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A Message from The Principal

The fourth, last, and possibly busiest quarter of the year is now over. It is a season of Spring sports, senior events, testing, and graduation. Through all of this, our teachers stayed diligent in moving the students forward to success. Our students worked to complete all of their testing, from state tests to AP and certification tests. They are eager to start a much-deserved summer break.

We have so many accomplishments, achievements, and fun events to share with you this newsletter. We hope that you enjoy seeing them as much as we enjoyed being part of them! Although not featured in this issue, the highlight of the year was celebrating our graduates on May 24 as they received their diplomas. Congratulations Class of 2024!

As we look to already begin to look at the next school year, please save the following dates:

Save the date:

8/6 Freshmen Frenzy and New Student Orientation
(10th-12th)

8/8 Meet the Teacher 9am-12pm

8/12 First Day of School 24-25 School Year

We want to wish everyone a happy summer!
Thank you for your support of our Titans,
and we will see in August!



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GO TITANS!

Senior Sendoff

Olympia bid the seniors farewell on the 15th. The students decorated their cars, signed yearbooks, had food and fun, and then drove out of the parking lot for the last time as a student. We are so proud of our seniors!



Prom King and Queen



Prom night at Disney's Epcot was magical, and the fairytale dance crowned a new King and Queen. Jaylin Mitchell and Akeili Sutton proudly represented the homecoming court this year.



Our Aero Flyers Flew High at The World Championship!

The results of the (Real World Design) World Championship Competition are in! Thanks to the Aero-Magic Flyers, Olympia High School has one of the World's best Engineering and Design teams. The team earned an honorable mention for its high score during the World Championship Competition. This is a recognition for teams with a high overall combined score who were among the most competitive in the country.

Next year, our team will be stronger/wiser, and we will continue to strive until we become the best in the World!!! Next year, we plan to shock the World. Rock on "Aero-Magic Flyers"



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Special Thanks to Our Bus Drivers!

We want to give a special thank you to all of our bus drivers who work so hard to keep our students safe and keep things rolling! Ms. Nelthropp (AP) and Mr. Kelley (Dean) met the drivers with a grab and go breakfast to show our appreciation.



Speech & Debate

Olympia Titan Debate Team competed in the Florida Forensic League State Championships. This brought together over 1000 students from across the state of Florida both public and private schools.

Our Titans made us proud with 4 top 5 finishes in different categories and 11 top 24 finishes.



This is an amazing accomplishment and Olympia had more students in the top 16 in two of the events than any other school in Florida. We are so very proud of how these students set a goal, worked tirelessly toward it and ultimately made us very proud!

Here are the individual placings:

Impromptu Speaking: Evan Fernando - 4th place

Original Oratory: Evan Fernando - Top 24

Declamation: Ashton Salgado - 3rd place

Lincoln Douglas Debate: Arman Hunanyan - top 4
Santiago Bonillia - top 8
Conner Cha - top 16

Public Forum Debate: Jack Meyers/Shaylan Patel - top 4
Jacob Resnik/Nico Thibault - top 8
Krishaan Parik/Jet Janney - top 8
Lee Cumberbatch/ Cohen McElwee - top 16

Congress: Samantha Gonzalez - top 36

Thank you to: **Aimee Hirten**, Speech & Debate Teacher/Coach



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Olympia High at *The 65th Winter Park Sidewalk Art Festival*

The Top FIVE are the awards for Winter Park Student Exhibit

1. Award of Distinction 3D Heart - Rafaella Coppa
2. Award of Distinction 3D Chair - Brianna Manning
3. Award of Merit 3D Zebra Shark - Brooke Deaton
4. Award of Merit 2D Drawing - Helena Leon
5. Honorable Mention 2D Painting - Justine Martin



FHSAA Announces 2024 Florida Dairy Farmers Academic All-State Team



PTSA Reflections Awards

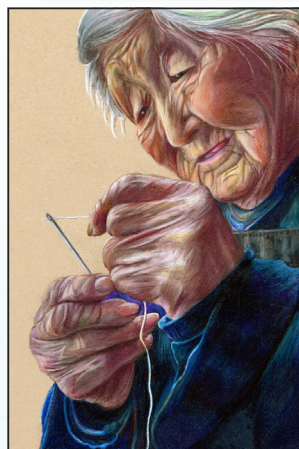
Anisa Ali - Award of Excellence County Visual Arts 2324

Annalise Blomberg Award of Excellence County and State Photography 2223 & 2324

Leah Chen won Grand Prize 1st Place for the Congressional Art Competition.



