KHHS Culinary Arts Cake Decorating Contest

The KHHS Culinary Arts program recently completed a week of cake decorating, which culminated with a program competition. There were 24 entries in 2 divisions—first year culinary students and the advanced culinary students. To complete the project, the program used 75 pounds of cake mix, 50 pounds of powdered sugar and 12 pounds each of butter and shortening. Following the competition, students and faculty enjoyed eating the cake…… lots of cake!

Winners—2014

**Advanced Class Division:**
- First Place “Bambi”- Brianna McCarty, Brittany Frantz
- Second Place “Split Personality Wedding”- Melissa Fain, Brittany Filing
- Third Place “Mind Craft”- Cory Hedding, Kyle Richardson, Kody Downs

**First Year Division:**
- First Place “A Day at the Beach”- Lexy Hamlow, Hailey Turner, Larann Massey, Eiron McGree, Adri Nassif
- Second Place “KHHS Volleyball”- Kaitlyn Cline, Sabriya Bacote
- Third Place “Minion”- Shannon Aldhous-Evans, Marissa Williams

**JUNE EVENTS**
- June 19—School Board Meeting, 7pm, TTC
- June 23-27—SkillsUSA Nationals, Kansas City, MO
- June 25-28—HOSA Nationals, Orlando, FL
- June 27-July 1—TSA Nationals, Washington, DC
- June 29-July 2—FBLA Nationals, Nashville, TN
- June 30-July 4—FFA State Competition, Orlando, FL

**JULY EVENTS**
- July 6-10—FCCLA Nationals, San Antonio, Texas
- July 17—School Board Meeting, 7pm, TTC

**AUGUST EVENTS**
- August 7—CTE Back To School Meeting, 8am-3pm, TTC
- August 21—School Board Meeting, 7pm, TTC

KHHS Shane Savoy Culinary Arts Scholarship

Let me introduce Shane Savoy, a KHHS senior and culinary arts student. Upon graduation, he planned to attend First Coast Technical College to become a chef. On the morning of April 11, 2014, he was tragically killed while walking to his bus stop. Shane has been called a hero because he saved the life of another culinary student by pushing her out of harm’s way. Shane’s family and our community have asked that a scholarship be created in his honor.

A $500 scholarship will be awarded each year in memory of Shane Savoy. The scholarship will be awarded to a KHHS culinary student who plans to attend a postsecondary culinary school to become a chef. The scholarship will honor Shane’s passion for cooking by supporting the education of other aspiring young chefs. **Donations are gratefully appreciated and may be made to KHHS for the “Shane Savoy Culinary Arts Scholarship”: Keystone Heights High School, Attention-Culinary Arts Program, 900 SW Orchid Avenue, Keystone Heights, FL 32656.**
The Orange Park community has offered another educational partnership with the Raiders Health Academy for the Nursing Assistant seniors. This new member is Signature Healthcare of Orange Park. This facility holds a 5 star rating by the Agency for Health Care Administration.

As part of their clinical experience, the nursing assistant seniors are required to perform various skills under the supervision of their instructor, Mr. Rafael Ramos R.N., EMT-P, and a licensed Certified Nursing Assistant. The outstanding nursing staff has donated 1,172 hours to help the nursing assistant seniors master their skills.

The nursing home facility was given a plaque as a token of our appreciation to Mrs. Rebecca Matheny, Administrator of Signature Health Care of Orange Park and Mrs. Mary White, Director of Nursing, for their contribution to the educational experience that was given to the nursing assistant students.

The students have also elected two Certified Nursing Assistants as the Best CNA of Signature Healthcare, Amy Carter, CNA, and Lurty Keyser, CNA.

OP Raiders Health Academy Does it Again!

On Saturday, May 17, 2014, the Raiders Health Academy Nursing Assistant seniors sat for the Florida Board of Nursing Certified Nursing Assistant Licensure examination and passed. If you know these students, give them a BIG pat on the back for a job well done!

Mary Elizabeth Andrews Alexcia Chantel Bennett
Jean Luner Brevile Veronica Nichelle Davila
Irma Consuelo Escobar Ronique Antonia Ferguson
Lawrence Sabischina Fenelon Jordynne Nicole Talley
Maggieann Elena Glover
Ivy Marie Johnson
Shawna Ebony Kirlew
Keri Mae Linnemeyer
Jasmine Marie Pereau
Shaneeza Zaqooyar El Roseboro
Kassidy Lynette Ross
Nytavia Rashema Whiting
Kassidy Nicole Wilson

