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FCCLA Takes Home Gold



Left to right: Reginald Toliver, India Brown, Desire Whitfield, and Tamara Sonera stand together at the FCCLA Regionals.

By Reginald Toliver

After weeks of practice, presentations and critiquing Peterson's Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) chapter swept the regionals competition winning gold in both categories.

The students that competed and will be moving on to the

state leadership conference in Orlando, Florida are: India Brown, Reginald Toliver, and Desire Whitfield in the Culinary Arts category who when asked about their experiences before competition said, "The regional competition is very nerve wrecking, even though we practiced for hours; there is still a possibility that we could lose. We've meet the other competitors and they seem very experienced and driven, but we will push through." They went on to receive perfect scores from all judges.

Also, representing Peterson was Sophomore Tamara Sonera in the Focus on Children category with her project Reading is Rad which is a book drive for underprivileged children. A special congratulations to all competitors!

What's Inside



CIS Officers Mary Crosby and Jaryl Cabatingan



Tinkerbell at the Senior Spotlight



Dijon mustard rubbed pork tenderloin with parsnip mashed potatoes and shaved brussel sprouts, and the berry crisp dessert.



A junior shows off their new class ring, more on pg 6.



"Freedon Waves" by Mabelle Jacques

Earn Your Wings

By Desiree Lee

Frank H. Peterson will host its Earn Your Wings ceremony on Tuesday, February 6, 2018. The Earn Your Wings ceremony is for students who have their industry certification, Post-Secondary Ready (PSR) in reading and math, and have a 2.0 GPA. This is a humongous accomplishment. Congratulations to the following students: Christina Arnette, Kimani Burton, Imani Christensen, Lauren Cooley, Andrew Dillion, Tyler Edenfield, Alec Ehlerman Tyler Eldridge, Gino Etienne, Alexis Foisey, Mercedes Galler, Dymari Garrett, Kelsey Geary, Jamil George-Abdullah, Sierra Hersey, Sekhiah Israel-Rice, Julie

Jennejahn, Kendall Moore, Addison Padgett, Melinda Pierson, Danielle Sarama, Imani Smith-Pearman, Gianni Sykes, Tristian Tiriteu, Reginald Toliver, Corey Wallace, Alysia Williams, Leilani Williams, Emily Worthe and Ryan Yoder.

The Earn Your Wings Ceremony will be in May of this year, the date will be confirmed and announced soon.

Pictured on page 2.

Eagle 411

Mayo Clinic Medical Bootcamp

By Aaron Torres

The Mayo Clinic is an opportunity for high school students to participate in handson simulated events to learn how health care teams work together.

The Mayo Clinic will be hosted on April 21 for free of charge, it starts 8:30 a.m. and it ends at 1:30 p.m According to the Mayo Clinic foundation is "a nonprofit medical practice and medical research group based in Jacksonville Florida".

The first registration requirement would be that the student should

word essay on why you want to participate in the Mayo Clinic High School Health Care Boot Camp and how you believe it will impact your future, the third registration requirement you must submit a completed

currently be in high school, the second registration requirement

is you must complete a 250-

Mayo Clinic photo release form and registration form found on the website. If you have any questions email flamshsbootcamp@mayo.edu.

Students Earned Their Wings



Calendar

By Jordin Stickradt

February – Amethyst Birthstone

2/8 - Ring ceremony @6pm

2/9 - SAT Registration

2/10 - ACT

2/13 - Senior Parent Night @6pm – 7pm

2/14 - Valentine's Day

2/15 - CIS Meeting During Lunch

2/16 - NHS Blood Drive

2/16 Valentines Dinner @Wright Place

2/17 - MH Second School Run @Lee

2/23 - Spirit Night at Chick-Fil-A

March – Aquamarine Birthstone

3/9 -ACT Registration

3/9 - Gold Package Payment

3/10 - MH Gate River Run

3/10 - SAT

3/15 - Senior Tailgate

3/19 - 3/23 - Spring Break

3/25 - MH Run 13.1 Miles

Public Library News

By RubyAnn Kizer

Did you know that the Jacksonville Public Library has events focused for teenagers, elementary school kids and babies? Many of the library's branches have after school homework help sessions and teen art classes.

