



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. Joss Collins, Student Intern, Student Activities
South Plantation High School

Ms. Thais Leon, Broward County Honor Society President
Coral Glades High School

Mr. Derek Ponto, Student Intern, Student Activities
Pompano Beach High School

Presentation of Colors

National Anthem & Pledge of Allegiance

Ms. Claire Clemons, South Broward High School
Mr. Wally Joseph, Boyd Anderson High School

Welcome

Ms. Patty Brown, Director, Athletics & Student Activities

Introduction of Platform Guests

Greetings from the Chief Strategy & Innovation Officer

Dr. Valerie S. Wanza

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. Cassandra Brice, Student Government Advisor
Coral Springs High School

Ms. Natalie Flaten, Student Government Advisor
Cooper City High School

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

Recognition of Scholarship Winners

Special Recognition

Mr. Justin Mellinger, Account Manager
Mr. Trey Morgan, Regional Director of Sales
CADY Studios

Closing Remarks



DEPARTMENT OF ATHLETICS AND STUDENT ACTIVITIES



Alana Borrero
Alternate Student Advisor to the School Board
Hollywood Hills High School
Service Hours: 148

Alana Marie Borrero is the Alternate Student Advisor to the School Board of Broward County. Alana states her biggest contribution was traveling across the school district doing Speak Up Speak Out Sessions while hearing from a diverse number of students. She is also the Student Government president, the captain of the Fearless Flag Team a part of the marching band, and a member of the National Honor Society (Periclean Chapter). Alana was selected two years in a row for the BCPS Capitol Days Program where she

had the amazing opportunity to sit and meet with State Legislators to advocate for educational policies. She believes her biggest contribution to her school was establishing better communication between her administration and the Student Government Association. She started monthly meetings with the principal and their executive board to establish a clear plan of what the Student Government was doing month by month to ensure that there was no miscommunication while creating and working on projects. This allowed the administration to hear from the students firsthand and collaborate on these projects. Alana plans to attend Syracuse University to study political science and is hopeful of reaching her goal of a PhD and becoming a politician.



Joss Collins
Athletics & Student Activities Intern
South Plantation High School
Service Hours: 1,360

Joss Collins is the senior class president, Student Government president, and yearbook editor-in-chief. She founded Helping Heroes, a project that honors active-duty soldiers and veterans through school-led initiatives. The project has been presented at the State Student Government Association and expanded to a Broward County-wide initiative. Joss also collaborates with Honor Flight South Florida to support military families. She has logged over 1,300 documented service hours through her leadership roles and

community service efforts. Joss has served on the Broward County Association of Student Councils Board for four years and as the Broward County Student Activities Department Intern for two years. She has received the South Florida Leadership Training Camp Mike Roland Honor Council Award for her exceptional leadership and service. Joss is involved in the National Honor Society, American Sign Language Club, and Key Club. Her greatest school contribution has always been showing up. She shows up to school every day with a smile on her face and a passion to work and help others. Over her four years, she's participated in four varsity sports, been involved in over eight clubs, and excelled academically in all of her classes. However, she didn't do these things to impress anyone or build her college resume. She showed up because she was motivated to change her school's environment and positively impact those around her. Joss plans to pursue a degree in English education, with aspirations to become a teacher and Student Government Advisor, inspired by the mentorship and guidance she has received from her parents—both teachers—and the advisors who have shaped her leadership path.



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Derek Anthony Ponto
Athletics & Student Activities Intern
Pompano Beach High School
Service Hours: 540

Derek Ponto serves as the Student Government Association (SGA) president, where he leads initiatives that foster school spirit, inclusivity, and student engagement. Through his position, Derek has been able to work alongside many peers and faculty to enhance the school community and offer students opportunities to connect. He is also a member of the Superintendent's Student Advisory Committee, advocating for student interests and collaborating with district leaders to address concerns and

shape the future of education. In addition to his SGA role, Derek is an intern for the Broward County Student Activities Department, supporting event planning and leadership initiatives across the county. His dedication to student government and community service earned him a selection as a finalist for the National Association of Student Councils Vice President of Membership. Beyond school, Derek volunteers with ChildNet, a non-profit agency contracted by the Florida Department of Children and Families, dedicated to protecting abused, abandoned, and neglected children. With a strong commitment to helping others, Derek actively assists with events aimed at supporting vulnerable families in the community.

His most memorable leadership experience was being able to attend the South Florida Leadership Training Camp (SFLTC). The camp provided a series of leadership development activities that challenged him to step out of his comfort zone and work in teams. One of the most significant lessons he learned was that leadership isn't always about being in charge and that it is okay to step back and let others take the lead. It taught him the importance of trusting his peers, empowering others, and allowing space for others to shine. Derek is preparing to pursue a degree in business or public relations, eager to make a positive impact in his community and beyond.



ATLANTIC TECHNICAL COLLEGE AND TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL TECH TIGERS



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Samantha Clark

Service Hours: 284

Samantha Clark is the president of Business Professionals of America (BPA), where she has led initiatives to prepare students for professional success and organized impactful community service projects. She is also an officer of Read Squad, promoting literacy and engagement through educational programs. Samantha's leadership extends to her work with the City of Coconut Creek, as a volunteer for events and programs that strengthen community connections. Her efforts include spearheading the Harvest Drive and Shoe Drive, which provided essential resources to families and individuals in need. Samantha has received recognition for her leadership and service, including awards highlighting her contributions to the school and community. She will major in Forensic Science, leveraging her leadership experience and passion for service in her future endeavors.

Her most memorable leadership experience was serving as an officer for BPA. A role that required an immense amount of dedication, effort, and teamwork to ensure the success of various events and initiatives. Samantha has been accepted at Florida Gulf Coast University and University of South Florida where she plans to become a forensic scientist or psychologist.



Sofia Marie De Los Santos

Service Hours: 1,094

Sofia De Los Santos is the president of the Student Government Association. Her ability to successfully execute school-spirited events and develop connections with students on a personal level makes the student body stand in a positive and motivated light. She has hosted the Lip-Sync Battle, and Autumn Fest, a fall-themed dance aimed to dedicate time for students to socialize but also be grateful for what they have. For each event project, Sofia's job begins the moment the form for project approval is written and ends when the last file of financial information is submitted. Each event is special to the student body as they look forward to it every year. Sofia's honors include Outstanding Student for College English and her technical program, Database Application Development and Programming, and earned National recognition from the College Board.

Her greatest community contribution is as a BRACE cadet, trained to assist with concerns regarding college applications. She has been accepted at the University of California Berkeley where she plans to become a Software Engineer. From her Advancement Placement Courses to twenty-two certifications, she aims to contribute to society from a technical standpoint.



Richard Samuel Morris

Service Hours: 192

Richard Morris is president of the National Honor Society and a member of the Student Government Association for three years. Throughout his work in high school, he has been able to reach students and always be a light to whoever he interacts with. If you're with Richard, you will always be smiling. As a member of other clubs like Poetry and the Black Student Union (BSU), he played a key role in organizing the most successful Black History program at the school to date. Richard is also a talented poet, having reached the finals of LTAB—Louder Than A Bomb—last year with his team and securing a spot in the solo finals the year before.

His most memorable leadership experience was when the leader of NHS "passed on the torch" literally and figuratively to him. It was a very surreal experience. Richard plans to attend Broward College, Florida Atlantic University, or Florida International University. He plans to pursue a career in the automotive field hoping to innovate the industry in the future while following a passion he loves to do.



Anthony Rubio

Service Hours: 81

Anthony Rubio is Senior Class president of one of the top-ranked schools in Broward County. He works to help his fellow seniors by establishing fundraisers, planning Grad Bash and Prom, as well as promoting overall school spirit. When he isn't working on Senior Class activities, he focuses on his Network Support Technical Program, earning certifications such as ITF And A+. He contributes time to his community by volunteering at Genesis Care Hematology/Oncology with patient records and appointments. He's also an active member of Business Professionals of America, having competed at regional, state, and national levels for Network Design and placing first.

To date, his most memorable leadership experience is from his senior class meetings where he invites all seniors to listen to his plans and current objectives. Anthony plans to attend the University of Florida with a major in computer science and a minor in business.



AVANT GARDE ACADEMY SHARKS



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Alejandra Ardon
Service Hours: 144

Alejandra Ardon is the treasurer of the National Art Honor Society. Through this role, she has been able to bring the club opportunities that will showcase the value of art. Her involvement in the community included creating a TikTok page dedicated to tutoring students and volunteering at a cat shelter. She received multiple recognitions in certain subjects and school, including a Recognition Award in Debate and being named top two during her sophomore year.

Her greatest contribution to her community is volunteering at a local cat shelter. Through her work, she makes sure that the cats are well-fed, socializing, and active. This increases their chances of swift adoption, as potential adopters perceive them as a healthy and positive potential partner. This experience has taught her about responsibility and how small actions can have a big impact on her community. Alejandra plans to attend either the University of Texas or Florida International University. She will major in finance with a minor in accounting, with aspirations to work at a well-known bank.



Ryan Fleming
Service Hours: 177

Ryan Fleming is the student choir director. He states the contribution to his community he is most proud of is helping to foster the passion for music in his peers through example. He also plays the French horn in the wind ensemble and has participated in the all-county band in 2022 and 2025. He is also an active member of the National Honor Society and Mu Alpha Theta.

His most memorable leadership experience was directing rehearsals to prepare the choir for the fall concert. Ryan plans to attend Florida State University and major in psychology. After earning his bachelor's degree, he intends to apply to graduate school to pursue either a PsyD or PhD in clinical psychology, to eventually open his own therapy practice.



Melissa Lopez
Service Hours: 532

Melissa Lopez is the president of the Student Government Association. Her commitment to empowering others through her service and leadership has implemented unity and school spirit within her school. She has raised over \$10,000 to fund school events and has fostered the "A Voice for You" mission in which she advocates for meaningful change. She is also president of Leaders Light the Way: Student Ambassadors, in which she has celebrated students for their accomplishments and hosted honor roll assemblies. She is also the co-founder of PURE, a women empowerment club. She is also in various honor societies such as the National Honor Society, Hispanic Honor Society, historian of Mu Alpha Theta, and Science National Society.

Her greatest contribution to her school has been fostering a culture of leadership and unity within the school community. Melissa plans to attend the University of Florida with a major in business and a minor in marketing.



Andres Noguera
Service Hours: 152

Andres Noguera is the National Honor Society president. He is also an active member of the Hispanic Honor Society and secretary of Mu Alpha Theta. He states that his greatest contribution to his community is volunteering as a math tutor. He received the AP Scholar with Distinction Award from the College Board during his sophomore and junior years.

His greatest contribution to his school is helping as a math tutor for middle and high schoolers every week. He can use the skills he has gained throughout his education to help those who need reinforcement in certain subjects, and the impact he makes is visible to him. Andres plans to attend Georgia Tech or the University of Florida and major in computer science.



BLANCHE ELY HIGH SCHOOL TIGERS



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Kelan Sean Dennis

Service Hours: 731

Kelan Dennis is the president of the Engineering Club, which teaches students the importance of STEM education and competes in national competitions. In the Engineering Club, he's worked with his club to raise \$15,000 for their Solar Car Challenge national project. He's also president of his National Honor Society and has created a free tutoring program at his school that's served 150+ hours. He has also interned and volunteered at Junior Achievement of South Florida and helps Broward County students create resumes, obtain internships, and develop professional skills. He has many awards, including third place in a national AASHTO TRAC Bridge Building Competition, second place in a national SECME Essay Competition, and the National African American Recognition and National First-Generation Recognition Awards.

Kelan's greatest contribution to his school has been supporting students both academically and professionally, helping them prepare as best as possible for their future. He plans to study mechanical engineering, specializing in nanotechnology. His goal is to create more efficient and cost-effective technologies that can benefit communities, particularly in Jamaica, improving its infrastructure and healthcare system.



Re'Shad Higgins

Service Hours: 57

Re'Shad Higgins is a dedicated leader with a passion for community service and student advocacy. He serves as Mr. Blanche Ely and holds several key leadership roles, including the ambassador for the Junior Achievement Career Bound program, and Student Orientation Leader program. He is president of the Adimu Men of Excellence Club, Mentoring Tomorrow's Leaders and the Will Make It Enrichment Program. Re'Shad has been recognized as a Broward County Student of Character and Broward County Outstanding Senior of the Month for his commitment to excellence. Notable initiatives he has led include community cleanups, a "Think Like a Man" discussion panel for male students, and helping organize his school's largest event, the Spring Preview.

Re'Shad's greatest contribution to his school has been setting a positive example for his peers, especially for young African American males and females. He strives to be a leader who others can look up to and learn from. He plans to attend a prestigious university to double major in political science and sociology. His ultimate goal is to become a politician and, eventually, serve as a Supreme Court Justice.



Akeen Kareem McGregor

Service Hours: 152

Akeen McGregor, the president of the Student Government Association, is a recognized leader of excellence on his campus. Through his role, he has spearheaded initiatives to enhance student engagement, foster inclusivity, and address critical issues affecting his peers. As a driving force behind several impactful projects, Akeen has collaborated with administration and student organizations to improve campus resources and advocate for student needs. His leadership has earned him accolades, including being a part of the Broward County Student Advisory Committee, highlighting his commitment to making a difference. Beyond his presidency, Akeen actively mentors younger students, cultivating a legacy of service and empowerment.

His greatest contribution to his community was during the holidays when he and his SGA decorated over 100 Christmas trees and wrapped and delivered gifts to families in the city of Pompano Beach. Akeen has been accepted at the University of North Florida and Clark Atlanta University, among others.



Kaitlynn C'Yianna McWhite

Service Hours: 256

Kaitlynn McWhite, crowned Miss Blanche Ely, is a visionary leader and active force in her community. As the president of Ladies of Intrigue, she uplifts and mentors young women while maintaining a flawless academic record, including perfect attendance. Kaitlynn is deeply involved in numerous organizations, including SGA, SAVE, SWAT, MTL, Agents of Change, Key Club, Interact Club, International Club, the Will Make It Enrichment Program, and SPUD. Her extensive participation reflects her dedication to leadership, service, and fostering meaningful change.

One of her most memorable leadership experiences was serving as president of Ladies of Intrigue, where she had the honor of building strong, unbreakable bonds with her sisters. The friendships and trust she's built will never break, as they are always there for one another, through both the good times and the difficult moments. Kaitlynn has applied at Clark Atlanta University and Jackson State University with plans to major in Business Administration.



BOYD ANDERSON HIGH SCHOOL COBRAS



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Wally Joseph
Service Hours: 142

Wally Joseph is a high-achieving and industrious senior in the International Baccalaureate (IB) program. He serves as the Solfège-Overload Concert Choir President, recording secretary of the Student Government Association, flute section leader of the marching band, treasurer of the Key Club, and an outside hitter on the varsity volleyball team. Wally also serves as a member of the Superintendent's Student Advisory Committee, collaborating with other students to provide input on school policies, address student concerns, and advocate for positive changes in the district. His honors include several awards from the College Board National Recognition Program and a scholarship from the Greater Caribbean American Cultural Coalition & UNIFEST. He contributes to his school and community, requiring effective communication skills and a resolute work ethic. Outside of academics, his passions include playing sports, learning musical instruments, and singing in his church's praise team.

His greatest contribution to his community has been reading to students at Oriole Elementary School, an experience that has been both impactful and rewarding. Wally plans to pursue a degree in biology at the University of Miami and further his studies in medical school, in the hopes of becoming an orthopedic surgeon.



Peyton Makhi McAnuff
Service Hours: 149

Peyton McAnuff is the chapter president of HOSA-Future Health Professionals. As someone who enjoys aiding others, his greatest contribution to the community was helping in a local church's homeless shelter service to support homeless families. He received a service award from Ranger Good Works for his committed service at Dillard Elementary's Career City for the past three years. He is the head worker for his school's blood drives, which is his greatest contribution to his school. He is also the historian of the Student Government Association and an active participant in his after-school choir-Solfege.

One of his most memorable leadership experiences was being the head of their 2023 Homecoming decoration committee. Not only was it fun to turn an idea into reality, but he also learned how to take constructive criticism and apply it to improve his work. Peyton plans on attending the University of Central Florida and majoring in psychology pre-med with hopes of becoming a psychiatrist.



Mariejoseph Rodriguez
Service Hours: 560

Mariejoseph Rodriguez commands one of the largest JROTC battalions in Broward County (483 cadets/students). Under her leadership, the battalion secured fourth place in the County Raiders competition out of 31 schools. She also earned second place at the Florida Sheriff's Explorers Association State Competition. Rodriguez is focused on acquiring land for rental, aiming to establish a reliable income source. Her strategic vision combines leadership with long-term financial growth. This initiative reflects her commitment to creating lasting opportunities for herself and her community. Her efforts reflect a balance of personal development and service to others.

She plans to take a gap year to invest in land and create a steady flow of rental income, all while honing her entrepreneurial skills. During this time, she aims to build financial independence and promote the gospel, encouraging others to pursue a deeper relationship with God. Through this journey, she hopes to combine her passion for business with her desire to serve, offering both practical and spiritual support to those around her.



Shaneé Bernea Simon
Service Hours: 267

Shaneé Simon is the commander of the Entrepreneur and Leadership Military Academy. Through her example and direction, she guided cadets to academic excellence by consistently encouraging underclassmen to strive for high academic marks and facilitating PERT study sessions. Her efforts directly led to 60 students being dual-enrolled. Shaneé has modeled her expectations; she has been dual-enrolled in Florida International University since the ninth grade and began classes at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in the 11th grade.

She says her leadership roles have prepared her with essential skills such as decision-making, effective communication, and conflict resolution, all of which equipped her for future challenges. Also, she has developed empathy and strategic thinking, allowing her to foster team growth and adapt to change. Shaneé will graduate high school with 44 college credits and a single-engine aircraft license. She plans to attend Florida International University.



BROWARD VIRTUAL SCHOOL TRAILBLAZERS



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Kendra Hiigel
Service Hours: 221

Kendra Hiigel is president of the Astronomy Club. Her greatest community contribution was working as a State Parks Lifeguard Aid to ensure the safety of junior guards as they learned ocean safety, basic water rescue techniques, and first aid. As vice president of the National Honor Society, she works with her peers to plan and carry out service projects and club events while also contributing to her varsity swim team.

Her most memorable leadership experience was working with fellow National Honor Society officers and club members to plan and execute a Polar Express event for young students at school. Having the opportunity to meet the elementary school students and provide them with fun holiday activities showed her how working with others can greatly impact your community. Kendra plans to attend the United States Coast Guard Academy majoring in marine environmental science with an environmental health track.



Julia London
Service Hours: 232

Julia London is president of the National Honor Society. She states her most significant contribution to her community was working with teen patients during her volunteer experience at Palm Pediatrics. During her sophomore year, she embarked on a four-month high school semester abroad program in Tel Aviv. There, she took on the role of student ambassador, giving tours and program insight to executives from around the world. She has participated in the Key Club, Protecting Animals' Well-Being and Safety (PAWS) Club, and HOSA-Future Health Professionals.

