The <u>VISION</u> of PHUHS is to provide a learning environment that results in a graduation rate of 100% each year.

The <u>MISSION</u> of PHUHS is to educate all students by using effective systems that promote lifelong learning.

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# HURRICANE ( WATCH

# Principal's Message

Dear Hurricane Parents and Friends.

On behalf of the faculty and staff at Palm Harbor University High School, I want to express my appreciation for a great first semester full of many achievements and successes. Second semester is under way and our student body continues to excel inside and outside of the classroom.

The months of February, March, April, and May bring the annual round of State mandated standardized testing, Florida State Assessments (FSA). Preparations for the FSA Writing, FSA English Language Arts (ELA), Algebra I EOC, Geometry EOC, Biology EOC, and US History EOC exams are well underway and we are optimistic that each student will do his or her best. Parents, you can assist by being sure your child gets plenty of rest, eats breakfast, and arrives to school on time. The testing schedule is as follows:

Feb. 22 – March 12 . . . 11th & 12th grade FSA ELA Retakes & Algebra EOC Retakes

April 5 – 16. . . . . . . . . FSA Writing – 9th & 10th grade May 3 -28. . . . . . . . . . FSA ELA – 9th & 10th grade

May 3-28 . . . . . . Algebra, Geometry, Biology & US History EOCs

May 3-14 . . . . . . . . Advanced Placement Testing

Palm Harbor University High School offers tutoring in person and on Teams every Tuesday and Thursday from 2:15 p.m. to 4:15. p.m. Please check the PHUHS website (www.phuhs.org) for the weekly tutor schedule. Extended learning is also offered Mondays thru Thursdays after school for credit recovery. For more information please contact your child's school counselor.

Parents thank you in advance for your continued support and countless volunteer hours you give to Palm Harbor University High School.

#### Go Canes!

Christen T. Gonzalez, Ed. D. *Principal* 

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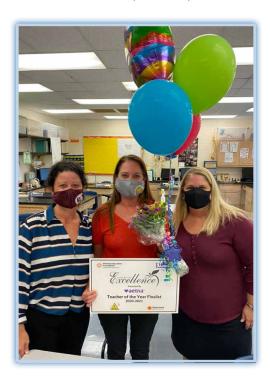
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# Staff Spotlight

Congratulations Mrs. Kelly Webb for being selected as a Top 10 Finalist for Teacher of the Year!! PHUHS is so proud of you!!





# **Meet Our New Administrator**

Dear Palm Harbor University families,

I would like to take the opportunity to introduce myself to you. My name is Evette Striblen and I am your new Assistant Principal for IB and grade 9 N-Z and IB Coordinator. 2020-21 marks my 21st year in education, and I couldn't think of a more interesting and innovative time to be in education!

The beginning of my educational journey began in California, where I spent 14½ years in the classroom as an English, Creative Writing, and AVID teacher; and English Department Chair. When my husband received a promotion opportunity he couldn't pass up, our family decided to take a leap of faith and embark on our adventure to Florida, and along with our two boys, now a senior and 7th grader, we quickly made Florida our home.

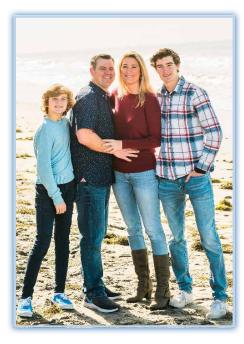
Shortly after arriving in Florida, I joined Pasco County School District as an ELA instructional specialist, supporting 20 schools, K-12 in providing coaching, professional development, and curricular resources to teachers and helping to bridge district and school initiatives. In 2016, I became the Senior Instructional Specialist for Literacy 6-12 where I designed and led curriculum implementation and professional development for Reading teachers in Pasco County, served on the district Secondary Design Team to support intervention structures throughout the system, and joined a team of district and school based leaders to design Social Emotional Learning standards and benchmarks.

In the summer of 2019, I jumped at the opportunity to lead the International Baccalaureate Programme at Land O' Lakes High School as IB Coordinator and Assistant Principal. Being immersed in our local and global IB community and working directly

with students and families has been incredibly rewarding, and I am very excited to continue the work and vision of IB and support our newest class of freshmen here at Palm Harbor University High.

Over the course of the last 20 years, my passion has been and continues to be to ensure all students have an education that opens doors for them and ensures that they have the tools to be strong communicators, collaborators, inquirers, problem solvers, and compassionate members of our local and global community. I am excited to support your students as they strive for excellence at PHU with our incredibly talented teachers and staff.

