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# WarHawk News

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#### A Message from the Principal

Happy New Year Warhawk Families!

As I begin this message, we are in the middle of the most successful Quarter 3 ever for the Warhawk Nation! The Center for Education and Leadership (CEL) juniors, along with Teacher of the Year Deanna Russo and Coach of the Year Shannan Tyson, are leading the Health Information (HIP) project, a national, student-led program to ensure the physical and mental health of rising high schoolers, and our Freshmen class members. Through our Academic Resource, Social and Emotional Learning Advisory Period (AR), students are receiving extra academic supports with grade level Seminars from our School Guidance Counselors, led by Leslie Morrow,



push-in interventions, such as ACT & SAT boot camps, and PERT assessment strategy sessions. SHS is a "Golden School Award" winner in leadership and school volunteerism, as designated by the Department of Education. Seminole High School is a 5 Star National Blue Ribbon Award Winning School, also recognized by the Florida Department of Education for our overall academic excellence, and progress in closing achievement gaps! SHS is recognized by the Florida Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports Project as a Bronze Medal Award Winner for being a PBIS Model School which exemplifies our continued commitment to positive outcomes for ALL students! The Warhawk Nation is a National PTA School of Excellence! Our boys' basketball team clinched the PCAC runner-up prize, led by "Mr. Warhawk" himself, our Athletic Director & Head Basketball Coach, Josh Walker. Each one of our Visual and Performing Arts groups under the direction of Gerard Madrinan and Lauren Cattell, continue to excel in every genre' - vocal, instrumental, orchestral, visual, and performance. Seminole High School's Visual Arts Department, with resident teacher-artists Blaine Barden and Todd Leisek is partnering with St. Petersburg Glass Project to be the only high school glass studio in Pinellas County Schools. Art Students have placed in the Word and Image, Surreal, New Perspectives, and Scholastic Art and Writing Shows with 15 honorable mentions; 2 silver keys; and 1 gold key award. Phenomenal SHS student art work is displayed throughout Seminole High School, and in the Pinellas County Schools Administration Building! Our Jazz Band, led by Steve Harris, performs weekly in the Warhawk Courtyard with a rousing "Weekend Sendoff" for students and faculty. Chorus, jazz band, and the orchestra performed at the Seminole City Center for the Holiday Celebration Tree Lighting Ceremony in December. We have 8 all county orchestra players; 8 all county band players, including 2 principal, "first chair" musicians who performed in the Pinellas County All County Music Festivals in January. The SHS Orchestra, which has the legendary distinction of having performed at Carnegie Hall, is hosting the Florida Orchestra Association District Music Performance Assessment this February. Each of our Jazz Bands were selected by Clearwater Jazz Holiday Foundation to perform in the Young Lions Jazz Master Sessions. And our Warhawk Marching Band is the Grand Champion of the Pinellas Park Holiday Parade competition; a Top 12 State Finalist at the Bands of America Orlando Super Regional; and a Finalist for the Florida Marching Band State Championships. Our incredible 4A Performing & Visual Arts Academy Leader, as well as SHS Warhawk Marching Band Director, Mr. Gerard Madrinan is the Pinellas County Music Education Association's Secondary Music Teacher of the Year award winner!