Her most memorable leadership experience was contributing to and hosting K-12 events to bring the younger students and their families together. During their events, they often include a drive to benefit the less fortunate families in their community. As part of a virtual school, it makes it more memorable to see students of all ages and their families connect. Julia plans to attend Florida State University and major in biological science with the hopes of becoming a physician's assistant.



Vignesh Nanduri
Service Hours: 302

Vignesh Nanduri is the Student Government Association president. He states his greatest contribution to his school is organizing the Broward Virtual School logo design contest to raise school spirit and morale. He is also an active tutor for the Elements of Mathematics Foundation, assisting middle school students on advanced math topics such as abstract algebra and precalculus. He is also the Key Club president, Astronomy Club vice president, and a member of the Superintendent's Student Advisory Committee.

His most memorable experience was toward the end of junior year when he and other Key Club members were tasked with organizing the end-of-year induction ceremony and senior sendoff. While this was a relatively small event, it was the most memorable. Working with every Key Club member and giving our best wishes to the departing seniors allowed him to reflect on the year and feel proud of the work they had done. Vignesh plans to attend a four-year university and pursue a degree in computer science.



Hannah Noelle Rodriguez
Service Hours: 979

Hannah Rodriguez is the president of the Protecting Animals Wellbeing and Safety (PAWS) club, which spreads awareness on animal-related issues and supports underrepresented shelters across Broward County. Through her efforts with the club, members have the opportunity to earn service hours by creating presentations, making flyers for homeless pets, and joining in-person events to make toys and treats. She has also held multiple donation drives throughout the year, bringing support to shelters in need. With the success of PAWS, she was nominated by Broward Virtual for the Kid of Character Award for the 2023-24 school year. She is also the secretary of the National Honors Society and has been fostering kittens since sixth grade.

Her most memorable experience was being part of the formation of a new service project, the Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital Trivia Event. Children were able to forget their illnesses and challenges. It was all smiles for everyone, and today, the JDCH Trivia Committee is one of the most popular. Hannah has applied to the University of Florida's online program. She intends to major in microbiology with a pre-veterinary track.



CHARLES W. FLANAGAN HIGH SCHOOL FALCONS



Gabrielle Alexis Lafaille

Service Hours: 364

Gabrielle Lafaille is an ambitious student leader dedicated to fostering positive change within her school community. She serves as vice president of the Student Government Association (SGA) and president of the Black Student Union (BSU). Gabrielle has also held the position of secretary for Mentoring Tomorrow's Leaders. She is deeply committed to encouraging her peers to step into leadership roles and through her work with SGA has inspired students to take initiative, with each event prompting students to express interest in joining the organization.

Her greatest community contribution is volunteering with a non-profit organization called the AKAdemic Foundation. She has participated in impactful initiatives such as beach cleanups, assembling toiletry packs to support the homeless, and installing two butterfly gardens. These projects have allowed her to address important community needs while fostering environmental awareness and compassion for others. Gabrielle plans to attend Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University to major in physical therapy.



Jake Massa

Service Hours: 302

Jake Massa is the vice president of HOSA-Future Health Professionals and the treasurer of Business Professionals of America (BPA). Jake has been instrumental in the planning and execution of multiple school blood drives, which resulted in blood donations from over 500 individuals. As treasurer of BPA, Jake has assisted the club's sponsor in the management of club funds to ensure that as many members as possible could attend state and national competitions. As an active member in the aforementioned organizations, he was a finalist in five events at the state competition for BPA and placed first in the regional competition for HOSA. Jake is a member of the National Honor Society who has been recognized by the National Hispanic Recognition Program and designated as an AP Scholar with Distinction. Additionally, he has amassed over 150 volunteer hours in an inpatient recovery unit at Jackson Memorial Hospital.

His most memorable experience has been helping to organize blood drives which required him to help coordinate the donation schedule and contact restaurants for food donations for the donors. Jake plans to attend Florida State University on a Vires Scholarship where he will major in biological sciences and pursue a career in the medical field.



CHARLES W. FLANAGAN HIGH SCHOOL FALCONS



Richard Clement Pounall

Service Hours: 120

Richard Pounall is the second vice president of the Speech and Debate program. He states that his greatest contribution was his work with school administration which allowed him to help re-establish the Speech and Debate program in 2024. Richard is extremely active within the club, having placed fourth in Broward County's Novice Champions Tournament in 2022, and he helped oversee and execute fundraisers to allow the school's fledgling program to attend travel tournaments such as the 2025 Harvard Invitational and 2024 Florida Blue Key. Additionally, Richard serves as corresponding secretary for the National Honor Society, the treasurer and secretary of the Falcon Page Turners, and is a member of the National English Honor Society.

His greatest community contribution has been volunteering to judge in Broward's after-school tournaments. Newer debate students need a platform to test their skills, receive feedback, and interact with others in a similar bracket. Volunteering as a student judge has enabled Richard to ensure these things for his mentees. Richard plans to attend the University of Florida and major in political science, with a minor in philosophy.



Isabelle Simon

Service Hours: 300

Isabelle Simon is president and among the founders of the National English Honor Society. Along with her fellow officers, Isabelle works to provide a welcoming space to any student, whether they struggle or excel in English, by providing tutoring for English and essay writing, as well as engaging members in poetry discussions. She is also the president of the school's book club—Falcon Page Turners—where she encourages discussions among members through genres of the month and manages the practice meetings for the district competition, Battle of the Books. She has been nominated for the Silver Knight Awards in English. She has also received the National Hispanic Recognition from the College Board, as well as an Excellent for her submission in the NCTE 2024 Achievement Awards in Writing Contest.

Her greatest community contribution has been volunteering at her local library. She has long been a lover of anything to do with history and literature and so felt that she could learn tremendously from all that volunteering offers. Isabelle hopes to one day work as a professor or historian and plans to study at a four-year university.



COCONUT CREEK HIGH SCHOOL COUGARS



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Sarah Nadia Alexander

Service Hours: 337

Sarah Alexander is a Business Administration student with a passion for management and working with people. She is a dedicated student, has taken advanced, honors, and Cambridge classes, and is dual-enrolled at Broward College and Atlantic Technical College. She is earning college credit toward her associate's degree while also pursuing a Business Management Certification at Atlantic Technical College. Sarah has gained valuable business experience through her various roles, including a summer internship at Port Everglades Terminal. She is an active member of her community, serving as the vice president of the National Honor Society and previously holding leadership positions in organizations like Business Professionals of America. She has developed projects that foster mentorship and collaboration among her peers. Sarah is a recipient of the Bright Futures Scholarship, awarded for her completion of the AICE Diploma.

Her most memorable leadership experience was when they organized a toy drive during the holiday season to collect toys, books, and other gifts for children at Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital. Sarah is committed to using her education and experiences to build a fulfilling and stable future.



Rashad Anthony Coleman

Service Hours: 191

Jake Massa is the vice president of HOSA-Future Health Professionals and Rashad Coleman is class president and JROTC battalion commander, demonstrating exceptional leadership and dedication. Among his achievements is earning a diploma through the challenging Cambridge Program. He is an active member of the National Honor Society and Mentoring Tomorrow's Leaders, mentoring peers and fostering academic and personal growth. Rashad is committed to developing the leadership, discipline, and resilience needed to serve his country, with aspirations of pursuing a career in engineering, combining technical expertise with his passion for service to create meaningful impact.

His greatest contribution to his school was being the first person in the history of the school to receive the district title of Cadet of the Year Runner-up in 2023-24. Rashad hopes to attend Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University or the University of Florida to pursue a degree in electrical engineering while participating in the Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC). Through this pathway, he aims to be commissioned as an officer in the United States Army and work toward becoming a Special Forces officer.



Youvica Limage

Service Hours: 274

Youvica Limage is a member of the National Honor Society Executive Board, serving as secretary. She also served as an intern at the Crockett Foundation, a mentor for Mentoring Tomorrow's Leaders, a Broward County BRACE Cadet, and is an active member of her community. Youvica's greatest contribution to her community is her mentorship. By tutoring over a dozen students, she has built strong connections and established deep roots within her community. The families she serves see her as a role model, and the students she mentors are working diligently to achieve their academic goals.

She plans to attend Florida State University to study mechanical engineering and aspires to become a senior project manager in the construction industry.



Clay Bikerlie Valcin

Service Hours: 518

Clay Valcin is president of the National Honor Society. She is a leader with a clear vision for the future. Her initiatives within the society foster academic excellence and community service while she also balances her responsibilities as a newly Licensed Practical Nurse. As a mentor with Mentoring Tomorrow's Leaders and a member of the Upward Bound program, Clay has dedicated herself to guiding and uplifting others. Her advocacy work, including her participation in the Rally to Tally event, where she addressed student concerns with the Florida Senate, is a testament to her commitment to others. Clay's leadership and determination have earned her recognition as an inspiring role model in her school and community.

Her most memorable leadership experience was serving as president of the National Honor Society where she had the opportunity to lead and inspire her peers. Witnessing everyone's collaboration and enthusiasm as they worked toward their goals was genuinely inspiring. It highlighted the power of teamwork and the positive impact you can have when you unite for a common cause. Clay plans to pursue a bachelor's degree in nursing, using her skills to make a meaningful impact on her community.



COLLEGE ACADEMY AT BROWARD COLLEGE



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Bianca Cadet

Service Hours: 289

Bianca Cadet is the president of the National Honor Society. Her greatest community contribution was creating over 250 educational social media posts for organizations such as BRACE Cadets, Bride2Life South Florida, Florida College Access Network, and Appily.com. Posts aim to equip her peers with the tools and knowledge they need to succeed academically and personally, including her 11-part (and counting) Sailing Your ScholarSHIP vlog series focusing on scholarship-winning strategies. She is also a 2024 Nyah Project Fellow, Principal's Advisory Executive Board Member, yearbook editor-in-chief, and a mentor. As a passionate environmental advocate and Recycled Dress designer, she earned the title of "Lead Designer" at the Young at Art Fashion Show.

Her greatest school contribution was leading the four-day Pre-Collegiate Summer Program for incoming high school juniors by collaborating with a team of six volunteers to develop a comprehensive plan aimed at helping them feel at home on their college campus in between the times they did PSAT prep. Bianca plans to pursue a major in kinesiology and a minor in psychology at Boston University where she was awarded a full QuestBridge scholarship.



Emilie Elizabeth Kaplan

Service Hours: 426

Emilie Kaplan is the founder of the Touch of Hope (A Human Aid Society) Club, which educates students about diseases and incurable illnesses like Parkinson's Disease and ALS. Working in partnership with the current president, Feryal Wardani, she connected with The Palace at Weston (an assisted living home) to provide expansive knowledge and compassion for the club's purpose. As an NHS tutor coordinator, she was able to connect with students to help curb the impact of rigorous classes, form connections with their peers, and inform them of non-profit organization work. She recently worked with Lighthouse of Broward on their Dining in the Dark event. Her awards include the President's Volunteer Service Award and first place in Broward College's "How to be an Adult" writing contest; however, her achievements also shine in the arts with a Superior Score at the States Thespians Competition.

Her greatest school contribution is spreading school spirit through events like assemblies, volunteering, and social experiences. Emilie plans to attend a top Florida university to major in Business Administration and minor in psychology, in hopes of going to law school and becoming a corporate lawyer.



Benjamin Bradford Pierre

Service Hours: 83

Benjamin Pierre is president of the National Honor Society. He considers his greatest contribution to the community to be his dedication to the mentorship of high school students and assisting them through their acclimation to a college environment through interactive activities to cultivate a strong school culture. He has organized events that foster student camaraderie, empowered his peers by encouraging independent leadership, and connected students with valuable resources to support their personal and academic growth. He has demonstrated his leadership and academic excellence by participating in the Wharton Youth Global Investment Competition and winning the Business Case Challenge through Junior Achievement Career Bound. Additionally, he is a recipient of the College Board's National African American Recognition Award. His other roles include Book Club historian and Media and Design Lead for the Principal's Advisory Board.

Benjamin plans to major in computer science at the University of Florida and aspires to become a software engineer with a specialization in artificial intelligence and machine learning.



Zachary Whalen

Service Hours: 253

Zachary Whalen is president of Student Government for Broward College's Central Campus. He states that his greatest contribution to his community was creating and coordinating a group of volunteers to manage hospitality for the monthly Fort Lauderdale Tech Meetup and securing volunteers for Broward College's on-campus food pantry Seahawk Marketplace. He sits as the sole Student Trustee on the Broward College Board of Trustees and the Broward College Foundation Board of Directors.

One of his greatest school contributions was when he secured volunteers for Broward College's on-campus food pantry Seahawk Marketplace. At the beginning of the spring 2024 semester, he noticed that there was a significantly lower level of volunteering, and the pantry's operations were suffering as a result. Zachary has been accepted to the University of Florida's honors college and is pending other decisions. He strives to leverage a business education to create and scale impactful social enterprises.



COOPER CITY HIGH SCHOOL COWBOYS



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Brady L. Hicks
Service Hours: 434

Brady Hicks is dedicated to service and leadership. His passion is working in the automotive industry, utilizing the skills he has learned in the automotive program, and balancing school, work, and service. He is the owner of Arcade Lawn Service which he started four years ago. Brady is best known for his behind-the-scenes work to ensure events and activities are a success, getting things done in the background. He knows that much of what it takes for something to be a success is done behind the scenes. He leads with his actions. He is passionate about working with Harvest Drive year-round to assist Broward County Public School students with food insecurity. He is empathetic to his peers and always seeks ways to include everyone. His honors include Academic Excellence Awards in DECA and Automotives and has been nominated to represent his school at the Career, Technical, Adult, and Community Education recognition ceremony.

His greatest contribution to his school is helping to create a fun, inviting experience for his peers on Fan Fridays. DJing music in the courtyard to facilitate a stress-free and inclusive environment for all. He's so dedicated to this initiative he purchased his equipment for this event. Brady plans to take the skills he has acquired and pursue a degree in entrepreneurship.



Erica Nicole Hoy
Service Hours: 311

Erica Hoy is a dedicated student leader with a strong academic background and a passion for community engagement. She serves as the National Honor Society president, where she has led charity initiatives and raised thousands of dollars for local causes. Erica is also an active member of the Student Government Association, having held roles such as treasurer and historian, she is the District 6 vice president for the Florida Association of Student Councils. In addition to her leadership roles, Erica is an accomplished dancer and dance instructor, teaching various styles to children and performing in numerous recitals. She has received multiple honors, including multiple Academic Excellence Awards, the South Florida Leadership Training Camp Honor Council Award, and the AP Scholar with Distinction recognition.

Her most memorable experience was her junior year as National Honor Society vice president. Their NHS chapter hosted a reunion for the classes of '76, '77, and '78. They set up the school for their return, bringing out old yearbooks and memorabilia from those years. Erica plans to pursue a degree in communications, in hopes of continuing her leadership journey as a university professor.



Lola McClure
Service Hours: 1,279

Lola McClure is the founder of 501c3, Kindness Couture which delivers underwear to children in foster care and people experiencing homelessness. Since 2019, Kindness Couture has delivered over 15,500 pairs of new underwear across South Florida through The Caring Place, Showering Love, Child Net, The Hands and Feet Delivering Help and Hope and Communities Connected for Kids. Lola has written two books, Kindness Big and Small and Kindness in The Big City. Both books teach young children to be kind and to give back to their communities. 100% of the proceeds from book sales go towards purchasing underwear. Lola has received multiple honors including The President's Volunteer Service Gold Award and The Debbie Wasserman Schultz Citizenship Award for School and Public Service. She is the Student Government president, captain of the lacrosse team, a member of the National Honor Society, a member of the yearbook staff, and is on the Principal's Advisory Board.

One of her greatest contributions to her school was planning and executing their Homecoming week for the past 3 years. Lola plans to attend a four-year college majoring in political science and attend law school after completing her bachelor's. Her goal is to become a Child Advocacy Lawyer.



Ella Shuch
Service Hours: 629

Ella Shuch has been devoted to creating and fostering a positive and connected environment between her peers as the Class of 2025 president. Serving as her peers' representative, she has devoted her high school years to organizing and facilitating fundraisers and activities to give all students a memorable high school experience. Outside of her passion for leadership, Ella also loves working with children helping them to learn and grow confidence. She is a student leader at her dance studio where she assists young dancers in their class during the week and works as a camp counselor every summer with children ages three months to eleven. Ella considers leadership the biggest and most important aspect of her life and is beyond grateful for all the opportunities she has been given to learn and lead.

Her most memorable leadership experience was when she served as Broward County Association of Student Councils vice president, reaching out to guest speakers to motivate and inspire audiences consisting of the 113 middle and high schools at their monthly meetings. Ella is not sure of exactly what she wants to do in her future, she plans on incorporating her love for people into it.



CORAL GLADES HIGH SCHOOL JAGUARS



Leilani Del Valle

Service Hours: 219

Leilani Del Valle is the Student Government Association president. Her greatest contribution to her community has been organizing and hosting a dodgeball tournament to raise funds and strengthen bonds while demonstrating the power of collective action in making a positive impact. She has organized the Jaguar Expedition, which is held the week before school starts to help new students get familiar with their new school and learn about the various clubs and activities. She was also secretary of SGA, an active member of HOSA-Future Health Professionals, and a member of the soccer and bowling teams.

One of her most memorable experiences was when she had the opportunity to lead the leadership class. As the acting leader, it was her responsibility to ensure that the class continued to engage in all planned activities and maintain their progress, a role that not only strengthened her leadership abilities but also highlighted the importance of teamwork and mutual support to achieve their goals. Leilani plans to attend the University of South Florida to major in Exercise Science to become a physical therapist.



Thais Ariana Leon

Service Hours: 324

Thais Leon is a health science major with a passion for leadership and community service. As president of the National Honor Society, Thais organized impactful projects, including a walk to raise awareness and promote social integrity for immigrants, which united the community and earned them a major award at the Broward County Honor Society Convention. They also helped lead fundraising events, such as Relay for Life, to support the American Cancer Society, where they built meaningful relationships with survivors.

She has contributed to her community through tutoring helping kids reach their academic goals. Their experiences reflect a strong commitment to collaboration, empathy, and driving positive change. Thais has been accepted at the University of South Florida and Florida International University, and she is still awaiting other decisions. She plans to earn a degree in health science and pursue her passion for healthcare. Her goal is to open and manage her own health clinic, where she can offer accessible, high-quality care to underserved communities. Through this, she hopes to not only address healthcare disparities but also build meaningful connections with patients and promote overall well-being in the community.



CORAL GLADES HIGH SCHOOL JAGUARS



Suzlee Loidor

Service Hours: 170

Suzlee Loidor serves as senior class president, leading her peers to raise \$8,000 for events and student activities while increasing participation across her school. As a color guard co-captain and equipment manager, she earned the Coral Glades Music Association Most Dance and Movement Talent Award. She also excelled academically, earning the 2025 Outstanding Senior Leader distinction, honor roll all four quarters in 2024, and placing second in the state as a 2024 HOSA Future Medical Professional State Finalist, advancing to the International Leadership Conference held in Houston, Texas. Passionate about service, she boxed hundreds of food items for the less fortunate through a local Jewish synagogue, assisted patients at Broward Health Coral Springs, and volunteered as a teacher's assistant in her school's front office. She earned her ServSafe certification, demonstrating her expertise in food safety and handling. Suzlee was a varsity basketball cheerleader for four years, serving as captain for two seasons.

