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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Greetings Sarasota High School Families, Students, and Alumni!

The school year has flown by! We are wrapping up an exhilarating year, and once again we have much to celebrate! **Congratulations to our outstanding Class of 2023!** We wish you the very best as you join the incredible ranks of the SHS alumni community. May the wind be at your back as you embark on your military, college, trade, or career pathways. Remember, *Once a Sailor, Always a Sailor!* We look forward to crossing paths with you many times in the future, and we eagerly anticipate celebrating your numerous forthcoming successes!

Throughout this school year, we reexamined and rewrote our school's mission statement. We hadn't revisited it for nearly twenty years, and we wanted a new succinct statement that helped us identify our goals and values and define what matters most to us as we serve our students in the task of learning. I'm very pleased with where we ended. This process really got me thinking...

Do you have a personal mission statement? Have you ever written one? I'm hoping this summer will afford a thoughtful opportunity for every SHS student and reader of this newsletter to create a one or two sentence personal mission statement that will help

clarify whether the decisions you are making are in alignment with what you want for your life while simultaneously helping define your goals and values.

As this summer begins, I'd like to encourage you to spend some time reflecting on what's important to you. Write it down! How is the life you are currently living connected to those people or things? Next, begin to solidify your most important goals. What does the best version of yourself look like? As you answer this, be sure to include relationships and desired achievements. Consider the mark you want to leave on the world and how your skill set can allow you to do that. What qualities would you like others to attribute to you? How, specifically, would you like the world to be different when you leave it?

As my career as an educator begins to sunset, I am asking myself what I want to do next. Whatever direction that takes me, I'd like to weigh my future decisions against my personal mission statement: To positively impact the life of every person I encounter by bringing joy, hope, and inspiration to them.

Warmly,
David Jones

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MISSION STATEMENT

Sarasota High School is dedicated to providing a culturally, socially, and intellectually diverse student population with an education that will allow them to be successful in today's ever-changing society.

Creating a learning environment that is challenging, relevant, and active is essential to ensure our students are equipped for success in their post-secondary pursuits. In doing so, we aim to develop in each student the skills of leadership, accountability, and self-reliance that are essential to become a productive citizen.

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SCS Cares is a program through Sarasota County Schools that gives opportunity for parents, staff, and community members to recognize SCS employees for going above and beyond to help others and show they care. Each month one employee is selected from all the submissions to be the **SCS Cares of the Month**. Sarasota High School's very own Music Teacher Ken Carter was the **February 2023 Highlighted SCS Cares of the Month!**

District personnel joined SHS administration

and recognized Mr. Carter for his outstanding example of what **SCS Cares** is all about. In the words of the Nali Denzer who nominated Mr. Carter, "All around, he is a very amazing teacher and makes learning enjoyable." Mr. Carter's Jazz Band class treated those present for his special recognition to a personal jazz-filled performance.

Congratulations Mr. Carter!

Thank you for all that you do!

STELLAR SAILOR SCIENTISTS

After a great sendoff for our amazing science students, they returned from the State Science and Engineering Fair with the best results since pre-pandemic. Following are the award recipients:

- 2nd Place – Cellular/Molecular Biology & Biochemistry – Nicholas Cox
- 4th Place – Animal Science – Anja Schwarzbauer
- 4th Place – Chemistry – Jessica Ritchie
- 4th Place – Earth/Environmental Sciences – Anika Sackerlotzky
- Merit Place Award in Environmental Engineering – Tyler Isaacson & Riley Plank
- Recognition Place Award in Biomedical Sciences – Anna Davis-Lunardi

Nicholas Cox and Rylee Mulhollen will be competing at the Regenoron International Science and Engineering Fair in Dallas this month.

Our MaST program hosted its Annual Senior Symposium in April. Thirty-three seniors presented their advanced research in a thesis defense style format as a capstone requirement for the MaST program. This was the highest number ever of MaST Symposium presenters. In order to graduate as a MaST Research Scholar, a student must complete four credits in research, earn four credits each in honors or advanced mathematics and science, must maintain a 3.5 weighted GPA, attend the regional science fair, and participate in the MaST Symposium all four years.

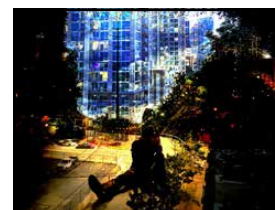
Congratulations to all our stellar scientists and the Class of 2023 MaST presenters and award recipients!



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The **STRIVE** Awards were born out of H. Jack Hunkele's vision to recognize students who have overcome tremendous challenges to succeed in life. Thanks to the H. Jack Hunkele Charitable Foundation and other generous donors, the Education Foundation of Sarasota County, in partnership with Sarasota County Schools, annually highlights the resilience and grit of students across our county.

