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The Class of '16

**Ring Ceremony** 

**Another First for Peterson** 

On Thursday, January 8, Frank H. Peterson hosted its first Ring Ceremony to present members of the junior class with their sought-

after piece of jewelry. The school held the ceremony at the Wright

the class officers, the sponsors,

Mrs. Mackoul, and Mrs. Skipper."

Another student, Rená Corbett, who also participated in the

and I'm not sure how many

By Trixie Mae T. Ramos

class students.

### Peterson Continues with Firsts

Darius celebrates signing day with family and friends.

From left to right Darius Singletary, Jadon Singletary, Patrice Singletary, Jabari Singletary and Mrs. MaryAnn Foster. Not shown: Darius' sister, Korena and brother, Devon.

### Singletary Signs with JU

### **Peterson's First Ever Signing Day Event**

By Kallie Lind

Peterson had its first signing day this year! Darius Singletary, a senior who is an all-around great athlete and scholar, signed with Jacksonville University's Division 2 football team. The whole senior class was invited to join him on the bazaar deck as he signed the papers leading to his future as a JU Dolphin. Darius played sports at his home school, Westside High, and played

Peterson's
October
all team 10/1 –Senior Parent Night (Wright Place) 6 p.m. basketball

the past 3 years. 10/2 – Represent your favorite NFL team

Rodney10/3 -SAT Test Coach Dubose, Westside 10/7 - Early Release

football 10/7 – Cap and Gown Order High's was 10/9 – Represent Your Favorite College

coach, very proud of all 10/21 -Early Release 10/16 –Superhero Day that Darius has 10/22 – Cap and Gown Order

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10/23 –Senior Tailgate 10/24 -ACT Test

10/26-29 -Homecoming Week 10/29 -Homecoming Dance

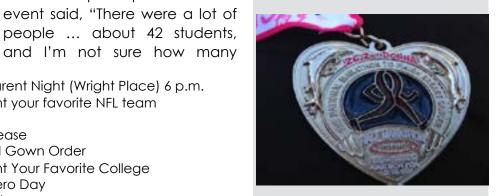
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# Eagle 411

### Thinking about Volunteering? Free Money

By Leilani Williams

Since you're in high school, VOU can't foraet about essential volunteer hours. Even though they're not required for graduation, it is recommended to have them to aid in helping with your future scholarships.

Also, volunteering adds onto your resume for the jobs you may get. In Jacksonville there's a wide range of volunteer opportunities that fits your skills or interests. If you are an animal lover, you could try volunteering at the Jacksonville Humane Society as long as you are at least of the age 16.

If you are not sure what you want to do, you could search

For opportunities. online example, there are times you could go feed the homeless, organize clothes or participate with community clean-up events.

Not interested in either? Well, you could always go to <a href="http://">http://</a> www.handsonjacksonville. org/ and they have so many more opportunities that you could try out so that you can get your hours.

Just remember to check with your school counselor to find out exactly how many hours are recommended for you, but Bright Futures Scholarships recommends at least 70-100 hours by the time you're a senior.

By Scarlett Camara

Paying for college can be a challenge, but thousands of dollars are available for many students each year. Scholarships are the best way to advance in your education without having to worry much about the expense. Scholarships not only reward you with money, but it is prestigious and an honor to receive one. Receiving a scholarship gives one the sense of relief. You should also feel proud of yourself that you are one of the students who worked hard to advance to a higher level of education. Here is a step to starting a new chapter in your live. Apply for scholarships!