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#### Principal's Message

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Seminole High School is 1 of only 8 schools in the nation that has been designated as a Model School of Excellence, by the International Conference for Leadership and Education. This honor is due to Seminole High's mission and success in getting students connected, while achieving, and sustaining academic, social, and emotional growth. Our 7 Academies, as well as the vibrant, schoolwide AVID program, along with the emerging preeminence of our new STEAM academy, and the 60 + clubs on campus; continue to ensure that students are provided with a community of care, motivation to find their passion, and a place to belong. Highlights of these programs range from Media Technology's SHS Morning Show, run by Matt Merryman, which broadcasts to our entire student body, to the E-Commerce Academy, under the direction of Bill Scales, which is an Academy of Distinction. The creation and implementation of, our innovative online school store, "The Warhawk Shop," continues to streamline virtually all financial services at our school. It's no wonder this academy is the recipient of the "Florida Association for Career and Technical Education's INNOVATION AWARD!" Seminole High School's Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math, or "STEAM" Academy, is proud to have a member who is a Sunshine State STEM Scholar Award recipient. SHS STEAM will be a part of the FWEA/AWWA Florida Water Sustainability Festival at the St. Petersburg Pier this March and will host the AWWA Model Water Tower competition this year at SHS for all Hillsborough and Pinellas County Middle and High Schools! Our STEAM program has already been awarded over \$35,000.00 in grants for technology to support student engagement and innovation. SHS Steam's Drone Program has successfully launched, and students are incorporating this technology with remotely operated, student-built submarines to determine water quality! The water quality data will be analyzed using ArcGIS to illustrate temporal and spatial differences. Wow! Working in tandem with our STEAM program is Pinellas County Utilities' South Cross Bayou Education Program, who won the Secondary Business Partner of the Year Award for Pinellas County Schools because of their work with SHS! The Center for Educational Leadership, known as our CEL Academy, has 100% of their seniors successfully participating in internships at 4 local elementary schools, as well as Seminole Middle School, and in SHS's ESE classrooms. CEL academy student leaders created the new on-campus organization "Educators Rising," which spotlights amazing teachers on our campus. Other CEL members are working in tandem with our "Live Free" substance abuse educative program as well. Over the past 3 years our CEL students have earned nearly 3.5 MILLION dollars in college and university scholarships!!!! In the literary and scholastic realm, our Hawk Talk Magazine is the American Scholastic Press Association's 1st Place Winner and our Warhawk Yearbook is a National Sample for the 4th year in a row! Academically at Seminole High School, we have over 12 National and International Honor Societies! Seminole High School continues to demonstrate strong academic growth while promoting more rigorous course work, with innovative support systems for ALL learners. I am so grateful for Briana Hodavance and Matt Gluchowski's leadership while serving on the Superintendent and Pinellas County School Board's Rights and Responsibility Committee. This year we are proud to announce our National Merit Letter of Commendation Award Winner, Megan Arbuckle! Our graduation rate continues to soar and is at an historic rate for Seminole High School: 99.2%! This is the highest rating of any comparable high school in the district and state! To live your life with purpose, respect, and grit is the "Warhawk Way." We, as the Warhawk nation, claim this vision with a relentless team spirit, every day. Thank you for your support, and as always: GO WARHAWKS!!!!

Principal, Seminole High School

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#### **Counselors Corner**

#### 2022-2023 Scheduling Updates

Student course selections are coming up soon! Students should use the next few weeks to have conversations with their teachers and decide what courses they will take next year. Students should be advised the course selection sheets that were distributed in AR are for planning purposes. Actual course selections will be completed using an electronic form with the counselors during grade level seminars. Please see the seminar schedule below:

Juniors will meet with counselors the week of February 7th via their US History classes.

Sophomores will meet with counselors the week of February 14<sup>th</sup> via World History classes.

Freshmen will meet with counselors the week of February 21st via their English classes.

The counseling team will finish completing course requests by the end of February. If your child was absent when these meetings occurred, the information will be emailed to their  $\underline{R2.D2@pcsb.org}$  email which they can access in Clever. All students and parents are encouraged to review their course requests by going to the course request tab in FOCUS. Students will however be able to adjust their requests with their counselors through March 10th. To submit a course request change students must scan the QR code (or click the image) and complete the form below before the deadline.

Course Selection



Please feel free to contact your student's school counselor if you have any questions regarding this process:

Last Name A - E Ms. Wood woodsara@pcsb.org Last Name F - K Mrs. Forbes forbesm@pcsb.org Last Name L - Q Mr. Clark clarksha@pcsb.org Last Name R - Z Mrs. Morrow morrowle@pcsb.org

Also, as a reminder, students who have selected Dual Enrollment courses must have all the qualifications in FOCUS (SPC ID number, GPA, and test scores) by May 25th. If this information is not in FOCUS by May students will be removed from the Dual Enrollment courses and moved to another

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# Academy of E-Commerce Students Give Back by Wrapping Gifts

The Academy of E-Commerce students and teacher Kelsey Wells helped spread holiday cheer by wrapping gifts at the Seminole City Center. As a way to give back to the community, students offered their services free of charge to anyone that needed items wrapped for the holiday.



Student Kaeci Wagner shares the holiday Joy.



Students Natalia Craig and Patty Schmidt offer wrapping services.





Students Paul Reynolds, Tyler O'Rourke, Trevor Crow, Valez Vaughn ,Ian Pearson enjoy the gaming club.

