



WILDCAT WOWS

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Western High School

On the hunt

The start of 2024 has been one to remember. Our Wildcats have not missed a beat in their quest for success. This issue of 'WILDCAT WOWS' aims to continue to highlight and share many of these accomplishments for all stakeholders to see. We hope the amazing things that take place in our Wildcat community inspire you to go out and do great things as well!

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Senior of the month

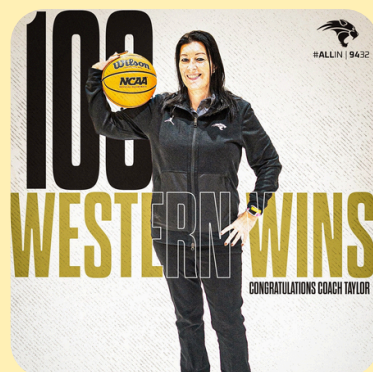
The following seniors have been recognized for excelling in one or more of the following categories: academic achievement, personal character, leadership in school, motivation to succeed, civic & extracurricular activity, motivation to serve, and community service hours. Congratulations!

January: Luca Herman

February: Neilla Toolan

Congratulations Coach Taylor

Girls Basketball Team **Coach Brandie Taylor**, has hit a school milestone of 100 wins in her tenure here at Western High School. Congratulations on this amazing milestone!



Day of Love & Service

February 14th is designated as a 'service-learning' day, for students, staff, and volunteers to come together to support each other through a variety of community service activities. Our Wildcats were inspired by Jim Dine's giant heart artwork and created their own, spreading the message of love to all. **Fantastic job, Ms. Angueira and all Wildcat artists involved!**



Speech & Debate

The Western High School Speech and Debate team ventured off to Atlanta for the 2024 Barkley Forum National Speech and Debate tournament at Emory University. As a team, the Western High School Wildcats reached a milestone, including remaining as only Broward County Public School in final rounds of events and maintaining our strong Emory Key School of Excellence.



Among the finalists from Western High School are:

- **Mariam Kolley**, champion in Program Oral Interpretation of Literature
- **Emilia Hueller**, 4th place finalists in Impromptu Speaking
- **Emily Stevens**, finalist in Congressional Debate
- **Jacqueline Correra**, finalist in Congressional Debate
- **Landyn Spellberg**, semifinalist in Extemporaneous Speaking
- **Layla Khoury**, quarter finalists in Dramatic Interpretation

Culinary Kudos

Chef Frank and his Culinary students cooking skills have shined in their Friday lunches to staff. From grilled cheeseburgers to wings, ribs and more- all have been nothing short of delicious!



National Signing Day

Congratulations to the following **Wildcats athletes** for making their athletic scholarships official by signing their National Letter of Intent to continue playing their respective sport at the collegiate level:

Flag Football

- Keylee Allen
- Nandi Ramessar
- Myla Marshall
- Kailyn Echevarria

Golf:

- Kierra Williams

Softball:

- Jade Castillo
- Alana Cypress
- Ashley Zamorano

Football

- Brenden Leal
- Zyon Presley
- Decedric Stokes
- Francisco Pinkerton
- Tovani Mizell

Soccer

- Isabel Mutschler



Youth Climate Summit

'The Sixth Annual Broward Youth Climate Summit was held on February 9, 2024 for over 900 students at Pompano Beach High School. The summit provides a platform for BCPS students to advocate for policy change and gives students a voice for promoting environmental sustainability. Students at the summit attended breakout sessions with environmental experts, networked with our community partners and shared their "forecast for the future" of green technology posters. Thank you to **Mr. Coronado** and the following students for representing Western High:

Taaliyah Bacchus
Ashley Gonzalez
Hanna Neugaard
Adriana Paredes

Sanaiya Pinnock
Kamryn Ramirez
Taylor Tippens
Jayden Troppello

CTE Students of the Year

Broward County's CTACE Department hosted the 1st annual CTE Student Scholar Banquet. To be eligible students must be a Senior in high school, be a CTE Program Completer by Graduation and be in a Career Technical Student Organization (CTSO). Western High is proud to announce our CTE Students of the Year:

- **Luca Herman**
- **Natalie Herrera**
- **Nicole Giraldo**



Art Accomplishment



BCPS Superintendent Advanced Placement Studio Art Exhibition showcased **Ms. Depanicis** talented students. Hats off to you all:

- **Noah Dolberg**- "We the Punks" (digital)
- **Christopher Sanchez**- "Untitled" (marker & colored pencil)
- **Leah Johnson**- "Window to Higher Dimensions" (fabric sculpture)
- **Tam Ho**- "Fruity Fortune" (marker)
- **Kayla Barcenas**- "Piggy Bank" (pen & ink drawing)
- **Connor Applebaum**- "My Homeboy" (oil painting)

SGA Dodgeball Winners



SGA is attending a dodgeball tournament this weekend at Monarch High School. Just wanted to give a huge shoutout to Mr. Miller and Mrs. Zdenek for chaperoning this weekend at the dodgeball tournament!!!

Because of them, we were not only able to attend, but the black team also won **FIRST PLACE!** Undefeated 16-0!



School Duel

Joseph Torchio, Ash Solomon and Joshua Franco represented Western High in School Duel against Everglades High. Amazing job showcasing your academic talents and teamwork Wildcats!



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WOW Worthy Wildcats



Throughout 3rd quarter, many of our Wildcats have been recognized by their peers for going above and beyond! Take a look at our students and staff who have made an impact in our school community.

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Students

Ava Bisset	Jolanda Mendoza
Austin Gains	Jocelyn Palma
Anthony Reguero	Kimberly Tengeres
Angelica Rodriguez Duran	Manuela Romero Velez
Brodi Gonzalez	Noah Saravia
Bianka Vassaux	Osniel Rodriguez
Dilany Guerrero	Quiana Bascur
Emilio Herrera	Sebastian Prado
Hailey Petlicka	Waliq Brumby

Staff

April Brown	Laura Arguello
Alissa Elenzweig-David	Lisette Serraino
Anier Morales	Luz Rodriguez
Bonnie Angueria Robinson	Nicole Lombardi
Brett Williams	Nicole Molnar
Brandy Zdenek	Oliver Black
Cynthia DePanis	Patricia Di Carlo
Derek Hicks	Ruth Fafasuli
Dale Mahfood	Suzanne Aceto
Heather Mattson	Todd Tonova
Jenny Faris	Wyndi Fasciana
Kristi Esterline	

STUDENTS CAUGHT BEING GREAT!



"**Dilany Guerrero** has on-her-own shown leadership, thoughtfulness, encouragement by independently taking on the role of ELL helper to not just one student in the Environmental Science class but 6, resulting in all students currently participating showing improvement in their grades! Absolutely awesome!!!"

"**Anthony Reguero** is part of the WHS Varsity Competitive team. This was his first season ever doing this. It's not an easy sport let alone being a male. He worked endlessly to not only learn, but practically mastered the sport. He's stayed late after practice, came early and even trained on Saturdays. Anthony is a great kid (and teammate), and he's kind."

"**Bianka Vassaux** displays positive behavior, academic excellence, and remarkable resiliency. Despite facing challenges, Bianka remained resilient and approached every obstacle with determination and a positive attitude. She is truly an inspiration to peers and a valuable asset to our learning community."

"**Waliq Brumby** saw a student in crisis and stepped into action to assist. His selflessness stopped a potential tragedy. It is rare that you see students show that level of care for other students they do not know personally. His altruistic instincts are truly commendable."