- McIntosh- Receive: \$5,000 Deadline: May 4,2014
- Atkins-Receive: \$5,000 Deadline: May 4, 2015
- Cornerstone: Receive: \$5,000 Deadline: May 4, 2015
- Suntrusteducation.com/ scholarshipsweepstakes-Deadline: May 15, 2015
- Lakeshore's Woman's Club 2015-Receive: \$250 Deadline: April 1, 2015
- Florida PTA Scholarship- Receive: \$2,000 Deadline: May 1, 2015

- Odenza Marketing Group Scholarship- Receive: \$500 Deadline: May 1, 2015
- Scholarship-Receive: \$10,000 Deadline: March 31, 2015
- CHS Foundation Scholarship-Receive: \$1,000 Deadline: April 1, 2015
- Sassy Seniors and Steppers Inc. Scholarship- Receive: \$500 Deadline: April 4, 2015
- Florida Society Colonial Dames XVII Century Sponsor Scholarship- Deadline: April 15, 2015

#### Peterson's Got Talent

By Brittany Cannon

Peterson's Got Talent is a show starring Petersons' students. The show will be held Thursday, April 9, at Florida State College at Jacksonville (FSCJ) - Kent Campus auditorium from 6 to 8 p.m. Doors will be open at 5:45 p.m.

Tickets will be sold at the door for \$7 each, kids 10 and under will be free. The students who will be participating in this show are: Amber Bonneau, Demarion Brown, Kiersten Eddy, Khale Gray, Ashedah & Doriel Israel, Sekkiah Israel-rice, Keziah Maule, and Montez Mills.

### Important Dates

#### April

6-SAT

8-Early Release

9-CIS Meeting at 11:49 a.m.

9 & 17- Student court at 2 p.m.

9-Senior Parent Night at 6 p.m.

18-ACT

23-Student court at 2 p.m.

24-Grad Bash

29-Early Release

30-CIS Meeting at 11:49 a.m.

30-Annual Childcare Banquet at 6 p.m.

#### May

1-Rebounderz Senior trip at 11

1-Student court at 2 p.m.

2-FHP Prom at 7 p.m. at Jacksonville Zoo

2-SAT

7-NHS Blood Drive at 7:30 a.m.

7- Student Court at 2 p.m.

8-College Spirit Day

8-CIS end-of -the-year banquet 15 & 21-Student Court at 2 p.m.

20-Senior Take Over Day

21-Senioir Tailgate/Awards

26-Senior Dave & Busters

27-Senior Bowling Trip

28-Senior Breakfast and ice skating

28-Student Court at 2 p.m.

29-Senior Trip at 11 a.m.

31-Graduation Rehearsals at 11 a.m.

#### June

4-Graduation Rehearsals

4-Graduation Ceremony at 4

5-Last day of school.

6-SAT

13-ACT

### Just For Grins

- 1. What did one penny say to the other penny?
- 2. What did the digital clock say to its mom?
- 3. Why did the cow cross the road?

See answers on page 3

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## Nest Notes

### Class Ring Presentation FRIDAY THE 13TH

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Juniors gladly showed off their new class rings.

adults, but it was enough to fill So, a class ring represented everythe Wright Place."

Personally, each member of the junior class was given the opportunity to purchase a class ring and design in the style they preferred. Most students elected to put his or her birthstone in the center of the ring, however, other options were available. Durina the special event, their final

### **Ring Ceremonies** Not a New Trend

Ring ceremonies have been a tradition in high schools for years. Many schools country wide, including Peterson, continue this tradition for juniors to celebrate their status as upper classmen.

The origins of the class rings date back to the Egyptians, who felt that scarab (a large dung beetle of the eastern Mediterranean area, regarded as sacred in ancient Egypt) rings gave them eternal life. They wore their rings until death, and they were placed on their hearts as they were buried.

Later, Roman soldiers see their rings as an omen for victory. Even the wealthy Europeans, including Queen Victoria, would hire jewelers to design special family rings.

thing from wealth, strength, success and belonging to a special group. They began as a tradition at West Point Military Academy in 1835, when students started wearing them to show their unity and as a remembrance of the time they spent at the Academy.

In the early 1900s, class ring styles changed and became fashionable. Now, a student can personalize his or her ring with a birthstone, insignia (a badge or mark of honor), the type of metal used to make the ring, and even the student's initials, full name, or other messages can be engraved.

Today, class rings are a popular tradition for both high school and college graduates. Class rings are seen as a combination of school pride, while being an outward symbol of the diploma.

