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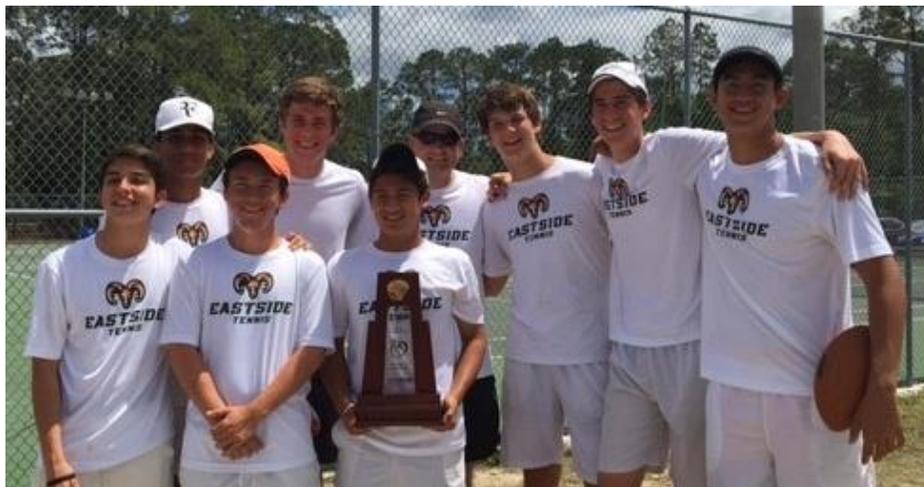


EHS TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIP

The Eastside boy's tennis team captured a district championship this past week, winning the match 22 points to zero to sweep the tournament. The team, consisting of seniors Ben Brandt, Davis Washburn, and Sam Van Roy, junior Zach Brandt, and freshman Howard Williams, dominated the competition to secure a regional host site for Eastside. Ben Brandt, who had a season singles and doubles record of 8-1, will be the number one seed in singles and doubles at regionals. He will play doubles alongside Howard Williams, who finished the season 9-0 in singles play, and 8-1 in doubles. The second seeded doubles team will consist of Zach Brandt and Sam Van Roy, who were each undefeated in their singles matches this season. Capping off the regional roster will be singles #4 seed Davis Washburn, who was undefeated in both singles, and doubles play this year. Regional play will begin on Thursday, April 20th against Lake Highland Prep.

The girls' varsity tennis team also took first place at the district tournament this past Tuesday. Districts was hosted by Palatka high school. Senior Alexandra Ro and Junior Miranda Anhalzer took first place in line one doubles. This qualifies them for the state competition which they will attend April 26th in Orlando. Ro and Anhalzer have been a doubles team for the past three years.

Miranda Anhalzer also placed first in line two singles. Freshman Dagney Kaye was first runner up in line three singles. Sophomore Anna Liu placed first in line four singles. Senior Wendy Tan placed first in line 5 singles. (Continued on Page 2)



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ADMINISTRATION

- Shane Andrew**, Principal
- Leroy Williams**, Assistant Principal for Administration
- Adele Turnage**, Assistant Principal for Curriculum
- Anntwanique Edwards**, Assistant Principal for Student Services

IB NINTH GRADER WINS FLORIDA ESSAY CONTEST

Keegan Weitzel was awarded second place in the Florida Women’s History Essay Contest (8th to 9th grade category) sponsored by the Florida Commission on the Status of Women (FCSW). Six essayists from throughout the state were awarded prizes and recognized in a special ceremony at the FCSW Women’s History Month Celebration Luncheon at the Capitol in Tallahassee on March 30, 2017..



IMPORTANT DATES

- May 24-26** Senior Exams
- May 26** Last Day for Seniors
- May 30** Awards Ceremonies
Underclassmen at 1:30pm
Seniors at 6pm
- May 31-
June 2** Final Exams
- June 2** Last Day of School
- June 2** Graduation Rehearsal – 3pm
at the O’Connell Center
- June 3** Graduation – 2pm
at the O’Connell Center

TENNIS CHAMPS (CONTINUED)

Kaye and Tan also placed first in line two doubles. The match showcased Alexandra Ro's terrific serve and backhands. Anhalzer secured victories with strategic placement and control. Liu's powerful serves and wicked slice helped her win her matches. Kaye's powerful serve and wicked fast forehands impressed everyone - even rival teams' coaches! Wendy Tan was a wall - nothing got past her. Her consistency was key to securing victory.

