



# COOPER CITY HIGH SCHOOL

## **“A” TRADITION OF EXCELLENCE**



### **Special Recognition to the Class of 2020**

We commend the **Cooper City Community** for being an outstanding community of parent volunteers as CCHS once again is the recipient of the **Golden School Award** for our **24th** year and the **Silver School Award** for the **19th** year. This is all possible because of your support and involvement.

Cooper City High School holds a formidable position amongst the best in the State of Florida and the Nation. Recent rankings by US News and World Report named Cooper City High School as a recipient of the **Silver Medal** for being one of the 2020 Best High Schools in the nation. This is based on performance on state required tests and how well we prepare our students for college. **State ranking is 71 and National ranking is 1551** and that is among more than 22,000 public high schools nationwide. Hence, our **“A” rating and Tradition of Excellence.**

**Here is a recap of some of Cooper City High School’s accomplishments which highlight the members of the Class of 2020** thanks to their grit, determination, and perseverance. They have left their mark on Cooper City HS and we are all so proud:

- ❖ Of our seniors, **99% (530/534)** met all graduation requirements
- ❖ Our **top 10 %** hold GPA’S from **4.95 to 5.44**
- ❖ There were **293 Gold Honor cord** recipients (55%) for students with over a 3.75 GPA
- ❖ **Our Seal of Biliteracy students- 110 students (20%)** – completed four years of foreign language, passing FSA score and earned a GPA of 3.0 and above
  - There were **89 Gold Seals of Biliteracy** attained. These students completed four years of a foreign language, passing FSA score of a 4 or 5 and earned a GPA of 3.0 and above
  - **21 Silver Seals of Biliteracy**, students who completed four years of a foreign language, passing FSA score of a 3 and earned a GPA of 3.0 and above
- ❖ Fewer than half of one percent of American high school seniors meet the rigorous requirements for **National Merit Scholars Qualifying Finalist** standings. We are pleased to announce:
  - 5 National Merit Commended Scholars
  - 1 National Hispanic Scholar
- ❖ **120 Advanced Placement Scholars- 120 students (22%) students receiving a 3 or higher on 3 or more AP exams**
- ❖ **19 AP Capstone Diploma recipients**
- ❖ **Our first AICE Cambridge Diploma**
- ❖ **Almost 45% of the class of 2020 (239/534)** students have been awarded over **\$10,916,329 million** in cumulative **Bright Futures** and other scholarships from schools all over the United States—and that is with higher cut score requirements
- ❖ **86 Florida Academic Scholars (100% Bright Future Tuition)**
- ❖ **113 Florida Medallion Scholars (75% Bright Future Tuition)**
- ❖ **12 Gold Seal Vocational Awards**
- ❖ **148 seniors** received nationally recognized **industry certification** in Auto, AutoCAD, Revit, InDesign, Premier Pro, QuickBooks, Photoshop, Child Development, MOS bundle, Rec-F (robotics and engineering) Cyber Security etc.
- ❖ **30% of the Class (178/534)** earned a **Silver Cord** for attaining at least 250 hours of community service

- ❖ Overall, the senior class accumulated **88,251 community service hours**, which speaks volumes of their willingness to make a difference
- ❖ **57 National Honor Society** seniors were in good standing in citizenship, scholarship, leadership and community service. Our **National Honor Society** received the **Gold Chapter of Distinction** Award, the highest award bestowed on a Broward County Chapter – for the **9th year**, members ran and experienced a very successful NHS conference: they brought home a dozen trophies, implemented over 30 projects, and had a **Brain Bowl runner-up in the district's** competition. NHS was also awarded a 1<sup>st</sup> place for Member Motivation
- ❖ **6 Silver Knight nominees and one Silver Knight Honorable Mention in Journalism**
- ❖ **Perfect Attendance** – 1 student represented all our seniors

And then, some of our students directed their talents and leadership skills to areas that they are passionate about, where they demonstrated their leadership skills and truly made a difference.

They led on the field –

- ❖ **34 scholar athletes** (GPA 3.5) who balanced a challenging academic schedule with countless hours of practice time
- ❖ Our **sports teams** averaged a **3.1 GPA**
- ❖ **18 Athletic Scholarships:** Football-6, Girls Soccer-1, Boys Lacrosse-1, Girls Lacrosse-3, Girls Basketball-1, Softball-2, Baseball-2, Track-1, Girls Tennis-1
- ❖ **2 All-County Athletes**
- ❖ **1<sup>st</sup> Team Sun-Sentinel - 2**
- ❖ **Miami Herald= BCAA athletes- 2**
- ❖ **District's Championships—Girls soccer, 4<sup>th</sup> year in a row**

And then are those that we predicted would be making a stand—

- ❖ **Girls Softball:**
  - **No 1 ranking in 6A by the FHSAA**
  - **#2 in State**
  - **#5 in Nationals**
- ❖ **Boys Volleyball** ended their abbreviated season at 7-0, being on their way to a District Championship