The library has a program called Brainfuse, which contains free tutoring, live online help, a 24/7 question center and writing assistance, skill building and test preparation. Libraries also have computer labs open for teens and any students. The open labs are for job applications, resumes, emails, online classes and individual homework.

The library has a program for students called Axis 360 School Share. Axis 360 is a website for students to get e-books whenever and wherever you want. All the student has to do is find the Axis 360 logo on blended learning and log in with their student username and password. After that they can browse any of the books on the Magic Wall, and check out up to ten of them. They can then download any of the books onto a mobile device or tablet.

Every Wednesday at 4 p.m. in the Main Library there is a video game tournament. There are Science and History Fair help sessions available at most branches of the library. At the West Branch Library there are STEM Saturdays.

There are four weekly story times at the Wesconnett branch ranging from babies to young children. Stories for babies and toddlers are on Tuesdays, stories for young children is on Fridays, bilingual stories for young children are also on Fridays, and toddler music and movement are on Saturdays.

For more information, check jaxpubliclibrary.org.

Student Council Spirit Night

By Reginald Toliver

Student Council will be hosting a spirit night at Chick-fil-A on Roosevelt Blvd. Wednesday, February 28 from 4-8 p.m. Funds raised will help sponsor regional and state conferences. Mention Peterson when you order to have 20 percent of your sale donated to Student Council.

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Steps to College

Compiled by Skyler Phillips

As a high school student, senior year is the most important time in planning for your future. You need to decide on what path to take after high school whether it will be the military, college, or straight into the workforce. However, this may be very overwhelming for some students and to help relieve a little stress here's a timeline on when things should be completed:

September-November: Start by determining where to apply for college, do your research on colleges you are interested in and narrow it down to your top three choices, tour the colleges to make sure it's the right fit for you, register for required tests like SAT and ACT, lastly complete your college application essay and be sure to finish your college applications

before the deadlines.

December-February: Complete FAFSA for financial aid in college, find as many scholarships as possible and apply for them, and schedule college interviews to complete the admission process.

March-May: After receiving your college acceptance letters, decide on the best fit, sit down and make sure you have the budget for the college you decide, verify that you actually have the financial aid before you just assume and end up paying more than you were expecting to, and prepare for final exams and AP tests before summer.

June-August: Apply for student housing and search for a roommate and attend summer orientation for your college to know the lay out for the campus.

Shear Success

By Taylor Adams

Congratulations to the newest cosmetologist Olivia Roaldson.

It takes a lot of hard work and studying to prepare for your state board exam. One of her studying techniques was to take practice tests online and to make and study note cards as well. By passing her exam she can participate in the On the Job Training (OJT) program that our school offers. OJT allows students to work in an academy related job while going to school.

Olivia's advice to others that are studying for their state board exams is to stay confident and keep your head up, push yourself to study as often as possible so you will have more knowledge on the information. "I am most passionate about my hair cutting skills, said Olivia." Olivia plans on pursuing her career as a cosmetologist at Hair Cuttery after graduating high school. Her Mother, Dawn Roaldson, is a cosmetologist as well. She was Olivia's inspiration



in choosing cosmetology as her career path. Also, she plans on attending college while working as at Hair Cuttery. She's excited to see where life is going to take her.

Olivia works on curling Melanie Horn's hair

Rising to a B School

By Ashley Koziolek

"Frank H. Peterson [FHP] is definitely capable of an A," Mrs. Mastromatto, FHP principal, said with confidence. When Frank H. Peterson's grade changed for the first time in years from an A school to a C in the 2015-2016 school year, there was a school wide shock. Now, this change in the school grades has become a norm, Peterson is moving back in a positive direction.

According to our Teacher of The Year Ms. Cowart, "It is a wakeup call, so we can get back to doing what we do best, so that we can earn that A." She said that, "I don't think we are falling behind in fact I think that we are progressing in every area. I think that our academics and our teacher teams in the academics are getting stronger and stronger

every year and, so I expect to see greater student learning in the academics."