Anhalzer and Ro make a great team because they trust and respect each other. Ro is the calm in the storm and Anhalzer is tenacious and assertive. Tan and Kaye make an ideal team - the perfect balance of consistency and power. The team ended the tournament with a total of 16 points and is coached by Sloane Henry and Jane Alford.



EASTSIDE MATH TEACHER RECOGNIZED AS SPRIT OF GAINESVILLE FOR EDUCATION AWARD

RECIPIENT Eastside Math Teacher Recognized as Sprit of Gainesville For Education Award Recipient

Rob Moramarco, a Math for College Readiness and Liberal Arts Math teacher, was awarded the Spirit of Gainesville for Education by Gainesville Magazine and The Gainesville Sun at a banquet on the evening of February 3, 2017. Check out the article at:

<http://www.gainesville.com/news/20170206/eastside-teacher-brings-tools-for-success-to-math-class>



EHS CHORUS



The Eastside High School Chorus participated in the Florida Vocal Association District Music Performance Assessment on March 3 in St. Augustine, FL. The chorus received Straight Superior ratings at the festival and was one of only 8 other schools to receive these top ratings. Congratulations EHS Chorus!!!

The Chorus closed out its performance schedule for the year with a FREE Spring Concert on April 27 in the EHS Auditorium.

FRENCH STATE COMPETITION, MARCH 2017, IN ORLANDO

Over nine hundred students from the state of Florida participated March 9 -11, 2017 in the Congrès de la Culture Française en Floride held at the Doubletree Hotel in Orlando. This year's theme was "Francophone Fairy Tales". The French Consul and his Delegate for Education were present. Even though we were not permitted to compete in the "brain bowl" competition, due to an error in the registration process on the part of the Congrès administrative team, Eastside High School still managed to accumulate enough points to earn first place overall in its division. The students were coached by Mme Béatrice Torres and Mme Rachel Daignault and spent many weekends practicing and preparing for this well acclaimed state competition.

The team events included a French I skit entitled "Boucle d'Or" (Goldilocks) and an excerpt from the play Pique-Nique en Campagne by Fernando Arrabal. Both of these dramatic performances were awarded Supérieur, and the play earned the special judges' choice award. Actors for Scénette included Ryan Lampotang, Mariana Altomare, Clara Summerford, Eduardo Rondon Ramones, and Samuel Disabb. The students who acted in the play were Evan Maroun, Liliana Valle, Wendy Tan, Frederick Fang, Anna Tovkach, and Rachel Fregly. Our team scrapbook, compiled by all team members under the direction of Alexandra Richardson, won a Supérieur, and the project, produced by Miette Simpson, in cooperation with Jalyn Tan and Hannah Friske, was also ranked Supérieur.

For the category Déclamation, Ryan Lampotang, Mariana Altomare, Hannah Humphreys, Brindha Rathinasabapathi, Elizabeth Helton, Anton Maslov, Rachel Fregly, Cindy Ai, Wendy Tan, and Annie Liang competed. All received Supérieur for their poetry recitations. In addition, Mariana, Anton, Cindy, Wendy, and Annie earned Prix du Jury (judges' choice award).

In Discours, Clara Summerford, Kathleen Yang, Grace Tovkach, Abigail Smith, and Evan Maroun gave extemporaneous speeches. They were all awarded Supérieur, with Clara receiving a Prix du Jury.

Twelve students competed in the reading competition, Lecture. Eight students achieved Supérieur scores, including Samuel Disabb, Eduardo Rondon Ramones, Ruth King, Nathan Parks, Kylie Hay-Roe, Alexander Robertson, Emma Barbarette, and Anna Tovkach.

All of the students performed extremely well and supported their teammates with enthusiasm. In the individual competitions, EHS received 26 Supérieurs and 3 Excellents. The French teachers are extremely proud of all their French students at Eastside and are thankful to the Congrès participants for their dedication and a job well done! Let's do it again next year, kids!



