

Good News! April 2014

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ACHS - PTSA High School of the Year

The Duval County PTSA selected ACHS out of all high schools to receive this award



At this same luncheon, it was revealed that ACHS student, Zack Morris, was selected to receive a PTA scholarship. This scholarship is awarded each year to only five of all the applicant students within the district. Congratulations Zack!

Teen Court Logo Contest

Hunter Benson won 2nd place and \$75.00 in gift cards and Haley Milner took 3rd place and \$25.00 in gift cards. The students' names and logos will be published on their Facebook page.

Florida Wildflower Foundation Award

ACHS was recently awarded a grant from the Florida Wildflower Foundation to plant a wildflower garden on campus. The grant was awarded through the Seeds for Schools Grant Program.

In September 2014, ACHS will receive wildflower seed packets and weatherproof garden signs for the school to start a garden. The seeds will include a wide assortment of native flowers that should grow with minimal to now watering required since they are native vegetation.

5/12 Paralympic Winner, Dillion Ford takes several awards

One of ACHS' students, Dillon Ford, recently competed and medaled in the state Paralympics at UNF.

Dillon won gold in the 200m, 800m, Shot Put, received the Overall State Championship Medal, and received the 2014 State Championship Trophy.



5/12 Envirothon Team Rocks It Out Again

The Atlantic Coast High School's Envirothon Team, the Feisty FAWCS, came in 3rd place overall at the state competition in Lamont, FL.

Over 20 teams representing the top teams in each county from across the state competed at the event. Team members received individual trophies and a cash prize. The school also received a larger trophy for display.



Team Picture: (from left to right): Zach Makovich, Kristen Mousa, Dave English (sponsor), Shreya Mohan, Leena Sanka, Dion Delgado.

5-07 First Coast Teacher of the Year is This Week's Teacher of the Week

Congratulations to Joseph Frencl for being chosen as the First Coast News Teacher of the Week. Mr. Frencl is a Calculus teacher at Atlantic Coast High School and the 2014 Duval County Teacher of the Year. [Click here to view the video.](#)

5-05 ACHS Student Awarded the Lombardi Scholarship from UF

Our very own, Paul Stanley, was recently awarded the Lombardi Scholarship from UF. Paul will be traveling to Merida, Mexico this summer as part of the scholarship. He will be able to travel to other locations each consecutive summer that is he is a UF student.

The Lombardi Scholarship is a premier scholarship given to an incoming freshman at UF. The scholarship awards the student with travel opportunities each summer and a tuition stipend each semester. This paves the way for many great contacts and experiences with the expectation that he will work toward one of the national graduate degree scholarships like Rhodes or Fulbright.



5-05 Ms. Delaney - Finalist for Prestigious Local Award

Atlantic Coast High School's Kelly Delaney is a 2014 EVE Awards finalist. This premier award sponsored by The Florida Times-Union, honors women who have made positive differences in education, volunteerism, and employment. The finalists will be recognized at an awards luncheon on June 6. The Times-Union will officially announce the 12 EVE finalists on Sunday, May 4. Congratulations, Ms. Delaney!



5-02 **SUNS Essay Winner**

One of our students, Cameron Self, recently won the Jacksonville Suns essay contest. Cameron will be recognized on the field June 20th with a personalized jersey, \$100 gift card, and a \$1000 scholarship.

Any student who wishes to attend the game can get in for free if they bring their report card so come on out and help support Cameron! And there will be fireworks after the game!

5-01 **Willis Page Annual Grant Winner**

The ACHS Band Director, Ryan Whalen, was recently awarded the Willis Page Annual grant from the Rotary Club of Jacksonville. This is a yearly award in honor of Mr. Page, a former Music Director for the Jacksonville Symphony and long-time Rotarian.

This award is given out once per year to honor one "Music Teacher of the Year" in Jacksonville each year. This year's award was presented by Paula Thornton, the Director of Arts for DCPS.



5-01 **Artistic Abilities Abound with Ana**

Ana McIntosh, an ACHS student, was recently awarded 1st place Florida for the Veteran's of Foreign Wars (VFW) Creative Patriotic Art Competition.

Ana's art will move on to judging for Nationals in Kansas City

