



Two Eastside Students Attend Global Youth Institute *The right to food is a human right*

Two Eastside juniors, Abigail Eisenstadt and Amaleah Mirti, participated in the World Food Prize Global Youth Institute, Oct. 18-20, in Des Moines, Iowa as part of the Borlaug Dialogue international symposium. Abigail and Amaleah were the two Florida representatives to the Global Youth Institute, which included students from 26 states as well as the US Virgin Islands, Brazil, Indonesia, Mexico, Nigeria and Tanzania.



To be considered as the Florida representatives, (Left): Amaleah Mirti and Abigail Eisenstadt

these students conducted extensive research on problems associated with access to sufficient food in a specific region of the globe as well as proposing innovations to deal with these problems. Each student then submitted a paper summarizing their research. As part of the Global Youth Institute, students interacted with and attended symposia given by global leaders in science, industry and policy.

Additionally, U.S. Senator Tom Harkin gave a special address to the Global Youth Institute attendees, which was followed by a personal greeting from United Nations Secretary-General, Ban Ki-Moon.

The Youth Institute students helped package 25,000 meals as part of the Outreach International, Inc., toured the Des Moines Water works and participated in an Oxfam Hunger Banquet. The Global Youth Institute experience culminated in a day in which students presented a summary of their research in roundtable groups consisting of students, experts and teachers.

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Students Participate in Breast Cancer Awareness Activities

This year marks the third year since the birth of Eastside's Breast Cancer Awareness club. As always, the months of September and October were very busy for the club. Like last year, the club organized a brunch for breast cancer survivors on Sept. 29. Approximately 40 breast cancer survivors gathered at the Thomas Center to savor delicious food and enjoy entertainment provided by various Eastside students in the form of musical performances, dancing and a fashion show.

On Oct. 13, the club was present at the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer walk at Northeast Park. Some members were there as early as 6 a.m. to help set up for the walk but starting a bit later the club was in charge of volunteering at a tent for breast cancer survivors. Before the walk, both the Eastside Chamber Singers and the Eastside Cheerleaders performed in front of community members. The walk officially began at 9 a.m. so at that time about 20 of the club's members started walking in honor of breast cancer survivors and to promote breast cancer awareness in the community.

Another priority of the club during September and October was to fundraise for the American Cancer Society. The club's goal was to fundraise \$2,500 to reach the bronze level. However by the day of the walk, the club had exceeded its goal since it had collected over \$3,500 through various means. Overall, this year was once again very successful for Eastside Striders.



Teacher Appreciation Award

Do you want to help recognize your favorite teacher and help him or her win \$100? Nominate them for the Gatorland Toyota Teacher Appreciation Award. Simply write telling us why he or she deserves to be the next award winner. Nominations from both parents and students will be accepted. They must be 25 words or more. Drop it off with the school receptionist and encourage your friends to send in a nominee, too.

Band Striving for Continued Success

Congratulations to the Eastside High School Marching Ram Band. On Oct. 13 the band performed at the Santa Fe Showcase of Champions Marching Band Competition. The band performed well, and received superior ratings in Music, General Effect and Auxiliary. Senior Drum Major Carl Hyler and Senior Band President Brittany Bryant led the band. This year's band is one of the largest that Eastside has had in a decade. They will continue to strive for success, while representing Eastside in upcoming events, which include the Winter Concert, Alachua County High School Honor Band, Solo and Ensemble and District and State Music Performance Assessments.



2013 National Merit Semi-Finalists

Henry Cole
Jessica Gower
Bushra Guenoun
Flora Huang
Erin Isaza
Rubab Islam
Joseph Kann
Lydia Koropecykj-Cox
Austin Landis
Grace Lee
Michael Lewis
David Liu
Anne Lott
Juan Rueda
Radhika Salwan
Neena Schueller
Emilie Song
Lauren von Zabern
Ellen Yeats
James Zhang

National Achievement Scholar

Tabong Kima

National Hispanic Scholars

Angela Acosta
Erin Isaza
Annalee Perez
Juan Rueda
Kelsey Steffee
Ellen Yeats



STUDENT INFORMATION

Testing:

Nov. 28 starts our retakes for end of course exams. Biology end of course will be Nov. 28-29. This will be only for those that already took the test or should have taken the test last year. Algebra I EOC will be given Dec. 3-6. Geometry EOC will be given Dec. 10-13. They must have previously taken the EOC to sit for the retakes. Anyone taking it on FLVS this year or during the summer will take it this time as well. Visit our website at east-side.sbac.edu and go to student services and school counseling to see links for practice.

New State Guidelines regarding ACT and SAT Concordant Scores:

Effective immediately the state has suspended any use of concordant scores to replace the FCAT 2.0 for the current juniors and sophomores. A new concordant score will be announced in the fall of 2013. Seniors are grandfathered in with the previous scores. Juniors should continue taking the ACT and SAT and work towards a college ready score of 19 or above in each section.

New Photo Requirement for ACT and SAT:

Both SAT and ACT have a new photo requirement when registering for the test. ACT is now required for all tests. SAT will be required starting with the March test. Tickets and IDs are a MUST now and one cannot enter without both. Watch for deadlines. If your student needs help, please visit us in guidance.

