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A Message from The Principal

Hello Titan Family,

As we make our way through the third quarter, we want to highlight the upcoming senior events. Senior awards, prom, and Baccalaureate are just a few leading up to the seniors' last day and the senior drive out. We are so proud of our seniors, who continue to push toward the finish line for graduation.

Our students have been actively collecting awards and accolades in Speech & Debate, Hospitality, and DECA. Meanwhile, the National Honor Society collected teddy bears to donate to the OSCO outreach program. Olympia High's students are active in making a difference through NHS, SGA, and collecting items for our clothing closet.

Most recently, we honored our teachers with a surprise, pop-up barbeque. We continually work to reward our teachers and staff for their many

hours of hard work. If you are interested in partnering with us or donating items for teacher appreciation or our clothing closet, please reach out to connect with us.

Our faculty continues to create challenging and interactive lessons to bring learning alive in the classroom. Please take a peek at some of the featured teachers in this newsletter.



As always, thank you for your support as we grow a legacy of lifetime learners. Our mission is to provide an educational experience that extends to students, faculty, administrators and staff, and we are excited to share these experiences with you.



National Speech & Debate Education Day

Friday, March 1st, was National Speech & Debate Education Day. In honor of this day, Samantha Herman from Olympia High School, participated in a Congressional Debate in the School Board Boardroom of the Ronald Blocker Education Center downtown.



This was a great honor and opportunity to raise awareness of Speech and Debate in the OCPS community.

Congratulations Samantha

This weekend 6 of your Titan Speech & Debate students won spots to represent Central Florida at the Speech & Debate National Championships in Chicago in May! This is an incredible accomplishment as the competition for the few qualifying spots was fierce and the toughest we have seen this season.



Please give a hearty congratulations to these students if you see them:

- Lincoln Douglas Debate - Gabbi Rousseau
- Public Forum - Jack Myers/ Shaylan Patel
- Declamation - Ashton Salgado
- Duo Interpretation - Andrew Moreno/ Shacore Taylor

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- **Evan Fernando - Original Oratory
- **Jacob Resnik / Nicko Thibault



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Gabriella Rousseau representing Central Florida Region and Olympia High School at Speech & Debate National Championships



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Jack Meyers and Shaylan Patel representing Central Florida Region and Olympia High School at Speech & Debate National Championships.



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Team GPA

Achievements

The Olympia High School Boys Wrestling team had the highest Team GPA in the state for the second year in a row. Congratulations to Coach Jeremy Bourst and the student-athletes for this amazing accomplishment.

The following Winter athletic teams also finished among the best in the state:

- Boys Soccer**
- Girls Soccer**
- Girls Weightlifting**
- Competitive Cheer**
- Girls Wrestling**

Winter Park Sidewalk Art Festival

**Student Art Exhibit
March 15-17, 2024**

www.wpsaf.org/

There are plenty of activities for the whole family to enjoy: Visual Artists, Food Vendors, Music performances and the Children’s Workshop.

Olympia High School
Tent #7 - 2D Artworks
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- Visual Arts Department
Ms. Levine,
Mrs. Norton and
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April 13

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April 17

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IMPORTANT OLYMPIA SENIOR 2024 DATES

SENIOR AWARDS



4/18 @ 6PM

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Our 2023-24 National Honor Society is hosted a sweet and successful Teddy Bear Drive this past week. The bears and their friends are being donated to our Orange County Sheriff's office to support in service to our community. The Sheriff's office utilizes these bears in a special and unique way to comfort and console small children they come in contact with on a daily basis. We appreciate all the students and staff's support in this mission. Special thank you to Jacob Gorberg for making the special delivery to our OCSO. **WAY TO GO OLYMPIA HIGH!!!**



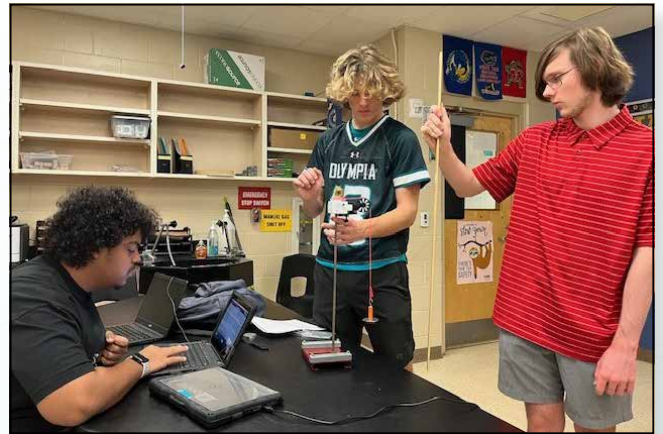
DECA

DECA students: Laxmi and Gianna, won 4th place in their state competition for the Integrated Marketing Campaign. They plan to compete next month in the International competition in California.

AP Physics Mechanics with Calculus

For the first time in a long time, the Advance Placement Physics Mechanics with Calculus course completed a Rotational Dynamics lab using equipment obtained several years ago. The lab involves the conversion of translational motion to rotational motion and calculating

applied force, applied torque, and angular acceleration. Pictured are students Emmett Bradford, Luke Davis, and Sean Anderson.



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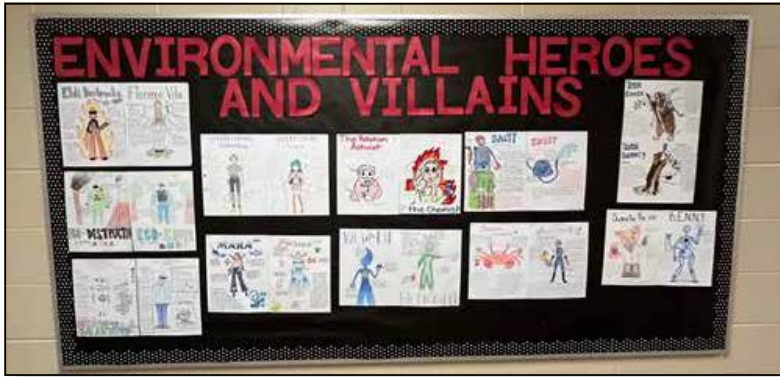
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Environmental Heroes & Villains



Olympia's Teacher of the Year, Mr. John Puchein stated, "A short time ago APHG studied Agricultural Geography. One aspect was environmental degradation and options at battling it".

Gabriella McGrew and I had the students complete a two-part project. First, make a 'supervillain' with powers that damage the earth. Second, make a 'superhero' with powers to create a more sustainable earth. The projects came out far better than expected and the kids were amazing!

Feel free to take a walk down the "Superhero & Supervillain Hall of Fame" in the upstairs far left hallway with room 539!



Hospitality

Hospitality won 2nd place in the state!



Hospitality students: Isabel, Aubrey, Mitley and Ella, competed in a statewide competition where they showcased their skills in event planning, career problem solving skills, and hospitality knowledge. They won 2nd place overall!



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