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Teacher of the Year: Holly Hultgren

By Noeliz Rivera and Hanna Jacobs

She's nice, she's funny, she's extremely busy; presenting Peterson's Teacher of the Year, Mrs. Holly D. Hultgren. Mrs. Hultgren has many amazing qualities and has worked her way up to this accomplishment. As a child, Mrs. Hultgren always wanted to be a teacher, as a teen she never imagined herself becoming a teacher at Frank H. Peterson. After high school graduation, she attended college at University of Florida. Currently, Mrs. Hultgren has been teaching for four years at Frank H. Peterson about animal care and farming all the while accomplishing many things such as being the only school in Jacksonville that teaches the FFA program. The FFA program is a national organization for agro science. She

has helped implement a veterinary assisting program where students can now be certified veterinary assistant's upon passing their industry certification. Mrs. Hultgren has created a land lab where her and the students are raising many animals such as chickens, ducks, pigs, and goats. Some of their greatest accomplishments are being placed top five in the state five different times and become a nationally recognized academy! Mrs. Hultgren's proudest moment at Frank H. Peterson was receiving the National Model Status for Agricultural Science and the National Chapter Award for FFA. Mrs. Hultgren stated, "I was so excited I almost had a heart attack." Mrs. Hultgren is an



Pictured left to right
Holly Hultgren - Teacher of the Year
Emily Yaros - Graduation Coach

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What's Inside



School Grade Drops to a C

By Agape Curtis

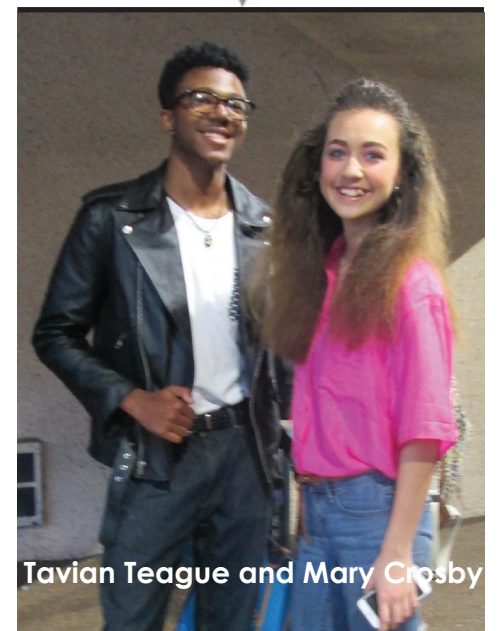
Whether it's freshmen or seniors, almost any student you talk to will tell you they love Frank H. Peterson. The administrators also take pride in their school as well as they work they do. People want FHP to be represented with as the best. For many years the school was applauded for holding strong to its 'A' title. There it degraded to a 'B' where it stayed. Yet, the school's grade has taken a small detour downhill. Recent test scores now stamp our school with a 'C'. An interview with Mrs. Mastromatto shed light on the situation. "The purpose and goal of the FSA is to measure where students are in their learning in reading and English standards.

It's to determine that students are on grade level," explained Mrs. Mastromatto. When asked how the scores are reflected, she answered, "The FSA results reflect in the school grade in three ways. The first is our overall proficiency rate. Part of the school grade is what percent of students are proficient.

"Last year, we had 38% of our students proficient, so that 38% factors into the school grade. Then, you have the overall growth. The overall growth of our students--from your lowest level student to your highest level student--is factored in.

[Last] the growth of lower quartile students (25%), so there are three percentages." These are the three main factors that account for the school grade. Each of these percentages are crucial. She added, "As an administrator, we're always looking [and asking], 'What are you doing for our students who are really struggling?'. We want to see how we can move those kids, too, because really they count three times. They're an important group of kids. We don't want anybody leaving high school without the skills to do what they want in life."

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Tavian Teague and Mary Crosby

Eagle 411

Be a HERO - Volunteer Today

By Korey MacDonald

The goal of the program is for you to earn 25 hours every quarter, so you can have 400 hours by your senior year. After completing 25 hours, you will receive your first pin, and the pins will eventually spell out HERO.

The HERO program is run exclusively by Frank H. Peterson. It is run by Mrs. Foster, in B-202. To participate in the HERO program, first, get the community service log from the guidance office, and ask Mrs. Foster about HERO to sign in.