Orange Park High School is known to have outstanding students who are working hard to achieve their career goals. The Raiders Health Academy is proud to announce that the winner of the inaugural Orange Park Medical Center Auxiliary Volunteer Scholarship is Mary Andrews. Ms. Andrews has won a $1,000 “no restriction” scholarship that is awarded to only one senior of the Raiders Health Academy. She is also a HOSA member who placed 1st in Job Seeking Skills at the 2014 Florida Region XI HOSA Leadership and Competition Conference. Mary also passed her Florida Board of Nursing Certified Nursing Assistant Licensure examination with flying colors! She will be attending a local college to pursue her dream career of becoming a Registered Nurse. Congratulations...job well done, Nurse!
The Keystone Heights Career and Technical Education Department recently represented KHHS at the Clay County Agricultural Fair. The KHHS business department teachers Sylvia Tysinger, Theresa Hodges, and Suzi Ludwig along with student Brandon Ludwig, spent time at the CTE booth provided by the CCSD. KHHS health science students, Santana Wallace, Courtland Singletary, Tara Shobris, and Tiffany Brooks offered free blood pressure checks to fair visitors at the booth. These students completed the Nursing Assistant program at KHHS and recently earned certification from the Florida Board of Nursing as Certified Nursing Assistants. Many fairgoers were surprised these students have already earned their CNA before high school graduation.

Oakleaf Middle FFA Visits Oakleaf Village Elementary

Oakleaf Middle FFA members read to Oakleaf Village Elementary students through the Florida Farm Bureau Agricultural Literacy Program. While reading the book to students and visiting with them, they discussed the importance of agriculture and explained what an FFA Chapter is. The first graders were thrilled to have visitors come in and read to them and give them stickers about agriculture. Teachers who allowed students to come into their classrooms to read also received the book as a gift along with a CD with worksheets and instructional materials for them to use along with the book for the future. It is always a pleasure to share the importance of agriculture into young students' lives. The first graders had many questions about agriculture. They learned where their food is grown and how it gets to us!

Ridgeview High School Little Paws Has “Fun in the Sun Day”

One last play date with our Little Paws seniors occurred Friday, May 16th, at RHS. Our “Fun in the Sun Day” included sack races, fence painting, photo booth, ring toss, and snow cones. The seniors were able to spend the entire day in fun and games. A parting remark from one of our seniors, Madison Gowin, was, “Little Paws has become my home away from home. There will be a hole in my heart when I leave. I will be back to visit.” Madison was the photographer for our final Fun in the Sun Day. We love you seniors and wish you the best!
Busy Time for Clay High School FFA & Veterinary Assisting

Clay High School has been extremely busy this spring. We have begun a year long community service project with the Green Cove Springs Food Pantry. We recently dropped off a first of many donations -- 35 pounds of produce grown in our garden here at Clay High School. In June, we will be donating over 200 pounds of ground pork to the Food Pantry.

Sophie Grace, our miniature donkey, recently gave birth to a jack foal. Both mother and son are doing great.

Another new addition to Clay High Veterinary Assisting and FFA is Lily, an angus heifer, given by the Tillman family in Lake Asbury. We are looking forward to showing Lily in the Clay County Fair next year, as well as other shows.

Clay High won the High School Night of Competition this year at the Clay County Agricultural Fair.

Swine Show Winners
Class One Lightweight 4th Place—Tiffany Chaney
Class Two Lightweight 3rd Place—Jared Wood (CHS FFA Chapter Hog)
Class Four Middleweight 2nd Place—Paige Rogers
Class Seven Heavyweight 3rd Place—Brett Davis
Class Eight Heavyweight 3rd Place—Emily Mauch

Heifer Show Winners
Grand Champion Jr. Heifer—Brett David and Frosty
Reserve Grand Champion Jr. Heifer 4th Place Fitting & Grooming—Brooke Hathy and Snickers

Grand Champion—Wyatt McDaniel
Lakeside Jr. High “Four Star Restaurant”

Lakeside Senior High Family and Consumer Science classes now have a “pretend” 4 star restaurant, the “Chez Thomas”, where students occupy the Back of the House positions and a hostess receives the reservations and directs the wait staff of seating customers. The students practice proper etiquette with nice place settings and delightful conversation while enjoying an entrée. They also prepare Otis Spunkmeyer cookies that they sell as a fundraiser for FCCLA. Students can earn “You’re Doing Good Work” tickets all week that they can use to purchase baby carrots with ranch dressing that the classmates have prepared. The fashion design students have been making their “dream bedrooms”.

**KHHS Students Become Microsoft Office Specialists**

The following students from KHHS are Microsoft Office Specialists. They passed 3 parts of the certification exam (Word, Powerpoint, and Excel) to achieve this credential. Congrats!!