Sincerely, Evette Striblen







# A.V.I.D. (Advancement Via Individual Determination)

- » Are you a motivated student?
- » Do you have ambitions of attending college but don't know how to get there?
- » Do you want to get to know other people with the same goals?

# Then AVID could be for you!

A.V.I.D. is an elective class that provides students with strategies to assist them in rigorous classes and to prepare them for college. In the AVID class we focus on writing, inquiry, collaboration, organization, and reading to help students strengthen skills that are needed in the high school classroom and in college. Students also increase their ability for self-advocacy, improved self-awareness, and develop skills that foster positive peer relationships through teambuilding activities. According to a 2017 study out of Washington, 98% of seniors in A.V.I.D. partner schools graduated on time, 94% had plans to attend a postsecondary institution and 93% had completed entrance requirements for a four-year college.

AVID students attend college campuses, participate in community service activities, and are involved in school-wide activities! Sounds exciting, right?!

If AVID sounds like a good fit for you, come to the Information Session held in **19-103 on February 2nd or 3rd during lunch**. During this session, the A.V.I.D. Team will inform you about the program and how it can be instrumental to your success not only at PHUHS, but in your college pursuits. Come and see all that AVID can offer you!

# **Dual Enrollment**

Summer Dual Enrollment opens March 8th and closes on April 30th. Students will need to sign up for SPC and will need to take the PERT to qualify.

# SAT and ACT Testing Dates and Deadlines for 2020-2021:

<b>SAT Test Dates</b>	Registration Deadline	Late Registration
March 13, 2021	February 12, 2021	March 2, 2021
May 8, 2021	April 8, 2021	April 27, 2021
June 5, 2021	May 6, 2021	May 26, 2021

**To register for the SAT and SAT SubjectTests**, go to http://sat.collegeboard.org. Please see your counselor if you receive free or reduced lunch.

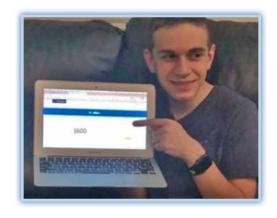
<b>ACT Test Dates</b>	Registration Deadline	Late Registration
February 6, 2021	January 8, 2021	January 9-15, 2021
April 17, 2021	March 12, 2021	March 13-26, 2021
June 12, 2021	May 7, 2021	May 8-21, 2021
July 17, 2021	June 18, 2021	June 19-25, 20201

**To register for the ACT**, go to http://www.actstudent.org. Please see your counselor if you receive free or reduced lunch.

# **School CEEB Code: 100254**



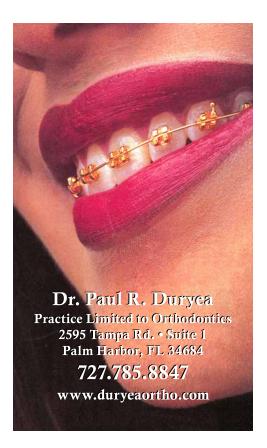




# **Student Spotlight**

Congratulations to Miles Gordon who scored a PERFECT SCORE of 1600 on his SAT!! PHUHS is very proud of you!







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# Early College and Early Admissions with St. Petersburg College

**Early College Program** for rising juniors (current sophomores) deadline to apply is February 12, 2021. This full-time program allows students to spend their high school junior and senior years attending all classes at SPC campuses. Here, they work toward simultaneously earning a high school diploma from their assigned school and an Associate in Arts degree from SPC. There is no cost for the college application, tuition or textbooks. Enrollment is capped at 125 students so this is a lottery system and students must meet eligibility criteria including having an unweighted cumulative 3.0 GPA when applying and having qualifying PERT or ACT/SAT scores. Virtual information sessions are happening in January which will be recorded and placed on the SPC and PHUHS websites. For more information: https://www.spcollege.edu/future-students/admissions/high-school-programs/early-college/.

**Early Admission Program** for rising seniors (current juniors) deadline to apply is February 12, 2021. This full-time program offers students the chance to spend their senior year attending all of their classes at SPC campuses, where they can complete high school graduation requirements while earning credits toward a college degree. There is no cost for the application, tuition or textbooks. Enrollment is capped at 40 students per campus and is a lottery system. Students must meet eligibility criteria including having an unweighted cumulative 3.0 GPA when applying and having qualifying PERT or ACT/SAT scores. Virtual information sessions are happening in January which will be recorded and placed on the SPC and PHUHS websites. For more information: https://www.spcollege.edu/future-students/admissions/high-school-programs/early-college/.