### Academy of E-Commerce Introduces Gaming Club!

As enrollment in our gaming classes have skyrocketed, it only made sense to expand our offerings to an after-school Gaming Club. Students can play numerous games on the latest platforms (all school appropriate). Gaming Club meets after school Tuesdays and Fridays. There has been such great interest, we have even launched into our first competition for the Spring Major of HSEL which is a national network to compete against other high schools. We have confidence that our Warhawk team will be triumphant when competing in Super Smash Bros 3v3.

## Academy of E-Commerce Partners with Seminole Area Chamber of Commerce & SERG!

The Seminole Entrepreneur Resources for Growth (SERG) through the Greater Seminole Area Chamber of Commerce will begin a partnership starting Spring 2022 with the Seminole High School Academy of E-Commerce. The partnership between the two entities provides a win-win solution for the students and local community. SERG will arrange reallife scenarios that local businesses are facing and provide the students an opportunity to leverage their knowledge and create a business plan around it. The E-Commerce students will be working directly with SERG industry experts and local business owners to better understand and address the challenges business go through." The end goal of this partnership will be to help the students accelerate their learning through application while also building business relationships within their local community.



Students Peyton Huffman, Janae Pope, Matthew Gluchowski, Morgan Hoag and Lily Rivera meet with local companies to discuss opportunities.



## Academy of E-Commerce & Business Students Celebrate Certifications

Need an expert? Ask any of our over 175 students that earned industry certification during 1st Semester. Students showed that they have the skills in Adobe Photoshop, InDesign, Illustrator, MTA Operating Fundamentals, Entrepreneurship and so much more. To Celebrate, the Academy of E-Commerce partnered with Jodi Whitcomb, owner of JOTO's restaurant to have the entire group there for a party. Students also received a customized T-shirt to show off their accomplishment.





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#### Center for Educational Leadership

In CEL 1 students are currently learning about goal setting and soon will be practicing job interviewing skills this month. We will also be covering topics such as diversity and accountability systems in the classroom/workplace. CEL 2 is studying the stages of human development by completing a creative project where the different stages are represented by student-created rides at a theme park. CEL 3 is currently practicing presentation skills by sharing their

current research with different classrooms around campus.

PAND LEADERSHIP

CEL Senior Marija Mitevska describes the CEL Internship experience: For the fourth year in CEL, you are tasked with an internship at an elementary school. Depending on your strengths, you are paired with a teacher who could use your help with the students. The internship can be with any grade level and any content area. For the internship, you spend the CEL class period going to the school. Then you help students learn, either by working one on one with them or by helping them understand their assignments. You are helping the students learn and grow, furthering their education. When they succeed, you feel as if you have achieved something great as well!

CEL Senior Josh Wager explains the HIP Program: HIP stands for the Health Information Project. Seminole High School was chosen to be one of the first Pinellas County Schools to pilot this program. In HIP, SHS juniors are trained through this nationally recognized program to teach SHS ninth graders about health-related issues that they may be dealing with and how to receive help. This program is allowing our CEL juniors to have real-world experiences delivering lessons. While, learning necessary life skills the juniors are also obtaining volunteer hours.

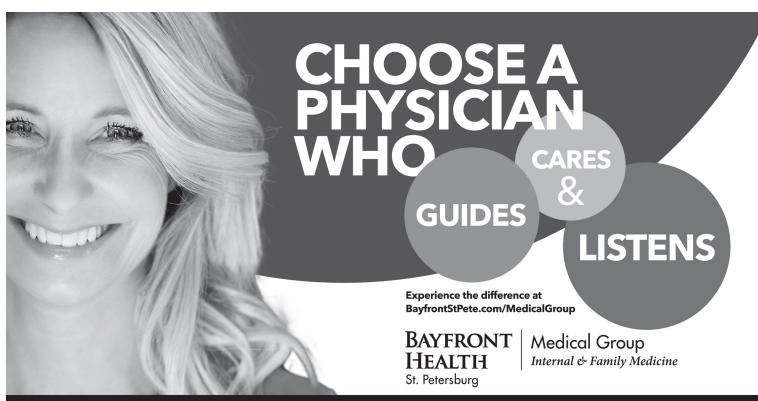




#### Rho Kappa News

This year's Rho Kappa induction ceremony will be held on Tuesday, February 22nd in the media center at 6 PM. We will be inducting 25 juniors and seniors as new members this year. Rho Kappa has continued to create content for the AR period to promote positive school culture and social studies topics. They recently created a presentation about the history of Groundhog Day as well as a Kahoot game to help celebrate Black History Month. Seniors HannaSladden and Davia Schweitzer represented Rho Kappa on the morning show to present President Katherine Repka has done an outstanding job of organizing these events and ensuring they are ready to share with the student body. Currently they are working on an AR presentation that includes an activity to teach cooperation, the PCS character trait for the month of February.