By Madison Benedict



By Leah Chen

The first-place winner gets a free flight to Washington D.C sponsored by the Congressional Institute to celebrate with the victors from every single Congressional district for the National Reception! Artwork on display in the Capital for one year.

Madison Benedict won Best in Show Drawing. Her artwork will be on display in the offices Congressman Maxwell Alejandro Frost.

Madden Bourst, Olympia (Orlando) – Madden Bourst owns a 3.97 GPA, is Valedictorian of his senior class and an Advanced Placement Scholar with Honor. He is a member of the National Honor Society, National Technical Honor Society, and National English Honor Society. Madden was a member of the wrestling and baseball team all four years of high school. Throughout his wrestling career, he won a district championship, district dual championship, and Metro Conference championship, and ranked third the state of Florida. Bourst was the founder and president of the Pickleball Club and Vice President of the National Technical Honor Society. Bourst earned over 250 service hours volunteering for Little League baseball and youth wrestling clubs. He is the son of Jeremy and Susan Bourst and is planning to attend the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland to major in engineering.

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The Battle of the Books



Gabriela Stiffler (Team Captain)
Samantha Gonzalez Marchan
Glorie Joseph
Shahd Shraidah
Alexis Trevino

The girls did quite well yesterday, especially as they lost one member earlier this week and had to pick up her books at the last minute. They started the day in the Escape Room. They weren't able to clear the room completely, but they did remove 4 out of the 7 locks. Their first competition was a three way battle with Edgewater HS and Freedom HS, they placed 2nd in that battle. Their second round was against Timber Creek HS, but they did lose that round. Their final round was against Oak Ridge and they did win that round (and thoroughly entertained the judges in the process).

In the end, they placed 6th place out of 13, a very good showing for their first competition.

Hospitality Gets Hired

Our hospitality program hosted a career fair at the JW Marriott Bonnet Creek in April for all of the district hospitality programs. We had over 20 big names employers ready to hire our students.



Calling All Tech Minded Students!

Students will have a new opportunity to earn volunteer hours in the 2024-2025 school year. Olympia HS is starting a help desk program called Tech Titans. Students should enjoy helping others, following directions, and solving problems. Interested students will need to apply, be approved, and then enroll in the SGA course for the 2024-2025 school year. Students will be working with the Technology Support Representative, Mr. Norton through the SGA teacher, Ms. Dansby. To apply please scan the QR code or, alternatively, visit Ms. Dansby in room 427 to pick up an application. All questions can be directed at Mr. Norton and Ms. Dansby.



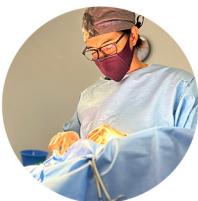
College Fair Updates

We had about 500 students pass through in 2 periods! We had 25 colleges here, and ALL were out of state. Florida Schools will each be here in the Fall individually and do a presentation for our seniors.

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Drumline Notes

For the first time in 5 years, Olympia High School has started up a competitive indoor percussion program this year. The 28-member group is composed of incredibly dedicated students that also participate in spring sports, our spring musical, all-state, and all-county musical ensembles. Their show "Fuel" takes the audience through a journey of building something from nothing, encountering colossal failure, and persevering with resilience to achieve a monumental goal in the face of adversity. The performers become a character, loosely inspired by the famous mechanic-racer Ken Miles, in which they tune and race the famous Ford GT40 to take the checkered flag at LeMans. Their show features the musical works of Metallica, System of a Down, and original compositions by Patrick J. Lalka inspired by rock and film compositions. The blisteringly fast tempos and demanding visuals are a part of what earned Olympia a promotion from their starting "Novice" Class to "A" Class. Most groups struggle profoundly in their first year, especially after a promotion, but that did not keep these students from achieving some incredible success. With 3 1st place finishes at their regional events throughout the Florida Federation of Colorguard Circuit's 2023-2024 season, Olympia is the 2nd seed in the Tama/Bergerault A Class Division. They will perform on Sunday April 14th at the Ocean Center in Daytona, FL where they will face off against 7 other groups in the Tama/Bergerault Division out of 16 groups in all of A-Class Competition.