Then, as you work in your community, have the form filled out by whoever is leading the community service effort, and turn in any hours you complete as soon as possible or by the end of each quarter, so that was it is easier to keep track of your

hours. Always keep a personal copy of your community service sheet.

Some places that can you can earn hours from include helping teachers after school, asking academy teachers, or visiting www.volunteermatch.org. Some events might also be posted on the bulletin board outside of Mrs. Foster's office.

"Community service is incredibly important to colleges," as stated by Mrs. Foster. It is very true that colleges look for community service, as that shows that those students have skills, and want to give back to their community. These colleges look for 100 or more hours, but the more hours the better.

Jax Volunteer Opportunities

By Korey MacDonald

While the best way to find volunteer opportunities is to look for those near you using www.volunteermatch.org, here are some opportunities in Jacksonville.

- The PTSA is hosting a fundraising wiffle ball tournament at Frank H. Peterson, which will be held Sunday November 13, from 1:30-5:00. Bring your friends and family for your own team!
- Building Hope helps at risk students and families have new homes, by building house frames for them. Learn more at <http://citiimpact.org/building-hope>
- Meal Mania helps at risk families, and you can help feed them. Learn more at <http://citiimpact.org/meal-mania>
- MSAA is a great way to earn community service hours, you go around and post flyers and spread the word about MSAA and Multiple Sclerosis disease. Sign up at Support.mysaa.org/StreetSquad



Peterson Fun Night

By Angelica Vester

Peterson Fun Night is back! Essentially, Peterson Fun Night is a fundraiser for the school newspaper to pay for printing while allowing Peterson students to enjoy themselves. It will be held at Adventure Landing at 4825 Blanding Blvd from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

This school year's schedule for Peterson Fun Night is January 12, and March 16, which are both Thursday nights. Journalism students will be selling them during school for \$15. If you can't get a hold of one, Mrs. Yazdiya will have tickets as well in F110.

Salvation Army Food Drive

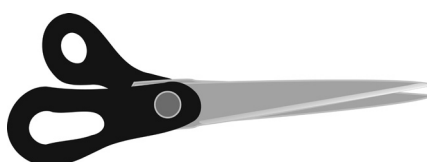
By Angelica Vester

The Salvation Army is hosting CAN-U-CARE FOOD DRIVE for families in need of Thanksgiving Dinner. The drop box is located in main office E706. Suggested Items are: boxed stuffing, boxed mashed potatoes, canned cranberries, box macaroni and cheese, canned vegetables, and boxed corn bread. All donations are welcome.

Cosmetology Student Earns License as Sophomore

By Tom'Mishia O'neal

Congratulations to Brooke Howells for receiving her cosmetology license as a sophomore. Brooke volunteered for every event in cosmetology, which helped her gain valuable experience. This is a great achievement especially of one who is so young.



Healthcare Boot Camp

Mayo School of Health Sciences is hosting a free, fall boot camp on Saturday, October 22, 2016, to introduce career opportunities. It starts at 8:30 a.m. and end at 2:30 p.m.

The Mayo Clinic is located at 4500 San Pablo Road. Take this opportunity to explore potential career avenues in health care or just come for the free food, as lunch is provided.

If you cannot make it to this event, there will be another camp on Saturday, April 8, 2017. It will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. as well.

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Calendar

November – Prematurity awareness month

11/7 - SillsUSA Meeting
11/17 - DCF Testing
11/21 - SkillsUSA Meeting
11/23 - 11/27 - Thanksgiving Break

December – Safe toys awareness month

12/5 - SkillsUSA Meeting
12/12 - Tentative: Costume senior spotlight
12/22 - End of quarter 2
12/23 - 1/6 - Winter break

Showcase

By Jose Rios

From low riders to antiques, come to Peterson's Automotive Showcase on Saturday, February 11 held rain or shine from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Come see all kinds of
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Nest Notes

Students Voice their Opinion on the 2016 Presidential Election

By Zachary Caldwell

Donald Trump, Hillary Clinton and Gary Johnson are going head to head to be able to serve as the president of the United States of America in the upcoming 2016 elections this November, this poll interviewed 30 Frank H Peterson students who they believe will win the upcoming presidential elections. The results of the poll showed that Hillary Clinton was most favorited among students, receiving 10 votes with both Donald Trump and Gary Johnson receiving seven votes, and six people choose not to vote.