- Brooklynn Goens
- Autumn Wesley
- Ashley Rauch
- Spenser Echevarria
- Dominique Raburn
- Clayton Hill
- Alex Vorn
- Alec Wainwright

**OPHS Auto Student Wins Scholarship**

Congratulations to Jackson Harris, a senior in the automotive program at Orange Park High School. Jackson placed 4th out of approximately 20 other state level competitors in the Automotive Service Technology competition. Qualified students throughout the state of Florida competed in a grueling series of activities including identification of car systems, correct tool use and various tasks with cylinder heads, transmissions, and a/c systems. Jackson was awarded a $5,000 scholarship for his placement in the competition. This is his second $5,000 scholarship in as many years. Other accomplishments have been awarded to Jackson for placing in Regional Level competition including tool sets presented to him by Matco Tools and Snap-On with a value of over $500 each. The University of Northwestern Ohio has accepted Jackson into their College of Applied Technologies. Jackson plans to defer college for a year until he settles into his new job with Foss Maritime in Seattle, Washington, following graduation. Jackson has completed all 7 levels of the automotive courses offered at Orange Park High School under the leadership of Jason Wager.
Congratulations OPHS Golden winners of Carpentry, Welding and Drafting/Engineering. Clay County Seniors in these career track programs were honored during a brunch at The Hilltop Club in Orange Park. Students were recognized for their outstanding contribution toward their craft. The event was graciously hosted by The Haskell Company. Top winners from Orange Park High School are Andrew Fletcher (welding), Troy Taylor (engineering), and Tyler Brown (carpentry).

Orange Park High School Has GOLDEN Opportunity!

Andrew Fletcher, Golden Torch (Welding)  
(Sherman Smith, Instructor)

Troy Taylor, Golden Compass (Engineering)  
(Doug Barrows, Instructor)

Tyler Brown, Golden Hammer (Carpentry)  
(Stuart Cowan, Instructor)

Middleburg High School FFA Awards Banquet

The 2013-2014 Middleburg High School FFA Awards Banquet was a huge success! Over 450 FFA members, parents, sponsors, volunteers and special guests gathered to recognize the hard work of Clay County’s finest. From the awards recognition to the touching speeches given by some very dedicated seniors, the banquet was reviewed as the best banquet Middleburg has ever had! Much planning and preparation goes into a banquet. “We would like to sincerely thank every person involved in helping make our banquet the best it could be. Without all of you this could not have been possible!” Haley Knoblauch, Middleburg FFA President, 2013-2014
CHS would like to congratulate the following students for being awarded a full ride to St. Johns River State College:

**Courtney Cone—Health Science**

**Taylor Bourg—Criminal Justice**

**Brittany Bowen—Criminal Justice**

**Christopher Micelli—Criminal Justice**

**Victoria Lambert—Criminal Justice**

Sixteen applications were submitted and CHS received 5 full ride scholarships. Each of these students are academy completers (minimum of three years in one program). The students will be recognized by a representative from SJRSC at the CHS Awards Ceremony.

**Criminal Justice Students Visit Washington, DC**

The Criminal Justice Academy at CHS traveled to Washington, DC, May 13-16, to attend the National Peace Officers Memorial ceremonies. May 15 was designated by President Kennedy and established by a joint resolution of Congress in 1962 as the day we recognize the law enforcement officers that have given their lives in the line of duty protecting ours. Thirty students, including juniors and seniors, traveled with Harold Rutledge, the program director, to our Nation’s Capitol. While there, the students visited monuments, memorials, and several of the Smithsonian Museums, including the Air and Space museum, Lincoln Memorial, and the Arlington National Cemetery. While at the Police Memorial in Judiciary Square, the students walked through the memorial and read all the tributes and messages of remembrance and longing left by family and friends for the fallen officers. Mr. Rutledge said, "Students walk in one side of the memorial and when they come out the other side, their lives are changed forever." The trip to Washington shows the students that the criminal justice field has a reality side to it. It is not all just CSI and NCIS and other shows that display the unrealistic side of the work we do, but there is a side where people give their lives protecting us and there are a lot of other people that are affected by it. The trip is life changing for many of the students. Katie Houston, a senior in the academy, said, "The police memorial was extremely moving to see all of the lives lost for the sake of those around them." The students in the academy attend this event every year.

(ACE cont.) Clay County Public Library. Keeping with the theme of “Marking Libraries Relevant” in the 21st century, the group introduced design elements such as dedicated teen and adult spaces, movable walls to create space, a rooftop garden and advanced technology throughout. The students envisioned the library as the heart of the OP community, inviting to all ages. Their plans were so well received that library managers are going forward with the addition of a teen space based on the groups design plans.