The annual **STRIVE** Award Celebration honors juniors and seniors in the Sarasota County Schools' seven comprehensive high schools. Teachers, counselors, and principals nominate five seniors and five juniors from each school. Seniors receive \$1,000 each to award their accomplishment and juniors receive a \$100 gift card. **STRIVE** Award recipients are honored each spring at award ceremonies and receive cash gifts for education after high school. They are connected to Education Foundation resources such as student success coaching, mentoring, and workshops. They are also invited to serve as student leaders promoting resilience and persistence.



Joseph Englehart



Riley Jenkins



Olivia Leach



Deja Roberson

This year's Class of 2023 Sarasota High School **STRIVE** Award recipients are Riley Jenkins, Joseph Englehart, Emma Gibbs, Olivia Leach and Deja Lynn Roberson. Junior **STRIVE** recipients are Tristan Afur, Alan Cruz-Lopez, Nily De Hoff, Steven Dean and Elyse Krueger.

EARTH DAY PHOTO CONTEST WINNERS



Shane Alba, Best of Show,
"Only Have One Earth"

Shane Alba, 3rd Place,
"Grazing Deer"



JROTC BULLDOG BATTALION

Cadet Major Hayden Wilding

The school year may be coming to a close, but the Bulldog Battalion has never stopped!

The spring season for our Raider team has been in full swing, with practice twice a week on Tuesday and Thursday. Our team can be seen after school rapidly constructing one-rope bridges or hauling 100-pound stretchers down Shade Avenue. Cadets scaled trees and climbed through obstacles during a fun-filled field trip at TreeUmp! Adventure Course.

We have also had a whole host of Battalion-wide events, such as our Annual Battalion Drill Meet. At this meet, cadets compete against one another in an intramural-style competition showcasing the marching skills learned throughout the year. Bravo Company's platoon, commanded by Austin Carmack, won First Place for platoon. Echo Company's squad, commanded by Nicholas Matthias, won First Place for squad. The best overall cadet was Connor Kershner. Great job Bulldogs!

On May 4th, we held our annual awards ceremony for our distinguished cadets. They were honored for their commitment to our program as well as excellence in all areas, including athletics, academics, leadership, service, dedication, and patriotism. Fifty-seven awards were given out over the course of the ceremony. Battalion Commander Joshua Sullivan won the Military Officers Association Scholarship of \$2,500! Congratulations to all the awardees! We are excited to see those new medals hanging from your uniforms.

We would like to end our final Main Sail this year with a farewell to our graduating seniors--Melanie Domenech, Olivia Gonzalez, Sebastian Guerrero, Margarita Leon-Freay, Juliana Morales, Elliot Pallante, Genesis Ramirez, Santiago Ramirez, Berisdeni Ross, Juan Sosa, and our Battalion Commander Joshua Sullivan. Thank you all for your dedication and support these last four years, and we wish you the best in the years ahead.



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KEY CLUB FINISHES STRONG

The amazing SHS Key Club students had a VERY successful trip at Florida District Education and Leadership Conference (DCON). This annual event is held in the spring and included 2,000 students and chaperones. DCON provides for district officer elections, international candidates endorsement, club officer and member training, keynote and motivational speakers, individual and club awards for their dedication to service, zone caucuses, and social events.

Our Key Club members earned the following awards:

- Distinguished club members--Alexandria Maulfair, Alex Carlin, Bailey McVay, Haylee Boyer
- Governor's project members--Miranda Gill, Rachel Tuck, Rosse Rojas, Haylee Boyer, Bailey McVay, Sofia Benitez, Alex Carlin, Alexandria Maulfair
- Governor's Citation Award
- 100% Pride Report Submission Award
- Distinguished club secretary--Alexandria Maulfair
- Governor's Project Banner Patch Award
- Single service award: 3rd Place

Alexandria Maulfair won the Key Club Endowment scholarship for \$1,000, the J. Walker Field scholarship for \$1,000, and a \$500 scholarship from our local Kiwanis club for having the most service hours this school year.

Key Club welcomes its 2023-2024 officers--Baily McVay, president; Haylee Boyer, vice-president; Lynzee Miller, secretary; Claudia Viamonte, treasurer; and Luna Moreira, editor.

WE ARE S-A-I-L-O-R-S

Nearly 2,500 students fill the Sarasota High campus daily. It is here where 195 faculty, 40 support staff and the 2,500 member student body create the Sailor family. This is also where we accomplish great things, both on our campus and in the Sarasota community and beyond.

Sailors showed this year that they can win debates, be named tournament champions and qualify for one or both national championships for the 22nd year in a row. They can receive top awards at science fairs and competitions and win two spots at the Regeneron International Science and Engineering Fair. Sailor athletes won athletic scholarships, signed national letters of intent, won a district championship and a state championship. The JROTC Color Guard proudly opened athletic events and paved the way as we saluted and honored veterans on Veterans Day. The full JROTC battalion marched in the city of Sarasota's annual Veterans Day parade. The Mighty Sailor Band was also seen marching down Main Street on Veterans Day clad in their prestigious sailor uniforms.

