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## Eagles Bring Home Gold at SkillsUSA

## Prom 2015

By Taylor Williams

Once again Peterson's SkillsUSA team brings home gold at state competition and, as a result, they will represent Frank H. Peterson at nationals in Louisville, Kentucky in June. Senior Oleg Moses said, "I feel so excited to move on to nationals. I won gold at state for job portfolio. It was a great opportunity. I met new people and grew friendships while being there. The best part was being able to watch my peers compete in their own completions."

The gold medalists at state were: Isaiah Bullard in extemporaneous speech; Tyra Weldon in Career Pathways-art; Devin Hyman in career pathway-  
**See Skills USA on page 7**



**Isaiah Bullard celebrates winning for extemporaneous speaking and he will go on to represent Peterson in Kentucky.**



## Gray Takes Petersons Got Talent with Spoken Word



**Left to right Madeline Carpenter, Kallie Lind (third place), Khale Gray (first place), Montez Mills (second place)**

Petersons got Talent was held in April at Florida State College of Jacksonville Kent campus. This year consisted of many different and interesting talents such as Khale Gray's spoken word about the walls of fornication (placed first) and Kiersten Eddy's American Sign Language interpretation of the song "Give me your Eye's". Montez Mills also won the crowd over with his great stage presence and killer voice giving him second place.

Not to forget Kallie Star's beautiful rendition of "Kiss is Better" With her friend Madeline Carpenter

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# Eagle 411

## College Visits – Why You Should Go?

By Trixie Mae T. Ramos

The time of graduating high school approaches as most students are in preparation for college. But with so many choices, how does one narrow the choices? In this century, technology has made it easier to indirectly guide students of all ages to visit virtual college tours, use electronic guidebooks, go on private college tours, and other possible online resources.

However, online college visits could never match the experience of when it comes to stepping on a college campus and talking face-to-face with the people who make that community what it came to be. Campus visits are one of the most important and enjoyable parts of the college application process.

A campus visit gives students

opportunity to get a first-hand view of a college. A college catalog, brochure or website can only show so much. Just wandering around the campus on your own, with friends, or with the family can be the best way to get a feel for college life.

A visit also gives students the chance to talk to other students, faculty, and financial aid and admission officers. Having conversations to current students and staff of what a college environment feels like in campus can get students to feel for the character of the college. Writing down some notes about the experiences may be helpful.

Checking out a nearby college campus is a great idea, even if students don't know what to major in or what type of college they want to attend. College visits can give students a sense of what is important in college and what college life is all about.

"I think students should go on college tours," said Mrs. Thompson, a guidance counselor at Peterson, "To see if that college is a fit for them because sometimes you think, 'I want to go to University of Florida and that's the school I want to go to. I don't even want to go to another school.' And then you decided to visit the university of Florida campus and might realize, 'Well, this school is huge and I don't think I like it,'" she continued. "I kind of knew that from first-hand because it happened to my daughter. So, I think going to the campus is a good thing. You also get to see the dorms, the students at the school, them in their classrooms with the students and the teacher teaching, the student to teacher ratio. So, going on college tours is definitely a must... When you step foot on that campus, you know where you feel more comfortable."

## Peterson Seniors Stepping Out to Make a Difference in Duval



**Eboney Williams (left) and Ke'yanna Lamar (right) speak.**  
**Photo by Bob Self (with permission)**  
By Brittany Cannon

On Tuesday, April 21, seniors Ke'yanna Lamar and Eboney Williams shared their experiences at the ICARE Nehemiah Assembly. These seniors are two leaders in student court who try to resolve problems and dig deeper into the cause for negative actions.

The ICARE program is designed to assist students who violate the code of conduct. They go through mediation with accountability boards of fellow students or staff. They approach the student, trying to figure out the cause of the students' behavior problems.

This program allows the school to make a change and try to

On Saturday, April 18, Senior Madeline Carpenter cut 10 minutes off of her time in the Strides for Pride 5K race which was held in Riverside. This run/walk was a fund raiser for Jacksonville Area Sexual Minority Youth Network (JASMYN). Madeline was excited about participating in this race as well as cutting ten minutes off of her time from last year.



