for High School Students. She is a member of the National Honor Society, Art Club, Key Club, Middle Eastern and Asian Exploration Club, and Science Olympiad.

Emma has applied to the University of Florida and the University of Central Florida. She will major in aerospace and aeronautical engineering, in the hopes of becoming an aerospace engineer for NASA.



WESTERN HIGH SCHOOL WILDCATS



WESTERN HIGH SCHOOL WILDCATS



Grace Anderson

GPA: 3.77 • Class Rank: 63/847

Service Hours: 109

Grace Anderson is the vice president of the Student Government Association. She states her greatest accomplishment toward her community has been hosting a senior citizens prom-style party at a local retirement home, filling their evening with food, music, and fun activities that gave them the chance to have their version of a "Senior Senior Prom." She is also the historian of Debbie's Dream Club, which spreads awareness about stomach cancer and raises money to donate to the Debbie's Dream Foundation. Grace is a lifeguard during the summer, making sure people enjoy their swims safely. She has been captain of the water polo team for two years and is a member of the swim team.

Grace plans to attend Florida State University to major in marketing.



Joey Fisher

GPA: 4.0 • Class Rank: 4/847

Service Hours: 272

Joey is extremely dedicated to her education and strives for excellence in all she pursues. She has a strong work ethic, passion for learning, and ambition to succeed. This drive has led to consistent honor roll achievements, back-to-back Excellence in Mathematics Awards, and a pristine 4.0 GPA throughout her high school years, with a weighted GPA of 5.5. Joey has completed six AP courses, eight AICE courses, six dual enrollment courses, and has received the AICE Cambridge Diploma with Distinction. She is president of the National Honor Society and captain of the girls' varsity lacrosse team. She is a member of five clubs, all while also working part-time. One of her most passionate and rewarding roles has been her work as a peer tutor, through NHS, she has completed many hours as an after-school peer tutor assisting fellow students with a variety of subjects. Joey received the District 16 Girls Lacrosse Honorable Mention Award in 2021, Western High School Girls Lacrosse Most Improved Player 2022, and Western High School Girls Lacrosse Top Defensive Player 2023 during her varsity lacrosse career.

Joey hopes to attend the University of Florida or Florida State University to pursue an occupation as a lawyer.



Ella Shaye Glassman

GPA: 3.58 • Class Rank: 129/847

Service Hours: 474

Ella is the Speech and Debate Team president, currently ranked first in Florida and eighth in the nation for Informative Speaking. She is the founding president of the Film Club, SAC representative, and BRACE cadet. A Girl Scout since kindergarten she's earned the Bronze, Silver, and Gold Awards, creating "The Art of Applying," a curriculum handbook for applying to college arts programs that is now available in every Broward high school BRACE office. Ella founded Chemo Care Wishes to support local women battling breast cancer and runs a website, The Scoop on Scoliosis, to help girls newly diagnosed with scoliosis. She is an Ambassador for Project Beauty (raising funds for teen mental health) and Setting Scoliosis Straight. Ella is a three-time recipient of the President's Volunteer Service Award and received the Culpepper Journalism Foundation Fellowship. Her documentary short film about the impact of body image on teen mental health, Painful, has been utilized by various community organizations.

Ella has been accepted at Emerson College for Film Production on the Visionary Scholarship and DePaul University on the Presidential Scholarship. She plans to study film production.



Arianna Alexandra Nadorfy

GPA: 3.9 • Class Rank: 82/847

Service Hours: 425

Arianna is president of Latinos in Action, an organization that teaches college and career readiness while empowering Latino youth. She has aided local elementary students newly arrived in the United States, with reading and math so they don't fall behind. She runs LIA meetings and organizes events to provide opportunities for over 50 members to be active in the community. She has received multiple honors, including the National Gold Presidential Volunteer Service Award, and the National Federation Festivals Music Auditions earning two Superior Awards that qualified her for States with an Honorable Mention. Arianna is also Key Club vice-president, a trainer at Chick-fil-A, a Gifted Camp Ambassador, and an active member of the National Honor Society, and Women of Tomorrow. She is the youngest student accepted to play college level in the Broward College Community Jazz Big Band.