Some feel that their class ring symbolizes their entrance into adulthood, or a show of worthiness of belonging to a group. Although tradition holds that a class ring is worn on the right hand on the third finger (because the knights felt it gave them double strength worn there and good luck), a class ring can be worn on any finger and sometimes on a chain around the neck.

By Ntheye Lungu

Just before spring break the calendar marked that dreaded day ... Friday the 13th. In the western society, eight to twenty percent of people are most fearful of the day known as Friday the 13th.

On that day, some people caution themselves of activities and superstitions like breaking glass or being near a black cat, while others go to the movies on that day to see a new horror release, but most probably don't understand the history behind Friday the 13th a day of paranoids.

The myth was promoted from the early Christian church believing that Jesus's crucifixion, the great flood, the terror of Sodom, and Adam and Eve's disobedience all fell on a day that was a Friday the 13th, But why? Did God not like that distinct day?

Some would argue on that, but others would go to the compelling argument that involves "The Last Supper." Jesus, along with

why most people are scared to

eat dinner with a total of 13 peo-

ple, a fear something bad will

Today most Christian churches

would denounce the concept

of Friday the 13th as being of

pagan ideals and against the

teachings of God. Reason being,

happen to them the next day.

his 12 disciples that totaled 13 men, joined together for night dinner before Christ's punishment, "Good Friday." That gives the reason



the name Friday derived from the Norse goddess, Frey, the goddess of love and sex.

The early church saw her as wicked and deceitful. They believed that during her physical years, she met with a group of twelve witches that totaled 13 people, and planed havoc. Questioning the early church on the matter should have eased tension to people about Friday the 13th, but some still raise suspicion.

On Friday the 13 in 19th century England, The Royal Navy wanted to debunk the myth to stop the lack of sea travel on what they saw as an ordinary day. They selected a crew of 12 men headed by Captain Friday on the HMS Friday to set sail on that Friday. The ship left with the crew but never returned.

Now the story is an urban myth, but it poses wonder on bad things that really happened on a Friday the 13th. Other happenings are King Philips IV's notorious raid

> and the storm that killed 300000 people in Chittagong, Bangladesh. Much worse things have happened on days other than Friday the 13th: remember the U.S.A terrorist attack of September 11th, a Tuesday.

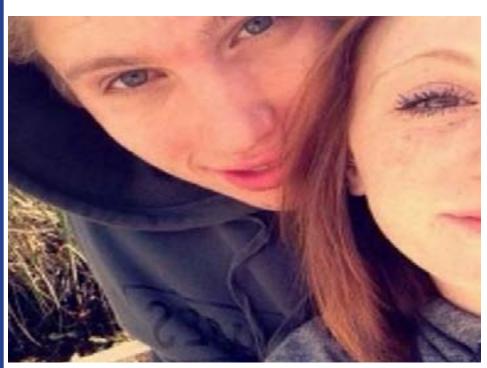
> One will believe what they wish. What do you believe?

### **Just for Grins Answers:**

- 1. Lets get together and make some cents.
- 2. Look Mom no Hands.
- 3. It was the chicken's day

# Talon Talk

### Remembering...



Senior David Schafer and Junior Jessica Perry

By Karalyn Bridgman

In our lives, we will encounter many tragic things. We may fail a test, lose some money, or even break a bone. However, there's not much that is more tragic than losing a friend or family member at a young age.

A life lost when there is much more living left to do, affects many people. The Frank H. Peterson family lost two shining stars on New Year's Day, January 1st, 2015. Jessica Perry, a junior, and David Schafer, a senior, were involved in a car collision early that morning. The specifics don't matter, as these angels should be remembered for the life they lived.

Anyone who knew Jessica, knows she was a fiery ball of energy. She truly lived up to being a redhead. If she was upset, you were sure to know it. You also knew if she cared about you, as she made it evident. She had an unshakable loyalty to those she cared about. She would give the shirt off her back if they truly needed it. She loved sunflowers, tattoos, and turtles. Jessica

Perry was a colorful soul, and an amazing friend.