¡Felicidades a los campeones!



The second week of March brought the 61st annual Florida State Spanish Conference held in Orlando. High schools from all over the state participate in the 3 day event. Each team can bring 16 participants. The purpose of this conference is to bring together those students who have demonstrated their knowledge of the Spanish language and who have expressed an interest in competing in the following areas: impromptu speeches, declamation, and dramatic presentation.

This year, once again, Eastside's team dominated the competition. Under the tutelage of Srta. Haedo, with the aid of Sra. De Jesús and Sr. Avendaño, the 16 Eastside Ram's won 1st Place in the state with the most overall points.

The dramatic presentation "*Casa de huéspedes*" is a one-act who-done-it with 8 cast members that shows the greatness of the human spirit and the tragic power of love. This 15 minute act earned a *Sobresaliente* with a perfect score. Cast members: Nazli Islam, Daniel Koropecj-Cox, Rena Cohen, Karla Lagada, Emile Sow, Feryal Islam, Jessica Cook and Cheyenne Acker.

All 6 poetic declamations earned *Sobresaliente* with perfect scores. Poetic declamation presenters: Priya Pohani, Svea Cheng, Anna Gorham, Maily Angibaud, Naoosha Mohammad and Celena Dong.

The last category is impromptu speeches with 13 earning *Sobresaliente* of which 9 impromptu speeches earned perfect scores.

Eastside has won First Place in the state 20 times in the past 21 years! ¡Felicidades to this year's winning team!

Freshman:

Emile Sow

Sophomores:

Maily Angibaud
Jessica Cook
Anna Gorham
Feryal Islam
Shreya Mohandas

Juniors:

Rena Cohen
Daniel Koropecj-Cox
Naoosha Mohammad

Seniors:

Cheyenne Acker
Svea Cheng
Celena Dong
Hannah Famador
Nazli Islam
Karla Lagada
Priya Pohani

Additionally, a big *gracias* to Stephanie Truta, Shea Husband, Kaley Settle, Danielle Dede, Cat Sarosi and Sabrina Nong who organized and worked to ensure that the competition ran smoothly. Couldn't have done it without you!

¡Qué siga la tradición!

CULINARY NEWS

What is better than chocolate and dessert???????

Getting scholarships for your chocolate and dessert!!!

Megan MacDonald and Gavin Davis took first and second place in the Embers Wood Grill Food and Wine Dessert competition. Megan created a mouth-watering Cinnamon Roll Bon Bon that won her \$2,200 in scholarships from Embers Wood Grill and Lance Avera. Lime Coconut Bon Bon was the creation of Gavin Davis and he brought home \$1,800 in scholarships. Third place was Jayla Herring with a delicious Rosemary Olive Oil Cake w/Lemon Curd & Blackberry Reduction.

In addition to individual scholarships the patrons of the Embers Wine and Food contributed \$2500 to the Culinary Arts program.

Wesley Hill has won district and regal in the Fresh for Florida and is headed to State competition to represent the NW Florida area.

Creative, innovative, originality and being versed in nutrition were all required besides knowledge of taste, presentation/appeal and technique. Students researched, tested and tasted to get just the right flavors using Florida fruits and vegetables for innovative dishes that WOWED the judges.

The Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services is hosting the 2017 Student Chef Cook-Off at the state fair and students will be televised throughout the competition.

Students will go against other high school students for a chance of cash prizes as well as bragging rights for Eastside and a chance to become an ambassador for the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services

Students from all over Florida were selected to prepare their original, healthy snack recipe featuring a Fresh From Florida product for a panel of judges.



MEAGAN McDONALD (LEFT) AND GAVIN DAVIS (RIGHT)

TWO GAINESVILLE COMMUNITY MEMBERS, TECHNICAL INSTITUTE, GIVE IMPACTFUL PRESENTATIONS TO STUDENTS PRIOR TO SPRING BREAK

Jeff Greenspan of S.O.U.R.C.E and “Pizza” Bill Staisewicz, former owner of the Gainesville Market for Pizza Hut, and Randy DeBoar of Universal Technical Institute came in to Rob Moramarco’s classes prior to going on spring break to speak to his classes.