When Mrs. Mastromatto was asked "If she believes that Frank H Peterson is still above other schools?" she said, "I do, I think that Frank H. Peterson, by offering both career and college prep is just a better education for the students who come here because they are getting both. Right now, in the world you might have to be competitive in both areas. You can't just be a hard worker or smart, you must be both. I think Peterson helps students to start understanding that and practicing that now so that when they go into the work force they are going to be more successful than your average person."

There are many things that

Peterson offers that others don't as an academy school. There are many other schools in Duval County that focus on other specific concepts; for Stanton or Paxon are college preparatory schools and Douglas Anderson focuses on the arts.

When asked, "Is our academics level less or more than the other high schools in the area?" Ms. Cowart answered with, "I don't think we are above or below, we are just different. We are not a standard high school, we are a CTE [Career Technology Education] school."

She continued by saying, "We are uniquely what we are. I think that we are needed, I think we provide a school environment that is right for certain students, it's not for everybody but it is exactly the right place for the students that we serve."

Many were upset by the sudden drop, but are now celebrating the hard work shown in the B. When asked if being an A school was important to her, Ms. Cowart said, "No we are a good school regardless of what label you put on it. It is nice, but it is not necessarily the final sentence on what Peterson is." Some are giving this letter grade more importance; this grade does not affect who we are and who we will continue to be. Ms. Cowart continued by saying, "Still, I am going to do to make sure we are an A school. "

When Mrs. Mastromatto was asked, "Are all the advertisements about earning the B school grade mean... to push us or to congratulate?"

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Talon Talk

Communities in Schools Peace Corps



By Jordin Stickradt

Communities in Schools (CIS) serves Frank H. Peterson as a support system for students who need it. "To me CIS is somewhere I can come when I need a friend and [a place] I can go to be in a safe environment, I know everyone in there cares," said Mary Crosby, a CIS officer.

Communities in Schools was first introduced to Duval in 1960, serving only 50 students at Jefferson Davis Junior High

School. In 1996 Communities in Schools of Jacksonville became the first local program in Florida to achieve a chartered status through the Communities in School's national network

Between 2000 and 2005 communities in schools of Jacksonville grew and expanded its services to 48 schools and 4.000 students. Communities in Schools has been around for some time now.

CIS is a great program for

students who need a support system/group in school. CIS helps hundreds of students each year reach their goals and become successful.

Mrs. Foster is the coordinator for this program, which is currently closed to new applicants. If you wish to join, Mrs. Foster will begin at the beginning of next school year.

Background information found at http://cisjax.org/about-us/

By Andrea Loveland

The Peace Corps is an organization by the U.S government that sends people as volunteers in developing countries. Volunteers must be at least 18 years of age. There are many competitive positions you can apply for. Therefore, when you apply, make sure you have all of the requirements needed.

These requirements include a four-year college degree correlating with the position you apply for. However, there are steps you can take to reach the requirements without a degree.

First, research on what position you can apply for. Next, speak to a recruiter and submit a resume. Also, expect to see costs for medical examinations.

During your time in Peace Corps you undergo training and they provide housing, cover the cost of transportation and you get two days paid vacation every month.

Also, your dental and health care are covered. When you want to leave they give you \$8000 to get your life back on track.

Mastermind Escape Rooms

By Lauren Cooley

Mastermind Escape Games is an escape room place that I highly recommend. This place is prominent for creative thinkers and puzzle solvers. Whether you take it seriously or not, it's nevertheless an amazing time.

A few friends and I completed the room called Outbreak: Find the Cure, where we had to search the room for clues and solve puzzles to escape in under an hour. The Outbreak room is labeled as "Challenging" with a low escape rate on the website.

The website is also where you

have to reserve a place and time to reserve your spot. They have a plethora of escape rooms to choose from. All the rooms are suitable for anyone of any age! You really have to think outside the box with escape games. Everything they put in the room is for a reason; even a rustic chair in the corner had a clue underneath the seat.