**Madeline Carpenter proudly runs with her pride flag.**  
**Photo by Will Dickey/The Florida Times Union (with permission)w**

fix these things, rather than taking no action or ignoring the problem.

## Important Dates May

26-Senior Dave & Busters

27-Senior Bowling Trip

28-Senior Breakfast and ice skating

28-Student Court at 2 p.m.

28- Breakfast/ Ice Skating

29-Senior Trip at 11 a.m.

29- Grad Practice/ Cap and Gown

31-Graduation Rehearsals at 11 a.m.

31- Baccalaureate TBD

## June

4-Graduation Rehearsals

4-Graduation Ceremony at 4 p.m.

5-Last day of school.

6-SAT

13-ACT

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# Nest Notes

## Peterson Students Travel to Washington DC to Compete

### FCCLA Wins Gold

By De'Ja DuRant

On Friday, March 6, Peterson students headed down to Orlando for the Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) State Leadership Conference. The students did an awesome job representing the school and the Culinary Academy. Peterson brought home two gold's, six slivers, and one bronze medal.

The following students won top awards: Deandre Dawkins & Reggie Chambliss – Sports Nutrition (Gold); Destiny Rosa & J'Elana Simmons - Food Innovations Occupational (Gold); Eboni Aiken - Artistic Reflections-photo (Silver); India Rosa - Artistic Reflections-sketch (Silver); Katie Novick & Kaylin Nguyen- Entrepreneurship (Silver); Melinda Anderson & Kaysie Giacomina -Illustrated Talk (Silver); Jesse Smith & Sierra Tetson - Life Event Planning (Silver); Christian LaBombarbe - Food Innovations Jr. (Bronze).

Because of their strong presentation Destiny Rosa & J'Elana Simmons Food Innovation Occupational and

Deandre Dawkins & Reggie Chambliss Sports Nutrition will be going to Washington D.C. to represent Florida at the National Leadership Conference in the summer of 2015.

Additionally, the Culinary Academy will have another team going to Washington D.C. as winners of the Cooking up Change competition.

### Cooking up Change

By Mackenzie Guidy

Once again the Cooking up Change team won and is heading to Washington D.C for a national competition. Seniors Alyssa McClendon, Bradley Patterson, Hali Hayes created a winning healthy and tasty meal.

Alyssa McClendon was ecstatic about her success in her third year competing in the Cooking up Change competition. She expressed her enthusiasm by saying, "I am super excited to go to Washington. I have been trying to win and get to D.C. for three years now. So, I am pretty excited." If the students win in Washington, they will be named the 2015 Cooking up Change



**Seniors Bradley Patterson, Hali Hayes and Alyssa McClendon will represent Peterson at the national competition.**

champions. The menu that she and her group created was a Greek theme with a spin on chicken gyro with tzatziki sauce, a Greek cucumber salad, and a citrus parfait. They wanted to go Greek because there are lot different cuisines in the school cafeteria like Chinese or Italian, but there is never Greek.

They competed against another team from Peterson, two teams from Terry Parker High School and two teams from Raines High School. Even though this was Alyssa's third time competing she said "I was kind of nervous. Mostly because this was my last shot to finally win this competition that I loves and worked very hard on. There was a lot at stake."

When the winners were called

they started with honorable mentions and went into descending order. Alyssa said she was freaking out when she didn't hear the teams name. She said, "When they called second place and it wasn't us, I knew we won and tears of joy started flowing." It took her three years two years with one team that she adored and this year with an unstoppable team.

She was overflowing with gratitude for her teammates she said "I am so grateful to Bradley and Hali for being my teammates. I am so proud that we finally won it. I am so proud of my team! " Hali agreed and said "I was shocked, but so happy that the hard work and frustration payed off."