**PERT testing** is available at SPC throughout the month of January and a few dates in early February. To sign up for an upcoming PERT test please visit www.pcsb.org/phuhs and click on PERT announcement or go here: https://web.spcollege.edu/survey/31137We will offer the PERT on February 11th. Please check the PHUHS website or signup for the February 11th test.

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# **Pinellas County SCHOOL DAY SAT**

We will be having a **SCHOOL DAY SAT for JUNIORS only on March 3, 2021**. Juniors are automatically registered, so they do not have to do anything else except arrive to school on time with a #2 pencil, calculator, drink and snack.

SAT School Day allows us to offer the SAT to juniors and seniors in school, on a school day. This program helps us provide all our students with the opportunity to show colleges they're ready.

#### **Benefits to Students**

# SAT School Day helps students get on the path to college.

- » Testing on a school day doesn't interfere with weekend work or family obligations.
- » More students are able to show up and take the SAT when it's offered in their school.
- Stress is lower because students test in a familiar location with staff they know.
- » Students who have been struggling academically are provided with another opportunity to demonstrate their college readiness to universities.
- » Students who take the SAT can use College Board programs that support college access, including college application fee waivers and four free score sends.
- » Students can access Official SAT Practice on Khan Academy® and career planning resources at Roadtrip Nation.

## **SAT School Day Benefits for Low-Income Students**

In addition to the benefits all students get, low-income students are eligible to receive:

- » Four additional free score sends
- » Four college application fee waivers
- » Free Student Answer Service or Question-and-Answer Service

Students are considered low-income and eligible for additional SAT School Day benefits if:

- » They're enrolled in or eligible to participate in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP).
- » Their annual family income falls within the Income Eligibility Guidelines set by the USDA Food and Nutrition Service.
- » They're enrolled in a federal, state, or local program that aids students from low-income families (e.g., Federal TRIO programs such as Upward Bound).
- » Their family receives public assistance.
- » They live in federally subsidized public housing or a foster home or are homeless.
  - » They are a ward of the state or an orphan.

#### WHEN TO TAKE THE SAT & ACT

One of the most frequently asked questions in the college admissions process is: "When should a student take the SAT and ACT?"

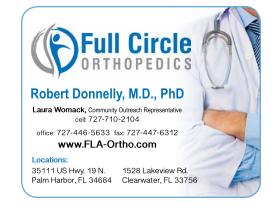
Many high schools encourage students to take both the SAT and the ACT. There are differences between the two tests that may make one or the other a better choice for any individual student. The only way to know which is better is to prepare for and take both tests. Most students we work with will take the SAT and the ACT two to three times to achieve their targeted scores.

It is good practice that by the end of junior year students will have taken the SAT and ACT at least one to two times. With two sets of scores from each test and junior year grades, students will go into the summer with a clear picture of where they stand as they begin the college application process senior year. They can take the ACT for a third time in September and the SAT in October of senior year and still apply Early Decision/Early Action.

If your student has failed any classes for semester 1, please check with your counselor for credit recovery options.









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# Seniors

- The Bright Futures application opens October 1. Please go to http://www. floridastudentfinancialaid.org/SSFAD/ bf/ and complete your application by graduation. Please have your Bright Future hours to your counselor by May 15, 2021.
- » Online classes must be completed by May 15th

# A Message from your Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA)

Volunteering in your school is not as difficult as you would imagine, you can be certain that your participation will be welcomed in your school's parent-teacher organization. PTSAs are not just for moms. Many dads play an active role as volunteers and take on leadership roles in the organization. Even if you don't have much time, attending your school's PTSA meetings is an excellent way to stay on top of what's happening at the school and to connect with other parents and school leaders. We have monthly meetings (currently virtual) and your participation would be welcomed.

Our role is simple, provide support to teachers, staff and students. Please follow us on instagram @PHUHSPTSA or facebook page, Palm Harbor University High School PTSA.