Arianna hopes to attend Florida State University as a veterinarian medicine major and minor in marine biology. She plans to join a military program hoping to positively impact marine life and society as an aquatic veterinarian.



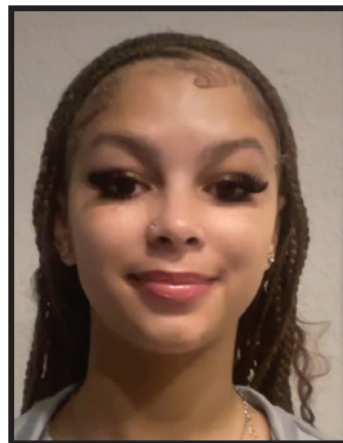
Siomara Estrada

GPA: 3.89 • Class Rank: 1/92

Service Hours: 300

Siomara is the president of Latinos in Action. She is a first-generation American from Guatemala. Despite only being in the country for less than two years, she has played an instrumental role in assisting other multilingual students. Her greatest contribution to her school has been mentoring new English language learner students when they arrive at the school and assisting her teachers with translation and tutoring in class.

Siomara plans to attend Broward College and the University of Florida. She plans to study business marketing.



Alexis Moore

GPA: 3.06 • Class Rank: 15/92

Service Hours: NA

Alexis is the vice president of Faculty & Staff Relations for the Student Government Association (SGA). Last year, she served as the SGA president. Alexis has also been an active member of the debate team and currently serves as the debate team captain. Her greatest contribution to her school has been being a founding member of the debate team. She's worked diligently to create a platform for students to engage in meaningful discussions and hone their public speaking skills. Winning two debate medals not only reflects her achievements but also showcases the success and recognition their school has gained through the team. She takes pride in fostering an environment that encourages critical thinking and effective communication among her peers.

Alexis plans to enroll in the dental assisting program at Atlantic Technical College after which she plans to pursue veterinary studies at Florida Mechanical & Agricultural University.



Tayshawn Ricardo Thomas

GPA: 3.41 • Class Rank: 3/92

Service Hours: 40

Tayshawn is the president of the Save Promise Club, teaching students life skills while promoting safety and well-being; and creating a safe and inclusive environment. Leading the club, he helps foster this culture. SAVE stands for Students Against Violence Everywhere, this club allows him to actively participate in efforts to prevent violence, bullying, and other harmful behaviors within the school community. This proactive approach can make a significant impact on the overall school climate. Building awareness raises consciousness about the importance of violence prevention, mental health, and overall student well-being. Empowering students he inspires and mobilizes his peers and encourages them to spread their message and involve parents, teachers, and community members in violence prevention initiatives. Tayshawn has developed skills in organization, communication, teamwork, and problem-solving, which are transferable to various aspects of life. As leader of Save Promise Club's activities and initiatives, Tayshawn helps to contribute to a positive and inclusive school culture. He helps make the school a place where everyone feels safe, supported, and respected.

Tayshawn plans to attend Broward College or Florida Atlantic University.



WILLIAM T. MCFATTER TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL STORM



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Aliyah Christen Hayle
GPA: 3.89 • Class Rank: 4/135
Service Hours: 243

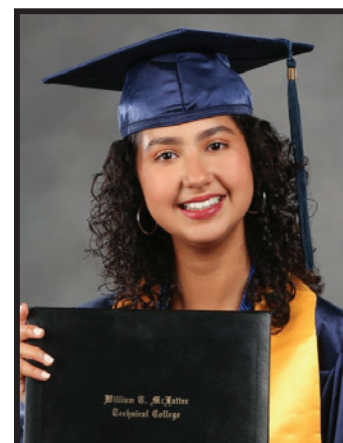
Aliyah is the Black Student Union vice president. She states that her greatest contribution was being proactive by ensuring more kinship and diversity with the Black Student Union through volunteer events, spirit-building, and community outreach. This includes a sit down with members and administration to discuss issues and solutions pertaining to students of color, volunteering events throughout the year emphasizing black history, and spirit events displaying black culture. Aliyah is secretary of the Student Government Association, nursery and youth coordinator of Plantation United Methodist Church, lead high school ambassador for Pre-Health Shadowing, a competitor in HOSA-Future Health Professionals, an active member of the National Honor Society, and a pharmacy technician intern at Memorial Regional Hospital. In DECA, she competed in district, state, and international competitions, placing second in Florida for entrepreneurship decision-making skills. She is in the pharmacy technician program to receive a pharmacy technician license and certification while taking classes for an associate degree.