The question asked to the students was, whom do you support in the upcoming presidential elections, The Republicans Party's Donald Trump, The Democratic Party's Hillary Clinton or The Libertarian Party's Gary Johnson? No student was given information on each candidate, this late into the election people should know enough information about each candidate and who they believe might win. The students were also asked if they agreed with their chosen candidates running mate, and finally they were asked if their families or friends influenced their decision.

Previously, Talon Reporter Mary Crosby in the volume four Issue two took a similar poll, and the results showed that Hillary Clinton was most favorited among the 60 students that were surveyed, with Bernie Sanders falling into second place. The 2016 Presidential election will be held on Tuesday November 8th.

Senior Spotlight

By Tom'Mishia O'neal

Each year senior cosmetology students are required to participate in senior spotlight. This gives students an opportunity to show skill development from where they started to finishing their last year. "It is exciting and interesting," said Senior Kesi Garland of this opportunity. The senior spotlight will be held at Peterson in December. The senior spotlight is comprised of different teams and the seniors will pick an underclassman to be their model. They design their model to a decade; students will practice costumes and makeup in room D406, cosmetology is a popular academy and is very hard working. "Its exciting to watch people succeed in the beauty industry," says Renee Papa, cosmetology teacher.

Shirtless and Confused - What Happened?

By Cameron Jackson

This year during orientation student volunteers and teachers asked all students their shirt size. Students last year were told they would receive a free t-shirt for their respective academies. Needless to say, no one received a shirt and it raised a few eyebrows. This year the faculty at Frank H. Peterson dropped the same question concerning t-shirt size for the same t-shirts. Will we be receiving our shirts this year? After speaking to the principal, Mrs. Mastromatto, about the t-shirts, she mentioned our tight

budget last year causing them not to be dispensed. To fix this problem the principal brought up Chartwell, a local food truck company, which will cut us a check for \$1,000 that would pay for a majority of the shirts and the school will cover the remaining balance.



Edwards Choses Peterson as Site for his Eagle Scout Project

By Jacen Kimbrough

When you come to school each day, you may have noticed something new along the outside of C-Wing. Senior William Edwards, an Aviation student, built silhouettes representing Peterson, and each academy. Edwards said he got his inspiration when he saw that the front of C-Wing was bland, he wanted to make something to brighten it up. Edwards finished the project on Saturday, August 20, the weekend after the first week of school.

Edwards said he joined the boy scouts when he turned 11-years-old, with the ultimate goal of becoming an Eagle Scout. Edwards said that, "The Eagle Scout rank [will promote him] higher in the world." He was introduced to the Scouts by his dad. Edwards said, "My dad wanted me to join them because he didn't get a chance to be in the Scouts." Edwards believes the Scouts will help him in the future, "...it teaches me all the life skills I need such as cooking, and knot tying." He hopes to become a NASA employee and ultimately become an astronaut.

This is because of the Aviation Academy's hard work.. Mr. Carlucci says the plane is being moved on I295 because "it is to display that the school has an aviation program." He also says, "It is an Air Force jet that has been at Peterson for many years."

Students of aviation mechanics class have been working on it. The students have been working on it the last two years for it to be moved. Mr. Carlucci mentioned the significance in the plane is "it's to show pride in the students and to give them something to be proud of." As of right now, the plane is at flight star having the body painted by late November. Mr. Carlucci added,

Plane on 295?

By Julia Sage

A plane on I295 you say? Yes, the landing T33 plane at Peterson might be happening in January 2017. The aviation teacher, Mr. Carlucci believes that January is the earliest the T33 will be ready. The school is clearing a spot on the side of the road, making a concrete pallet for the plane to park. The school will be removing 14 trees for this project to happen. You will see it while you are driving down I295.