Overall, Mastermind Escape Games is a hidden gem that everyone should be informed about! Mastermind Escape Games is located at 8301 Cypress Plaza Drive Suite 105, on Phillips Highway.



Tyler Shannon (FHP 2017 Graduate), Ashlynn Rewis, Zeph Kane, and Lauren Cooley stand together after their escape.

Screaming Eagle

Homeschool Sports Peterson Players



By Charnise Showers

Students at Frank H. Peterson can take advantage of participating in sports for their neighborhood schools. Being a part of a school sport can bring out positive qualities and behaviors in teens. This takes time, passion and dedication for the sport that you love.

Feihrren Calhoun plays soccer for the Edward White Commanders. This is her fourth year playing soccer being a forward and midfield, but she plays defense mostly. Her jersey number is six and her favorite soccer player is Julie Ertz who plays for the Chicago Red Stars as a mid-fielder.

Feihrren's future plan was to play soccer in college, now she changed her mind and plans to go into the army. Feihrren's older sister played soccer for four years; her sister was the inspiration and motivation for her to start playing soccer. Feihrren's mom thought it would be a good idea because she thought Feihrren was unsocial. "So, she put me in soccer when I was eight to help me become more social," she said.

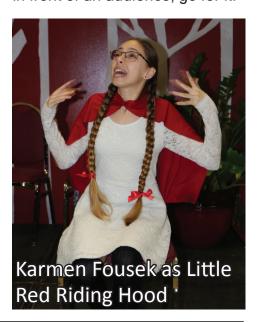
Also, Feihrren serves in various roles at Peterson such as being President of the Gay Straight Alliance (GSA), President of the Class of 2018, and student government. The best advice for anybody who is playing sports or life in general is remembering that time management is key.

By Agape Curtis

Are you interested in becoming a Peterson Player? A spring productions will be underway this year that will make roles available to potential new faces. "If you're interested, look out fliers and keep your ears open for announcements," Mrs. Wigelsworth encourages.

"Even if you're not interested in acting we need some help with the crew." Teamwork is essential to the success of large projects like putting on a play. The people who choose to get involved also understand that it takes tremendous amounts of dedication. "It's a heavy commitment. You have to be prepared and be there for the rehearsal schedules," Mrs. Wigelsworth stresses. Regardless, no matter how you decide to become involved, your enthusiasm and interest will ultimately have an impact.

"If you haven't had the experience, or even if you have, we're going to be there to help you, to shape you, and to guide you. Talent can be formed." Mrs. Wigelsworth ended the interview with these powerful last words of encouragement, "If you're interested, and you're willing to get up there and take on a role... in front of an audience, go for it!"



Sophomore Birthday Times

By Macayla Hall

During the year of 2002, the class of 2020 was born. Here is what was going on at that time:

Gas prices were at a low price of only \$1.60 per gallon, talk about cheap! The average income for a house-hold was around \$42,409, and the average cost for a new house was about \$228,700. A dozen eggs were only \$1-3, the cost of sugar was 50 cents, and a loaf of bread was \$1.14. A gallon of milk used to cost \$2 and cigarettes were about \$4.10.

In January 2002, President George W. Bush signed into law the No Child Left Behind Act, and Michael Jackson received Artist of the Century award. During March, Denzel Washington and Halle Berry won the 74 Academy Awards for best actor/actress in a film, Halle was the first black woman to win.

Marty Schottenheimer was fired as head coach of the Washington Redskins and the UN froze the assets of members of the Taliban, and in May of 2002, the movie, "Spider-Man," starring Tobey Maguire premiered.

In the world of sports, the 2002 Olympics cost \$1.3 billion while the 2016 Olympics cost about \$6.2 billion, now that's a major difference. The Los Angeles Angels won the World Series during the same year, and the horse, War Emblem, won the 2002 Kentucky Derby. The New England Patriots won the Super Bowl, and Ward Burton won the Daytona 500. Those are some great wins!

SWAT Attends the MLK Parade



SWAT (Students Working Against Tobacco) members represent Frank H. Peterson at the Martin Luther King Jr. Day Parade.