Aliyah plans on attending the University of Florida with a major in Pharmacy (pre-professional) and a minor in chemistry.



Aseel Ismail
GPA: 3.96 • Class Rank: 24/135
Service Hours: 171

Aseel is the founder and president of Uniting Storms, a program created to assist students in their high school journey by providing them with mentorship and community service opportunities. Her work has helped many students, resulting in numerous accolades such as the University of Vermont Citizen Scholar Book Award and the Daughters of the American Revolution Good Citizen of the Year Award. In addition to starting a community-oriented organization, Aseel proudly serves as the Student Government Association president, National Honor Society, and Model United Nations secretary, and is a student representative on the School Advisory Council. Her strong belief in the Islamic faith has also led her to become involved in her local mosque through marketing and youth leadership.



Emilia Leon
GPA: 4.0 • Class Rank: 6/135
Service Hours: 60

Emilia is president of the senior class council and Business Professionals of America. Through the senior class council, she organizes large-scale fundraisers such as a Paris-themed banquet, a class of 2024 tree decorating event, and a community Haunted House night. These projects aim to raise money to ensure students can partake in memorable senior year experiences like Prom or Grad Bash. Furthermore, through Business Professionals of America, Emilia works with other students to connect their interests and skills to the world of entrepreneurship. As a traveling and competitive organization, Emilia works alongside her sponsor to coordinate member contributions for concession fundraisers, eliminating the financial burden of thousands of dollars. Through this organization, Emilia won first place at the state level in the individual event of Ethics & Professionalism and the team event of Parliamentary Procedures. She serves as an example of what every student can achieve if they set their minds to competing with purpose and welcoming constructive criticism.

Emilia has applied to Yale University and the University of Florida. She plans to study business law to help underrepresented low-income students.



Kevin Antonio Romero
GPA: 3.89 • Class Rank: 12/135
Service Hours: 269

Kevin has demonstrated exemplary leadership, progressing from secretary to the founder of an organization. Through his roles in the class council, the National Honor Society, and the Spanish Club, he has fostered a sense of community within the school. Kevin is the founder of "Guiding Broward through High School" inspired by the Knowledge For Freedom program. KFF invites underserved high school students to study literature and philosophy that raise deep questions about leading lives of purpose and civic responsibility. This program inspired his project "Guiding Broward" which is designed for students who don't have someone who can help them succeed in their educational journey. His numerous honors include the Kids of Character award for three consecutive years in Self-Control (9th) and Citizenship (10th, 11th), along with recognition from the National Hispanic Recognition Program. Additionally, Kevin served as a regional officer for SkillsUSA and is part of the Medical Assisting Program at his school.

Kevin aspires to attend the University of Florida. He aims to utilize a Florida Academic Scholar scholarship to major in biological sciences while dual minoring in sociology and psychology, aspiring to become a pediatric doctor.



DEPARTMENT OF ATHLETICS AND STUDENT ACTIVITIES

Student Leadership Development in Broward County



Ava Sheridan Havidic

Millennium 6-12 Collegiate Academy

GPA: 4.0 • Class Rank: 2/55 • Service Hours: 1458

Ava, the founder of "The Future Network," "SEAS Connections," and the inaugural youth council in the country of Croatia has built her life on the values of equity, inclusion, and multiculturalism. As the Student Advisor for the School Board of Broward County and first youth liaison to the National Student Board Member Association, she has been able to speak on an agenda catered to Broward. She has been able to push forward the Take a Seat Campaign for over 30+ million students in the United States. As a Fridays for Future activist, she leads a network of 65,000+ environmentalists in aquatic preservation and reduction in fossil fuels, being featured by the United Nations and at COP-28 in the UAE. She has been recognized by the Bryan Cameron Impact Education Foundation, Coca-Cola Scholars Program, and Carson Scholar for her academic and professional excellence.