Her greatest contribution to her school was driving school participation through club engagement and student involvement. By encouraging active participation in clubs, she played a vital role in shaping a culture of unity and belonging. Suzlee has been accepted to the University of South Florida, where she plans to major in nursing to continue making a difference in her community.



Reina Wong

Service Hours: 704

Reina Wong is the Key Club president, which focuses on providing students with opportunities for community service. Through her work as a BRACE Cadet, she has prepared almost 60 students for college and career readiness. She has received multiple awards including the Dartmouth Alumni Club Book Award, and has competed at HOSA-Future Health Professionals regional, state, and international competitions. She will earn two industry certifications in EKG and CMAA.

Her greatest community contribution is helping younger students join HOSA. She helped establish and affiliate the Coral Springs Middle School HOSA Chapter. Through this program, she was able to educate students on the importance of CPR, increase health literacy, and assist with member/competition registration and submission. All of which allowed her to directly foster students' interests in healthcare while simultaneously preparing students for the secondary division of HOSA. Reina plans to major in health science pre-med track to become a physician in emergency or internal medicine.



CORAL SPRINGS HIGH SCHOOL COLTS



Rebecca Assena
Service Hours: 488

Rebecca Assena serves as treasurer for the Broward County Honor Society. She is also the founder of Ocean Baequini, a small business that began from her love for the ocean and bathing suits. Outside of this small business, which she runs herself, she also tutors kids to earn extra income. Rebecca has received multiple A and A/B Honor Rolls, as well as a Certificate of Accomplishment for academic success in Agricultural Science Honors, a certification in Communication Skills for Business, a certification in Intuit Design for Delight, and a certification in Entrepreneurship and Small Business. She was also nominated for the All-Star Team BCAA for Girls Volleyball.

Her greatest contribution to your community was as president of Mentoring Tomorrow's Leaders. She led an initiative to support the school's food pantry, which they call the "Colt Market." Being vice president of another club, she was able to promote the collection of canned goods, further contributing to the success of the Colt Market. Her dedication to these clubs and initiatives, worked to strengthen her school community and create a lasting positive impact that will go beyond her high school years. Rebecca plans to major in business administration with the hope of becoming a franchise business owner.



Sanaa Leonne DesRoches
Service Hours: 339

Sanaa DesRoches is president of the National English Society. Her commitment to a career in business analytics and marketing led her to receive multiple business certifications and contribute to her peers throughout Broward County by working as a Digital Content Creator for Bridge2Life. She has also recorded 339 hours of community service through activities including donating sensory kits to a local autism cluster, educating peers through the Health Information Project, and doing secretarial work at Ramblewood Elementary. She earned Cambridge's AICE Diploma with Merit after passing seven AICE exams with high marks.

Her most memorable experience was successfully carrying out a project that supported both students with autism and their teachers. This activity was composed of building sensory kits for each classroom within the autism cluster. Sanaa plans to earn her Associate of Arts from Broward College before she graduates high school and major in business analytics with a minor in marketing at Florida International University.



CORAL SPRINGS HIGH SCHOOL COLTS



Amanda Gilzean
Service Hours: 110

Amanda Gilzean is the founder and president of the Science National Honor Society. Through her time as president, she has helped enrich the minds of 75 members: encouraging them to learn more about different science, technology, engineering, and math majors while also conducting labs and lectures on various science activities. She has received the Top Ten Achievement Award every year of high school thus far and will receive her Associate of Arts degree from Broward College. She was also president of the Human Relations Council and vice president of the National English Honor Society for the last three years of high school.

Her greatest contribution to her community is her participation in the Human Relations Council. Their goal is to increase inclusion, diversity, and ethical knowledge. She has chaired events and activities open to the community such as movie nights and peace weeks and spoken at leadership and anti-bullying summits. Amanda has been accepted to both the University of South Florida and the University of Central Florida and is still awaiting other decisions. She plans to major in computer engineering.



Ashley Pagliai
Service Hours: 170

Ashley Pagliai is the senior class president. She has held the class president title since her freshman year. She states her biggest contribution is having the opportunity to collaborate with her fellow class officers and working to make their senior year as successful as possible. She is an active member of the National Honor Society and Student Government Association. Ashley has been on the varsity and competition cheerleading team all four years and held the captain title for two years.

One of her most memorable leadership experiences in high school was serving as both the senior class president and a member of the Student Government Association. These roles allowed her to work closely with a group of people with different perspectives, which helped her learn how to incorporate different viewpoints. She enjoyed the teamwork and collaboration that came with these positions, which helped her develop strong relationships and taught her the value of working with others to achieve a common goal. Ashley plans on attending the University of Florida or University of Central Florida, to major in nursing.



CORAL SPRINGS CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL PANTHERS



Jaide Olivia Keen

Service Hours: 154

Jaide Keen serves as the executive producer of CTV2, the school's news broadcast program. Jaide has been recognized for expanding the scope of the program and extending its coverage beyond the school building to include local community events, religious activities, and new business advertisements. Through her leadership, she led impactful news segments on both local and global issues, helping to raise awareness and connect the school with the broader community. In addition to her role as executive producer, Jaide anchors weekly episodes of CTV2, where she is passionate about telling stories that resonate with and inspire others. Her work has earned recognition at the city, district, and state levels. Beyond CTV2, Jaide serves as a marketing manager for a not-for-profit organization in Fort Lauderdale. She is also a three-year member of the National Honor Society.

One of her most memorable leadership experiences was leading a CTV2 feature story on a teacher personally affected by the Israel-Hamas conflict. This project highlighted the human side of a global event, focusing on the teacher's personal experiences and resilience. Jaide hopes to pursue a degree in journalism and communications with a minor in business at the University of Florida, where she aims to further develop her skills in storytelling and leadership.



Mackenzie Maniscalco

Service Hours: 260

Mackenzie Maniscalco is the vice president of special events for the National Honor Society, where she plays a key role in organizing and volunteering at various school and community events. As CEO of a VE International marketing company, she has built a highly successful virtual business, qualifying for several national competitions. This success ties into her involvement as an officer in DECA, where she has qualified for both states and the DECA-International Career Development Conference (ICDC). Mackenzie's achievements have earned her multiple honors, including the Athletic Face of Charter and the Business and Technology Award. She is also the captain of the varsity cross-country and track and field teams. Her cross-country team competed at states for the first time in the school's history. She holds her school's record for javelin.

Mackenzie plans to attend Florida State University, where she will major in biology with a focus on forensic science. She hopes to become a crime scene investigator.



CORAL SPRINGS CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL PANTHERS



Marissa Micioni

Service Hours: 230

Marissa Micioni is the Student Government president, and she has been on the board of Student Government for three years. This has allowed her to be able to improve student life by hosting events, acting on concerns, and increasing school spirit. Marissa was captain of her cross-country and soccer teams while also being a state qualifier for the DECA program.

Her greatest contribution to her community is aiding in hosting events for those with special needs. She has helped plan a Parkland Buddy Sports Valentine's Day dance, and a fall and winter event for Bright Horizons, a program for children and families with specialized needs. These events helped her grow as a person but also helped with creating a safe, loving environment and spreading positivity. Along with this, she has seen a different outlook on life and how she leads others which helps her continue to impact her community. Marissa has not decided where she is headed next, but she does have the Cambridge diploma and plans on studying in the field of computer science.



Gianna Michelle Weingard

Service Hours: 216

Gianna Weingard is senior class president, she has held the position for four consecutive years, raising over \$30,000 for the Class of 2025 during her time in office. While serving as class president, she has executed a variety of school spirit events to create an environment where the student body feels engaged and heard. As DECA executive of marketing, she has coordinated her chapter's various communication platforms, directed business education events, and aided in competition preparation at her school. She has competed at the state level in business competitions for four years, placing second in the state of Florida in the Franchise Business Plan Category in 2023 and 2024. She has volunteered her time to organizations such as Parkland Buddy Sports and St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church, while also working a part-time position at her family's restaurant, Pepperoni Grill.

Her most memorable leadership experience has been the countless events she has helped host or been involved in and enjoyed. Gianna will attend the University of Central Florida pursuing a major in communication science and disorders with a minor in psychology, to become a pediatric speech pathologist.



CYPRESS BAY HIGH SCHOOL LIGHTNING



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Jordana Braun
GPA: 3.6471

Jordana Braun is the president of the Kidokinetics Adaptive Physical Education (KAPE) Club, which introduces a new sport each week to students with exceptionalities. Jordana is also the Student Government Association's first vice president and chair of Harvest Drive where she facilitated and led the largest school service project, collecting food boxes to feed over 175 local families during the Thanksgiving season. She managed weekly meetings ensuring a safe environment for Jewish teens to bond and share culture, through being the president of B'nai B'rith Youth Organization (BBYO) for two years and previously on the board. She has received multiple honors including the PTSA Lightning Awards and SGA Officer of the Quarter.

Her most memorable experience has been working with students who have exceptionalities and seeing how these students can develop and benefit from KAPE. Providing students the opportunities to grow and progress from the first day and then go home to their families and tell them they played outside. Jordana will major in behavioral sciences and focus on leaving a lasting impact on the world.



Jonah Feldman
Service Hours: 384

Jonah Feldman is president of the Student Government Association and editor-in-chief of "The Storm" yearbook. Through his work in both organizations, he oversees the initiation, planning, and execution of 30+ events from a variety of categories, including school spirit and community service. He then uses his journalistic skills to document the events in the yearbook. Some events that Jonah has an active role in are Pep Rally, Lightning Oscars, MSD Day of Service and Love, Homecoming, and Varsity Sports Appreciation. He has received awards and nominations from both organizations, including the "Rotary Club Student of The Month," and various "All Florida" First Place awards for photography. Additionally, he was Chair of Thirst Project at Cypress Bay, raising awareness and funds to combat the water crisis in Africa, and serves as the logistical coordinator for the Breast Cancer Awareness Club.

His greatest community contribution is through his involvement with the Thirst Project Organization at Cypress Bay, his direct efforts to raise money to fund clean water wells in the center of communities in Eswatini drastically improves the quality of life of the residents of the rural communities. Jonah will continue his education at a four-year university, majoring in international relations in hopes of becoming a foreign diplomat.



Aadish Kachhal
Service Hours: 1,109

Aadish Kachhal is the founder of the 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization Learn with Peers, which is dedicated to improving K-12 academics nationwide at no charge and providing leadership opportunities for high school students. By working directly with the community and partnering with local elementary schools, Learn with Peers has positively impacted the lives of over 800 students in 70 schools nationwide through a combined 4,000 hours of volunteering. At school, Aadish is the president of the National Honor Society, president of the Speech and Debate team, and the Director of Community Outreach for Mu Alpha Theta. He is an Academic All-American, ranking him amongst the top 2% of speech and debaters in the nation, and actively works with constituents at Congresswoman Debbie Wasserman Schultz's district office.

His greatest school contribution was developing an intensive eight-part workshop series, College Essay Gurus. Each webinar or in-person office hour session was designed to introduce 178 college-bound juniors to essay brainstorming, drafting, and editing months before the process began. Aadish will attend the University of Pennsylvania Wharton School of Business. He looks forward to studying business economics, statistics, and public policy to potentially break into investment banking and nonprofit consulting.



Andres Rafael Nieves
Service Hours: 335

Andres Nieves is president of the Multicultural Club which promotes diversity within the community by organizing school-wide events and participating in community events. Through his clubs and personal desire, he has strived to better the elementary school that he once attended by assisting students, teachers, and staff with their events and regular school days. Outside of school and community-related work, he trains daily as part of the varsity swim team and varsity water polo team. He also excels in the classroom by maintaining strong grades in rigorous courses which led to his completion of the AICE Diploma and his selection for an Academic Excellence Award.

His greatest school contribution was running the school's Informative Night for four years. Informative Night is an event where parents come to the school to learn about the Broward County education system including graduation requirements, scholarships, and college applications. Andres plans to pursue a major in mechanical engineering with aspirations of obtaining a master's degree.



DEERFIELD BEACH HIGH SCHOOL BUCKS



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Ke'Asia Reniya McNeil

Service Hours: 289

Ke'Asia McNeil is a dedicated student leader with a passion for education, advocacy, and community service. She has served as Student Government president, varsity cheer president, and youth cheerleading coach, demonstrating her commitment to leadership and mentorship. Through her involvement in the Urban Teaching Academy, Best Buddies, and tutoring programs, she has worked to support and uplift students of all backgrounds. She is also a member of the National Honor Society and the Health Information Project, where she has helped educate and inform her peers. With a strong academic background in AP, honors, and dual enrollment courses, she plans to use her leadership and experiences to continue making a difference in her community and beyond.

Her greatest community contribution has been her dedication to service and mentorship. Her work as both a youth cheerleading coach and tutor, helping young students develop confidence, discipline, and academic skills, and a volunteer with the elderly has allowed her to bridge generational gaps and provide companionship to those in need. Ke'Asia aspires to join the Navy to become a naval doctor.



Amariel Nelson

Service Hours: 230

Amariel Nelson is a social media manager for the boys' and girls' volleyball club, which allows the teams to share and connect with supporters. While also being the captain of the girls' varsity volleyball team. She has received multiple awards including the Most Valuable Player Award in the BCAA North All-Star game. She is a recognized volunteer at Delray Medical Center, volunteering over 100 hours in the lab along with the rehabilitation facility.

Her most memorable experience has been her time as the varsity volleyball captain, being able to hold a high level of accountability for my team has taught her invaluable skills. Amariel will attend the University of Central Florida majoring in communication sciences & disorders, in hopes of becoming a pediatric speech-language pathologist.



Ja'kyla Diane Stanley

Service Hours: 199

Ja'kyla Stanley is the president of the senior class and the vice president of the Speak Out Club. The Speak Out Club provides a safe space for students to talk openly about their experiences while enjoying food. Once a month, the club hosts a guest speaker who shares their story and encourages everyone to speak up. Because when you use your voice effectively, you influence the world around you. It allows you to communicate your thoughts, and bring attention to issues that matter to you. She hopes to inspire others to do the same.

Ja'kyla's greatest community contribution is her volunteer work as a coach for a local volleyball team, where she teaches young girls the fundamentals of the sport while also providing them with valuable life lessons about teamwork, dedication, and self-confidence. She also worked as a summer camp counselor to help kids have the best summer possible. She has applied to several universities, with Louisiana State University and Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University being her top choices.



Mariah C. Williams

Service Hours: 94

Mariah Williams is the class representative of the senior class which provides encouragement and fosters school spirit. Through this position, Mariah has been able to visit many other schools and educate them about how great her school is and why they should attend it because of the many different programs. She has received many honors like being inducted into the International Baccalaureate Program in her junior year and on the honor roll tenth-grade year. Mariah was captain of the Band Auxiliary dance team for two years and a member of the Student Government Association since her freshman year.

Her greatest contribution to her community is volunteering to help at the Active Aging Center interacting and engaging with her elders. Mariah is undecided on which school she will attend in the fall because of the plethora of options. She plans to study nursing, in hopes of becoming a pediatric nurse.



DILLARD HIGH SCHOOL PANTHERS



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Essence Vashay Fowler

Service Hours: 351

Essence Fowler is a grounded, open-minded, and whimsical young artist who possesses a plethora of leadership and organizational skills that are complemented by her eagerness to learn, grow, and create boundary-pushing art. As senior class vice president, she played a pivotal role in Student Government, leading initiatives that promote positive behavior and directed projects to spread awareness on important campus issues. Essence recently wrote and directed "Panther W.A.L.K" a short film encouraging the new positive school-wide behavioral expectation. With four years of involvement in the National Thespian Society and an extensive background in dance and theatre, she has choreographed numerous performances, taking the "Best Student Choreography" award at the 2023 South Florida Cappies. Outside of school, Essence leads the dance department and teen ministry at The Fresh Church, while also mentoring young girls through Queendom Connections Inc., inspiring them to overcome challenges and pursue their dreams.

Her greatest community contribution is empowering younger generations by providing mentorship and advice about school life as well as her commitment to the creative ministry at church. Determined to make an impact, Essence aspires to attend a four-year university to pursue a Bachelor's in Fine Arts in musical theatre and a minor in education, intending to increase the representation of Black women in the arts and teach future generations to perform.



Andrew Griffiths, Jr.

Service Hours: 426

Andrew exemplifies hard work and an energetic spirit, striving for excellence in all he does. His dedication to positivity is evident, especially in his community engagement. He took part in the "Souls to the Polls" initiative, which aimed to encourage community members to vote, and he was later recognized by Broward Sheriff Gregory Tony for his contributions to the community. Andrew is also engaged in band, soccer, and tennis. He enjoys being part of several clubs and organizations, such as the Health Information Project, where he serves as vice president, as well as the Save Promise Club, Student Government Association, Florida Rising, and the School Advisory Council.

His greatest community contribution has been his involvement with the youth at the YMCA, performing and spending time with children. During performances, he witnessed firsthand their excitement and inspiration, motivating him to encourage them to chase their dreams courageously. With an Adobe Photoshop industry certification, Andrew aims to study architecture in college, considering a minor in interior design or engineering.



Kelsy Richardson

Service Hours: 240

Kelsy Richardson is the founder and president of the Interact Club, committed to making the world a better place by following the motto 'Service Above Self.' Being the president for three years has allowed her to meet exceptional members of society and provide her community with love. Her artistic talents have been recognized with a Superintendent Art Gallery Award, and she has also received an honorable mention in the Scholastic Art & Writing Awards. In her free time, she enjoys reading and watching soccer.

Her greatest community contribution was volunteering with Hope South Florida at their Agape Love Valentine's Breakfast, which highlighted situations she never knew people were experiencing and knowing her small gestures would leave a lasting impact, encouraged her to continue to volunteer annually for this event. Kelsy hopes to attend college majoring in cybersecurity and minoring in criminology. Continuing with the motto 'Service Above Self' she hopes to become an FBI agent and to start a non-profit mental health organization called "Just Keep Swimming."



Chloe Walker

Service Hours: 285

Chloe Walker is the senior class president. Under her leadership, her class board balances student needs, administration's concerns, and a healthy dose of event planning. She wears many hats, from video editor for the Sports Media Management Club to secretary for the Rotary Interact Club and treasurer for Key Club, all while managing community service initiatives and club budgets. As a peer health educator with the Health Information Project, she teaches ninth graders about crucial topics like mental health and bullying. A two-time College Board National Recognition Awardee and recipient of a Scholastic Silver Key in Writing, Chloe is as driven academically as she is creatively. Certified in Photoshop, Premiere Pro, and Illustrator, she specializes in branding and graphic design through her magnet program, transforming ideas into visual experiences.