Sailor AICE students showed how to ace a test by earning Cambridge Scholar Awards and AICE diplomas. AICE diplomas were earned by 182 seniors this year, the most diplomas ever for the AICE program. Sailor cheerleaders cheered their way into our hearts with enthusiasm and school spirit as their voices echoed through Cleland Stadium, the Edward F. Howell Gymnasium and across the SHS campus. Sailor thespians danced and sang their way across the stage in the musical *Mamma Mia*. Sailors also showed resilience as obstacles and challenges were overcome, deadlines were met, projects were finished.

So long 2022-2023, another year is almost gone. It's farewell for now. Happy Summer 2023!



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CONGRATULATIONS SHS CLASS OF 2023!

You have run the race and finished your course! As you turn the page in a new chapter, may the support and encouragement of the Sarasota High faculty and staff go with you. We believe in you, we're pulling for you, we anticipate great things for you!

OH, THE PLACES YOU'LL GO!

As this newsletter goes to print, there will be approximately four days of school remaining for the Class of 2023. A few days after their time in the classroom draws to a close, seniors will walk across the stage, receive their high school diploma and begin a new chapter in their lives. Some will enter the full-time work force, some will enter trade or vocational school, some will join the U.S. Armed Forces. Some will step right into a summer semester of college while others will start in the fall.

The Student and Success Center has been abuzz this spring. College and Career Advisors have been working diligently with seniors with a high number of college acceptances and scholarships. We have a number of "firsts" at Sarasota High this year, including a record number of first-generation students attending college.

State College of Florida has accepted over 150 seniors this year. Affordability, special programs and small class size made SCF a popular choice. State College of Florida also appealed to those students unsure of what course of study they wanted to pursue. The University of Florida had a record 45 seniors accepted this year, including PACE program and summer admissions, and 44 seniors were accepted to Florida State University.

One hundred seniors from the Class of 2023 were accepted to the University of South Florida. Acceptances to Florida universities also included Florida Gulf Coast University, University of Central Florida, Florida Atlantic University and Florida International University. Out of state acceptances include Duke University, Johns Hopkins University, University of Southern California, New York University, Wake Forest University, Michigan State, Mississippi State University, Auburn University and Clemson University. Approximately 100 seniors were accepted to technical colleges.

CLASS OF 2024: PAINT YOUR PARKING SPACE

Natasha Tanner, NAHS Secretary

Personalize your space and mark your spot for your senior year. Create a fun, school appropriate design and paint it with your friends. This option only includes the Tami Sola parking lot. Parking space painting party days will be held on August 7th and August 8th from 8 AM to 2 PM for early applications and October 16th from 8 AM to 2 PM for late applications. The fees are \$35 if paid by May 31st, \$45 if paid by July 31st, or \$50 if paid by August 31st. Fees must be paid through the SHS website or by cash to Mrs. Markley in classroom 5-204. Get an early start and save money! If painting isn't your forte, an SHS Art student will paint your spot for you for an additional \$50. See Mrs. Markley for more information.



YOUNG SAILORS TAKE THE CLASSROOM STAGE



*Mr. Dunk and
son Grayson*



*Assistant Principal
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and son Ben*



*Mrs. Richardson and
daughter Zoey*



*Mrs. Sherwood and
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*Mr. Jones getting ready
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National Signing Day



2023 STRIVE Award Recipients



*Front Row: AICE Seniors Avery Arrington,
Addisyn Schwied and Riley Bennett, AICE
Coordinator Kristina Harshman, School
Counselor Dana Albanese, AICE Administrative
Assistant Shelly Renner. Back Row: School
Counselor Star Conti and Principal David Jones*



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*SHS Admin Team & Casey Garrett,
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*AICE Senior David Huber receives
AICE Certificate of Completion*



*Riley Jenkins,
STRIVE Award Winner*



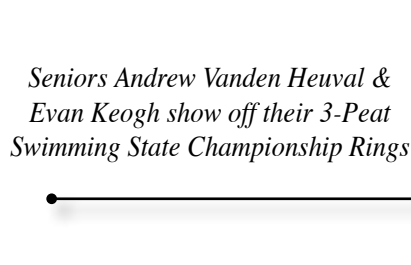
*AICE Senior Om Patel receives
AICE Certificate of Completion*



*Seniors Garett Pearson & Taiz
Caminero Celebrate at AICE Banquet*



*AICE Senior Trenton
Pitts receives AICE
Certificate of Completion*



*Seniors Andrew Vanden Heuvel &
Evan Keogh show off their 3-Peat
Swimming State Championship Rings*



*Principal Jones
& Mr. Donovan's
Boy Band Debut*



Veterans Day Morning at SHS



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SAILOR SPOTLIGHT

Congratulations to our very own Math Teacher Gavin Thomas who competed in the U.S. Open Pickleball Championship in April and won the bronze medal in men's doubles. The U.S. Open Pickleball Championship is held every year in Naples, Florida at the East Naples Community Park which is home to 60 courts. This weeklong event included 3,000 players representing all 50 states and 30 countries.

Way to go Mr. Thomas!



*Bronze Medal Winner
Gavin Thomas*



*Pickleball
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