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Talon Talk

Home School Sports

Devon Singletary

By Zachary Caldwell

Senior Devon Singletary has been playing football for the Wolverines at Westside High School for four years. When asked, what got you interested in playing the sport, Devon stated, "My older brother motivated me to play the game and I loved it ever since." Often Peterson students find it challenging to play for their home schools because of the different schedules. Devon explained, "Honestly, it's not that hard to play at a different school, because you'll have to work hard and compete for a position on the team like everyone else, and the coaches have also been a huge help in making it an easy process to play at Westside." Devon said that his favorite part about playing football is the aggressive contact associated with the sport.



The Final Play-Offs and Championship game took place after school on Monday, October 24, 2016. The remaining academies Cosmetology, Early childhood, and Robotics played against Communications.

The intramural games are in their second year have proven to be a fun activity for students. The next intramural is flag football and it will start in January.



Showcase

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cars or enter the showcase with your own vehicle with a \$25 registration fee.

In addition to a car show this day serves as a huge recruiting event for Peterson. So, mark your calendars.

Make an A Today!

Jordan Bell

By Desiree Lee

Many students that go to Frank H. Peterson (FHP) play sports for other schools because Peterson has no sports teams. Senior Jordan Bell plays for the Robert E. Lee Generals and his jersey number is 54. Not only does he play football, but he wrestles as well. In football he is a guard, kicker, punter and defensive tackle. He has played since he was a freshman in high school. He is playing for scholarship opportunities.



Screaming Eagle



Top- King and Queen: Jason Oretaga and Kennedy Williams
Middle- Prince and Princess: Antwan Hall and Asia Sloan
Bottom- Duke and Duchess: Desmonde Murkey and Emily Hagins

Peterson Pride

FCCLA Wins Gold Communities in Schools

By Reginald Toliver

Olympians weren't the only ones aiming for gold this past summer. Peterson's very own Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) chapter headed to San Diego, California to compete and showcase their skills!

The competitive events they participated in were: Hospitality, Tourism and Recreation by seniors, Brandi Hollis and Sydney Coney; Environmental Ambassador by seniors, Darren Bailey and Lorenz Jiles; and Entrepreneurship by juniors Kaylin Nguyen, Destiney Rosa and Katie Novick. Only Novick was able to attend and present the project for their team, a business plan for a restaurant called, Intermezzo.

Although all of the teams were reaching for gold, only Katie Novick was able to grab it for her team while all others received silver. She not only grabbed it, but scored the highest points in the southern region! After her win, Katie went on to say "FCCLA is not just a club where we just sit around, we actually do something that impacts our future", she then went on to say "this was a once in a lifetime experience."

While the trip to San Diego was to attend the leadership conference, Brandi, Sydney, Lorenz, Darren and Katie took advantage of this opportunity. They lived in luxury for five glorious nights, staying at the

Hilton Bayfront, a four-star hotel on the San Diego harbor. They dined in various popular restaurants in the area including Cowboy Star- a high-end steakhouse and Water Grill- a well-reviewed seafood restaurant.

The fun didn't stop there, the group also went to La Jolla Beach and the San Diego Zoo where they experienced, according to Ms. Dougherty, "lots of hills."

In addition to that, they also attended a live firework show over the bay for the Fourth of July, visited Belmont Park Amusement Park, grazed through the Ocean Beach Farmers

Market, dined in Old Town, the original settlement of San Diego, and meandered through the Gas Lamp District which is filled with quaint retail stores, eclectic restaurants and bustling bars.



Pictured left to right: Sidney Coney, Katie Novick, and Brandi Hollis

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"We also are looking at having Mrs. Barnes School (A. Philip Randolph) come out and build the frame work for the footer's for the airplane." The Aviation Department and Aviation Advisory Board have been working on making this happen. Mr. Carlucci noted that Ashton Wright, William Edwards, Miguel Cruz, Ryan Minogue, and Elias Vreeland, who are now seniors helped work on the plane at Peterson.

By Desiree Lee

Communities in Schools (CIS) is hosting the 14th Annual College and Career Expo on Wednesday, October 26, 2016. The event will be held during all four lunches. Mary Ann Foster says the purpose of this event is for students to explore their possibilities and to help students realize there is life after graduation. Also, she said to help realize there are a lot of opportunities to take advantage of. There will be over 40 colleges, universities, local businesses, and all branches of military represented.