To those that knew David, his smile will forever be imprinted in their mind. He was always smiling, even when he was in trouble. If someone was having a bad day, they could count on David for a good laugh.

It was hard to not smile and laugh when around him, even when upset with him. He just had that charismatic personality. He loved skateboarding, surfing, and food. David Schafer was someone you couldn't help but like.

### **JCC Logo Contest**

By Angel Hernandez

In December, Jacksonville Children's Commission (JCC) came to the Communications Academy students in search for a new logo for the organization. Of all the logo submissions, 30 were chosen.

After judging and voting, the winning logos were narrowed down to three logos and the winners were chosen for first, second and

### **Cheesy Pick Up Lines**

By Kallie Lind

Do you need a date to prom? . Here are a few lines that always work for me!

- I'm not a photographer, but . I can picture me and you together.
- Do you have a Band-Aid? Because I just scraped my knee falling for you.
- I wanna live in your socks so I can be with you every step of the way.
- I thought happiness started with an H. Why does mine start with U?
- I seem to have lost my phone number. Can I have yours?
- made of? Boyfriend material.
- Do you have a map? I'm getting lost in your eyes.
- Are you a parking ticket? 'Cause you've got fine written all over you.
- angels do exist?
- Vitamin U.
- If I were a cat I'd spend all 9 lives with you.
- Do you work at Starbucks? Because I like you a latte.
- Are you from Tennessee? Because you're the only ten I see!
- you first.
- Excuse me, I think you have something in your eye. Oh see-through.

third; the winners were Taja'Nae Harrison, Angel Hernandez and Devon Singletary respectively. Along with the gratification and bragging rights of helping such an amazing organization, the three winners were awarded with prizes.

wait, it's just a sparkle.

- I like Legos, you like Legos, why don't we build a relationship?
- On a scale 1 to America how free are you tonight?
- Your eyes are blue like the ocean.. Baby I'm lost out at
- Did the sun just come out or did you smile at me?

### **Prom Dress Code**

By Lisandra Agosto-Aponte

Imagine a moment where you're walking through a mag-Do you know what my shirt is ical forest with your close friend or loved one. You're having fun dancing and appreciating the amazing creatures around the area, enjoying your moment. Juniors and seniors can have that spectacular moment at prom. Prom is coming up fast Can I take your picture to and there is some important prove to all my friends that information to be addressed. Prom is set for Saturday, May 2 My doctor says I'm lacking from 7:30 - 11 p.m. The theme is Enchanted Forest and the location is at the Jacksonville Zoo and Gardens 3700 Zoo Parkway.

Tickets are \$60. Like every prom there is a dress code that must be followed. Ladies may wear backless dresses, but they cannot be too low, have cutouts If you were a booger I'd pick or show midriff, have a slit that exceeds mid-thigh, cut below the bust line, and they can't be

> For the gentlemen you are expected to wear formal attire. Remember that tennis shoes, canes, and hats are not allowed. If you're bringing a date from another school, it's your responsibility to make them aware of the dress code

## Peterson's Annual Field Day

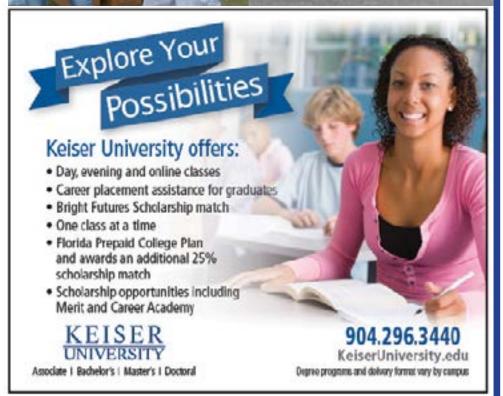


By William Jones

While Frank H. Peterson is not recognized for their sports D.O.I. Members Include: Kayla program, they are notorious Pierce (Captain), Gloria Steward for their step team program. (Co-Captain), Ashedah Israel, The FHP step teams consist of Shambreka Bussey, Deja Durant, the Diamonds of Intimidation Alyssa Greene, Naomi Dayrit, Ladies Step Team and the Men TamyahSmith, La'Reyes Jackson, of Domination Male step team. Selina Herrera, Carizma Williams, The Diamonds of Intimidation Riviera Mew, and Khalia Taylor. performed at the Westview K-8's M.O.D. Members Include: Elijah Transition to High School Parent Christian (Captain), Night and received rave reviews. McIntosh, Montex Mills, and Both teams also performed at the Nakieth Jackson. Showcase on Saturday, February

March 26 at FSCJ Kent Campus from 6-8p.m.