**MHS Bronco Building Blocks Are On a Roll !!**

During our ABC countdown in VPK, the Early Childhood Students were really involved in “Race Day”. This race was to see how fast the preschoolers could completely cover their high school student in toilet paper! In May, the Early Childhood Students got to enjoy “Water Day” with the preschool students. The sprinklers were turned on at the football field and the preschool students were able to enjoy inflatable water slides as well. This is an annual celebration that all of our students really enjoy.

**Clay County “ACE” Teams Compete at UNF**

Teams of future architects, engineers, and construction project managers from Clay and Duval Counties converged at UNF on May 16th for the annual ACE Mentor Program Scholarship competition. Global Inc, lead by senior Zack Goble, placed 1st out of the 4 competing OPH teams. Goble and team members Brendan Baker, Destiny Childress, Liam DeMarco, Thomas Glassic, Christian Hader, Michael Mancil and Laurena Smith were awarded honorary construction hats from The Haskell Company. MHS's Bob the Builder Construction team members Kyle Dermody, Matthias Borko, Cole Points, Jordan Englund and Morgan Roberts saw the culmination of 16 weeks of work with a win for their school.

The OPH ACE National team, Sunshine Architecture, which competes each year on the national level, presented their plans for a redesign of the
Seven OLJH Students Receive Industry Certification

At Oakleaf Junior High, Mr. Walker’s Introduction to Information Technology students have been working hard the 2013-2014 school year. Seven students have earned their Microsoft Office Specialist Certification.

Achieving industry-recognized certification were Jordan Roysdon, Trystan Loustau, Brock Tammeus, Emmanuel Villaverde, Olivia Evans, Keiara Jackson, and Anissa Dimilta.

Each student took a series of exams on the Microsoft Office 2010 Suite in order to become certified. Students who earn their Microsoft Office Specialist certification will be rewarded with heightened confidence, credibility and differentiation in an increasingly competitive and academic workforce environment. They will be qualified to meet greater challenges, possessing the knowledge and ability to be more productive, and share information in a compelling, intuitive manner.

Schools offering Microsoft Office Specialist succeed by promoting college and career readiness, while adding the benefits of relevant, state-of-the-art learning to course offerings.

This class has also been hard at work to learn Photoshop 6.

Back Row L-R:  
Trystan, Emmanuel, Brock, Anissa

Front Row L-R:  
Keiara, Jordan, Olivia

LSJH Students Help Inventor

Richard Calise is a local inventor and the husband of Charlene Calise, a teacher at Lakeside Junior High School. When he came up with an idea for a new garden tool and needed to find help getting it put into a CAD program before submitting it for a patent, he reached out to students from the Lakeside Engineering Academy. Jacie Ankrom and Jonathan Nicholson, first year engineering students at Lakeside Junior High School, demonstrated an unusual aptitude with the program. When their engineering teacher, Mrs. Lawless, asked them if they would help, they both said they would be happy to.

Oakleaf FFA one of Top 5 Chapter Finalists

The Florida FFA is pleased to announce the selection of the 2014 Fresh from Florida Advocacy Award finalists. Formerly, the Food for America Program, this program is designed to encourage FFA members to participate in agricultural literacy and awareness projects on the local level. The overall chapter winner will be awarded on stage at the 86th Florida FFA State Convention on Thursday, July 3rd, 2014, at the Caribe Royale Resort in Orlando. The chapter finalists in alphabetical order are:

- Branford FFA
- Northview FFA
- Oakleaf FFA
- University FFA
- Williston Middle FFA

RHS Graduate, Andrew Shubert, Gets an A+ Win!

Have you ever heard, “Winners never cheat, cheaters never win”? This RHS CAIT winner recently earned his CompTIA A+ Certification! Andrew Shubert has worked diligently the past 3 years to successfully complete the certification tests. The certification requires the student to have complete knowledge of computer hardware and software, both older and new technology. CompTIA’s A+ certification consists of passing two 90 minute exams, the 801 and 802 exam. The hardware components of the 801 exam includes demonstrating hardware knowledge by testing the students online with computer simulations of repairs and building a computer, solving case problems, and the typical multiple choice style questions. The second part, 802 exam, is on software. The student must demonstrate knowledge of all the different versions of the Windows Operating Systems and their networking capabilities, along with mobile devices and connection of them to the Internet and other personal and local area networks.

The training in computer hardware and software received in the CAIT Academy has enabled Andrew to achieve a paid internship with Blue Cross/Blue Shield for the summer months. This certification has also helped him earn 9 college credits, saving his personal budget over $1,200 in college tuition and books, not to mention the time and energy he would have to spend in classes and doing homework. He is definitely a Winner!