Her greatest community contribution has been volunteering, and it may seem cliché, but she wholeheartedly believes that not only has her volunteer work helped her community, but it has equally, if not more, helped her. Chloe will attend Florida Gulf Coast University, where she plans to double major in graphic design and advertising with plans to become a senior creative director and later open a design school for underserved students.



EVERGLADES HIGH SCHOOL GATORS



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Isabella Gomez

Service Hours: 651

Isabella Gomez is a student leader in South Florida. As president of her senior class, she has organized events for nearly 500 students, raising almost \$9,000 and fostering school spirit. Beyond academics, she co-founded a book club that donated 1,200 books to elementary schools and supported school literacy initiatives. Her dedication to public service is evident through her roles as a poll worker and School Board advocate, as well as internships with the U.S. Congress and the Department of State, where she contributed to community outreach and diplomacy. Recognized as a National Hispanic Scholar and Miami Herald Silver Knight nominee, Isabella exemplifies academic excellence and youth civic engagement.

Her greatest school contribution has been as a BRACE Cadet. Having once been an English second language student, she dedicated herself to supporting others. To spread awareness about opportunities and resources, she has presented at school events and award ceremonies, volunteered at Broward's largest college fair, and helped with outreach and college readiness initiatives. Her goal is to empower students to pursue the goals they once thought were out of reach. Isabella has applied to the University of Florida with plans to major in management in the hopes of becoming an economic foreign service officer for the U.S. government.



Gabriella Hanley

Service Hours: 132

Gabriella Hanley is the senior class secretary. As a class officer, she has been able to prove her love for leadership and giving back to the school. Especially through her service in the Student Government Association all four years of high school. She has been a voice for the school, an advocate for her peers, and a buffer between the student body and administration to make her school better. She has also been a strong voice in varsity debate, where she has won numerous awards at circuit tournaments in the field of Original Oratory. She is also an officer of Page-Turners, BSU, and Chemistry Coalition. Gabriella expresses leadership outside of school as well, by volunteering for the American Red Cross, her local church, and in the Labor & Delivery Unit of Memorial Hospital.

Her most memorable leadership experience was preparing for the Black Student Union (BSU) showcase alongside her fellow officers. Although it was a hectic and demanding time, it was also incredibly exciting as they united to create a showcase that celebrated their culture. Representing their heritage and shining a light on who they are became their way of honoring their roots and expressing pride in their identity. Gabriella plans to attend a Florida university majoring in psychology, in hopes of eventually pursuing dentistry.



Jaden Anthony Lodge

Service Hours: 251

Jaden Lodge is the co-president of Best Buddies, a club that is dedicated to forming one-on-one friendships with people who do or don't have intellectual developmental disabilities. Through Jaden's leadership, he has been able to assemble his officers to plan monthly activities for club participation. Jaden manages EHS' Best Buddies Friendship Walk donation page, which has raised over \$800. He is the recording secretary for the Student Government Association, the Secretary for E-Sports, the treasurer of the National English Honor Society and Zoology & Veterinarian Club, and also the historian for Florida Future Educators of America. In 2019 and 2023, he volunteered for the University Community Social Services, also known as The Meatloaf Kitchen, where he distributes food to the homeless. Jaden's most memorable experience as the co-president of Best Buddies, is hosting its annual Halloween, Christmas, and Valentine's Day parties.

His greatest contribution to his school is creating a slideshow for the 20th Anniversary celebration, dedicating it to people who have been at the school for the last 15 to 20 years. Jaden has not decided on a college yet, but he plans to major in English with a minor in creative writing or screenwriting.



Isaiah Romeo

Service Hours: 258

Isaiah Romeo is on the Class of 2025 officer board. His greatest contribution to his school is expansion because he has put his best foot forward to broaden access to information, activities, and opportunities for the entire student body. He is also the vice president of Speech and Debate where he has been awarded Superior Distinction, with both state and national recognition. He has brought awareness to child abuse, men's mental health, and sickle cell anemia through speech. Isaiah is part of the District runner-up varsity volleyball team, along with a regional qualifying swim team.

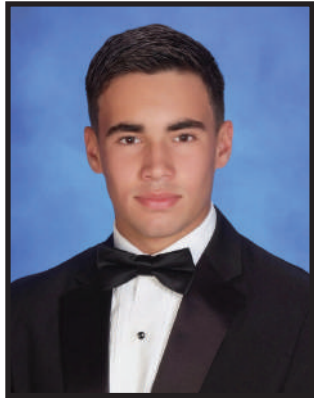
His most memorable leadership experiences are those small moments when he can share his wisdom and experience with the younger competitors who have experienced their first loss, anxiety before a competition, or confusion with what is happening. Knowing how it feels, he can pour into those kids and mentor them into a future full of boldness to compete. Isaiah will graduate with his AICE Diploma, receiving the full Bright Futures Scholarship. He will major in public administration with a double in either economics or communications, with the hope of making a difference within society.



FORT LAUDERDALE HIGH SCHOOL FLYING L'S



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James Edwin Boardman

Service Hours: 107

James Boardman is the executive officer of the Navy JROTC. He leads the battalion by being an exemplary role model. James balances being a three-time state champion high school diver, and the role of executive officer while maintaining a high grade point average. He represents the United States on an international level on Team USA. As captain of his club team, he holds 16 National Diving Championship Titles. He gives back to his community through the Boy Scouts of America achieving the rank of Star.

His greatest contribution to his community is the countless days and hours spent giving back during his time in NJROTC and as a Boy Scout. He built many Eagle Scout projects and helped in many clean-ups around his area. James aspires to be the admiral of a fleet and is eager to attend the United States Naval Academy and dive for the Navy.



Marvin Exantus

Service Hours: 160

Marvin Exantus is captain of the Mock Trial Team, where he is the reigning Gladiator Mock Trial Champion and the number one high school mock trial attorney in the world. He is the second person from Florida and the first in Broward County history to be awarded this honor. He is active not only in his school but also in his community, serving as senior class president, where he raised over \$18,000 for his senior class, a founding member of the recruiting department at the nationwide organization Voters of Tomorrow Florida, where he volunteers and hosts voter drives across the state to promote civic engagement among the Gen Z community, and a board member at the organization PositivelyYou, a mental health and mindfulness organization. He has received multiple honors including a congressional recognition award from House of Representatives Congresswoman Sheila Cherfilus-McCormick. He has been featured in a highlight segment on CBS News and is one of the few high school students featured in The Florida Bar.

Marvin's greatest contribution to his school is his leadership role as co-head student ambassador. In this position, he is responsible for coordinating volunteer magnet events that introduce prospective students to the programs at his school. He also manages student volunteers, ensuring that service hours are properly distributed to students. His commitment to the school and community has allowed him to play a vital role in connecting students with valuable opportunities. Marvin hopes to attend the University of Florida on a full Bright Futures scholarship. He plans to major in political science and minor in marketing on a pre-law track, with aspirations of becoming an attorney and eventually pursuing a career in politics.



Mia Hochhauser

Service Hours: 262

Mia Hochhauser is an aspiring journalist with a big passion for writing and broadcasting. She is the president of Latinos in Action, where she has organized events to promote cultural awareness and a sense of belonging. She is an active member of the Principal's Advisory Board, helping to make decisions that impact her school community while also giving the student body a voice and vote. As the vice president of Mindfullme, she has supported initiatives that focus on mental health. Mia balances all her leadership roles with her part-time job at the Florida Panthers community, her position on the tennis team as a player and photographer, and tutoring elementary students as well as students at her school. She also volunteers at her church's children's ministry.

Her greatest contribution to her school is promoting diversity, inclusivity, and cultural awareness through leadership, community service, and creating a space where students find a sense of belonging and embrace who they are. Mia's goal is to inspire others through her writing and become a great and successful journalist.



Sara Kathleen Smous

Service Hours: 786

Sara Smous has been the creative director of the yearbook for all four years of high school, which allows her and her team to relay messages from parents to their seniors through their carefully crafted senior dedications. Although they never get to see students' reactions, she hopes that they are meaningful to them. She has also volunteered at the Humane Society of Broward County for four years, amassing over 600 volunteer hours solely from there.

Sara's greatest contribution to her community is her involvement with the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, where she helps fund cancer research. As creative director, she gained valuable skills that gave her the confidence to lead a fundraising campaign for the organization. Along with two friends, she is actively working to reach their goal of raising \$50,000. They are in the process of securing a contract with a company for a donation of at least \$15,000, which will bring them significantly closer to their goal. Sara will likely attend the University of Florida where she plans to major in computer science with a minor in digital arts and sciences in hopes of becoming a software engineer.



HALLANDALE HIGH SCHOOL CHARGERS



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Katherine Fernandez

GPA: 3.32 | Service Hours: 117

Katherine Fernandez serves as the vice president of the Student Government Association and has played a key role in organizing the Inter-Club Council meetings. These meetings bring club officers together to collaborate on ideas and events, ensuring that everything runs smoothly. Katherine has always been a strong motivator, inspiring others and ensuring that everyone is included in every event. Her dedication to inclusivity has had a significant impact on the school, especially within the Latino community, by ensuring that translation services are available to make all students feel welcome and understood.

Katherine's most memorable moment as a leader was when she planned her own event: a pep rally designed to uplift students and celebrate Hispanic heritage. In the process, she fostered closer relationships with other leaders from different clubs, as she was determined to make the event a collaborative effort. Katherine's dedication to bringing people together and promoting cultural pride made the event a success. She hopes to attend either Florida International University or Florida Atlantic University to continue pursuing her goals.



Venus Loveli Green

Service Hours: 89

Marvin Exantus is captain of the Mock Trial Team, where he is the reigning Venus Green is the vice president of Business Professionals of America (BPA), a career and technical student organization for students pursuing careers in business management and other related fields. Their work in BPA has contributed to the education of business management and the building of an entrepreneurial mindset for their club members. They received multiple awards such as having one of the Top 100 Network For Teaching Entrepreneurship (NFTE) business plans in the NFTE Southeast Youth Entrepreneurship Challenge. As a member of 10 clubs, Venus holds a leadership position in three of them.

Her greatest contribution to the community was helping other Key Clubs from different schools pack over 250 bags of food for families in need on Thanksgiving and signing corresponding holiday cards. Venus plans to attend Broward College and then move on to culinary school to major in three separate fields of work: art, business management, and culinary arts with the aspiration of opening her own interactive art café.



Ethan Elijah Sejour

Service Hours: 160

Ethan Sejour is the manager of "The Plug," the afternoon announcements that inform students on current news and events. He is a participant in the 5000 Role Models of Excellence in the Broward chapter, where he manages the social media for his respective school. He is also part of various other mentoring programs such as Junior Achievement and Big Brothers Big Sisters. He was honored as the number one STEM student in his school and is currently the salutatorian. He is a member of the Student Government Association as well as the National Honors Society.

Ethan's most memorable leadership experience was learning how to manage the school announcements. At first, he felt the pressure of the new responsibility and recalls moments where he made mistakes or forgot important tasks. However, these challenges taught him valuable lessons in time management and responsibility. Through perseverance, he learned how to balance and manage his various duties more effectively. Ethan has earned a Cambridge Diploma and plans to use it to attend Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University on a Bright Futures scholarship. He intends to major in pharmaceutical sciences and aspires to thrive as a pharmaceutical scientist in the future.



Ta'shaun Walker

Service Hours: 186

Ta'shaun Walker is a very successful and enthusiastic student who has shown great leadership skills and effective communication skills with his peers. Ta'shaun is a proven leader who has helped run many organizations including 5000 Role Models, the National Honor Society, Upward Bound, the Health Information Project, and many more. Ta'shaun has been a top 10% student throughout high school.

Ta'shaun's greatest contribution to his community is showing the younger generation that they don't have to be defined by statistics. He takes pride in surpassing the limitations placed on him by peers and society, proving that hard work and perseverance can break through barriers. Ta'shaun plans to attend Morehouse College, where he will study business and sociology, with the goal of making a positive impact on his community and beyond.



HENRY D. PERRY EDUCATION CENTER GATORS



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Lianet Aguirre
Service Hours: 10

Lianet Aguirre is an active member of Mentoring Tomorrow's Leaders and has demonstrated dedication to her community. Originally from Cuba, she studied from elementary school through 12th grade before emigrating to the United States in search of a better future. Throughout her time in school, she has planned and executed sporting events, festivals, and organized clothing and food drives for those in need. As a ninth grader, she was honored with the Best Student of the Year Award for her exceptional achievements.

Lianet's greatest contribution to her school came through her involvement with Latinos in Action, where she mentored and supported fellow Latino students in completing their classes and adjusting to the new school system. Her efforts have helped foster a sense of community and belonging for her peers. Lianet's goal is to graduate high school, further improve her English language skills, and continue her education at Broward College. In her home country, she had planned to study graphic design, and she hopes to pursue that passion while building her future in the United States.



Justin Thanh Tam Nguyen
Service Hours: 150

Justin Nguyen has undergone a remarkable transformation, evolving from an introverted student into a more outgoing individual with a strong social circle. He is currently an active member of the School Advisory Council (SAC). Justin is enrolled in Culinary III Honors and serves as a mentor to three high school students currently taking culinary courses. Beyond the classroom, he has applied the culinary skills he's gained to secure a job as a server at a Vietnamese restaurant.

In addition to his culinary pursuits, Justin has set his sights on a career in cybersecurity. He has applied to both Florida International University and Full Sail University, where he plans to continue his education and pursue his passion for technology and cybersecurity.



Jonathan Toussaint
Service Hours: 48

Having witnessed the challenges that his family and community faced in Haiti, Jonathan Toussaint aspired to create a better life for himself where he could complete his education and achieve his goals. Upon arriving in the United States, he wasted no time in making a difference by starting a neighborhood care program where young teens, like himself, partnered with elderly and disabled neighbors to assist with household chores. He also took on the role of Sergeant at Arms for the Multicultural Breakfast Club, where he played a key role in fostering an inclusive environment where students could learn about and appreciate various cultures.

His most memorable experience was as Sergeant at Arms, often serving as a bridge between club members and the administration, making sure that communication was efficient and clear. Jonathan plans to attend university to pursue his passion for architecture—a career that would allow him to transform his commitment to building relationships into constructing physical infrastructures.



HOLLYWOOD HILLS HIGH SCHOOL SPARTANS



Harley David Fambrough

Service Hours: 68

Harley Fambrough serves as the battalion commander of the Spartan Battalion, where he has demonstrated exemplary leadership by organizing community service initiatives such as the JROTC Car Wash and the beach cleanup at Dr. Von D. Mizell-Eula Johnson State Park. He is a recipient of several prestigious awards, including the Superintendent's Own Guard Award from Broward County Superintendent Dr. Howard Hepburn, the National Leadership Award from the Military Order of the Purple Heart, and the U.S. Army JROTC Award for Excellence in Academics from the Celebrate Freedom Foundation. Harley has also held key roles as the male captain of the Raiders Team and a member of the Drill Team.

His greatest contribution to his community is partnering with the Coconut Creek Fire Rescue in the Butterfly 5K, a community fundraiser supporting the National Wildlife Federation. Harley is currently attending Barry University, where he is pursuing studies to become an Emergency Medical Technician with aspirations of a career as a Firefighter/Paramedic.



Maya R. Miller

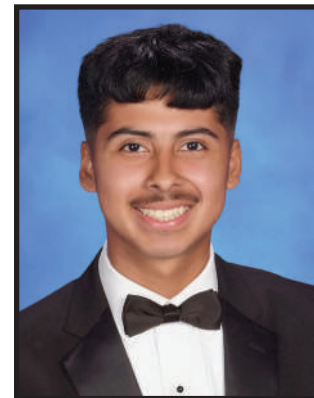
Service Hours: 335

Maya has been a driving force at her school, leading and founding numerous organizations that have left a lasting impact. From serving as co-president of the National Honor Society Chapter to founding the Girls Who Code chapter, her passion for creating and nurturing new initiatives knows no bounds. Through her work across various organizations, Maya has established herself as a pillar in her school community, an active member of her broader community, and a dedicated academic. She has earned numerous honors, including the Freedom Foundation Spirit of America Young Leader Award, and the Bausch + Lomb Honorary Science Award, and was selected as a QuestBridge NCM Finalist & Summer Scholar. As the founder of her school's Rho Kappa chapter and a longstanding volunteer with Heart2Heart Outreach of South Florida, she continues to break new ground in service and giving back.

Her greatest school contribution was as the president of the National Honor Society. She has had the privilege to enrich her community, help students get more involved, create community service-focused committees, and establish school-wide tutoring programs. Maya now looks ahead, planning to embark on the pre-medical track with a concentration in medical biology, driven by her ambition to become a medical doctor and dedicated surgeon.



HOLLYWOOD HILLS HIGH SCHOOL SPARTANS



Andrew Pineda

Service Hours: 448

Andrew Pineda is the battalion commander of the Entrepreneurship Leadership Military Academy. A magnet program that helps encourage students to attend college while also teaching the discipline skills of always putting academics first. In school, he has achieved many milestones including having over 400 service hours, being in the top 25% of his class, qualifying and competing in the Florida State Raider Meet, as well as orchestrating many events that dealt with service learning. During his four years, he has earned numerous awards like the Superintendent's Own Guard Award which is given each quarter to the most outstanding cadet in the program. He has also gained leadership positions in a multitude of other organizations including team captain of the cross-country team, co-president of Students Against Destructive Decisions, and Broward County's JROTC Camp Staff. He has also assisted the community with many service projects and plans as a part of the National Honor Society and Students Working Against Tobacco.

His greatest school contribution was representing his school in the Broward County Regimental Ball and giving a speech about "senior words of wisdom," as well as talking about their magnet program accolades and contributions. Andrew plans to attend Olivet University in Chicago, Illinois where he will take part in the ROTC program and major in mechanical engineering. After graduating from Olivet, he plans to be an officer in the military.



Ashly Tejada

Service Hours: 203

Ashly Tejada is the president of the Spanish Honor Society, which is a space where students teach and learn about the language and Hispanic cultures of the world. She is also the historian of Latinos in Action. These roles have allowed her to create diverse community service activities directed to different groups, to show gratitude to all members of their school, and to teach students about Hispanic cultures. In 2024, she received the National Hispanic Recognition Program and National First-Generation Recognition Program Honors from the College Board.

Her greatest school contribution is providing Hispanic students the opportunity to use their talents to demonstrate their abilities, show and teach others about their culture and traditions, and create a safe environment where the students can open up, leave their fears behind, and become the best version of themselves. Ashly plans to pursue a nursing degree and a master's at Nova Southeastern University.



J.P. TARAVELLA HIGH SCHOOL TROJANS



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Amber Beck
Service Hours: 289

Amber Beck is the 2025 class president, allowing students to have an extra person on their side. Amber will stand for what she believes in and won't back down. She will provide help wherever it is needed. Student Government has given her several opportunities, including the chance to work with the Little Trojans Program and Best Buddies. It has allowed her to help increase school spirit, plan school events, support several other clubs and sports teams, and so much more. Amber feels that becoming a member of the Student Government Association in her first year of high school helped guide her as well as shape the type of person she has become today. Amber uses her leadership skills to support her peers, fostering a sense of community and helping others feel included and valued.