-Patrick J. Lalka, *Director of Percussion and Guitar*

Let's Hear It for The Band!

The Olympia Band program represented Olympia at State Jazz and S&E. We had 45 students receive a superior rating (8 of those with distinction, meaning they performed their music by memory) This was in 10 entries that we had, all of which earned superior ratings. Our Jazz Ensemble I earned straight superior ratings. All of the students who performed yesterday earned the highest rating at the highest level of performance, they all played college level literature!

We are very proud of our students & are thrilled to see their hard work paying off, & we appreciate your continued support!

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HOSA

The first weekend of April, **HOSA** represented *Olympia* at the yearly **State Leadership Conference**.

Students competed in their respective events, which they earned by placing in the top 3 at Regionals after Round 1 of testing and Round 2 of skills.

Please congratulate the following students for their dedication and hard work:

Amira Martin - Prepared Speaking
Nola da Silva - Dental Science
Gardyth Bien-Aime - Phlebotomy
 Honorable Mention: **Anais Noel** -
 Courtesy Corp
 (competition volunteer)

I am happy to report that **Nola da Silva** placed **4th** in her event and could potentially represent HOSA Olympia at the **International Leadership Conference (Nationals)** in Houston, TX is June!

I am so proud of these students and their accomplishments! -Nichole Bagheri,
Biology Teacher/HOSA Advisor

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Shout Out for Track

Olympia Boys & Girls Track competed on Wednesday, April 10, 2024 in the Lake Buena Vista Meet at Lake Buena Vista High School, Lake Buena Vista, FL. The boys finished 2nd overall and the girls finished 2nd overall.

Boys Top Performers

Shot Put: Kamal Harris 1st place, Brandon Dumezil 2nd place
High Jump: Vophcy Prophete 1st place 1.97m PR, *School Record*, Xavier Tucker 2nd place
Long Jump: Eric Weems 3rd place 6.16m PR
Discus: Kamal Harris 1st place 50.53 PR, *School Record*
4x100m Relay "B": Hervens Chervil, Royce Denmark, Ja'Cari Jackson, Jerome Duprey 1st place
400: Gavin Mills 2nd place 52.23 PR
4x400m Relay "B": Royce Denmark, Ja'Cari Jackson, Vophcy Prophete, Tremaine Charles 1st place 3:32.40 PR

Girls Top Performers

Javelin: Anna-Kate Fuqua 1st place 26.55 PR, *School Record*
Long Jump: Eliana Quendo 1st place, Amma Nimade-Bonsu 2nd place
Shot Put: Omaria Gordon 2nd place
High Jump: Aniya Harrison 3rd place 1.37 PR
100H: Aniya Rhoden 1st place, D'Najah 2nd place 19.70 PR
400: Omaria Gordon 1st place 58.26 PR

Olympia Boys & Girls Track and Field Team competed on Wednesday, May 1, 2024 at the FHSAA 4A District 9 Championship Meet at Dr. Phillips High School, Orlando, FL. Olympia Boys & Girls finished 1st overall, becoming the 2024 FHSAA 4A District 9 Champions. The student-athletes listed below are your top performers and FHSAA Region 3 Qualifiers. **Note: District Champion**

Boys Top Performers

Shot Put – **Brandon Dumezil 1st place,**

Kamal Harris 3rd place, Jaydon Libema 4th place, 13.96m PR
Long Jump – **Vophcy Prophete 1st place** 6.79m PR, Xavier Tucker 2nd place 6.59m PR, Eric Weems 3rd place 6.30m PR
High Jump – **Vophcy Prophete 1st place**
Triple Jump – Kamal Rolle 3rd place 12.26m PR
Javelin – **Colton Showley 1st place** 44.80m PR, *School Record*, Jason D'Orgeat 4th place
110H – Jordan Posten 3rd place 15.96 PR
100m – Camren McClendon 2nd place, Romelo Ware 4th place
4x100m Relay – **Davarian Jefferson, Romelo Ware, Raymond Green, Romelo Walker 1st place**
400m – Deshaun Tolbert 2nd place
200m – Romelo Ware 1st place, Romelo Walker 4th place 22.81 PR
4x400m Relay – Royce Denmark, William Culver, Gavin Mills, Deshaun Tolbert 1st place 3:24.59 PR