Birthday Times 2002

by Kaliyah Clemons

Camouflage, cargo trousers, and tracksuits- these are just some clothing styles that were considered popular in 2002, the year that many of the freshmen here were born. An unforgettable moment this year was when Michael Jackson dangled his son Prince Michael II better known as "Blanket" over a railing as an attempt to connect with his fans. He was in Berlin to accept an award for his philanthropic work on behalf of children, a lifetime Bambi Entertainment Award. He later called this "a terrible mistake." "I

would never intentionally endanger the lives of my children," stated Jackson.

But on a happier note a gallon of gas was \$1.36 and a new house was \$228,700. Some popular music during this time was P!nk - "Get the Party Started," Ashanti - "Foolish" Michael Jackson - "Butterflies" and Brandy - "Full Moon" just to name a few. Popular movies were: "Ice Age," "Spider-man," "Lilo and Stitch" and "The Ring."

The president during this time was George W. Bush and the vice president was Dick Cheney. The Patriots won the Super Bowl this year, the Anaheim Angels won the World Series, War Emblem won the Kentucky Derby, Ward Burton won the Daytona 500, and Helio Castroneves won the Indy 500.

oneblood
Share your power.

By Jacob Thoma

OneBlood and our National Honor Society students hosted Peterson's first blood drive for this school year on Friday September 26th. Thirty-six people ended up donating blood in our first blood drive. This amounts to approximately a total of 17 liters of blood donated. According to the OneBlood website, someone injured in a car crash can need upwards of 47 liters of blood. A single person can donate every seven days, and up to 24 times a year.

Students who are 16 or 17, you must fill out a zika form, which can be found on OneBlood's website, at www.oneblood.org/zika/. Also, if you are 16 years old, you must have a parent's permission to donate. The next date for the blood drive is Friday, January 20.

Teacher of the Year from page 1

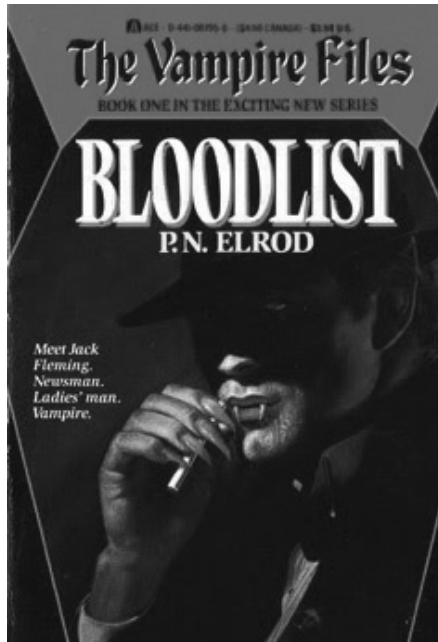
extraordinary teacher who loves her job and students; she hopes to one day see them all accomplishing many things in their life.

Raving Reviews

The Vampire Files: Blood List by P. N. Elrod

Review by Jacob Thoma

Written in 1990 by P. N. Elrod, *Blood List* is about a detective who wakes up after being presumed dead, and must find out who tried to kill him and why. The only problem is that they are these two pinprick scars on his neck and the sun hurts. After moving into the town closest to where he woke, he checks out a room, buries himself in a clothing chest, and sleeps through the day. After he wakes, his hunt begins, trying to find the thugs that shot him. Set in 1930s Chicago, you can pick up this vampire themed story on Amazon for \$4, and if it sounds interesting, I'd recommend picking it up.



those great schools. We do really well in comparison to schools that are like us."

While Mrs. Mastromatto believes that Frank H. Peterson is in good standing, she also believes that we can improve. How so? She explains, "How can we improve? [By] making sure our English teachers are constructing questions and essays that are like what you'll see on the FSA, so when you go to take the FSA it's not a surprise. I tell teachers all the time that students need practice. Get the students writing, get the students talking about what they're reading. The only thing that makes you better at something is doing it."

Effort and repetition are important for students to score high. What about the next FSA? What can students expect? She had this to say: "I hope that they expect to be prepared and that they feel confident going into test, because their teachers have helped them prepare for that test. Right now students are in a position to go beyond and blow away any expectations that outsiders may have of Frank H. Peterson. We have great people all around us. I think this year is going to be a banner year for Frank H. Peterson." With determination and positive thinking, all members of the school can help repair the bridge to success.