She believes her greatest contribution to the school is her full spirit and energy which creates a welcoming atmosphere for the students around her. Amber is unsure where she will attend college, but she will major in sociology and minor in psychology.



Rihanna C. Cole
Service Hours: 213

Rihanna Cole serves as the Chef de Cuisine of the ProStart program, the highest leadership position within the program. In this role, she oversees fellow members, training them to manage the school's restaurant and lead events. With three years of experience in the program, Rihanna helps new students navigate the kitchen and work toward earning their Serve-Safe industry certification. She dedicates five out of her eight periods each day to honing her skills and assisting in the kitchen.

Rihanna's greatest contribution to her school is her commitment to providing accessible breakfast and lunch for all the staff, supporting culinary students in their lab work, and teaching ProStart students the essentials of working in a kitchen and executing events. Rihanna has been accepted into the Culinary Institute of America, where she plans to pursue a bachelor's degree in hospitality management. Her career goal is to become a banquet or catering chef, furthering her knowledge and experience in the hospitality and culinary fields.



Josue Hernandez
Service Hours: 285

Josue Hernandez was involved as a leader in the World Languages Academic Competition, winning the gold medal. He is focused on the racial integration of the Hispanic community in his role in No Place for Hate, and his Silver Knight project of extra-curricular tutorials to develop speaking skills among students whose first language is not English, expanding the scholar and work opportunities for them. He promoted biodiversity in his community by planting and teaching about Florida-friendly plants. He received several honors including a certificate of excellence for outstanding achievement in his Spanish Speakers 2 class, and Honor Roll certificates.

His greatest school contribution is promoting awareness of social issues, not only through organizations but also in his school's environment. Josue will attend Santa Fe College and the University of Florida. He plans to graduate as an agronomist engineer with an Associate of Arts in Botanical Studies, hoping to create and apply new sustainable measures in crops, environmental protection, and promoting a friendly working environment.



Tralani Skinner
Service Hours: 405

Tralani Skinner serves as vice president of administration in the Student Government Association, where she plays a key role in guiding students and collaborating with peers. Tralani has helped organize significant campus events, including fundraisers and charity drives, addressing both school spirit and community needs. Tralani serves as a College Board BigFuture Ambassador, representing her school as a liaison between the College Board and students. In this role, Tralani equips peers with effective study strategies, test-taking techniques, and essential resources related to college applications, financial aid, and scholarships.

Her greatest school contribution has been serving as her school's ambassador, representing her school through the College Board. This role allowed her to make a significant impact within her school, in terms of providing valuable resources to students. As a school ambassador, she is responsible for representing her school's values and educational goals. Tralani intends to major in health science, aspiring to become a dentist and open a private practice.



LAUDERHILL 6-12 STEM MED MAGNET SCHOOL PANTHERS



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Amory Francois

Service Hours: 192

Amory Francois has learned valuable lessons through his leadership roles, teaching him to take initiative and inspire his peers to believe that no task is too impossible to accomplish. As someone once advised him, instead of asking "What if?," he chooses to say "Even if," always maintaining a positive narrative. While his serious expression might make him seem like he's having a bad day or prefers solitude, the truth is that he genuinely loves helping his community in any way he can. Amory takes pride in being the helping hand that anyone can turn to when they need assistance.

He regularly supports teachers and staff at his school, offering help without expecting anything in return. For Amory, it's simple: if he were in their position, he would appreciate the same support. Although his grades may not always be the best compared to his peers, he is constantly striving to improve. Amory is also a member of Take Stock in Children, which has provided him with valuable guidance on his future and someone to talk to whenever he needs advice or support. Amory plans to major in aerospace engineering and hopefully work with big companies, but if he changes his mind, he strives to become an EMT or a firefighter to further his desire to give back.

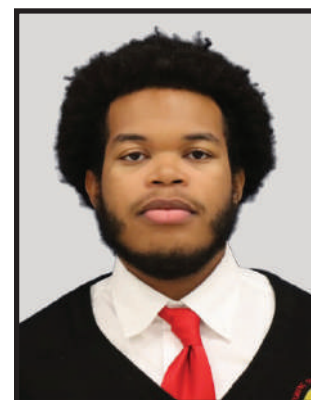


Treavonia Gibson

Service Hours: 303

Treavonia Gibson serves as a mentor at Firewall Centers, empowering children and youth through various educational initiatives. Her experiences have underscored the importance of a supportive community in fostering children's success. Beyond her mentoring role, Treavonia is actively engaged in several clubs that organize events to assist those who are less fortunate. Her dedication to creating a positive impact demonstrates her commitment to uplifting her community and ensuring that all children have the opportunity to thrive.

Her greatest community contribution is volunteering with a non-profit organization that helps young people succeed in school and is proud to be an active part of her community. By offering tutoring and mentoring, she supports these kids as they face challenges and build their confidence in learning. Watching them grow and improve inspires her and shows just how important it is for all of us to help each other in education. Treavonia plans to major in criminal justice and minor in child development, to become a paralegal and further advocate for the rights of children.



Michael Liburd

Service Hours: 161

Michael Liburd is a future biomedical engineering major passionate about the use of technology to improve lives and the role it plays in education. As a president of the Engineering and Robotics Club and a member of Mentoring Tomorrow's Leaders, he has mentored young students from a Title I school and helped at-risk children develop confidence and technical skills. Serving as senior class president and receiving a Rotary Youth Leadership Award, Michael has demonstrated leadership both inside and outside the classroom. Through his involvement with the Greater Fort Lauderdale Alliance, Michael has worked to introduce augmented reality technologies into local schools with the hope of making learning more engaging and accessible. He has spearheaded numerous service projects, including beach cleanups, food drives, and neighborhood beautification initiatives to reflect his commitment to creating meaningful waves in his community.

His greatest contribution to his community is pushing for the involvement of more students of color in cybersecurity-related programs in Broward County and Florida as a whole. Michael hopes to study biomedical engineering with a focus on the development of prostheses and artificial organs.



Isabella Samuel

Service Hours: 228

Isabella Samuel serves as the editor-in-chief of the yearbook, a role that allows her to preserve her school's happiest memories and its history. She has actively participated in numerous community service projects, including Feeding South Florida and the Martin Luther King food drive. Isabella has also contributed to her community by painting murals and houses. Her strong determination earned her the Best Performance in Peer Counseling award and a Leadership award from Firewall Centers. Additionally, she has been involved in several student organizations, including Students Working Against Tobacco, Students Preventing Unintentional Drowning, Students Against Drunk Driving, and Mentoring Tomorrow's Leaders. Through these activities, she has connected with and educated her peers while creating meaningful bonds.

Isabella's greatest contribution to her school was painting a mural to honor the students who tragically lost their lives at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School. Isabella will major in civil engineering and has already taken pre-calculus and trigonometry at Broward College to further her academic and career goals.



MARJORY STONEMAN DOUGLAS HIGH SCHOOL EAGLES



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Coby Alhadeff
Service Hours: 84

Coby Alhadeff served as both junior and senior class president, leading initiatives to strengthen school spirit and enhance the student experience. He played a key role in the ongoing outdoor seating improvement project, collaborating with peers and administrators to develop plans that will benefit future students. Coby also contributed to the Make Our School Safe Foundation, advocating for increased school safety and awareness in his community. He was recognized by the principal and teachers for his leadership and dedication. A standout athlete, Coby played three varsity sports—cross country, soccer, and tennis—and served as captain of the soccer team.

His most memorable leadership experience was helping to develop and advocate for the ongoing outdoor seating improvement project at their school during his time as class president. He worked with his peers to gather input through surveys and discussions to ensure that the designs reflected their classmates' desires. Coby plans to pursue a career in finance and work on Wall Street, using the skills he has developed to make a significant impact in the financial world.



Samantha Brown
Service Hours: 283

Samantha Brown served as the National Honor Society historian and a two-year officer in DECA, where she qualified for the International Career Development Conference (ICDC) two years in a row. As a four-year morale captain for Dance Marathon, she raised over \$2,000 to support families in need. Samantha also gained professional experience as a marketing intern at Camp Chipinaw, where she combined creativity and strategy to promote camp programs. She helped lead school-wide events like Homecoming and Spirit Week as the Student Government Association treasurer, managing budgets and fostering school spirit.

Her most memorable leadership experience was attending the South Florida Leadership Training Camp (SFLTC). At SFLTC, she had the chance to connect with students from different schools, exchange ideas, and develop new leadership skills. Samantha plans to attend the University of Florida to major in marketing, where she looks forward to refining her leadership and making an impact in the business world.



Alexa Malin
Service Hours: 250

Alexa Malin serves as the vice president of the Southern Association of Student Councils, representing her school at the annual conference this past year and serving on the region's executive board. She took the lead in organizing twenty presenters who gave leadership-based workshops at this year's conference for delegates representing 15 southern states. Alexa also serves as the president of the English Honor Society and has participated in the DECA program, where she qualified for state and international competitions in marketing events. She is also a member of the National Honor Society and works closely with her peers to contribute to community service efforts.

Alexa's greatest contribution to her community has come through her various volunteer experiences, including working with nonprofits such as 3HeartStrings, volunteering at a food bank, and tutoring younger students. While Alexa is still undecided about which university she will attend in the fall, she aspires to pursue a career in sports media or sports journalism.



Ayla Sachs
Service Hours: 337

Ayla Sachs is the Student Government president, where she has led efforts to promote inclusion and elevate student voices. She is also a dedicated teen leader for Not My Daughter...Find a Cure Now, advocating for breast cancer awareness and teenage health empowerment. As an athlete, she traveled regionally with Football Club Prime, played varsity flag football and junior varsity soccer, mentoring teammates on and off the field. Through volunteering with BLUE Missions in the Dominican Republic, she expanded her cultural competency and developed a global perspective on community service. She has also served as Pen Pal Club officer, initiating "Letters of Love" to spread encouragement and hope.

Her most memorable leadership experience was the bond she developed with the other members of our Student Government board, growing from a group of individuals with different perspectives into a family. A passionate and driven leader, Ayla aspires to pursue a business career, focusing on product development and marketing, and is committed to continuing to make meaningful contributions to her community.



MCARTHUR HIGH SCHOOL MUSTANGS



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Cindy Chu
Service Hours: 275

Cindy is the president of the Herd of Sound Marching Band, an exceptional organization that brings together students of all grades into a singular group that performs coordinated routines with music and movements on their desired instrument. She is also the Class of 2025 treasurer, accounting for the class budget, managing money spent on events, and organizing senior class events with her fellow representatives. She has received many honors and awards for her outstanding academic achievements such as the Dartmouth Alumni Book Club Award and Superior Academics Honor Roll Award. She is a member of the National Honor Society, AICE Leadership, Asian Cultural Alliance, and Mu Alpha Theta. On top of juggling all her co-curricular activities and a part-time job, she's an academic scholar who has been at the top of her class throughout high school. In ninth grade, she couldn't fathom the thought of becoming a leader, but as years passed by, she was able to break out of her shell and develop a sense of confidence and strength through all the organizations she'd been a part of.

Cindy has been accepted into both the University of Central Florida and Florida International University. She plans to pursue an education in architectural design so that in the future she can create buildings that can also be seen as works of art.



Bre'Ann Michelle Constantine-Bredy
Service Hours: 1,190

Bre'Ann Constantine-Bredy is president of the Class of 2025 and vice president of Women of Tomorrow. She has been an active leader in multiple organizations, including the Student Government Association, Pre-Med Club, S.P.I.D.E.R, Black Student Union, and Rotary Club. In 2022, she was a member of the Dance Team, showcasing her passion for performance and teamwork. Committed to mentorship and community service, she volunteers at Pines Middle School, where she choreographs and teaches routines for the dance, cheer, and color guard teams.

Bre'Ann's most memorable school experience was as the treasurer of S.P.I.D.E.R. and attending the Silver Knights Award Ceremony, a truly uplifting and inspiring moment. She plans to attend Florida Atlantic University on a Take Stock in Children Scholarship, where she will major in biology. Her goal is to become a pediatric orthodontist and eventually open her own practice, leaving her patients with the brightest and most lasting smiles.



Juan Garcia
Service Hours: 288

Juan Garcia is a dedicated, driven leader with a passion for service, sports, and community engagement. As the senior soccer captain, he demonstrated exceptional leadership on and off the field, inspiring his teammates. Beyond athletics, Juan served as the president of Latinos in Action (LIA); previously holding the role of service committee vice president in junior year. Active in his church, Juan is known as a helpful and dependable volunteer, always eager to lend a hand. He also served as secretary for the AICE Leadership Club, contributing to initiatives that promote academic excellence and leadership development. Additionally, as a soccer referee for young athletes, Juan plays a vital role in fostering a love for the game in the next generation. His well-rounded dedication to leadership, service, and sports exemplifies his commitment to making a positive impact.

His most memorable experience has been helping plan and set up for the class of 2025 field day which brought together the entire class and allowed them to have a wonderful time. Juan plans to pursue a major in sports medicine, combining his love for athletics with a desire to help others achieve their physical potential.



Gabriela Martinez
Service Hours: 156

Gabriela Martinez is vice president of the National Honor Society (NHS). She has worked hard to start the program back up and is helping countless students make a difference in their community. Largely due to her leadership, the organization has managed to successfully launch several community service events of varying sizes. Carrying out the organization's core goal of allowing students to be leaders. She has always been very ambitious, recently having joined the band and making long strides toward improvement on her instrument (the trumpet). All the while maintaining an impressive academic record and earning several honors—most notably, being the only person in her class to earn an AICE Diploma with Distinction. She has consistently demonstrated a passion for making a difference and throwing herself out of her comfort zone.

One of her greatest community contributions was when she and members of NHS, partnered with a woman and children's shelter called the Lotus House to host a food/clothing drive to collect hundreds of food items to feed dozens of homeless families. Gabriela plans to attend the University of Florida where she will earn a bachelor's degree and major in digital arts and sciences.



MILLENNIUM 6-12 COLLEGIATE ACADEMY STARS



Aiykiera Brown

Service Hours: 383

Aiykiera Brown is the founder of the Furever Friends Committee, an initiative dedicated to supporting local animal shelters through advocacy, fundraising, and community engagement. Under her leadership, the committee has raised over \$500, collected more than 100 shelter supplies, and partnered with local businesses and city officials to promote animal welfare. As Class of 2025 vice president, she spearheaded impactful events like Kona Ice fundraisers and end-of-year celebrations, fostering school spirit and collaboration among her peers. As the National Honor Society parliamentarian she ensures effective operations, and as activities coordinator for Mu Alpha Theta, she increased member involvement by 20% and doubled club funds. Aiykiera's contributions have been recognized through honors such as the Principal Award of Distinction and features in the Miami Herald and Tamarac Talk.

Her most memorable leadership experience is creating annual end-of-year free parties to celebrate getting through their school year together. Dealing with such a small class of students of 50 kids, it's important to foster connections and fun. Aiykiera plans to major in public health, combining her leadership experience with her passion for advocacy to make a meaningful impact in the future.



Anthony Joseph Jabar

Service Hours: 299

Anthony Jabar is the chairman of the Tamarac Teen Council and treasurer of Mu Alpha Theta. He has also held other officer positions, such as Tamarac Teen Council vice chairman and Mu Alpha Theta as both president and vice president. Throughout high school, he has always not just focused on one thing, from work to doing food distributions for the less fortunate, and to being involved with his city. While he has not received any awards for his work, he thoroughly enjoys everything he has done in high school and would do it over every time.

His most memorable leadership experience was being able to connect and have relationships with the city commission of Tamarac and over time being able to understand the competition of elections and how each of the commissioners viewed the issues that faced the city. He feels that this has collectively been the most important leadership experience. Anthony has been accepted at the University of Central Florida and Florida Atlantic University and is planning to major in accounting and international business.



MILLENNIUM 6-12 COLLEGIATE ACADEMY STARS



Kinza Khan

Service Hours: 224

Kinza Khan is president of the National Honor Society. She manages five committees and leads monthly initiatives to promote academic excellence and community service within her school. She is the Health Information Project president, advocating for student well-being through peer health education. As the Class of 2025 treasurer, Kinza has organized many successful fundraisers. A dedicated volunteer, she has contributed to Helping Hand, ICNA Relief South Florida, and the South Florida Muslim Federation to name a few. As part of the Muslim Student Association leadership, she has helped foster cultural awareness. Kinza has earned Millennium's Counselor's Award and multiple Academic Excellence Awards for AP classes.

Her most memorable experience was founding the Muslim Student Association chapter. With the Muslim population growing, many students are interested in learning about their culture. She felt inspired to create a club where they could not only celebrate but teach about and share their traditions. Kinza plans to attend Florida International University, majoring in international relations, in hopes of becoming an immigration lawyer, and perhaps one day, a congresswoman.



Wafeeqa Sultana

Service Hours: 199

Wafeeqa Sultana is the three-time 2025 class president demonstrating exceptional leadership throughout high school. As an officer and volunteer of the Muslim Student Association and Muslim Volunteer Organization, Wafeeqa has participated in numerous impactful community events, uniting students and fostering cultural understanding. Inspired by her non-profit, she founded smaller, purpose-driven clubs within Key Club and the National Honor Society to boost engagement and maximize community service. As an officer of the Health Information Project, she advocates for health awareness, and as a committee head of Key Club, she has organized and participated in numerous community service initiatives. A Broward County District BRACE Cadet, Wafeeqa has been recognized for her leadership in community service and was awarded "Enlightener of the Month." She has also been honored as an AP Scholar and a Silver Knights nominee.

Her greatest community contribution was founding "Seed to Success," a transformative non-profit organization dedicated to providing essential school supplies to students from low-income households. Wafeeqa is passionate about medicine and plans to pursue a career in cardiology or neurology, while also minoring in business.



MIRAMAR HIGH SCHOOL PATRIOTS



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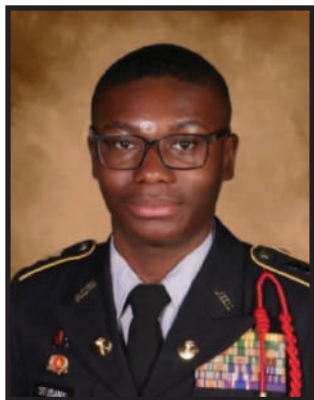


Kyndal Giana Hawkins

Service Hours: 649

Kyndal Hawkins is the senior class president. She states her greatest contribution was helping her peers voice their concerns and collaborating with the local communities for service projects. She is also a president of Crime Watch, a varsity volleyball captain, and a member of the Principal's Advisory Board.

Being class president for all four years has been one of her most memorable experiences. From coming to high school from a middle school that nobody else went to, she took the risk to run for president when no one knew her. It took tremendous confidence to be able to get in front of her class and try to sell them her ideas. While being able to keep her promises, she was able to raise money for their class events and was able to make an event happen almost every month. Kyndal plans to attend the University of Central Florida while majoring in legal studies in the hope of becoming a lawyer at a New York City corporate firm.