## Agriscience Taking FFA Circuit

By Allison Harryman

In April the FFA poultry team competed at the Clay County Fair and placed second out of 20 teams, they were five points away from first place. The next weekend the poultry team went to state and competed and lost, they placed fifteenth out of 26 teams. If you see Waylon Young, Cora Camp, Amber Boykin, and Rebecca Calabrese please tell them congratulations.

Also, in recent competition other FFA members competed in vet assisting, aquaculture, and agribusiness. In March

students went up against 36 schools in a preliminary state exam for aquaculture placing first and advanced to the state competition in May. They also took the preliminary exam for vet assisting against 67 schools placing sixth and went to state. The agribusiness team placed fourth out of 12 teams on Friday April twenty-seventh. They will be walking across the stage at FFA state convention in June. On May ninth and tenth FFA competed at the state level for aquaculture and vet assisting. The aquaculture team placed

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## Peterson Takes Earth Day Competition

by Taylor Williams

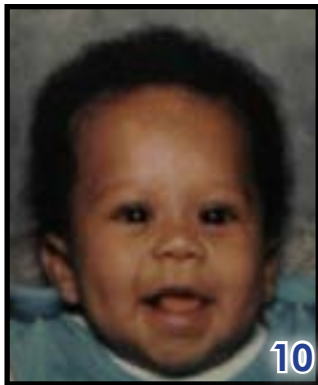
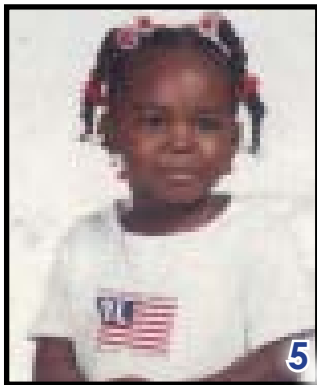
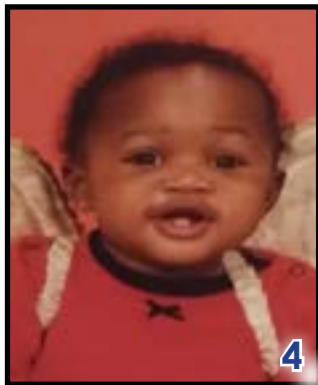
A class project brought home winners in the Earth Day Poster Contest. The contest was head from March 1 to April 15. Of the 75 students that turned in project, the top 15 were entered in the contest. This student won were and their prize in digital poster was first Britney McMorris, won \$150, second Darius Johnson \$100, Ryan Stratton \$50 Zyre McDuffie \$20 hard drawn posters second Jonathan Merin, \$100.



**Winning Earth Day poster**



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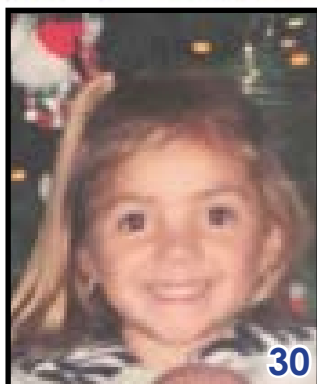




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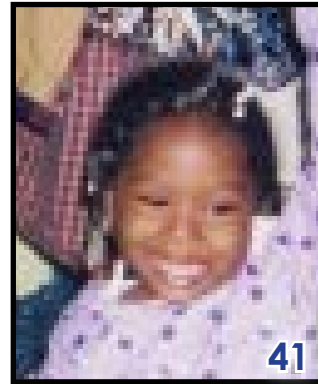
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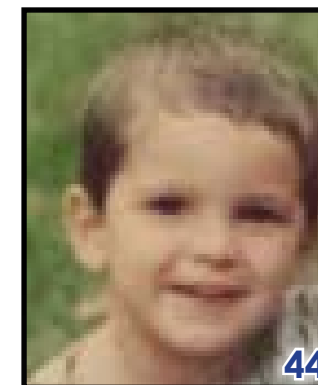
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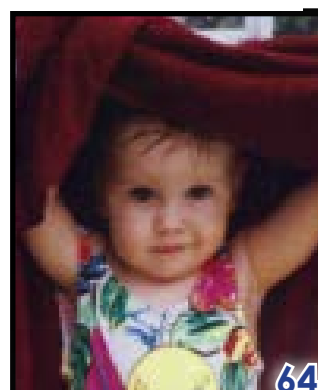