Make an A Today

I believe that the only courage anybody ever needs is the courage to follow your own dreams. --Oprah Winfrey

Peterson Pride

No Full Moon February

By Jordin Stickradt

We all know that the moon follows the same lunar cycle, we expect to see each phase of the moon each month. What if in one month we didn't get to see each phase of the moon? In February that is especially possible.

We all know February is the shortest month, with only 28 or 29 days on a leap year. Due to the no full moon in February, January and March will make up for it by having two full moons. The second moon in each month is called a Blue Moon. So, the phrase "once in a blue moon" will really be put into play in these months. No moon months are actually pretty rare, it only happens once every 19 years.

The last time there was no full moon in February was in 1980 and then again in 1999. "So, of course there will be a Moon in the sky in February — and it might even appear full — it just won't reach the moment where it's 100 percent astronomically "full" until March 1 (at 7:51 pm EST) on our calendar."

So basically, even though it may appear to look like a full moon in February, don't believe what you see. Astronomers will not count that as the full moon, to them the moon will be in the process of becoming full, to them the moon will be officially full on the first of March.

Visit FHP's Wood Shop

By Tylor Eldridge

Come one, come all, to Thee Silver Eagle Wood Shoppe! The wood shop is held every Tuesday after school from 3:30 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. in C309, you will be able to work with various types of wood to create things like bird houses, trinket boxes, shelves, and much more.

This work shop requires participants to be hands on and will include cutting wood, sanding, gluing, nailing, painting, and staining. Students can find more information in F113.

Chemistry teacher Andrew Kline, hopes to share his wisdom to future students who want to join. Mr. Kline expressed the importance of sharing this skill and stated, "Sharing my knowledge and allowing the students a creative outlet using a medium they may not be familiar with."

Every student who has joined in and was able to participate, had only great things to say. William Ansley stated that, "It's a vital skill that is lost and is useful to society." Emily Bowens expressed her fondness of the shop by saying, "It's fun and useful as far as methods in the long run; the connections you can make with new friends make it all worth it." Among the two there were many more with only great things to say, so why not join and be a part of the evergrowing fun!



Junior Ring Ceremony

By Jordin Stickradt

The ring ceremony was a big step for the class of 2019. It was their first step to becoming seniors. Being a senior in high school is a big deal, you're finally the big man on campus, or at least that's what everyone thinks it's going to feel like. In all honesty, no one really understands what it means to be a senior but the seniors.

The ring ceremony took place at

the Wright Place on Thursday, February 8. Students and parents were able to enjoy the moment together. Everyone who ordered a ring from Jostens was dressed to the nines.

Principal Mastromatto was tasked with the honor of giving the junior class their rings.

Members from the Junior Class Officers and a few others took turns and helped move the ceremony along. This is a big step for the class of 2019.

The Cheering Champion

By Steven Nguyen

Freshman Terry Delacruz represented her local Cheerleading Association in Sanford, Florida at the 2017 American Youth Football and Cheer National Southeast Regional Championships.

The American Youth Football and Cheer is a nationally

recognized and a non-profit youth organization. Terry stated, "It took a lot. Honestly at the end it is all worth it, everyone sweats, everyone cries, and it's like sometimes you're going to want to give up, but when you make it you know that not everyone can make it." Terry is an example of hard-work, dedication and perseverance

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She said, it was a hundred percent congratulatory, "I think it is awesome that we made a B. There were huge gains made last year and that's all attributed to the student and their work that they put in and the teachers. To me that's just an awesome job. But yes, our job is to push our students and to help you guys be the best you can be." She considers this a huge accomplishment and is very happy to restore us to an A in the near future.

There is much to be said about Frank H. Peterson, though there is much work to be done to get back up to an A school. This change was not something that just happened, Peterson students are the only ones who can fix it. There is much to be said about Frank H. Peterson but one of the first things people see is our school grade, shouldn't we be able to take pride and say our school is an A? This is the year we will restore our A.