Olakunle Anthony Otusanya

Service Hours: 1,2219

Olakunle Otusanya is the battalion commander for his JROTC program. He states his greatest contribution to his school was that he brought the JROTC program to the state competition in Tampa after 14+ years. One of his major awards was the Scottish Rite award from JROTC, which means he exemplifies leadership and American values.

His most memorable leadership experience was when he attended a Broward County JROTC Brigade Ball and ate with the Superintendent, his principal, and other important distinguished guests. Olakunle plans to attend New Mexico Military Institute to become a U.S. Army Officer and major in criminal justice. Once he retires from the military, he plans to continue to pursue law enforcement as a Texas State Trooper, Florida Highway Patrol Trooper, or Broward County Sheriff.



Melody Rauls

Service Hours: 152

Melody Rauls serves as the head drum major. She has held the honor of being one of few musicians from Broward County to be selected to participate in the FBA All-State Band, along with numerous other honor bands like the University of Miami Frost Honor Band. She has represented her school at this music conference twice. Melody is vice president of her class and an active member of the Principal's Advisory Board.

One of her most memorable experiences was organizing senior events and witnessing the joy and excitement of her peers during those moments. It was incredibly rewarding to see the work pay off. Watching my classmates come together to celebrate milestones and create lasting memories reassured her that she had done her job effectively.

Academically, Melody stands in her class as an AP and IB scholar. In preparation for her study of medicine, Melody attended the National Congress of Future Medical Leaders where she engaged with top physicians and researchers on medical advancements and participated in workshops on healthcare careers and ethics. She will pursue a degree in biology at Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University and continue to pursue music as another passion in FAMU's Marching 100.



Joevane Thomas

Service Hours: 212

Joevane Thomas is an exceptional senior and student government president, driven by passion and ambition. A significant community contribution involves his collaboration with local officials to address a major local issue. Opposing another city (Miami Dade) from implementing an incinerator in west Miramar. Dedicated to helping others, he mentors students in his school's Mentoring Tomorrow's Leaders program. He serves as historian for the National Honor Society, secretary of his city's Youth Advisory Council, president of the Sports Management, Advertising, Service, and Hospitality (SMASH) club, and is a senior class officer.

His leadership roles have been instrumental in his personal and professional growth. Unearthing hidden skills and passions, honing his time management, and instilling the importance of patience and resourcefulness. He has learned to deliver results under extreme time constraints. Leadership taught him responsibility and the value of teamwork, and to recognize that success relies on collaboration and collective effort. Joevane aspires to a career as a forensic scientist with the FBI.



MONARCH HIGH SCHOOL KNIGHTS



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Zaria Samara Chatar

Service Hours: 283

Zaria Chatar served as battalion commander and S-1 Officer of JROTC. She has demonstrated exceptional leadership and organizational skills, while being responsible for overseeing all battalion operations, including planning and executing the Annual Military Ball. She coordinated with multiple teams, ensuring the success of the event and providing cadets with an opportunity to build camaraderie and pride in the program. In her role, Zaria managed administrative tasks such as record-keeping and communication, ensuring the smooth operation of the battalion's day-to-day activities. As an academic advisor, she provided tutoring and academic support to fellow cadets. Her leadership honors include the Superintendent's Own Guard Award and the District Army Instructor Medal, both acknowledging her dedication to the program and her peers. During her time in the JROTC Program, Zaria instilled a strong sense of responsibility, teamwork, and service in her fellow cadets.

Her greatest school contribution is her fostering a culture of discipline, teamwork, and leadership. Her commitment to excellence and impactful contributions have left a lasting impression on the program, fostering growth and success in those she mentored. Zaria has applied to several universities where she plans to enlist in the Air Force Reserves.

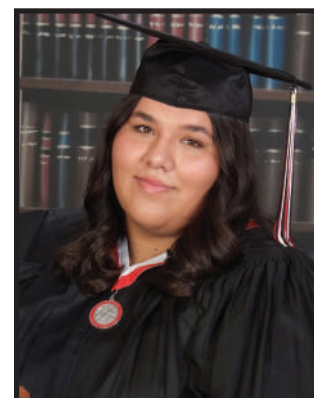


Kaira Micaela Guevara

Service Hours: 259

Kaira Guevara is the co-vice-president of Latinos in Action, which seeks to reconnect students of Latin heritage with their culture while encouraging them to improve their leadership skills. To expand the community impact of its members, she works with other clubs she is involved with, such as the National Honor Society and Key Club, to carry out service projects together like the Peanut Butter and Jelly sandwich drive that donated 600+ sandwiches to homeless shelters. She was recognized for achieving Straight A's, as well as received an award for her constant support and dedication to Latinos in Action. Apart from her leadership in Latinos in Action, she is an officer for other clubs on campus, such as Self-Love Club, Key Club, Best Buddies Club, Threatened and Endangered Species, and DECA. She is expected to receive the Cambridge AICE Diploma.

Her greatest school contribution is the tutoring and translation services she provides to students of Latin background who recently moved to the U.S. while working part-time at a retail store. Kaira plans on attending a four-year university to study sports medicine, in the hopes of becoming a sports medicine physician.



Serena Rauf

Service Hours: 866

Serena Rauf is a passionate leader in her school community, serving as the Student Government Association's first vice president, Inter Club Council president, and class of 2025 treasurer. She has shown a deep commitment to community service and impactful leadership. Serena has led the annual dance marathon, raising over \$13,000 each year for Nicklaus Children's Hospital, and served as the director of programming for the A21 Walk for Freedom in Fort Lauderdale, a global initiative raising awareness about human trafficking. As president of the Inter Club Council, Serena organized initiatives to foster collaboration among student organizations. Additionally, she coordinated two successful Homecoming events, managing various roles and responsibilities while enhancing school spirit. Serena's efforts have earned her recognition from the City of Coconut Creek for her contributions to the community.

Her greatest school contribution is serving as the Inter Club Council president for two years; where she focused on strengthening collaboration between the school's clubs by organizing initiatives where all clubs could participate. Serena's experiences in advocacy, organization, and service have prepared her to pursue a career in law and politics, where she aims to inspire meaningful change.



Janicia E. Stephens

Service Hours: 47

Janicia Stephens is the Black Student Union treasurer, helping manage the club's funds and assist with fundraising, which is key to supporting their events and activities. She's proud knowing the money they raise goes toward making a positive impact on the club and its members. She is pleased to have volunteered with the Women's Workshop, as it gave her the chance to support and learn from others. She's also honored to have been invited to receive a certificate from Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, which is a recognition she truly appreciates. It's been a rewarding experience, and she's grateful for the opportunities to give back and grow.

Janicia's most memorable experience has been being a part of the Black Student Union, where she had the opportunity to connect with members on a deeper level. The relationships she has built are not just about fun; they're about fostering long-lasting friendships. In addition, the leadership skills she has gained through this experience will continue to guide her as she moves forward in life. While Janicia has not yet decided on a career path, she has applied to several universities to continue her education.



NORTHEAST HIGH SCHOOL HURRICANES



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Jasmine Nicole Baker

Service Hours: 253

Jasmine Baker is the outstanding corps commander of the Air Force JROTC and a senior currently ranked seventh in her class. As a future lawyer, Jasmine balances rigorous AP coursework with leadership opportunities in her community. Jasmine's awards extend from communal recognitions for academic excellence, to organizing large-scale cadet functions; she is also drawn toward digital art and graphic design-skills that let her show that her creativity is not limited to academics and leadership.

Her leadership roles have prepared her for the future by taking her outside of her comfort zone. She is more comfortable being uncomfortable and can work under pressure. Jasmine plans to attend Broward College and then a university where she plans to study family law or graphic design.



Sharon Ruby Banegas Vallecillo

Service Hours: 245

Sharon Banegas is president of the Art Club and treasurer of the Student Government Association. She has left a significant mark on those around her with her exemplary leadership skills. For example, her contributions to bringing Homecoming back after 4 years and allowing students to have a space to create and show their art around campus. Through her work in clubs and sports, she has been able to reach others from Broward County and prepare for her future. This is her first time being nominated for a leadership award, despite holding several leadership positions over her high school career. Chalk art has been one of her contributions to her school and student body. When creating art, she is allowed to express herself and motivate others.

Her greatest community contribution has been donating clothing in her community, a very important part of who she is, giving to others and helping them with any situations they may be in. Sharon will attend Broward college. She will major in medicine and hopes to become a sonographer.



Patchnalie Compere

Service Hours: 425

Patchnalie Compere is the senior class president, which entitles her to lead and plan significant activities for her seniors. She has learned to conduct surveys and meetings to better understand each of her senior students' needs and desires, while also encouraging involvement in senior activities and fostering a pleasant class dynamic. She has received multiple honors, including the Broward Education Foundation's Chosen Athlete Sponsorship and the Sun Sentinel and Miami Herald Girls First Team in two events. She was captain of the basketball team, the girls' track and field team, a member of the Black Student Union, a member of the Health Information Project, and the president of Women of Tomorrow.

Her most memorable experience was serving as president of the senior class, where she educated her fellow seniors about various senior events. To do that and be able to advertise the events in a way that makes people want to go and know they will enjoy them. Patchnalie will attend the University of Mississippi on a track and field scholarship. She plans to major in accounting, and minor in psychology intending to become an accountant, physical therapist, and professional track runner.



Talon Frazier

Service Hours: 1,124

Talon Frazier is an officer of seven programs including the positions of: Air Force JROTC unit commander, school and sports announcer, National Honor Society and Voter's Registration president, Mentoring Tomorrow's Leaders vice president, Magnet Ambassadors corresponding secretary, and the co-founder of the BRACE ambassador program at his school. He has represented his school on Channel 6 news and the television program "School Duel." His community service work with AFJROTC has inspired his peers to become tutors, mentors, and volunteers within the National Honor Society, AFJROTC, and Mentoring Tomorrow's Leaders. He has received the Ronald Reagan Leadership Medal and the AICE Cambridge diploma resulting in a 100% Bright Futures Scholarship.

His greatest school contribution has been inspiring students as a leader and announcer. Inspiration is not easily obtained through pure work ethic, and he is proud that he has had the opportunity to encourage the student body to be more engaged which increased participation in co-curricular activities and community service. Talon plans to attend the University of Florida and dual major in psychology and political science so that he may become both a psychologist and politician.



NOVA HIGH SCHOOL TITANS



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Ja'Kayla Sheena Alfred

Service Hours: 100

Ja'Kayla Alfred is the Student Government Association president. Through her work with the student bodies and schools in Broward County, she has successfully introduced new ideas and events while emphasizing the importance of academic success. Her most memorable leadership experience was attending the South Florida Leadership Training Camp (SFLTC) before her term as president. This event connected her with peers from across the state, allowing her to exchange ideas and bring fresh perspectives back to my school. In addition to her leadership in the Student Government, she has served as co-president of Women of Tomorrow, a Pure Health educator, and captain of the varsity track team. She is also an active member of the cheer team. Jakayla's academic achievements include multiple honors on the AB Honor Roll.

One of her greatest contributions to the school was hosting numerous school spirit events alongside her colleagues, helping to keep students engaged and excited about school. Jakayla will be attending Florida International University, where she will major in nursing and medical science, with a minor in child psychology.



Meena Ali

Service Hours: 112

Meena Ali is the vice president of three school clubs, including the National Honor Society, the Chess Club, and the Environmental Club. She helped reestablish the chess and environmental clubs to foster community and engagement among her peers. She is a mentor through the Big Brother Big Sister program, supporting elementary school students with academics and personal growth. Meena has received recognition for her leadership and academic achievements, including being named a QuestBridge Finalist and receiving in-school awards such as Outstanding Achievement in Health Science. She has also shadowed at dental and orthodontic clinics, gaining valuable experience in patient care and reinforcing her commitment to the dental field.

Her most memorable school contribution was organizing a holiday donation drive for the kids at Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital in collaboration with Create for Kids, a student-led organization introduced to them by a fellow NHS member. Meena will attend Tufts University on a QuestBridge Scholarship, where she plans to major in biology in hopes of becoming an orthodontist.



Rachel Leigh Goldstein

Service Hours: 1,000

Rachel Goldstein is the founder of the Art Cart, which helps to heal with art. Through this work, she has been able to help those in nursing homes to have a positive outlook on life. She is the National Honor Society president, Best Buddies historian, and a 13-year Club board member. She is also an active member of the B'nai B'rith Youth Organization, Best Buddies, and the Girl Scouts. Her honors include the Girl Scout Gold Award, the 2023 Best Program Created (B'nai B'rith), and the 2018 Character Award.

Her most memorable leadership experience has been learning how to "command a room." She developed the ability to engage her peers during presentations, even when faced with challenges like people not paying attention or talking over her. Despite these obstacles, she learned to persevere and hold the room's focus. Rachel intends to major in nutrition in hopes of becoming a registered dietitian.



Ryon Addai Williams

Service Hours: 277

Ryon is the co-founder and president of the Titan College Prep Club, which helps students navigate college subjects like financial aid and supplemental essays. He serves as the senior class vice president, working behind the scenes to plan activities and events for the 500 students in his senior class. Ryon has been on the track & field team since his freshman year, and through his determination and passion for the sport and building up his teammates, Ryon became a team captain in his junior year. Additionally, Ryon is heavily involved in STEM clubs, including the Science National Honor Society, where he serves as the treasurer. He has helped find and manage the Science National Honor Society's fundraisers as treasurer, allowing them to visit places like the Frost Museum of Science in Miami. Ryon has received several awards, including being in the Top 10 in the Class of 2025 for three years, earning the AP Scholar with Honor award, and receiving the National African American Recognition Program Award.

His most memorable experience was the first meeting for Titan College Prep (TCP) as his vision for the club came to fruition. He and his TCP board educated around 30 students from several different grade levels and ethnicities on what it means to be a first-generation college student and its implications transitioning to discussing scholarship opportunities for "First-Gen" students and then more general scholarship and financial aid opportunities. Ryon aspires to attend either the University of Florida or Columbia University and major in chemical engineering, pursuing a career as a chemical engineer.



PIPER HIGH SCHOOL BENGALS



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Melanie Avalos

Service Hours: 181

Melanie Avalos is the senior class vice president. She has helped organize activities and to keep seniors informed of upcoming events. She has helped by donating and getting others in the senior class to donate to the school's Harvest Drive, making an impact on her community. As the National Honor Society secretary, she has helped organize various events such as the toy drive and tutoring to help others struggling with certain classes. Melanie has been able to help many of her peers with the subjects they struggle with, especially with English and history. She has received many honors including the 2024 Student of the Year Award by the City of Sunrise and a recognition from the National Hispanic Recognition Program. She is the clarinet section leader for the marching band and a member of the Bengal Broadcasting Network.

Her greatest community contribution is actively volunteering at her local library and city hall by donating books to the little library. Melanie will major in communications and journalism, hoping to connect with others about events she cares about.



Javier Alejandro Bareno

Service Hours: 102

Javier Bareno is the Mathematics Honor Society president, leading a peer-to-peer tutoring program for advanced-level math. He is co-founder of "Unveiling the Cosmos," a STEM-driven initiative that aims to increase the exposure of young students to a wider variety of scientific fields such as genomics, astronomy, and chemistry through weekly seminars and hands-on projects. He has continued to explore his passion for discovery through academic research in material science at the University of Florida. Javier believes in the positive change that active citizenship generates, for this reason, he served as the Steering Committee Chair during the presentation of the 2024 Agenda for Policy Action to state lawmakers Senator Jason Pizzo and Representative Marie Woodson at the Florida Capitol. Additionally, he has received multiple honors, such as winning Second Place in the 2023 Colombian Chemistry Olympiads and being selected as a QuestBridge Finalist.

His greatest community contribution was the 2024 Close Up - Rally to the Tally. At this four-day program for new Floridians, he contributed to developing and presenting the Youth Agenda for Policy Action. Javier is applying to the University of Florida and plans to pursue a major in aerospace engineering with a minor in astronomy or physics.



Marley Janele Brooks

Service Hours: 281

Marley Brooks is a dedicated student leader with a passion for education and service. As the Superintendent's Student Advisory Committee Region 5 representative and president of the Student Government Association, Environmental Club, and the National Honor Society, Marley has championed initiatives that positively impact her school and community. Her leadership efforts emphasize service projects, from organizing large-scale food drives to implementing programs that support student wellness and engagement. Marley's commitment to academic excellence has earned her recognition as a Top 2% award recipient and Bright Future recipient, reflecting her dedication to both her studies and her community.

Her most memorable experience was serving as Student Government president where her work impacted the broadest spectrum of stakeholders at her school. Marley will pursue a double major in education with an administration track and psychology, aspiring to create meaningful change in the education system and advocate for student success at all levels.



Louisena Jules

Service Hours: 277

Louisena Jules serves as the president of the Trays to Tummys chapter, an initiative that redistributes surplus cafeteria food to combat food insecurity. She is also the Social Media Coordinator for Samarita Global Outreach, where her efforts have raised over \$2,000 and expanded the organization's online presence. In her role as a Climate Policy Advocate with Citizens Climate Lobby, she has lobbied for carbon pricing legislation and mobilized others to join the fight against climate change. She volunteers at her local library, organizing collections and maintaining a welcoming environment. She is also Class of 2025 and Mu Alpha Theta secretary, former vice president and current treasurer of Future Educators of America, Bengals Broadcast Network correspondent, a ScholarMath finalist, and a recipient of the National African American Recognition Program.

Her most valued contribution to her community has been empowering change through advocacy, digital outreach, and community service. Louisena will attend Davidson College in the fall. She plans to major in biology on a pre-dental track with a minor in environmental science in hopes of becoming an orthodontist.



PLANTATION HIGH SCHOOL COLONELS



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Selena Barbosa

Service Hours: 290

Selena Barbosa, a dedicated advocate for community service, serves as president of Key Club. Recognizing the power of collective action, Key Club has instilled in her a deep commitment to embracing diversity and serving her community. She also actively volunteers at Relay for Life, Mirror Lakes Elementary, Peters Elementary, Jacob Tender Loving Care Assisted Living Facility, Broward Outreach, and The Caring Place. Through these experiences, she has not only served others but also inspired her peers to become active members of their community. Selena's dedication extends beyond Key Club. Academically driven, Selena maintains a strong academic record, earning multiple Principal's Honor Roll awards and achieving the distinction of a TRIO Scholar.

One of her most memorable leadership experiences was during her time as an officer in Latinos in Action, organizing the annual Harvest Drive—where she and her peers collected donations for local families in need—was incredibly rewarding. Recognizing the profound impact of social work, Selena plans to pursue a degree in social work with a minor in psychology. She is driven by a desire to make a positive difference in the lives of others, Selena is committed to a lifetime of service to her community.