Congratulations, Andrew!
Students in both academies at Ridgeview participated in a two week unit on professional skills that culminated in mock job interviews for the students. Throughout the weeks, students created resumes, gathered references, learned how to dress for success, had speakers coach them on the interview process, had a guest presentation on privacy and information employers could “see” about them on-line, and had an alumni student speak to them on professional skills learned in the Navy. The second week ended with a chance for students to put all they learned together in a practice mock interview. Guest Interviewers were a panel of professionals who came from our advisory boards, Career Specialists from other Clay County high schools, and support staff and teachers at RHS. Students had very positive feedback on the whole process despite being initially nervous. Many of them have interviewed for summer jobs since this experience and have reported back that they felt more confident and comfortable with the process. Interviewers also responded with positive feedback after meeting and speaking with the students. Students finished the unit writing personal thank you notes back to their interviewers.

Florida Farm Bureau’s (FFB) industry certification program was developed as a result of a need within the agricultural industry. FFB saw that agriculturists needed a trusted, reliable credential that could be used when hiring employees. As a result, industry-driven assessments of agricultural career fields have been developed in the form of industry certifications. Each certification reflects a differing agricultural sector and the skills and competencies necessary for success in that field. Whether you are an employer who is looking for competent and educated employees or an individual looking to validate your knowledge and experience, Florida Farm Bureau’s industry certifications can help you achieve that.

Please congratulate the following students for passing the Florida Farm Bureau Certified Agricultural Technician Industry Certification Exam:

- Alec Farson
- Bri Bowman
- Chase Kennedy
- Deanna Meiers
- Forrest Harper
- Logan Curtis
- Haley Arzie
- Hallie Wheeler
- Johnnie Fitts
- Kathy Nguyen
- LJ Triest
- Parker Dykes

As the year ended, RHS students had a final opportunity to explore career options as well as expand their growing palates. Senior students had a final trip and celebration going to KYV Organic Farms in St. Augustine to see a working organic farm that supplies many local restaurants and homes with fresh seasonal produce. Farmer Francisco explained life on the farm and let students sample some produce directly from the source. They then proceeded to Blue Bamboo Restaurant in Jacksonville to experience a demonstration and meal. At Blue Bamboo, Chef Dennis Chan lead an interactive demonstration on how to make summer rolls with the students while sharing his experiences becoming a chef. He explained how he got his restaurant name after consulting with his mentor Ming Tsai. He shared his experiences at CIA and also interning in New York City with Chef Ming Tsai. The students all enjoyed a sampling of many of Chef Chan’s Chinese fusion specialties served family style. The meal and the seniors’ time together ended with assorted mini scoops of homemade ice cream. Overall, it was a great day celebrating the end of four years together.

KHHS Ag Students Become Industry Certified
MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

What a great year this has been!! Our CTE programs have had yet another successful year. It is truly marvelous to see how much our teachers and students accomplish each year. This month’s Tech Talk newsletter is a testimony to all of the good that goes on each and every day in your classrooms and within our school district. We have many students competing in Nationals throughout the summer— best of luck to you!

As summer is fast approaching, take the time to recharge and prepare for the exciting year to come. Have a great summer! See you in August!

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TECH TALK NEWSLETTER

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OPHS Kampus Kids Celebrate

May has been a very exciting time for Kampus Kids and Early Childhood. On May 20th we hosted our ECPC Awards Ceremony for students who have earned their Early Childhood Professional Certificate. Mrs. Alice Paulk, CTE Supervisor, and Mr. William Fletcher, Assistant Principal at OPHS, were in attendance to help congratulate our recipients. The following Level 4 students were honored: Holly Ganci, Ashley Gainers, Brandi Huff, Morgan Schneider, Alexis Westcott, Jessica O’Kelley, Ashley Garrison, Chloe Jograj, Danielle Coffman, Alicia Hale, Paige Johnson, Kiara Boyd, Courtney Turner, and Tania Carr. Congratulations ladies! We are very proud of you.

In celebration of Mother’s Day, Kampus Kids invited our mothers and grandmothers to join us for our annual “Muffins with Mom” breakfast. All who came enjoyed an array of scrumptious muffins prepared by Mrs. Pam Smitley, our VPK teacher.

Of course, we couldn’t leave out our special dads and granddads, so Father’s Day just came a little early this year at Kampus Kids. To honor our fathers and grandfathers, we had a “Donuts for Dads” day on Friday, May 23rd. This was a great treat for the children because not only did they get to have their dads here, but they also got to have enormous sprinkle donuts! It doesn’t get any better than this!