Ava is currently unsure of where she will be attending; however, she plans to major in a mesh of Slavic Languages and Literature/International Relations/European Studies in the hopes of becoming a future US Ambassador and furthering her involvement from there in foreign policy and diplomacy as a Croatian American.



Bihanca Noldine Jusme

Blanche Ely High School

GPA: 3.6 • Class Rank: 97/427 • Service Hours: 689

Bihanca is the Alternate Student Advisor to the School Board of Broward County and Student Government President at Blanche Ely High School. Throughout her high school career, she has showcased that anything is possible when you put your mind to it. Bringing incentives for students, tutoring, and mentoring children at her middle school. She has received many accolades such as Student of the Year twice, A/B Honor Roll, and many more. She is often named the Michelle Obama of her school due to her passion for giving back and helping others selflessly. Aside from her amazing resume, she worked at Chick-fil-A as a team member whom guests would love to see and interact with every chance they visited. Bihanca is the definition of excellence and ambition.

Bihanca has not chosen a college yet, but her top three choices are FAMU, Fort Valley State, and Brown University. She plans to major in political science with a minor in African American studies with hopes of becoming a criminal defense attorney, and later White House Press Secretary.

Every high school curriculum in every school district across the United States is filled with courses that teach and allow students to practice leadership skills. Courses like these (for example Leadership, HOSA, DECA, etc.) are invaluable. However, the true measure of a school district's commitment to student leadership development is what activities it promotes beyond the classroom. In that arena, the School Board of Broward County leads the state and the nation.

The School Board of Broward County sponsors the following organizations and events that are dedicated to student leadership development.

1. The Broward County Association of Student Councils (BCASC) – The nation's first countywide Student Government Association. The BCASC sponsors five major service projects and events and concludes the year with a major awards program. Also, the BCASC students elect the Student Advisors to the School Board. The BCASC raises more than \$3,500 in scholarship money annually.

2. The Student Advisor to the School Board – The School Board of Broward County is one of only four counties in the state that have student advisors to the School Board. Each year two students are selected to serve as the Advisor and Alternate Advisor. These students attend every School Board meeting and, while they can't vote, they do offer the Board student opinions on various issues.

3. The Broward County Honor Society (BCHS) – The basic tenets of the Honor Society are character, scholarship, leadership, and service. The BCHS fosters these tenets through its service projects, awards programs, county convention, and Brain Brawl Competitions.

4. The Broward Chapter of the Future Educators of America (BCFEA) – The BCFEA promotes leadership, service, and advocacy while introducing students to the profession of education and related careers. The BCFEA awards \$3,000 in scholarships annually.

5. The BCHS Officers' Workshop – The officers of the schools' Honor Society Chapters are given a day of hands-on, experiential leadership training.

6. The Middle School Leadership Workshop – The School Board of Broward County in conjunction with the BCASC host a day of leadership training for middle school leaders in October.

7. The annual conventions of BCASC, BCHS, and BCFEA – At these year-end conventions, delegates elect county officers, listen to a thought-provoking and inspirational keynote speaker, attend workshops, and receive awards and scholarships.

8. Broward Student Ethics Forum – Sponsored by the BCASC for high school student delegates from around the county. The purpose of this conference is to provide students the opportunity to identify and discuss ethical issues that affect them daily while helping them enhance their decision-making skills and promoting socially responsible conduct.

9. Transportation assistance is provided to regional and state conferences of the FFEA and student council.

10. South Florida Leadership Training Camps (SFLTC) – The School Board of Broward County sponsors one of the best summer leadership camps in the nation. The SFLTC is a five-day, four-night camp held at NSU. Each year, the Department of Athletics & Student Activities, in partnership with community businesses, provides student leaders from each of our local traditional high schools, scholarships to attend camp. At camp, the students receive training in team building, time management, project planning, meeting skills, and much more.

11. Camp Eagle – In 2007, the School Board of Broward County added a second camp for those who attended SFLTC and wished to experience advanced training. Camp Eagle is held at NSU and is a five-day, four-night camp opened only to those students who attended SFLTC and who will return to their schools in leadership positions.