# Home School Sports

### Basketball In her Blood

By Winston Leaphart

Marielle Billingsley has been playing basketball since a very young age, but she didn't start playing for an official team until she was about 10-years-old. The main reason she started playing was her curiosity for the game. She wanted to see what it was

like, and coincidentally, fell in love with it. She plays as a forward and wing player, but that depends on what her coach

wants.



Senior Marielle Billingsley leads Potter House basketball team.

She doesn't look up to any players, but she enjoys watching big men like Kevin Love big players that can shoot and pass. She isn't told that she plays like anyone, but that makes her unique. She plays for Potters House Christian Academy.

She loves the game of basketball because "it is universal and that you can go anywhere in the world and play a pick-up game. You can use it to relieve stress, you can be physical and not get frowned upon, and one of the most significant moments is a basketball swishing in a net that will never get old," said Marielle.

She has thought about taking her skills to the college level. She has also considered about taking her skills to the profession-

al leve overseas.

She's not depending on that, she has other plans. She tributes her success to God; she keeps

God first no matter what happens on the court, no matter what she accomplishes. God is first, he gets all of her glory.

She can never go anywhere without playing basketball. She is very consistent; she can't go two days without shooting or dribbling a basketball. So, the two ways she keeps her skills sharp are by keeping God first, and consistency.

### **Students Complete Half Marathon**

By: Lisandra Agosto-Aponte

Can you run a 13.1 mile half marathon? Well, teens in Marathon High trained for weeks to run the DONNA mile half marathon in February.

Marathon High is a free after school program that helps create self-esteem, leadership, healthy living, confidence, and a positive viewpoint for the future of many teens each year. They are also partnered with 26.2 with DONNA which encourages students to take down the half.

Peterson students who participated did an outstanding job in Marathon High. They've ran over 200 miles since they started training in October. The students

who completed the race were Bryan Gros, Brejuan Obomese, Elijiah Jackson, Hunter Schafer, Kamilah Jernigan, Robert Rosario, Shawn Bowmer, and Eric Standford, coach.

In addition to the DONNA, students ran several other races. Marathon High has over 600 teens count-wide involved with preparation for this exciting event. Teens trained at their local schools gathered monthly for group runs with all schools. Recently they've created a running club to continue participating in local races.

### Senior Leads Ed White Soccer



Tamera Donald hammers the ball towards the goal.

#### By Cristopher Munroe

Even though Peterson doesn't have sports teams, students have the option to play sports for their home school. This did not stop the Senior Timera Donald from playing soccer for Ed White. Not only did she play, but she stepped up to lead the team as captain.

Timera says that, "Being a captain on a soccer team can be challenging but fun at the same time, due to you having to make sure everyone is on task,

helping them on their weakest area, and overall motivating them." She continued. Timera said that "Being a captain does pressure me during the game because my team looks up to me as a leader to push them and don't give up on them at rough times. I have to show that I'm strong-minded so my team can feel and think the same way."

When it comes to being the captain of a soccer team, she realizes the importance of being a team leader. "It's more of a chal-

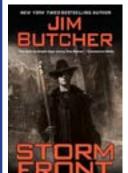
lenge for me having to have the technique, power, and strength all at once with something at your feet, and someone putting pressure on you." Timera loves to play soccer. The main reason Timera plays soccer is because "It shows my personality from the way I play that most people don't get to see."