Mr. Greenspan spoke on how education is important, but not everyone goes to college after high school. Some have creative, innovative ideas and with hard work can create a startup business. Mr. Greenspan gave the students a chance to fill out a form for an innovative idea they have. He picked out 3 winners and they were Brandon McDonald and Dominique Phillips from Moramarco’s 6th period and Jasmine Boyd from his 4th period.

“Pizza” Bill Staisewicz spoke to the students on his path. He brought in his \$500 bicycle that he bought ten years ago, expressed how in his 60’s he likes to bike around Alachua County – including the Gainesville to Hawthorne Trail often with his friends that have purchased \$3000 and \$6000 bicycles and how to handle money. “They are still working to pay off their bikes. I retired 10 years ago,” he explained to the class. Staisewicz owned the Gainesville Market for Pizza Hut from 2000-2008. A student asked how much he paid for it. “About 4 million,” he responded. Students could not believe a person could do what he did without a college level degree. “It takes hard work. Lots of hard work, sweat, and sacrifice, but it is possible,” he explained. The students were then given a chance to earn a quick \$20 each by doing some personal development. Staisewicz gave the students 30 days to read the book “7 habits of Highly Effective People” by Steven Covey and to e-mail him a book report with his specifications. He will be returning to Eastside in May to pay his debt and to award a student \$100 for the best report. “I do this with prisoners in our jail. I enjoy helping others to develop, get better, and change their behavior. It helps them and it helps me because I enjoy giving back. It is not about the money. If students shift from being reactive to being proactive, which is the first habit, that will help change a lot of the problems we are currently facing locally and nationally.

DeBoar has come to Moramarco’s class for the third consecutive year. He talked to students about this mechanical school that has everything from automotive, motorcycle, NASCAR, and more! UTI has 12 campuses nationwide with the closest in Orlando. Students engaged in learning about careers in the field and how training is usually about one year compared to two and four-year college programs. He explained the cost difference as well.

Moramarco explains, “It would be insane to say everyone is going to college. We have people going to college on student loans and getting tens of thousands of dollars in debt because of the lie that everyone needs a college degree to be successful. Success is peace of mind; which is a direct result of self-satisfaction in knowing you made the effort to be the best of which you are capable”.

He continues, “If you want to be a doctor, lawyer, vet, architect, engineer, I understand. However, we need mechanics, firefighters, paramedics, plumbers, construction workers, roofers, carpenters, cooks, air condition repair technicians, communication techs, pharmacy techs, public servants, and other certificate programs. If students from my classes learn how to handle their finances during my last part of the year, they can lead very successful and productive lives for themselves and their future family.

ANOTHER GREAT YEAR FOR FIND IT FUND IT THROUGH EDUCATION FOUNDATION OF ALACHUA COUNTY

The Find It Fund It program has been very good to Rob Moramarco's Math classes over the years. This year has been no exception! His classes room received grants for a wireless mouse, a wireless keyboard, and a Lumens DC192 Ladibug Document Camera with 2-year protection plan! The combined worth is over \$900!

"I am grateful and very thankful to Rachel Debigare of the Education Foundation of Alachua County, Charlotte Millsaps-Hermann, Jean Outler, Charles S. Stewart, Particle Systems, and Jeff Greenspan for their kind and generous donation to the grant requests on behalf of my current and future students and of Eastside High School," Moramarco stated.

"Anything Goes"



EHS Thespians Spring Production

EASTSIDE HIGH SCHOOL IS OFFERING FINANCIAL FOUNDATIONS USING ALGEBRA COURSE IN 2017-2018

The School Board of Alachua County recently was awarded an \$18,000 grant from Goldman Sachs to fund the purchase the Foundations in Personal Finance Curriculum to be used in the 2017-2018 school year!

The grant will purchase licensing for all seven Alachua County public high schools.

"I am excited to have this curriculum coming to Eastside. I have used parts of this curriculum in my classes with permission the past few years. It is a powerful resource that will impact many students in Alachua County, but as an alum of Eastside myself, I am excited for our Rams," states math teacher Rob Moramarco.

Students will be able to access video ON Demand from any location 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, over the course of the school year. As part of the grant requirements, the Foundations textbook is for students to journal in and keep after the course!