They were leaders in our instructional programs—

- ❖ **DECA States (130 strong) and Nationals (41 strong)** with 6 seniors going to States all four years
- ❖ **30 Seniors received their Early Childhood Professional Industry Certificate**, after a grueling 600 hours of an internship with 34 who went on to obtain their **CDA**
- ❖ Our World Language and ESOL students had an incredible showing at their **District Competitions and set records for receipt of 110 Bilitery medals**

Our **Journalism** programs are stellar—

- ❖ Our **CTV (Cowboy Television)** runs an exemplary program and was recognized the **BEST Weekly News Show in the Nation (1<sup>st</sup> Place)** and the staffers kept us in touch during the quarantine with The Musical, The Senior Finale and lots of videos to watch
- ❖ **“Lariat” Newspaper and “Round-Up” Yearbook** staffs almost made it to their conventions but in the meantime have captured many memorable moments for us throughout the school year. Incredible talents!
- ❖ **Debate**—member of the **300 Club**
- ❖ **Thespians- Troupe 0482** had over 20 students qualify for States and the State missed out on some talented performances

- We had **19 Cappies nominations with 3 wins**
- ❖ **AP ART** students- 4 students were recognized at the Superintendents' Showcase- with many who had their own gallery showing
- ❖ Our **Sound of Pride Band** left their mark at District and States where they achieved **Superior ratings**—we thank you for keeping us filled with school spirit at pep rallies and football games
- ❖ Our **Colorguard** crew was on their way to being 1<sup>st</sup> in the District and to a top 10 finale at WGI in Dayton—we believe it would have happened
- ❖ Cowboy Battalion, our **NJROTC unit**, had one of our cadets as the fifth runner-up in the District's Cadet of the Year. The academic team was ranked 10<sup>th</sup> in the State and the entire Cowboy Battalion received **Unit of Distinction with Honors**
- ❖ We now have an Honor Society in all four academic areas – Literacy, Math, Science and Social Studies
- ❖ **School Duel** team made it to the **semi-finals**—way to go Fab Five

The Class of 2020 students raised thousands of dollars for charitable organizations with large hearts and within the leadership of our **Clubs and Student Government**. More importantly, they have given time back to the community in a variety of ways. The leadership spearheaded a very successful year of school spirit with a fun-filled Homecoming Week, Peace Week, Kindness Week... and then there was the Virtual Spring Fling

As guidelines ease up and we resume some sense of normalcy, despite what the Class of 2020 faced, they will be off to see the world:

- ❖ They have chosen a variety of paths:
  - some are off to the **military (8)**
  - some to career-technical programs **(15)**
  - others to our **Florida Public Universities (191)**
    - **38 to UF, 26 to FSU, 58 to UCF, 11 to USF, 9 to Gulf Coast, 15 to FIU, 24 to FAU, 4 to UNF**
  - **Florida private universities (40):**
    - **24 to NSU, Eckerd, Stetson, Embry Riddle, and FIT; 4 to St. Thomas, 3 to University of Miami**
  - Our Cowboy scholars are off to out-of-state schools such as **MIT, Johns Hopkins, Howard, Purdue, Smith, Michigan, UPENN, and two military academies- Coast Guard and Naval**
  - Some will remain locally and attend **Broward College (195)** and 19 students will attend other community colleges

It is our hope that wherever their journey takes them, they will remember where they came from and that road that leads them back home again. Hold on to that Cooper City “Tradition of Excellence” and carry “Cowboy Pride” always with you.

Ms. Doll's hope is that the Class of 2020 will continue to make a difference in the world as they have done here at CCHS. With their selfless hearts, kind actions and brilliant minds, the Class of 2020 will make a significant impact in the world of tomorrow just as have those from CCHS who have gone before them. Ms. Doll personally thanks the **Class of 2020** for all of the contributions they made to CCHS during their four years. Especially, how they have excelled in leadership, scholarship, service and character throughout their senior year. Most importantly, how they handled a very difficult, disappointing and challenging ending to their senior year with class, understanding and empathy for others.

**Ms. Doll leaves a legacy of Tradition of Excellence at Cooper City High School. We thank her for her commitment, leadership and service to Cooper City students and community. She left the Class of 2020 with one last message as they venture into the world, a world which may challenge us all at times. She asked that, “you do not let adversity prevent you from reaching your dreams, continue to persevere and may HOPE, LOVE and KINDNESS follow you wherever we go. Look out for one another –and remember to Pay It Forward. Wishing you all the best. It has been my honor to have been the principal for the resilient and kind Class of 2020. You will always be remembered by me, as you are my very last class of Cooper City High School after 16 years as principal, and 23 total here. I cannot think of a finer group of students to exit alongside. I bid you all a fond farewell, stay strong, stay safe, stay kind and stay a Cowboy!!! Congratulations!!!! “**