#### Singletary from page 1

accomplished. National signing day is usually the first Wednesday of February, it is a day that high school students sign a binding National Letter of Intent for college football

# Raving Reviews

### Storm Front Book Review



Review by Jacob Thoma

"The Dresden Files," A series of currently 16 books by Jim Butcher, follows an Infamous member of the white council of wizards in his endeavors, including being followed by one of the wardens, the police of the wizards, and riding giant undead dinosaurs. In the first book, Storm Front, we're introduced to Harry Dresden in his office "Harry Dresden; Wizard;

Lost Items Found; Paranormal Investigations; Consulting; Advice; Reasonable Prices; No Love Potions; Endless Purses or; Other Entertainment." We are told that he is currently struggling to make ends meet, when an appointment is made via note. But before he has a chance to meet with his client, he is called on by the Chicago Police Department to investigate a crime scene. What he finds there is both gruesome and magical.

### To The Moon Game Review



Review by Jacob Thoma

A game made with the RPG (Role Playing Game) maker engine, it's more of an interactive story than an actual video game. You play as two doctors from a company that promises you one wish of anything you could've done

in your life before you die. Starting the game you meet Johnny, your patient, right as he is on his for his wish; to go to the moon. I

death bed. The game brings you through his life story, going backwards from where you first met him to his childhood. You learn of all of his hardships and joys in life. And you find out why he asks heartily recommend this game for both the game itself and its amazing soundtrack. You can find it for \$10 on Steam, GOG (Good Old Games), and Origin.



Wednesday, December 17, the senior class gathered to celebrate the honorary graduation of Khameyea Jennings. Khameyea is battling cancer and one of her wishes was to walk across the stage and receive her diploma.

So, the guidance counselors, joined efforts with the hospital homebound staff, and Wolfson/ Nemours Children's Hospital worked together to make this wish come true. Khameyea was joined by her family, faculty and the senior class. Her physician, Dr. Joiner, was the guest speaker. He spoke of her fighting spirit and

Khameyea was escorted by Mrs. Yarbrough, head of Cosmetology Academy, and followed by Denver Singletary. Inset - Khameyea celebrates with her diploma.

he went on to provide students with an inspirational message, encouraging them to focus and find their dreams.

### Peterson Gives the Gift of Life

By Karalyn Bridgman

On Friday, January 9th, Peterson held a blood drive. The results were that 24 pints of whole blood were donated. Seventeen pints of double reds were donated, which means it is only red blood cells. The seventeen pints collected equaled the total number of double reds collected last year.

The next blood drive is Thursday May 7th. Sign-ups will be the last week of April. The goal is to collect 36 pints of whole blood. If you donated double reds at the January drive, you cannot donate again. To be eligible, you must

be sixteen and obtain parent consent. If you are seventeen, you can do it without consent. Please make sure to drink plenty of fluids the day before. If you do not meet the requirements, you can be turned away. The biggest problem at our school is low iron. Foods you can eat to bring up your iron levels are meats, eggs, seafood, spinach, sweet potatoes, broccoli, collards, breads, beans, strawberries, watermelon, maple syrup, and many other foods. The complete list can

be found at www.redcrossblood. org/leran-about-blood/health-andwellness/iron-rich-foods.

### Peterson's Got Talent Eddy, Khale Gray, Ashedah &

By Brittany Cannon

Petersons Got Talent is a show starring Peterson's students while they showcase their Chic-fil-a Fund Raiser talents. The show will be held on Thursday, April 9, at Florida On Friday, April 10, Marathon High (FSCJ) Kent p.m.

Doors will be open at 5:45 p.m. Tickets will be sold at the door for \$7 each, kids 10 and under will be free. The students who Eating will be participating in this **iz** show are: Amber Bonneau, Demarion Brown,

Doriel Israel, Sekkiah Israel-rice, Keziah Maule, and Montez

State College at Jacksonville is hosting a Spirit Night Fund Rais-Campus er at the Chic-fil-a on Roosevelt auditorium from 6 p.m. to 8 Square. The funds raised will support the running team. Chic-fil-a will donate 20 percent of each check to Frank H. Peterson.

> always a Kiersten occashun!



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