School Grade from page 1

The principal displays a deep concern for education of her students, especially those who are struggling in their academics. Students also feel strongly about their school grade.

Tenth grader, Kayla, said, "I've heard about the school grade and I know that FSA results affect our school because it keeps [the grade] up or down. I'm disappointed because we use to be an 'A' school. Yet, the FSA is harder than you think. [Teachers] can push us to try harder so we can get a better score. [I] can study a lot more. I get distracted really easily, but if I push myself to do something, I'll make sure I get it done."

Next, she addressed how the ranked compared to other schools. "Frank H. Peterson ranks right in the middle of the high schools in Duval county, which I think is a great accomplishment. We're a title one school, we serve students from every kind of background, and we're right behind Stanton, Paxon, Darnell Cookman, SandalWood, and Mandarin, so we're right behind

National Honor Society Induction

By Reginald Toliver

The National Honor Society (NHS) is a nationwide organization in the United States which consists of many chapters in high schools. Selection may be based on four criteria: scholarship, leadership, service and character. National Honor Society requires some sort of service to the community, or school. NHS and the National Technical Honor Society (NTHS) inducted their newest members Tuesday, October 4.

The members inducted are as follows: Lisandra Agosto-Aponte, Camille Allison Ali, Emily Worthe Bowens, Kimani Dejuan Burton, Jessenia Cardona, Jeanelly L Carrero, Valencia Rochelle Carter, Imani Nia Christensen, Jakeera Tatyana Cole, Lauren Del Cooley, Jamon Edward Craft, Korenvec Molina Deguzman, William David Edwards, Melanie Isabel Gil, Courtney Lynn Gustin, Danielle Marie Guy, Brittney Antwanett Gwinn, Jasmine Deanna Harrell, Toby Edward Heimbach, Brooke Alexis Howells, Jacquelyn Blair Hymes, Amaya Deann Jackson, Julie Ann Jennejahn, Kamilah Samra Jernigan, Ricardo Andres Jusino, Zeph Justin Kane, Andrew Lawrence Lombardo, Jailene Lopez, Jalen Isaiah Lovett, Christina Renee Martin, Nikaury Gertrudis Martinez, Nathaniel J McAdams, Tasha R McGowens, Britney Chanell McMorris, Andrea Lorena Medranda, Carlissa Nelson, Phanath Phuong, Topaz Catherine Reid, Didier David Reyna, Zachary Xavier Sheffield, Rebekah Lynn Shutterly, Sidney Alexandria Sidbury, Erin Colette Smith, Kamryn Alexis Stallworth, Gianni Atiba Sykes, Imari Angelica Taylor, Natrell Dewayne Teague, Willow Lynnnann Tedrick, Reginald Eugene Toliver, Logan Todd Vondrak, Rayna Gitel Watson, Alysia Maria Williams, Eugene Everet Williams, and Ashton Givonne Wright.



Class Officers: Elections In School

By Mary Crosby

Every year elections take place to elect your class officers to be the voice for your class. Each class has sponsors that support the officers. The sophomore sponsors are Mr. and Mrs. Abbott, the junior sponsor is Ms. Yaros, and the senior sponsors are Ms. Funches and Mr. Villela. To run for a class officer position, you have to have at least a 3.0 GPA. The roles are president, vice president of fundraising, vice president of decorating, historian, secretary, treasurer, and prom chair. For the 2016-2017 school year Frank H. Peterson's class officers are as follows:

Seniors: President Zoie Grismore; Vice President of Fundraising Anastasia Daniel; Vice President of Decorating Jasmine Harrel; Historian Madison Chin; Secretary Macy Marshall and Treasurer Mikayla Rogers.

Juniors: President Feihren Calhoun; Vice President of Fundraising Zeph Kane; Vice President of Decorating Andrea Medranda; Historian Janasia Phillips; Secretary Reginald Toliver and Treasurer Dalton Brady.

Sophomores: President Mary Crosby; Vice President of Fundraising Destiny Crooms; Vice President of Decorating Jada Rylander; Historian Zachary Lance; Secretary Michelle Maddox and Treasurer Neveah Purvis.



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