CITRUS COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD

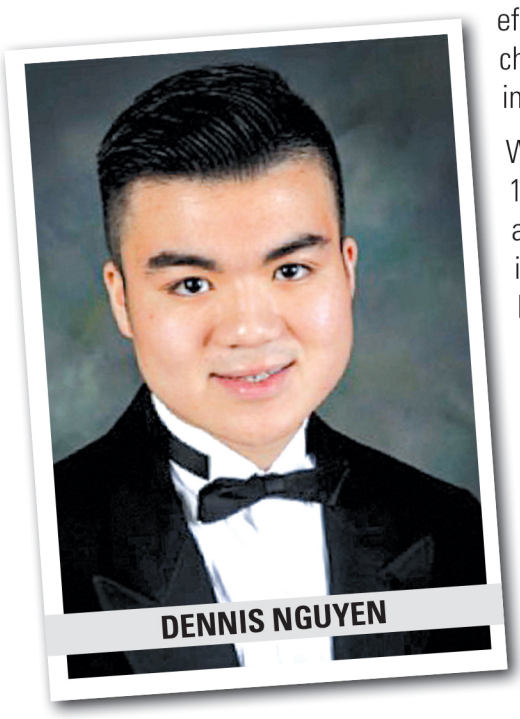
Summer Communication



A Message from Superintendent Sandra "Sam" Himmel

OUR FUTURE LOOKS BRIGHT

As our school year comes to an end, I must express my gratitude to our students, teachers, staff, parents and community for your relentless commitment to excellence. The joy of seeing our graduates take their next step to college, military, or the workplace is so fulfilling for parents and educators alike because of the memories and experiences created over the years. So many people are needed for this lifelong journey of learning to exist. Parents, teachers, school staff, administrators all have a role to play. So do many others – volunteers, citizens, elected officials. When we all invest time, effort, and resources in our children, the return on our investment is priceless.


DENNIS NGUYEN

We have approximately 1,000 graduates in 2018, and among this remarkable team is our Golden Citrus Scholar Hall of Fame winner, Dennis Nguyen. Dennis, from Lecanto High School, exemplifies how Citrus County focuses on academic success and the importance of citizenship and leadership. Dennis has a 4.82 weighted GPA, a perfect score of 800 on the SAT Math subtest, and a perfect score of 36 on the ACT English and Science subtests. He is a National AP Scholar and a Commended National Merit Scholar. He has also contributed over 200 community service hours and is the Interact Club Vice President, Academic Team Captain, and a member of Robotics Club, NHS, and ROCCS. He will continue making our world a better place by majoring in biochemistry at the University of Florida in pursuit of being a medical oncologist.

It is through strong relationships, communication, and shared values that our school district continues to raise and educate the best of the best! We will continue investing in the present so that we have hope in the future and a better tomorrow.

Teacher of the Year ..... page 2
School Related Employee of the Year ..... page 2
Coach Allen Inducted Into Hall of Fame ..... page 2
Varnadore Voted as Bucs Coach of the Year ..... page 2
National Merit Program ..... page 3
4H / Tropicana Public Speaking Contest..... page 3
WTC Recognized..... page 3
Lecanto Girls Soccer Team ..... page 3
Students Recognized at Science and Engineering Fair....page 3
Parent Tips for Summer Reading ..... page 4
Summer Feeding Program ..... page 4
School Calendar ..... page 4
Meet Your Teacher 2018-2019 School Year ..... page 4

2 CITRUS COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD Summer Communication

Top Honors


Becky Caskey

TEACHER OF THE YEAR

The Florida Teacher of the Year Program recognizes and honors the contributions of outstanding classroom teachers who have demonstrated superior capacity to inspire a love of learning in students of all backgrounds and abilities. **Becky Caskey**, school counselor at Citrus Springs Elementary School, is the Citrus County School District's 2019 Teacher of the Year. Mrs. Caskey is recognized for her tireless efforts in developing the social and emotional learning skills of students so that they are better prepared for academic challenges. She exemplifies the premise that "no significant learning will occur without a significant relationship."


Karen Meehan

SCHOOL-RELATED EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR

The Florida School-Related Employee of the Year Program recognizes outstanding education support personnel for their contributions to their schools and communities. **Karen Meehan**, an ESE paraprofessional at Citrus Springs Middle School, is the Citrus County School District 2018 School-Related Employee of the Year. Ms. Meehan is dedicated to meeting the academic and emotional needs of her students. She develops positive relationships with students and staff members and is known for her selflessness, philanthropy, and generosity to the school community.



COACH ALLEN INDUCTED INTO HALL OF FAME!

Ron Allan, Athletic Director and longtime coach at Lecanto High School, has received the Florida Athletic Coaches Association's highest honor by being inducted into the FACA Hall of Fame. He was recognized for his achievements at the Association's 42nd annual induction ceremony. Coach Allan is one of two coaches from Citrus County to ever receive this honor.

VARNADORE VOTED AS BUCS COACH OF THE YEAR



CITRUS HIGH FOOTBALL AWARDED $1,500

Citrus High head football coach **Nate Varnadore** and his wife Melissia are presented with a $1,500 check and tickets to Super Bowl LII by Tampa Electric Vice President of Customer Experience Monica Whiting, right, on Sunday at Raymond James Stadium. Varnadore was voted as Tampa Bay Buccaneers High School Coach of the Year, presented by Tampa Electric Zap Cap Systems.