Attendance:

It is that time again to be watching your attendance. Once a student goes over the limit of six unexcused, the state of Florida revokes credit. A student must then pass the midterm or final and the semester in that class to get back their credit. The state of Florida also suspends your driver's license automatically. Keep up with turning in your notes for absences. Plan trips and college visits during our vacation times to avoid excessive absences.

United Way

United Way of North Central Florida was the only United Way in the country to receive a \$300,000 contribution from AT&T, through the AT&T Aspire Local High School Impact Initiative. This two-year contribution will provide dropout prevention services to at-risk 9th graders in three Alachua County high schools: Gainesville, Eastside and Hawthorne. Referred to as Check and Connect, this program is a new part of the continuum of support for United Way's impact area education and is in partnership with Alachua County Public Schools. It will provide outreach and support to more than 120 youth and their families within those school populations.

"The data we collect through this effort will make a lasting impact on our community," said United Way of North Central Florida's President & CEO, Debbie Mason. "Working together with AT&T, we can impact other communities across the nation that struggle to find successful interventions to halt the drop-out rates of students living in poverty."

Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) Grant

United Way of North Central Florida has been awarded a grant from the Corporation for National and Community Service to implement the Alachua County Retired Senior Volunteer Program (AC-RSVP). The primary focus of the grant is to recruit senior volunteers to help improve educational outcomes in the community. Volunteers can also work with organizations to help improve health outcomes and with programs that reduce poverty.

STUDENT GROUPS

Chamber Singers Invited for Special Performances

The Eastside Chamber Singers are off to an excellent start this year with some very exciting performances scheduled. The singers were invited to perform at Santa Fe College for the “Night in the Big Apple” benefit concert Oct. 7.

The Chamber Singers have also been selected to perform at Disney’s Candlelight Processional Concert

Nov. 30. The students will travel to Orlando and perform the show that evening with celebrity narrator, academy award winner Whoopi Goldberg. The students are extremely excited about this performance and look forward to performing at Epcot.

The Chamber Singers Winter Concert is scheduled for Dec. 13 at 7 p.m. in the Eastside auditorium.



Aries

Aries Literary Magazine is calling for submissions of poetry, fiction, nonfiction and artwork by Eastside students for Aries 2013. Please put your manuscripts, line drawings and photographs in the colorful polka-dotted box in the media center near the checkout desk, or bring them to Mrs. Reynierson in Room 9-003.

NHS

The Eastside Chapter of the National Honor Society will be hosting an induction of new members on Thursday, Nov. 15, at 6 p.m. A reception in the media center will follow. The chapter’s officers are as follows: President Kathryn Horter, Vice-President Esther Blondeau-Lecomte, Secretary Flora Huang and Treasurer Naweed Mohammed. The club’s faculty advisor this year is Dr. Schmidt.

Key Club

Key Club, one of Eastside's community service organizations, is dedicated to giving our members opportunities to make positive impacts on our local community, as well as instill the virtue of service. Our main goal this year, however, is to unite students from the IB and major programs in friendship through serving others. We have these service opportunities every day of the week, as well as weekend projects.

Tutoring: Meeting in the Tech Lab Mondays through Thursdays, our members work to help their peers with academic questions, often through courses they themselves have taken before, or are currently taking. The benefit is thus two-sided, with our members teaching the subject, as well as reviewing concepts themselves.



Ronald McDonald House: Once a month, some Key Clubbers meet at the local Ronald McDonald House. This is a charitable organization dedicated to economic, yet comfortable lodging for those families whose children are being treated at the regional hospitals. Our club buys the food and cooks dinner for these families, as well as help out wherever they can around the House.

Besides these regular activities, Key Club also brings to its members many other service opportunities around the city and county. Besides serving the local area, we also seek to promote a more open and supportive community within our own school. We work hard to make sure our members can become impactful and productive citizens, as well as positively influence others around them.

Teen Trendsetters: Every Tuesday, a group of our members walks to the nearby Lake Forest Elementary School. Members become mentors for elementary students, promoting reading comprehension with each of their respective children.

Recycling: A group of our members meets in the library every Wednesday to organize plastic, can and glass recycling and every Thursday for paper recycling. From there, squads of students are sent to every building of the school, where they collect and properly deposit the recyclables that have accumulated.

Lake Forest Arts and Crafts: Fridays after school, our members walk again to Lake Forest Elementary. This time, we bring with us materials for small art projects, which we create with the children. It's a time for members and children to interact and bond – our members influencing the children for good, as well as taking positive lessons from the children themselves.

Teacher Corner

Amanda Lacy, one of our experienced English teachers, has taken on the challenge of teaching reading in the 11th and 12th grades. In addition to her background in literature, Ms. Lacy is working on adding the reading endorsement to her credentials.

Sara Lineberger has joined our faculty this year and is currently teaching English, intensive reading and world history on the 9th grade block. She has extensive knowledge of using literacy skills across the curriculum and is also currently working on adding the reading endorsement to her certification in both English and Social Studies.

Ron Messick has taught in our exceptional student education program for four years and teaches a variety of subject areas. He is currently working towards adding reading certification to his other credentials.