

## Good News! April 2014

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### **ACHS Special Olympians Qualify for State Competition**

The following athletes and their partners qualified for state competition. They will be headed to the ESPN Wide World Sports Complex May 16th to compete in Florida's Summer Games and take part in Opening/Closing ceremonies. They have spent many months getting ready and learning how to play with each other as a "Unified" team.

#### **Athletes**

Adrian Alcartado – tennis  
Alex Bheer – soccer  
Nicholas Callahan – track  
Nicklaus Errico – track  
Paul Haddock – track  
David Morris – track  
Bryce Montgomery – bocce  
Esa Sharifi – track  
Christopher Smith – tennis  
John Stutsman – track

#### **Partners**

Nathalie Bopst – track  
Hunter Bourque – track  
Austin Hartman – track  
Makayla Palmer – tennis  
Kara Smith – bocce  
Cole Annin – track  
Adam Kilby – track  
Alyssa Pellow – tennis

Nia Labitan-Insixiang – Bocce Coach

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### **ACHS makes the papers for being one of the top "academically tough high schools in the nation"**

The Washington Post completes an annual survey ranking America's Most Challenging High Schools. ACHS in only four years of being on the map is ranked 298th base on the number of Advanced Placement (AP), International Baccalaureate (IB) and Advanced International Certificate of Education (AICE) tests given at a school each year, divided by the number of seniors who graduated that year.

Read more at Jacksonville.com: <http://jacksonville.com/news/metro/2014-04-08/story/duval-schools-make-national-most-challenging-academics-list#ixzz2yVGTHIP3>

## ALL THINGS ONE SPARK

If you didn't know, April 9 through April 13 is the week of One Spark in downtown Jacksonville. One Spark is a crowd-funding festival and wouldn't you know, we have some faculty members who are participating in this festival that YOU can vote in supporting their efforts.

### Rippey helps the Dandelion House Grow

Ms. Rippey continues her efforts with her connection to Dandelion House but this time the group is making an attempt to extend the food service to be mobile - using a food truck. **Voting number 20495**

[http://www.beonespark.com/discover/creator\\_projects/dandelion-house-on-wheels](http://www.beonespark.com/discover/creator_projects/dandelion-house-on-wheels)

### ASL Teacher, Mrs. Silvestris and Others Seek Funding through One Spark

Our own Ms. Silvestris is also participating in OneSpark! She has collaborated with FSCJ to create original, authentic, curriculum based, ASL videos for our ASL classrooms. **Voting number 20901**

[http://www.beonespark.com/discover/creator\\_projects/american-sign-language-video-project](http://www.beonespark.com/discover/creator_projects/american-sign-language-video-project)

#### American Sign Language Video Project

OneSpark, the world's first crowdfunding festival will be held in a 20-block area of downtown April 9<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> and is FREE to attend! Creators from all over the world will light up the area with projects in ART, INNOVATION, MUSIC, SCIENCE, & TECHNOLOGY. The American Sign Language Video Project will be hosted by #EdSpark on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Wells Fargo Building, (Laura Street between Bay Street and The Landing) & can be viewed at the following times:

Wed. April 9<sup>th</sup> 11:00-6:00    Thurs. April 10<sup>th</sup> 11:00-10:00    Fri. April 11<sup>th</sup> 11:00-10:00  
Sat. April 12<sup>th</sup> 11:00-10:00    Sun. April 13<sup>th</sup> 11:00-3:00

[www.beonespark.com/discover/creator\\_projects/american-sign-language-video-project](http://www.beonespark.com/discover/creator_projects/american-sign-language-video-project)

VOTE Project #20901



#EDSPARK\*  
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It is highly suggested that you park at the Prime Osborn Convention Center and take the Skyway to the Central or Heming Plaza Station. (Both parking & the ride are free.)

### ACHS Teacher, Richard Palmer, Donates to One Spark

One of our CSS teachers, Richard Palmer, has coordinated with One Spark to donate 8 paintings from his class to the Jessica Green Foundation. The paintings will be on display today, April 9th through Sunday, April 13th at Da Real Ting Café on Adams Street.

**Voting number 20425**

[http://www.beonespark.com/discover/creator\\_projects/jessica-green-foundation-inc](http://www.beonespark.com/discover/creator_projects/jessica-green-foundation-inc)

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## ACHS + Community Involvement = Prom Season Assistance



ACHS' own activities director, Blake Cline was recently featured on First Coast News for his prom dress swap program called the "**Stingray Swap Program.**"

This program is designed to help students in need be able to afford to attend prom by offering them prom dresses for free. Dresses (and suits) are being accepted from the students, staff, and the community.



A link to the article online can be found at:

<http://www.firstcoastnews.com/story/news/2014/04/03/stingray-swap/7257941/>