In part due to the training and opportunities afforded our students, Broward students have played and continue to play important leadership roles in the communities outside their schools and in regional and state student organizations.



The Department of Athletics & Student Activities of the School Board of Broward County Florida is responsible for the overall administration of many of the student activities that are undertaken by our middle and high schools.

In the specific area of cultural activities, the department sponsors Arts for the Future which features the Stars on Parade awards program and the Student Enrichment in the Arts Program. As a result of the SEAS program, thousands of students are given the opportunity to attend theatrical performances or to have artists and performers visit their schools.

In the area of non-athletic activities, the department sponsors the activities of the Broward County Association of Student Councils, the Broward Chapter of the Future Educators of America, and the Broward County Honor Society. All three of these organizations sponsor major countywide service projects in which students volunteer hundreds of hours and for which they raise thousands of dollars.

Additionally, the department administers the county's Silver Cord Student Volunteer Service Program, Academic Competitions, and the scheduling of graduation ceremonies. The department is also responsible for the Outstanding Senior Leaders Awards Banquet, the FEA Scholarship Program, the Middle School Leadership Workshop, the South Florida Leadership Training Camp, the awards programs for the BCASC, BCHS, and BCFEA, and the Read Squad Mentoring Program.

Athletically, the department is responsible for scheduling the athletic contests for the 33 high schools that are members of the Broward County Athletic Association and the 62 middle schools that are members of the Middle School Athletic Association. The department sponsors county high school all-star games in football, basketball, volleyball, softball, baseball, water polo, soccer, wrestling, and flag football; and county championships in basketball, cheer-leading, cross country, softball, swimming, track, volleyball, and wrestling.

The department also sponsors the annual North and South Scholar Athlete Banquets. Additionally, the department sponsors the Small College Recruiting Fair and several sports "showcases" in which our athletes can demonstrate their skills to college recruiters.

Between Student Activities and Athletics, enough money is raised to give out approximately \$90,000 in scholarships annually.

In an era of emphasis on test scores and accountability, why this emphasis on participation in student activities?

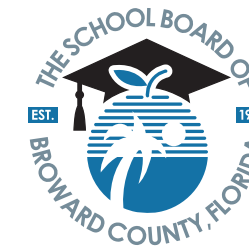
A little over a decade ago it was made public that three out of ten students were dropping out of high school before graduation. As a result of this statistic and the belief that our schools had to be improved, committees met, discussed, and decided on strategies to accomplish the desired change. Laws were passed. Accountability for students and teachers was introduced. The curriculum was changed. Schools were graded. And yet, in 2014, over a decade after the passage of the No Child Left Behind Act, the national dropout rate was still 30% and research showed that almost half of those who dropped out do not do so due to academic failure.

Over the past twenty years, rigorous peer studies have shown that participation in student activities results in improved performance. A study reported in the Journal of Developmental Psychology found that the most significant impact of non-participation is on "at-risk" students. The study of middle school students showed that 52% of those "at-risk" students who did not participate in any activities, dropped out. For middle school "at-risk" students who participated in one activity, the dropout rate dropped to 25% and for those who participated in two or more activities, it dropped to 12.5%. The study showed even more dramatic results in high school. The percentage of "at-risk" students who were involved in one activity and who dropped out was 4.5% and if those students were involved in two or more activities the percentage dropped to 0%.

The Journal of Educational Research reported that reading test scores were 4% higher and math test scores were 5.7% higher in those students who participated in various student activities.

In research reported by the American Journal of Health Behavior, it was found that high school students who participated in school activities programs were two times less likely to smoke tobacco, fifty percent less likely to use alcohol, and 2.5 times less likely to smoke marijuana. Additionally, the American Journal of Educational Research found that those students who participated were 70% more likely to go to college, 60% more likely to vote, and 80% more likely to volunteer.

These and many more studies have found that participation in student activities increases student performance both in school and in later life. It has been found that students who participate in activities beyond the scope of the classroom succeed. It is the goal of the Department of Athletics & Student Activities to increase student participation in all forms of student activities.



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