Mellissia Clarke

Service Hours: 268

Mellissia Clarke is a future business management major with a strong foundation in leadership and event planning. As vice president of the Student Government Association, co-captain of the girls' flag football team, and secretary of the Black Student Union, she has demonstrated her ability to lead and collaborate effectively. Mellissia played a key role as head of the school spirit committee, organizing events such as school spirit weeks and pep rallies that fostered community engagement. Beyond school, she contributed to her community by volunteering at Peters Elementary, where she assisted with Math Night and Trunk-or-Treat. Her efforts were recognized with a Certificate of Outstanding Service from the City of Sunrise.

Her greatest contribution to her school is fostering a fun and safe environment by organizing events that unite the student body and create memorable experiences. Mellissia's experiences have prepared her to excel as a future entrepreneur.



Andrew Kirkpatrick David Scille

Service Hours: 54

Andrew Scille is an organized, hardworking, service-minded, and dependable scholar who will take on multiple responsibilities with a positive attitude. He serves as the historian for Mentoring Tomorrow's Leaders and a project presenter for the Health Information Project. He is also a passionate advocate for social change and is involved in many non-profit organizations, including North Lauderdale Kiwanis, Big Brother Big Sister, and the Black Student Union. In addition to his non-profit work, he enjoys exercising, learning new things, and spending time with friends. His goal is to inspire others to get involved in their community, as well as become the best version of themselves.

His greatest contribution to his school is his ability to lead his fellow students to programs that will positively influence their lives. He has also bestowed as much influential knowledge as he could to his underclassmen so they will have the ability to shine even brighter than him. Andrew plans to join the military.



POMPANO BEACH HIGH SCHOOL TORNADOS



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September Jiang
Service Hours: 527

September Jiang is the president of the Mentoring Program, which helps incoming freshmen transition into high school by connecting them with upperclassmen mentors as well as through Freshman Orientation. Working alongside her school's administration, she has expanded the Mentoring Program from just freshmen to include all grades, most notably creating alumni relations with seniors through mentoring. She has received multiple honors including her school's Student of the Month award and is both a College Board National First-Generation Recognition Program Awardee and Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation Scholarship Semifinalist. September is the National Honor Society president and a HOSA-Future Health Professionals, Brain Brawl, and JROTC Academic and Leadership Bowl (JLAB) competitor.

September's greatest contribution to her school came when she noticed that the girls at her school were not provided with basic hygiene needs. In response, she proposed and executed a drive for feminine hygiene products and stocked their entire school. September hopes to attend Stanford or Princeton University, majoring in chemistry while completing undergraduate research to advance the field of medicine.



Jessica Kettelhut
Service Hours: 509

Jessica Kettelhut is vice president of the class of 2025 and is dedicated to creating a memorable final school year for her peers. Organizing events like a Senior vs. Teacher Volleyball Game, Ice-Skating Night, Grad Bash, and Prom, raising nearly \$15,000. Jessica's commitment to her school community is evident through her roles as junior varsity volleyball captain, National Honor Society recording secretary, and Interact Club treasurer. Outside school, Jessica is passionate about giving back. She traveled unaccompanied to Lisbon, Portugal, to volunteer at a youth camp, teaching children about environmental conservation.

One of her most memorable and impactful leadership roles was serving as an officer for the Interact Club which helped her to be selected as a junior counselor for the Rotary Youth Leadership Awakening Conference, where she had the privilege of teaching students about leadership. Her academic interests include civil engineering, inspired by a four-year high school engineering program and STEM course, where she earned certifications in AutoCAD, Fusion 360, and Inventor. Jessica plans to pursue her engineering aspirations at Clemson University or the University of Central Florida.



Sydney Lumpkins
Service Hours: 464

Sydney Lumpkins excels in working collaboratively with team members to achieve goals and has a proven track record of making a positive impact in her community. Sydney has been recognized at both the county and district levels, receiving multiple honors such as the DAI Challenge Coin Award, and Superior Cadet Award, and being named to the All-County softball and basketball teams. She brings her project management and leadership skills into every activity, whether as captain of the girls' basketball team or serving in various roles including JROTC battalion commander.

Sydney's greatest contribution to the school has been her dedication to fostering leadership and teamwork through involvement in JROTC. By mentoring younger students, organizing events, and leading various teams, she has played a key role in building a stronger and more connected school community. A major effort has been increasing female participation in JROTC programs, such as Raiders and Drill, empowering others to take on leadership roles and pursue personal and academic growth. This focus on inclusivity and collaboration has had a positive impact on both her peers and the overall school environment. Sydney will be pursuing a major in criminal justice intending to commission as an officer in the U.S. Army.



Huiling Zhang
Service Hours: 660

Huiling Zhang is president of the Disabled+Able United Disability Awareness Club. Promoting disability awareness at her school and organizing numerous disability-related volunteer events, including donation drives, fundraising, and hands-on help at assisted living facilities. Due to her interest in literature, she runs the Ann Wilson Book Club, heads the school literary magazine, and is vice-president of the National English Honor Society, promoting literary appreciation and spotlighting the visual arts. Her community service commitment extends to her role as tutoring vice-president of the National Honor Society, where she works closely with the president to organize volunteer events and projects. She has won many awards for her writing and community service including Broward County Honor Society Member of the Year, a Silver Key in Scholastic Art and Writing, and third place at HOSA Regionals for Medical Reading.

Her most memorable experience is her current book club project. While not the largest project she's organized, it is the sole project where she has had no guidance or partner organizations to help with fundraising, advertising, or implementation. Huiling plans to major in English with a focus on creative writing while continuing her interests in community service and advocacy.



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Ramiah Eyanna Brentrell Aureus

Service Hours: 25

Ramiah is a resilient 20-year-old student, mother of three, and aspiring entrepreneur overcoming personal and academic challenges with determination. After gaining valuable workforce experience, she shifted her focus to investing, flipping items, and exploring sovereignty. Her growing interest in education and entrepreneurship led her to return to school after a four-year hiatus. Despite balancing postpartum recovery, raising twins, and caring for a newborn, she quickly earned 11 credits and completed electives ahead of schedule, demonstrating her resilience and commitment. Her academic journey began with a focus on coding, robotics, and leadership through programs like Big Brother Big Sister and Impact Girls, which fostered her problem-solving mindset. These early experiences shaped her entrepreneurial spirit and approach to overcoming challenges. Inspired by her Haitian family's legacy of education, Ramiah is determined to build a bright future for herself and her children, driven by ambition and a passion for lifelong learning.

One of her most memorable leadership experiences has been helping around school, especially since many of her classmates are still learning English. They often need assistance with things like finding insurance for their baby, managing money, and accessing resources. Ramiah plans to study to be a medical technician and sterile processor.

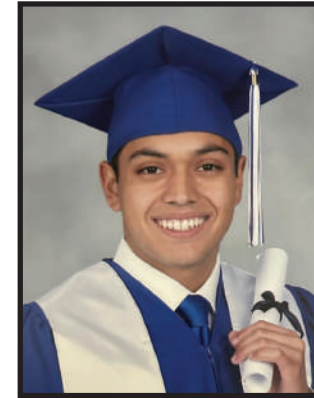


Olivia Karma Cullen

Service Hours: 55

Olivia Cullen is the Student Government Association (SGA) vice president. Olivia strives to be a leader and create leaders from within her team. She has planned field trips to major colleges, created a public announcement short film for the BCPS district initiative, "Just Say No to Drugs" campaign, has attended the monthly School Advisory Council (SAC) meeting to address the student body's questions, comments, requests, and complaints, as the student body representatives. Olivia is also in the Women of Tomorrow Club as well as the Robotics Club. She has received multiple honors including Outstanding Academic Student in ELA, Skill Sharpening Scholar in Mathematics, and is in the running to become the 2025 Valedictorian.

Her greatest school contribution is her service as SGA vice president. As a leader and advocate for her peers, she acts as a bridge between students and administration giving the student body a voice and the opportunity to be heard. Olivia plans to pursue a mechanical engineering degree from a Florida college.



JanMio Molano

Service Hours: 40

JanMio Molano has served as a Broward Sheriff's Office Police Explorer and the treasurer of the Student Government. Through dedication and strong leadership, he rose to the rank of captain. His most memorable experience has been serving as a positive influence on younger students, helping guide them as they transition into high school.

JanMio's greatest contribution to the school has been his role as a leader and a role model for his peers. As a member of the School Advisory Council (SAC), he has actively participated in meetings, contributing his voice and perspective to student government decisions. JanMio plans to attend Broward College EMT School, where he aims to pursue a career as a firefighter.



SHERIDAN TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL WOLVES



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Jaden James Brown

Service Hours: 497

Jaden Brown is the Ecology Club president. He states his greatest contribution to his school was his "Start with Hello" campaign where he stood outside greeting students, parents, and staff to help foster an inclusive and positive school environment. For his efforts to restore his school's nationally recognized butterfly sanctuary and establish a renewable source of organic fertilizer, he was awarded the Award of Excellence for Ecology. Additionally, he is co-vice president of Mu Alpha Theta, co-historian of Equity, and committee chair of multiple Key Club events.

One of his biggest community contributions was the Little Library project. In partnership with SGA and the Building Construction Trades class, they built a library box for book exchanges. Tasked with designing and constructing the box, it wasn't as simple as one would think. Working around the bow of the wood they had to ensure that the box was as watertight as possible, or the rain would ruin the books. Once finally installed in the community, it was immediately embraced. Jaden plans on attending Florida Polytechnic University and majoring in civil engineering.



Sydney Dauphin

Service Hours: 229

Sydney Dauphin is vice president of Key Club. She has planned and participated in service projects around her community while encouraging other students to do the same outside and in her school. She also was president of Teen Readers, president of S.A.V.E club, committee chair for the Student Government Association, member representative of Florida Key Club District, and an active member of the National Honor Society. She received the Award of Excellence from her school for being ranked Top 10.

Her greatest community contribution was planning, organizing, and budgeting for students to participate in the Key Club Holiday and Valentine's Day Cards for the elderly. They made and delivered 300+ cards to senior citizens across the country through Glamour Gals and because of their accomplishments, their Key Club was awarded the "Outstanding Club Award" by the Florida Key Club District. Sydney plans to attend Florida Polytechnic University and major in civil engineering.



Molly Fisher

Service Hours: 319

Molly Fisher makes an impact both inside and outside the classroom. She is a phenomenal leader of different organizations including the Student Government Association as well as She Has Empowerment. Her positions as vice president and creative director in those organizations, respectively, showcase her ability to lead and run meetings as well as direct her peers. Furthermore, she was intricately involved in the creation of the Little Library project and CPR certification course for students. Molly acted as a liaison with the community and local leaders to make both initiatives happen. She was nominated to be a member of the Human Relations Council due to her ability to see the world from multiple perspectives and empathize with others.

Her most memorable leadership experience was the end-of-year Broward County Association of Student Councils meeting, in which SGA members and officers from nearly every school in the County came together for a day. Hundreds of like-minded individuals partook in discussions, games, and learning opportunities, and much of what I learned from that day I still utilize in my daily life. Molly will major in health science, in the hopes of becoming a physical therapist.



Julie Pelaez-Martinez

Service Hours: 328

Julie Pelaez-Martinez is the president of Key Club, a club devoted to helping the community through service projects and volunteering. She has led various projects including Hygiene Bags for foster children, Davie Elementary Christmas Party for low-income housed children, spreading adult autism awareness through Luv Michael, and donating books to nearby schools through Book Drives. In addition, she is the National Honor Society parliamentarian, a member of the Student Government Association, and the She Has Empowerment Club. Her honors and awards include College Board Hispanic Recognition Scholar, sixth place 2024 Florida State SkillsUSA Medical Terminology winner, Thomas W. McCormick German-American Exchange Scholar, Science Honors Award of Excellence, and many more. To top it all off, Julie has been working after school and on weekends to help save money for college and help with family expenses.

One of her most memorable experiences was as Key Club president, inspiring others to step out of their comfort zones and explore new challenges. Julie plans to major in health sciences to become a physician assistant.



SOMERSET PREPARATORY ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL NORTH LAUDERDALE HURRICANES



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Jeremiah Terrel Duclos

Service Hours: 318

Jeremiah Terrel Duclos is the senior class president. He has spent his high school years uplifting school spirit and being actively involved. As a student-athlete, he learned teamwork and discipline, which he applied to contribute to his school and earn respect. As one of the first members of the Student Government Association, Jeremiah helped foster new ideas and events that continue to impact the school today. His legacy as a true leader will inspire future generations to bring forth their ideas and create lasting change.

His greatest contribution to his community has been volunteering for a special needs program, where he took on responsibilities such as planning, coordinating, and hosting activities. Additionally, he participated in the food drive, helping with packaging and distributing food to support those in need, demonstrating his commitment to making a positive impact in the community. Jeremiah has applied to Nova Southeastern University and Florida Atlantic University to list a couple of his future options.



Bianka Mejia

Service Hours: 45

Sydney Dauphin is vice president of Key Club. She has planned and Bianka Mejia is a student leader with a passion for community development. She serves as the Student Government Association's chief of staff. As a part of the National Honor Society, she has engaged in community service initiatives that foster collaboration. Her decision to pursue political science reflects a commitment to understanding governance and effecting meaningful change. Her leadership roles have prepared her for the future by teaching her how to work with people of all kinds. She has also learned that as leaders, there will also be times when we need to step back and let others take charge.

Her greatest contribution to her school has been being able to strengthen their community. Bianka is an early admission student majoring in political science and a future member of the U.S. Navy, she has embraced a path that demonstrates leadership, discipline, and service to the nation. Bianka's dedication to academics and military service highlights a strong commitment to making a lasting impact.



Vanessa Pierre

Service Hours: 45

Vanessa is the Student Government Association president and the vice president of Student Council. Throughout her leadership roles, she has successfully organized major school events, including a charity fundraiser named Winter Warmers where SGA provided blankets, socks, and gloves for the homeless and less fortunate. She has also led initiatives to improve student engagement and promote school pride. Vanessa was awarded the Leadership Excellence Award by her SGA advisor for her efforts in enhancing student life. Passionate about creating positive change, she has worked closely with administration and peers to implement projects that benefit both students and the school community. Her leadership experience has sharpened her skills in team coordination, communication, and project management.

Her greatest school contribution has been bringing people together and making sure their voices are represented. Vanessa plans on taking a gap year to develop her entrepreneurial skills and launch her personal business.



Natalia Aurora Rios

Service Hours: 399

Natalia serves as the Student Council Activities Director and Student Government Advisor, where they have played a key role in organizing major school events, including the annual spring festival and charity drives. As Activities Director, Natalia coordinated cross-department collaborations, streamlining event logistics and boosting student participation. She also advised Student Government, guiding students in leadership development and supporting their community engagement efforts. Under their leadership, the student body successfully launched a school-wide sustainability initiative, which has significantly reduced campus waste. Natalia has been recognized with the Excellence in Student Leadership Award for her contributions toward fostering a positive school culture and providing students with opportunities to grow.

Her greatest contribution to her community would be the little library where young children can take books and excel and improve their reading scores. Natalia is currently an active member of the U.S. Army and will be attending college at the University of Central Florida following her Military Occupational Specialty (MOS) training.



SOUTH BROWARD HIGH SCHOOL BULLDOGS



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Anthony Clase
Service Hours: 595

Anthony Clase serves as the battalion commander of the 200+ cadet JROTC program, where he leads efforts to develop future leaders and bridge the gap between the program and the local community. Under his leadership, the program has grown by 41% in enrollment and raised over \$150,000 to fund cadet activities and community initiatives over the past two years. He has been recognized as a Top 5 Cadet of the Year finalist in Broward County and earned national awards, including the Brigadier General Albin F. Irzyk Award for Leadership Excellence. Beyond JROTC, Anthony is a brass captain in the band, a panel representative on the Principal's Advisory Board, and an intern at McKenney Aviation, managing multimillion-dollar assets.

As the first in his family to attend college and pursue a military path, he plans to build a career through Army ROTC, fueled by his passion for service and leadership. Anthony plans to pursue an accelerated master's degree in business administration while completing Army ROTC, with the intention of commissioning as an Explosive Ordnance Disposal officer.



Claire Clemons
Service Hours: 406

Claire Clemons is the president of the Drama Club and Thespian Honors Society, which creates a supportive community for young singers, actors, and dancers to express themselves freely, develop their skills, and showcase their talents. During her years in the Drama Club, Claire has earned many accolades, while leading others to earn awards as well. Some of her awards include the Critics' Choice Award for a Solo Musical piece and Top Ten Shakespeare Performers in the Nation at the English-Speaking Union. In addition to the Drama Club, Claire has served as a company commander, executive officer, and deputy commander in her school's Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC) program.

The most memorable and most rewarding leadership experience she has had is seeing the final product of projects she has directed. Claire hopes to attend New York University and earn a Bachelor's in Fine Arts in Musical Theatre, aiming to create a career in live performance on Broadway in New York City.



Zidane Francis
Service Hours: 285

Zidane Francis serves as the vice president of the Broward County Association of Student Councils and the vice president of the Student Government Association. He was also one of the founders of the SAVE Promise Club, a district initiative dedicated to promoting peace and creating safer environments across the county. Additionally, he sits on the Principal's Advisory Board. Zidane's leadership extends beyond school, as he has received humanitarian awards in his home country of Trinidad and Tobago for his advocacy work in rebuilding homes for flood victims. His ability to make a difference is evident in both his local and global community contributions.

His greatest community contribution has been his active involvement in his school's Harvest Drive for the past four years. Using his strengths in event planning, organization, and communication, Zidane has played a key role in coordinating and promoting the drive to ensure its success. Zidane plans to attend Florida Atlantic University, where he will major in aeronautical science to become a commercial pilot.



Blake Higgs
Service Hours: 153

Blake Higgs is the Student Government Association vice president. He is also a member and captain of the wrestling team. Among his leadership roles, he organized the Harvest Drive, a community service project that helped feed hundreds of families. Blake is a member of DECA and attended the South Florida Leadership Training Camp, where he received the Honor Council Award. His notable achievements include several regional qualifications in wrestling, which ranked him as one of the top five athletes who contributed to school-wide events.

Blake's biggest contribution to his school was organizing the Homecoming Dance. This involved planning the theme, coordinating decorations, handling logistics, and ensuring everything ran smoothly. He worked tirelessly with his committee for months leading up to the event, all to create a night that students would never forget. The joy and excitement on everyone's faces that night made all the hard work worthwhile, and it further fueled his passion for bringing people together. Blake plans to attend the University of Florida to study fire science, where he hopes to combine his leadership skills and problem-solving abilities in a rewarding firefighting career.



SOUTH PLANTATION HIGH SCHOOL PALADINS



Genevieve Gall
Service Hours: 276

Genevieve Gall is the class of 2025 treasurer. Through her work, she has learned how to work well with money, how to work great with others, and how to lead a group of people. She is a dedicated water polo player for her team. When it comes to contributions to school one that stands out is her contribution to school beautification. Sometimes, events for my school include picking weeds or plants that harm the plant life surrounding it. She is an active member of DECA, Drama, and the National Honor Society.