## Can You Guess the Amazing Eaglets?

1. Scarlett Camara
2. Angel Hernandez
3. Tselone Boyd
4. Eboni Aiken
5. Alexis Cain
6. Alexis Harris
7. Allen Held
8. Alvin Jones
9. Amanda Ponn
10. Anthony Striblin
11. Betania Baez
12. Bradley Patterson
13. Brandon Parker
14. Brandon Burgos
15. Carlos Mateo-Morales
16. Chris Sepeda
17. Christina Medows
18. Cordell Brown
19. Cortez Watson
20. Gabriella Ramos
21. Hailey Graham
22. Hali Hayes
23. Jasmine Zimmerman
24. Joe Davis
25. Joellie Ramirez
26. Jonathan Merin
27. Kallie Lind
28. Markyues Razon
29. Karalyn Bridgman
30. Samantha Palacios
31. Tatiana Brumell
32. Ter'iah Jackson

33. Victor Lainez
34. William Cheshire
35. Daesha Elder
36. Isaiah Jones
37. Kelsie Housend
38. Nataly Carbonell
39. Chase O'Connor
40. Kelsi Callahan
41. Tania Fossett
42. Scott Coward
43. Shatovia Smith
44. Christopher Smoot
45. Timera Donald
46. Travis Curry
47. Trishalynett Razon
48. Katana Hawk
49. Destiny Elmore
50. Lona'e Johnson
51. Thomas Smulan
52. Jeromy Pizarro
53. Jessica Veiras
54. Kayla Hope
55. Nicole Jones
56. Dasean Dehart
57. Brent Guevarez
58. Adriana Tiriteu
59. Lauren Rampersad
60. Shania Samuel
61. Jenese James
62. Billy Drew
63. Deandre Dawkins
64. Madeline Carpenter



### Talent from page 1

giving them a trophy as well. Many teachers attended the talent show this year and were shocked to see all the talent their students harbored "...it was a fabulous show...." Mrs. Lumbrazo commented.

## Success

Special to *The Talon* by Maddie Chin

*Success is defined by riches,  
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In spirit and friends.  
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My house will be decorated in  
serenity,  
The walls covered in purpose &  
clarity.  
By age twenty-five I will be rich.*

# Raving Reviews



## **Revival** By Stephen King

### A Book Review by Jacob Thoma

*Revival*, a novel by Stephen King, starts off with a young man, Jamie Morton, and the events in his life surrounding his reverend, Charles Jacobs. Jacobs' hobby is electricity and everything surrounding it, including using it as a healing factor, starting with Morton's brother. But tragedy hits Jacobs, and he has to leave town. Their fate is still intertwined though, as their demons are so connect, and we find out that there are some things we are better off not knowing. All in all, I heartily recommend this book.

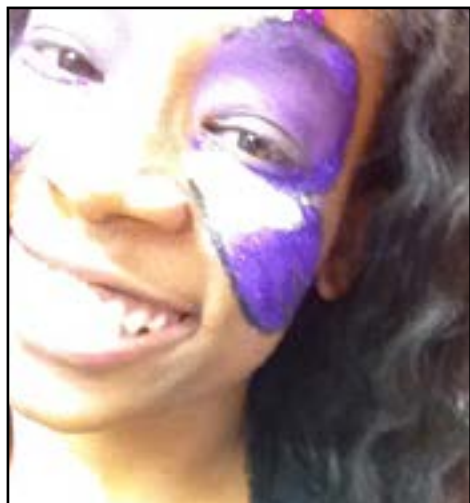
## Cosmo Junior Showcase

By Jade Freeney

On Friday, March sixth. The Cosmetology Academy hosted a junior hair show for the first time ever. The junior hair show was an opportunity for juniors to "showcase their talents, improve client activity, and to help them build their portfolio so that next year for the senior spotlight, they have a nice portfolio to show the professionals," Mrs. Rowell explained.