Academic Achievement

National FFA Recognition

By Kendall Moore

Congratulations to the Frank
H Peterson FFA Chapter on
receiving National Recognition
and becoming a 3-star chapter.
FFA chapters across the country
that receive national recognition
are rated on a 3-star scale based
on how they helped better their
community and their chapter
over the year.

This is not the first year FFA has received National recognition, 2016-2017 was their first year receiving recognition as a 2-star chapter. In October, the chapter officers attended the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana to accept an award for being a 3-star chapter and to go on stage for becoming Models of Innovation finalists. Their advisor Mrs. Holly Hultgren, Mrs. Mastromatto, Mrs. Thompson, Mr. Villela, and their former President Cora Camp, accompanied them.

While at National Convention, the officers were surrounded by FFA members from all 50 states, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands. They also witnessed the election of the first African-American female National FFA President. FHP Chapter Vice President Briana Cooper had this to say about her experience, "National Convention was an experience I will never forget. Being surrounded by people who share the same goals as me was truly empowering."

When you see the 2017-2018
Frank H Peterson FFA Chapter
Officers congratulate them on
their success they are: President
Triniti Alexander; Vice President
Briana Cooper; Secretary
Kendall Moore; Reporter Jada
Rylander; Historian William
Carrero; Treasurer Elizabeth
Owens; Sentinel Cyla Morgan
and Parliamentarian Emily
Sweep.



TaZion Ritchie and Janasia Phillips pose for a picture at Girl's State

Girl's and Boy's State

By LaDarius West

For the first time ever, Frank
H. Peterson had students
attend Girl's and Boy's State
last summer. All of Peterson's
Boy's State applicants were
accepted, which is rare.
Those who attended Boy's
State were: Zeph Kane,
Nathaniel McAdams, Andrew
Lombardo, Ricardo Jusino and
Dalton Brady. The Girl's State
attendees were: Janasia Phillips
and TaZion Ritchie.

Girl's and Boy's State is a summer leadership and citizenship program. Sponsored by the American Legion and the American Legion Auxiliary. This program recognizes outstanding Juniors who got to attended a conference for high school juniors held at the Florida State University campus in Tallahassee. Girl's and Boy's State gave them the opportunity to experience college life.

"What I liked about girl's state

was that we could connect in so many different ways especially with RA's (Resident Assistants) because they were in the same position as us," explained Tazion Ritchie. The RA's were previous girl state participants. Those who went to Girls and Boys State were at the conference for a week or so with no teachers or parents. Just counselors and highway patrol to watch over them.

There they learned about the structure of government and Florida's history in relation to the government. In order to be considered students must to be selected by a teacher. "The benefits for going to boy's state is you learn to work together," said Nathaniel McAdams. "I enjoyed the realistic council meetings and how they tried to keep everything legit down to the way we voted for various office positions," explained Janasia Phillips.

FHP Goes to HOBY

By Anna Zou

This year, Frank H. Peterson (FHP) has nominated Sterlin Scott to attend and represent FHP at the Hugh O'Brian Leadership Seminar. Sterlin said, "I feel humbled to be selected for Hugh O'Brian's Leadership Seminar. It is a huge door-opener and opportunity. I am able to share my ambition and talents with the program. Success is in my DNA, when one door closes another one always opens!".

Each spring approximately 10,000 high school sophomores from across the country are chosen to join Hugh O'Brian's state Leadership Seminars to recognize their leadership talents. The seminar is three to four days, filled with interactive

activities and workshops that allow students to discover their personal leadership strength and to be able to make a positive impact in their community. Students will meet and converse with leaders in their community in fields such as media, education and politics. In addition, Mary Crosby and Janasia Phillips are HOBY alumni and will be serving as Team Alumni for the 2018 conference.



Make an A Today

There are two types of people who will tell you that you cannot make a difference in this world: those who are afraid to try and those who are afraid you will succeed.--Ray Goforth



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Tender Basket

\$4.99

Liver Basket \$4.99

\$4.99

FIsh Basket \$4.99

Gizzard Basket \$4.99

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