One of her most memorable experiences was setting up for Senior Step-Up Day. The hard work and dedication is something she will always remember. Genevieve plans to major in business with a pre-law track, in the hopes of becoming a lawyer.



Sashane Jeaveen Morrison
Service Hours: 118

Sashane Morrison is the battalion commander of the JROTC program, the captain of her robotics team, and an environmental restoration magnet student. As captain, she led her team to nationals in Dallas two years in a row, outranking all other robotics teams in Broward County. She has earned numerous honors, including the Environmental Steward Award, the Sons of the American Revolution Award, and the Superior Cadet Award, showcasing her commitment to leadership and excellence. For her senior project, Sashane is addressing fertilizer runoff by collaborating with local stakeholders to promote sustainable practices that protect waterways and wildlife. She represented her school at the BCPS Showcase, highlighting her achievements in leadership, innovation, and environmental advocacy.

Her greatest school contribution is her active participation and representation across multiple roles that reflect leadership, teamwork, and academic excellence. Sashane plans to attend Florida Agricultural & Mechanical University to major in computer science while participating in ROTC, aspiring to serve as an officer in the armed forces and continue making a positive impact.



SOUTH PLANTATION HIGH SCHOOL PALADINS



Jailyn Elizabeth Ocasio
Service Hours: 390

Jailyn Ocasio serves as the secretary of the Student Government Association and a senior class officer, roles she has held for three years. She is also the defense captain of the varsity flag football team, a sport she has loved and played since sixth grade, helping to lead her team through competitive seasons and summer tournaments. Jailyn has shown her dedication to leadership and teamwork through her academic, athletic, and service activities. As the Key Club secretary, she has actively participated in the Horses for Handicap program, which allows her to directly support children with special needs and disabilities by providing them the opportunity to ride and bond with horses—a therapeutic and joyful experience for the children.

Jailyn hopes to earn a sports scholarship and continue playing flag football at the collegiate level. She is also passionate about animal care and plans to attend Saint Thomas University to major in pre-veterinary studies, with the ultimate goal of becoming a large animal or zoological veterinarian.



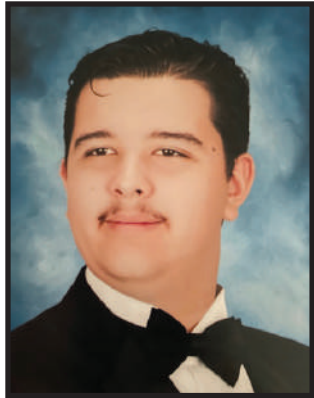
Charlotte Rowe
Service Hours: 286

Charlotte Rowe is the Everglades Restoration (ER) Environmental Club president and leader in the Horticulture Club and Animal Science program. Her environmental dedication extends beyond school, as she engages in environmental education and service programs such as the Junior SeaKeepers, Tropical Audubon Ambassadors, and an internship with the USDA Invasive Plant Research Laboratory. Charlotte has been a member and leader in Broward 4H for thirteen years, which developed her passion for Florida's environment through environmental competitions and service opportunities. Charlotte is serving as the two-year captain of her school's Envirothon Team, leading them to first place in Broward at the 2024 Southeast Regional competition. Through the ER Ambassadors, she leads environmental outreach, engaging in community events and teaching elementary students about Everglades appreciation.

Charlotte has participated in artistic environmental opportunities, including the FWC fish art competition, and designing T-shirts for the Southeast Regional Envirothon. Her hard work paid off, as Charlotte was the 2024 Broward P3 Eco-Challenge High School Winner. Charlotte was accepted to the University of Florida, where she will study wildlife ecology and conservation to continue fighting for the natural world.



STRANAHAN HIGH SCHOOL DRAGONS



Andrew Ryan Coughlin
Service Hours: 562

Andrew Coughlin is a battalion commanding officer for the Marine Corps JROTC Program. He states that his greatest contribution to his community was helping families who needed assistance during the holiday season by giving and collecting toys and food. He also volunteers at hundreds of different out-of-school events, including Cancer Walk, Autism Awareness, mental health awareness, and even assisting at the Veterans Affairs office. He also mentors ninth and tenth graders in both Mentoring Tomorrow's Leaders and Health Information Project teaching them how to improve themselves, mentally and physically. He has also received several nominations to go across the country and become a leader for a group of about 200 delegates and teach them how to be senior leaders inside of the Marine Corps JROTC program.

One of his greatest school contributions is that he has helped with several campus clean-ups and raised money for several of the programs inside the school. Andrew plans to attend the Naval Academy. He intends to major in the medical field of epidemiology and become an officer in the U.S. Navy.



Cyriah Ashea Daniels
Service Hours: 24

Cyriah Daniels is the founder of A Turning Point, a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing support and resources to victims of domestic violence. Through her work, she has helped hundreds of men, women, and children affected by domestic abuse access housing, health services, and government assistance. Cyriah is also passionate about advancing women's rights, demonstrated through her involvement in organizations such as Empowered Girlhood, which creates career and technical opportunities for young women around the world. In addition, she serves as the vice president of service for the Rho Kappa National Honor Society, where she takes pride in emphasizing the importance of history—both past and present—and its relevance to shaping the future.

One of her most memorable leadership experiences would be the animal supply drive and subsequent volunteer work she organized for the Broward Humane Society through Rho Kappa. Cyriah hopes to attend the University of Southern California. She will major in public relations and advertising with a minor in media production in hopes of becoming a public relations specialist.



STRANAHAN HIGH SCHOOL DRAGONS



Ilsa Elizabeth Mazariegos Ordonez
Service Hours: 546

Ilsa Mazariegos Ordonez serves as the Student Government president and holds the rank of 2nd Lieutenant in the Marine Corps JROTC program. She has demonstrated leadership both on and off the field, serving as the soccer team captain during her junior year. Ilsa's dedication and excellence have earned her several honors, including the Cadet of the Quarter Award and the opportunity to attend the National Flight Academy during the summer for her outstanding leadership and exemplary behavior.

Her most memorable leadership experience was organizing and leading a schoolwide event as Student Government president. Coordinating the event required her to collaborate with students, staff, and administrators, ensuring every detail was planned and executed successfully. Ilsa has been accepted at Miami Dade College and Broward College. She plans to obtain her pilot's license to become a professional pilot, focusing on flight training and eventually working as a commercial or private pilot.



Dianarys Watson
Service Hours: 704

Dianarys Watson is the senior class president. She is also enrolled in the pre-law magnet program. Dianarys has completed Advanced Placement, AICE Cambridge, dual enrollment, and honors courses during her high school tenure. Dianarys has also completed coursework as a part-time student at Sheridan Technical College and will earn a certification as a Legal Administrative Specialist. In addition to her academic achievements, she has participated in many clubs/organizations such as Big Brothers Big Sisters, class office, National Honors Society, Marching Band, Debate, Key Club, Mentoring Tomorrow's Leaders, Junior Achievement, Latinos in Action, Gardening Club, Student Government, and Rho Kappa Social Studies Honors Society. Her honors include The Career and Technical Education Student of the Month award, the Principal's Honor Roll award, the "Most Dependable" Award from the marching band, and five bronze medals from being a finalist in debate tournaments. In addition to her achievements in school, she has served her community by volunteering as a teacher's assistant at Pembroke Pines Elementary School and Apollo Middle School.

Her greatest community contribution is her kind spirit and willingness to help others excel. She enjoys seeing her peers reach the same levels as she has. Dianarys plans to attend Florida Agricultural & Mechanical University, where she will major in political science and minor in Spanish. Dianarys plans to become an attorney.



WEST BROWARD HIGH SCHOOL BOBCATS



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Ava Gutierrez

Service Hours: 253

Ava Gutierrez is the Bobcat Battalion Commander. She states her greatest contribution to her community was leading her JROTC program's service-learning team. Her team held a toy drive with Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital and visited a nursing home. She has held various other leadership roles such as the overall commander of the drill team where they placed first at every competition including states. This year her drill team was selected to compete at the Army JROTC National Drill Championship Meet. Her school is the only one in Broward County and one out of ten that was selected to compete in this championship. As team captain, she led the team to third in the nation at the JROTC Leadership National Championship in Washington, DC.

Her most memorable leadership experience was leading her platoon on the drill team to first place at states as a sophomore. She was a new commander, and it was the first time in the school's history that a commander that young had placed first at states, setting her up to be the overall commander in the school years 2023-2024 and 2024-2025. Ava has applied to Florida International University and University of Central Florida where she hopes to earn a Doctor of Psychology.



Leah James

Service Hours: 335

Leah James is the senior class president and lacrosse team captain. She also serves on the Superintendent's Student Advisory Committee. She has led impactful initiatives, including hosting her school's Senior Awards as a junior, organizing a school-wide field day, and competing as an FEA Regional Competitor. As a dedicated lacrosse player, she contributed to her team's success by leading her team to seven consecutive wins to start their season in her junior year. In addition to her leadership roles, she is a teacher assistant for first-grade students at Panther Run Elementary, a CDA-certified member of the Future Educators of America, and an active participant in the Best Buddies Club for special needs students.

Her greatest community contribution was helping to spearhead initiatives through the Albert C. Pierre community service group that provided hundreds of families with food boxes, ensuring that those facing hardships had access to essential resources and reducing food insecurity. Leah's passion for community and leadership inspired her to pursue a degree in political science.



Jewel Jones

Service Hours: 353

Jewel Jones is the president of the National Honor Society and former president of the Student Government Association, where she led initiatives to improve student engagement and community outreach. She is also an active leader in her church, serving in roles that support the Children's Church and the worship team. Jewel received the "I Am Third" award at Kids Across America (KAA), recognizing her commitment to putting others first in all aspects of her life. She has also been honored with a total of 12 underclassmen awards. As a dedicated student, she has excelled in AP courses and used her skills to tutor peers.

Her greatest school contribution to her school has been her leadership and dedication to enhancing the student experience. She organized impactful events, voiced student concerns, and promoted a culture of service and inclusion, creating an environment where all students feel supported and empowered. Jewel will pursue a degree in business at Rice University, aiming to further her passion for leadership, service, and helping others succeed.



Caitlin Nicole McCall

Service Hours: 2,073

Caitlin McCall is president of the Student Government Association, leading a dedicated group of student leaders that serves as the heart, mind, and soul of the student body. She states her greatest accomplishment was her role in the planning of Bobcat Bootcamp, an event that welcomes freshmen to the campus. The orientation offers students a campus tour and various activities to help them acclimate to their new high school environment. She is an active member of the National Honor Society, Best Buddies, Key Club, and Junior Optimist of Miami Lakes. Noting her academic achievements, leadership positions, and documented 2,073 service hours, Caitlin has been nominated as a Silver Knight and has been congressionally recognized by Debbie Wasserman Schultz for her citizenship and public service.

Her most memorable experience was having the privilege of leading her class and club members in organizing and hosting the Homecoming dance. Caitlin plans to major in political science, in the hopes of becoming a corporate lawyer.



WESTERN HIGH SCHOOL WILDCATS



Omorinola Temilayo Adegborioye

Service Hours: 526

Omorinola Adegborioye is the president of the ASL Club, where she leads students to volunteer with organizations such as the Schott Community Center that work with deaf individuals, helping to ensure the success of the school's participation in the Schott Community 5k Run, Walk, and Roll and raised money surpassing the Center's fundraising goal. As Interact Club vice president, Omorinola was in charge of the club's Blessing Bags service project and established a collaboration with the Interact Club of Alonzo and Tracy Mourning School, creating a successful project that inspires others to join in spreading kindness and care while assisting struggling community members. She has received Rotary Student of the Month for December 2024 and is part of the National African American Recognition Program.

Her greatest school contribution is her activeness. She is always in school and ready to assist her peers, teachers, or administration with their needs. Her BRACE Advisor noted, "Omorinola is always in school and every club doing something." Omorinola plans to attend Cornell University, majoring in environmental engineering.



Maya Halcuig

Service Hours: 369

Maya Halcuig is the head of the Davie Chapter of Neurocare Network, where she helps promote inclusivity for young people with Autism and raises awareness about neurological disorders. As a BRACE Cadet, she helped peers access college resources, a role that earned her the prestigious Posse Scholarship. She was awarded the Jefferson Book Award and participated in the Cleveland Clinic Summer Scholars Program, where she observed surgeries, assisted nurses in the ER, and shadowed professionals across multiple medical specialties. Additionally, she interned at Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital, gaining hands-on experience in neurodiagnostic and patient care. These experiences have deepened her passion for neuroscience and prepared her to pursue a career in medicine.

Her most memorable leadership experience was being named a Posse Scholar, a responsibility that stemmed from her role as a BRACE cadet taking on the responsibility of ensuring her peers had greater access to college resources, from scholarships to application guidance. This position allowed me to connect with students across different grade levels, help them navigate complex processes, and foster a culture of ambition. Maya will attend Davidson College on the Posse Scholarship. She will major in biology, with a pre-med track, for a final goal of becoming a neonatal neurologist.



WESTERN HIGH SCHOOL WILDCATS



Alexandra Hyatt

Service Hours: 318

Alex Hyatt serves as the president of the Student Government Association, where she has demonstrated exceptional leadership. In this role, she successfully planned and organized the 2024 Homecoming, led workshops at the Broward County Middle School Leadership Workshop 2024 and her school's Freshman Orientation, and helped oversee key school events such as the Harvest Drive, 2024 Pep Rally, and the 2024 Student Government Holiday party. These experiences have been invaluable in preparing her for the future, teaching her essential leadership qualities, organizational skills, and how to effectively communicate with diverse groups of people. The role has also helped her develop patience and understanding. Alex was honored with the WOW Worthy Wildcat 2025 award, recognizing her achievements as one of 150 students nominated out of over 3,000.

Her greatest contribution to the school was organizing the 2024 Homecoming at Gulfstream Park, an event open to all students, where 800 tickets were sold. Alex plans to attend the University of Tampa to major in business management, intending to eventually earn her Master's in Business.



Shachaf Keren Tzur

Service Hours: 1,045

Shachaf Keren Tzur is the National Honor Society president. Shachaf has also gained hands-on healthcare experience as an Allied Health Assisting student, learning essential medical skills, and through an internship at the Cleveland Clinic, observed patient care and assisted healthcare professionals. Her volunteer work extends to the Friends of Israel Scouts, a camp directed towards foreign children, she has contributed to creating a supportive and fun environment for campers. Shachaf serves as a BRACE Cadet, mentoring incoming freshmen and helping them navigate the challenges of high school by allowing her to build connections with students of all backgrounds, further preparing her for her future working with adolescents. Her dedication to civic service and leadership earned her the prestigious Brandeis Book Award.

Her most memorable experience was as NHS president. After noticing their meetings often felt monotonous, uninspiring, and lacked member engagement, she reshaped their meeting dynamic by introducing things like interactive icebreakers, group discussions, and presentations encouraging more participation and promoting a more energetic atmosphere. Shachaf plans to major in biology in hopes of becoming a pediatrician, combining her passion for medicine with her desire to make a meaningful impact on the health and well-being of children.



WILLIAM T. MCFATTER TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL STORM



Isaac Berger
Service Hours: 258

Isaac Berger is president of the National Honor Society, an active chapter that has focused on building relationships between his school, its students, and the local community. In this role, he has led multiple community initiatives, including a Halloween drive that provided costumes and decorations to children of families experiencing homelessness at the Homeless Assistance Center in Pompano Beach and a canned food collection project for his school's Harvest Drive. During Isaac's time in school, he won the Ronald Reagan Leadership Award for drive and humility as well as multiple Kids of Character awards. He served as vice president of his class, where he played a key role in organizing and fundraising for major senior events, including Grad Bash and prom. Since 2021, he has volunteered every other Sunday for the Dorit & Ben J. Genet Food Cupboard, and as a current team leader there, he now oversees a group of youth volunteers who provide groceries to over 700 families.

His greatest contribution to his school has been facilitating school-wide tutoring through the National Honor Society. Isaac plans to attend Florida State University, majoring in biology with a pre-med focus and a minor in philosophy, aspiring to become a cardiothoracic surgeon.



Nathan Evans
Service Hours: 165

Nathan Evans is president of the class council. He states his greatest contribution has been organizing school events like movie nights, student appreciation events, school festivals, class trips, and fundraising opportunities: such as when he partnered with the Hard Rock, gathering over 50 volunteers from his class and raising over \$10,000. He is also the president of Key Club, a Core Academics tutor & AP class tutor for the National Honors Society, and a board member for the school's Student Advisory Council. He has recently received his Practical Nursing License and was certified in memory care and Alzheimer's care.

His most memorable experience was working with his classmates to set up their first movie night. By properly delegating tasks and working closely with his officers, the night ended up being a total success. Nathan plans to attend Stanford but is still waiting for a decision. He will major in medical humanities focusing on community health, following the premed pathway planning to attend medical school after finishing his undergraduate degree.



WILLIAM T. MCFATTER TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL STORM



Eliana Alta Gonzalez
Service Hours: 434

Eliana Gonzalez is the founder of Chairs4Chamos, an organized effort dedicated to donating used wheelchairs to those in need. Through her work with her partner organization, Wheels of Happiness, and advertisements through Nextdoor and Instagram, she has collected approximately 100 items of mobility assistive equipment for people of all ages in Venezuela. She has received multiple honors such as the Happiness Multiplier Award for her work collecting mobility assistive equipment and won second place at SkillsUSA's state competition for Basic Healthcare Skills. She is president of her Student Government Association and vice president of her National Honor Society.

Her most memorable experience was after a lackluster Homecoming her sophomore year and she set out to improve it. With the help and hard work of the students she recruited, the event was a huge success getting students excited about Homecoming again. Eliana will attend Boston College and major in biochemistry, in hopes of eventually becoming a breast cancer surgeon.



Sebastian Alejandro Verde
Service Hours: 306

Sebastian Verde is the president of the Business Professionals of America, which allows students to learn, compete, and challenge themselves in a variety of career fields. Through his fundraising efforts, he has been able to make conferences more accessible for members. He has also incentivized them to find their passions/interests through competitions at the regional, state, and national levels. Sebastian is also president of Model United Nations where he coordinated weekly meetings, oversaw fundraisers and simulations, and trained members for conferences. Through his efforts, he has received awards when competing at conferences for both clubs. Throughout high school, he has received academic honors including the Harvard Book Award and a variety of AP awards.

His greatest community contribution was primarily done through volunteering at an applied behavior analysis (ABA) therapy center over the summers which assisted children who had autism spectrum disorder. Sebastian will attend Northwestern University where he will be majoring in economics. He hopes to then receive a Juris Doctor degree to become a corporate lawyer.

Student Leadership Development in Broward County



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, cheerleading, 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?

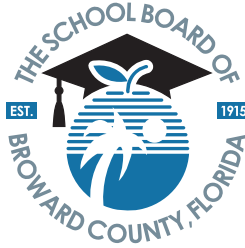
A little over a decade ago it was made public that three out of ten students were dropping out of high school before graduation. As a result of this statistic and the belief that our schools had to be improved, committees met, discussed, and decided on strategies to accomplish the desired change. Laws 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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