Girls Top Performers

Pole Vault - Aniya Rhoden 2nd place
Long Jump – **Omaria Gordon 1st place,** Eliana Oquendo 2nd place, Laryn Coleman 3rd place 5.20m PR, Amma Nimade-Bonsu 4th place
Triple Jump – **Omaria Gordon 1st place,** Laryn Coleman 4th place 10.49m PR
4x800m Relay – Jada Medley, Camila Aguilar, Aniyah Harrison, Marceline Emilien 4th place
100H - **Omaria Gordon 1st place**
1600m – **Aubrey Frost 1st place**
4x100m Relay – Sydnee Massey, Amma Nimade Bonsu, Aniyah Rhoden, Laryn Coleman 3rd place
400m – Jada Medley 4th place 1:03.80 PR
400IH – Omaria Gordon 2nd place
800m – **Eliana Oquendo 1st place,** Aubrey Frost 3rd place
3200m – **Aubrey Frost 1st place**
4x400m Relay – Devouna Griggs, Sydnee Massey, Jada Medley, Eliana Oquendo 2nd place

Complete Results: <https://milesplit.live/meets/582721/events>



Olympia Boys & Girls Track competed on Saturday, May 18, 2024 at the FHSAA 4A State Championships at the University of North Florida, Jacksonville, FL.

Boys Results

Shot Put – Brandon Dumezil 10th place
100m – Camren McClendon 8th place
4x100m Relay – Davarian Jefferson, Romelo Ware, Hervens Chervil, Camren McClendon, Ja'Cari Jackson 6th place

Girls Results

Long Jump – Omaria Gordon 1st place (FHSAA 4A State Champion), Personal Record 6.32m, School Record, #1 in the State of Florida, #5 in the Nation
Triple Jump – Omaria Gordon 4th place, Personal Record 11.71m
110H – Omaria Gordon 4th place
800m – Eliana Oquendo 11th place, Personal Record 2:17.20
4x400m Relay – Dewvouna Griggs, Eliana Oquendo, Amma Nimade-Bonsu, Sydnee Massey, Jada Medley 17th place

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Science Olympiad State Tournament

On Saturday, April 6th, our Science Olympiad team traveled to the University of Florida for the State Tournament. The tests and events were very challenging this year, but our top team (Prometheus) placed 14th out of 42 top teams from across the state. Our 2nd team (Hyperion) placed 30th overall.

Please congratulate the following students who medaled in their events in the competition. It is extremely hard to place in the top 6 against some of the best science schools in the state.

Prometheus

5th place in GeoLogic Mapping - **Maria Azpurua** and **Sydney Busch**

6th place in Microbe Mission - **Natalie Lucia** and **Bryce Ownby**

6th place in Optics - **AnhThi Cao** and **Mikel Lin**

also, a shout out to **Kamilly De Paula Ferreira** and **Elise Hsu** who placed 8th in Dynamic Planet and **Krish Mendpara** and **Bryce Ownby** who placed 10th in Astronomy.

Hyperion

3rd place in Flight - **Conor Cha** and **Ryan Yom**

It's been another great season of Science Olympiad. The students worked hard and achieved a lot.

-Samuel Davis

AP Biology, PLTW Biomedical Innovations, PLTW Medical Interventions, Central Regional Director - Florida Science Olympiad, Science Olympiad Coach

Rising Athletic Trainers

Student Athletic Training Club competed in the 19th Annual OCPS Athletic Training Olympics. Our team placed 4th out of 14 schools in attendance.



Pictured above (left to right): Brianna Mercado, Ariel Miller, Sabine Etienne, Paola Cabrera and Jeryn James

For More School Happenings...

Our school newspaper is now online at: <https://ohsoracle.com/> It is a great way to keep up with what is happening at Olympia! From sports scores to news stories, you can find it all in the *Olympia Oracle*!