The theme of this year's junior hair show was safari. The juniors were expressing their creativity, hairstyling, makeup ability and also their vision to go with a theme and show off their interpretation.

The junior hair show was a huge success. Many people seemed to enjoy the hair show as one student said "It was a good experience to have as a sophomore so that I have an understanding of how to do it when I do the hair show." And



**Tatiana Brummell smiles with her butterfly makeup.**

another said, "This was a good preparation for the senior spotlight and I enjoyed participating in it."

### **SkillsUSA from page 1**

art; Carrie Salgado in career pathways-art; Danyella Shaw in promotional poster; Montez Mills in promotional poster and Oleg Moses in Job-portfolio.

The silver medalists were: Jessica Boisclair in cosmetology quiz; Ashlie Carswell in cosmetology quiz; Alyssa Flemming in cosmetology quiz; Cristina Meadows in cosmetology quiz; Tatiana Pimentel in cosmetology quiz; Casandra Donskey in promotional bulletin board; Stephanie Rivera in promotional bulletin board; Matthew Ross in promotional bulletin board; Aaliyah Clay in hair weave; Preston Dowell in employment application; Gabriel Godwin in prepared speech; Karris Davis in career pathways-human; Sonja Harris in career pathways-human and Sasha Watkins in career pathways-human.

The bronze medalists were Tarri Ardrey in hair weave and Hailey Grahampin design. Also Joey Baker, 2010 graduate from Frank H. Peterson also, Joey Baker, was selected as SkillsUSA state director of Missouri. Joey Baker was also the recipient of the SkillsUSA Florida Honorary Life Membership a long with FHP's

## Mr. Harris ... More than Security... He's Named in the Hall of Fame



By Winston Leaphart

Mr. Harris is known by many students as a security guard or a friend, but did you know he is also a Hall of Famer? He was inducted into the High School Hall of Fame for football in 2014. Harris said, "It was a great honor being rewarded for something I worked so hard for."

He started off playing football for Pop Warner, then he went up to the high school level, college, and then professional football. Mr. Harris attended Georgia Southwestern University, playing as a defensive back. He played Arena Football and played in Toronto, Canada earning his all-time interception record. Also he played yearly in Toronto, Canada All-Star games. He is recognized for many of his career highlights

Phil Hopper.

The Assistant principal Ms. Parrish said, "I am very excited for FHP SkillsUSA students to compete at Nationals! To win state and compete at the national level is a grand testimony to the high caliber of student FHP produces!"

like being a nine time All-star, three time Defensive Player of the Year. Not to mention he was inducted into the Southern States Football League Professional Football Hall of Fame in 2010. He was invited to camp with the Buffalo Bills NFL team.

His inspiration for football was his father and older brother. He always thought of going professional because it was his childhood dream. He was able to acquire a lot of experience and advice for the sport. He started coaching in 2000, because he had a lot of good people in his life like Coach Bartley, who told him that he had a lot to offer to the game.

Harris said, "It was my way of giving back and being a positive role model in these times, it is really needed." Currently, he is employed by the Duval County School Board. He coaches for Stanton High School and College Prep, and also mentors at the Duval County Boys and Girls Club. He Started Family First Entertainment along with pro bowler Big John Henderson, to teach young people the fundamentals of football and provide entertainment. Mr. Harris said, "Never let anyone tell you that you can't do or be something, always have faith and believe in yourself."

### **FFA from page 3**

fourth out of 32 teams overall and our vet assisting team placed eighth out of 64 teams. This was our first year competing at state for vet assisting and the students beat out 10 schools that have been competing for 12 or more years. If you see Griffin Cook, Karalyn Bridgman, Kaytee Wolfe Tiffany Rogers, Paige Smith, Cyle Stratton, Waylon Young, Halli Trickler, William Ansley.





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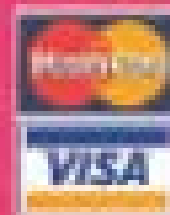
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