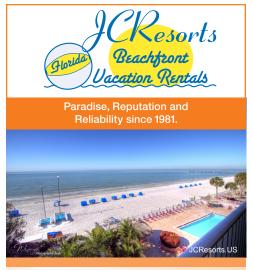


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### Future Business Leaders of America Advance to State Competition

Seminole High students recently competed in the District Competitions in a variety of areas focused on their interests in business. Four students placed for the State Competition (Devon Swartz, Kylie Ovalle, Olivia Bordeaux and Abbe Edmiston). Abbe has chosen to go to the State competition in Orlando in March 2022. GOOD LUCK ABBE!!!



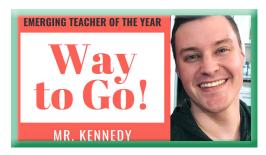
















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#### **National History Day**

Congratulations to the winners of our National History Day competition. Approximately 145 Seminole students participated this year, producing approximately 85 projects across 8 categories. The top-2 projects in each category earn the right to represent us at Pinellas History Day at Largo High School in February, with the 3rd place (where there is a 3rd place) earning the right to serve as an alternate if either of the top-2 projects can't or don't wish to move on. Students produced some really outstanding work, and I'm excited to see how they do at the district level. Results, including student name(s) and their chosen research topics, are listed by category below:

#### **Group Performance:**

Brendan Black, Jackson Bradley, and Ishmael Hersey: The Polar Bear Expedition

#### **Group Websites:**

- Raian Baydoun, Navaeh Hillmon, and Maegan Waits: The Israeli-Palestinian Conflict
- Megan Bishop, Natalia Craig, and Dylan Payne: Marie Antoinette and the French Revolution
- Madison Brown and Taylor Hartman: The Berlin Airlift

#### **Individual Websites:**

- Elyssa Stockler: Martin Luther and the Roman Catholic Church
- Brooke Rossi: The Annexation of Hawaii

#### **Group Documentaries:**

- Marc Gooflan and Tristan Mattingly: The Bay of Pigs Invasion
- Kate McClellan and Marley Parsons: The National Parks

#### **Individual Documentaries:**

- McKenna Ott: The Anti-Saloon League
- Keaton Fisher: *The Stamp Act*

#### **Research Papers:**

- Brianna Sanders: *Title IX*
- Caden Zwolski: Roe v. Wade: The Case that Changed it All
- Zach Slocum: The Battle of Valmy

#### **Group Exhibits:**

- Summer Gingras, Jazmin Huerta, and Masayda Nelson: The Second Seminole War
- Mia Sukeena and Giselle Thomas: The Equal Rights Amendment
- Kellyann Popp and Kathy Lugo: The Black Lives Matter Movement

#### **Individual Exhibits:**

- Matthew Hundley: The Iroquois Nation
- Ariana Hollis: The Tea Act
- Mekayla Trudgen: The Boston Tea Party

#### **Educators Rising News**

The Terrific Teacher Tribute, created by founding members Tim Smith, Payton Rath, Marija Mitevska, Krys Meyers, Allison French, Katherine Repka and Claire Timberlake, was awarded in December to Mr. Wayman. Educators Rising took a vote from the student body. All students were given the opportunity to scan a QR code during AR class to cast their votes. Mr. Wayman was awarded the Golden Podium, and by all accounts, he thoroughly enjoyed having the podium in his room for an entire month. He did not want to give it up, but alas during January, a new vote was taken. The January winner of the Terrific Teacher Tribute was Ms. Wakulinski. She was awarded the golden podium to keep in her classroom for a month, and it remains with her now. The next vote will be taken at the end of February so students should pay attention for the announcement on AR so they can cast their votes for the teacher they would like to see recognized with the Terrific Teacher Tribute!



#### Battle of the Books

It's not too late to join the Battle of the Books! We meet Thursday at lunch or after school 2-2:45 in the Media Center. Prizes, snacks, drinks and competitive reading fun! Join the quest to defend our title as 2021 Battle of the Books Champions!

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