# **CABAM**

# The Career Academy of Business Administration and Management at PHUHS

Happy 2021! With 2020 in the rearview mirror, **CABAM** is starting to look and move forward. We are in the midst of reviving and reactivating many of our popular and long running activities designed to help foster development of Essential Soft Skills, Leadership & Communication. Among the activities this semester will be the return of Professional Dress Days, Job Shadowing, Mock Interview Day, Guest Lecture Series, and our Community Service Project. Details and dates will be announced and distributed to students soon.

It's almost time to register for courses for next school year. Below are the Programs and Courses available from CABAM: for the 2021/2022 school year:

# CABAM Programs (3-4 Year sequences to complete a program)

- » Accounting Applications
- » Administrative Assistant
- » Business Supervision & Management
- » Digital Design
- » Hospitality & Tourism Management
- » Legal Administrative Assistant
- » Sports, Recreation & Entertainment Marketing

# **CABAM Courses: (These are part of the above programs)**

- » Digital Information Technology (Prerequisite for most programs)
- » Accounting Applications I & II
- » Business Software Applications I & II
- » Business & Entrepreneurial Principles
- » Legal Aspects of Business
- » Digital Design I, II, III & IV
- » Introduction to Hospitality & Tourism
- » Technology for Hospitality & Tourism
- » Hospitality & Tourism Management & Marketing
- » Hospitality & Tourism Internship
- » Sport, Rec. & Ent. Essentials
- » Sport, Rec. & Ent. Applications
- » Sport, Rec. & Ent. Mktg. Mgmt.
- Sport, Rec. & Entertainment Internship

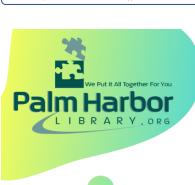
# Also available: (Standalone courses)

- AP Computer Science Principles (DIT and Algebra I required)
- » Business Education Directed Study (For Junior & Senior Program Completers only)
- » On the Job Training (OJT) Only for Jr's & Sr's concurrently taking upper level business courses)

#### **Certifications**

Industry Certifications are an integral component of the CABAM Program, and a valuable asset for a student to earn in High School. Students are well on their way to earning certifications in Microsoft Word, Excel & PowerPoint, Adobe Photoshop, Illustrator, and InDesign, Business Communication, Entrepreneurship

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# TEEN ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS AT THE PALM HARBOR LIBRARY

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& Small Business & more. These certifications improve a student's marketability in the workplace, and many of these certifications may earn students college credits for their high school classes.

# **CABAM Organizations**

# **Future Business Leaders of America: District Competition**

Between December 11 and January 7, PHUHS FBLA students participated in District-wide Competitive events with over 600 other Pinellas students. Those who performed well enough in their respective events earned the opportunity to represent Pinellas County at the FBLA State Leadership Conference in Orlando in March, and potentially at the National Leadership Experience to be held virtually in June.

Additionally, 4 PHUHS Students were elected to the District Executive Board:

- » Alexander Kranias: District President
- » Aanya Bhandari: District Vice President
- » Alyssa Abraham: District Parliamentarian
- » Melinda Liu: District Treasurer

#### **National Technical Honor Society**

NTHS exists to honor, recognize, and empower students and teachers in Career & Technical Education. On March 2, 14 New Members will be inducted into NTHS joining 14 returning members. This year's Officers are President: Ali Davidov and Secretary: Huaiqing Sun.

Last year, CWMP member Landon Decker won the Jon H. Poteat NTHS Scholarship.

# **Girls Who Code**

This club seeks to close the gender gap in technology and change the image of what a programmer looks like and does.

#### **Core Values**

- 1. Bravery- Be bold and take risks!
- 2. Resilience-Learn from setbacks and keep trying.
- 3. Creativity- Seek new ideas and create new solutions.
- 4. Purpose- Know what matters to you and how you want to impact the world. While we believe learning to code is an important skill that girls will learn through clubs, we believe growing in these core strengths is an even more important outcome for you young women. If you would like to join our community, please answer the questions below! :)

\*\*Because GWC seeks to close the gender gap in tech by creating a space solely for young women, it is only open to female and/or she/her identifying students

Meets every other Tuesday from 1:45-2:45pm. Interested students can fill out the registration form here: https://tinyurl.com/y4ksyuf2/.

For additional information about CABAM, programs and courses, Future Business Leaders of America, National Technical Honor Society, Girls Who Code or any of our activities, or if you would like to get involved in or donate to CABAM, check out the **CABAM page on the phuhs.org website**, or speak to the CABAM chair Mr. Schachter: schachterk@pcsb.org.











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