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CITRUS COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD Summer

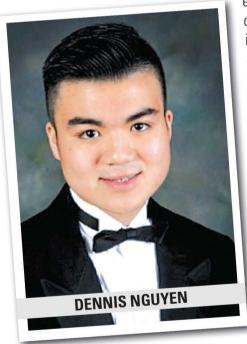
Communication



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.

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 School, Lecanto High exemplifies how Citrus County focuses 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.

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<u>Honors</u>



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."



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.



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

FLORIDA

ATHELETIC

COACHES

ASSOCIATION



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.

Outstanding Accomplishments

NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The National Merit Scholarship Program is an academic competition for recognition and scholarships. High school students, from all over the United States, enter the National Merit Program by taking the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT) — a test which serves as an initial screen of approximately 1.5 million entrants each year — and by meeting entry/participation requirements.

About 34,000 of the 1.5 million entrants are awarded Letters of Commendation in recognition of their superior academic promise and for being in the top 2% of U.S. seniors. Citrus County had five students from Lecanto High School receive this recognition: Jackie Beery, Colton Gonsisko, Miles Hall, Dennis Nguyen, and Ashley Schuler.

About 16,000 entrants qualify as Semi-finalists and only 1% of all entrants receive Finalist status. Lecanto High School's Camden Powers received this outstanding honor.

TOP 2% OF U.S. SENIORS CITRUS COUNTY'S 2017-18 NATIONAL MERIT COMMENDED STUDENTS



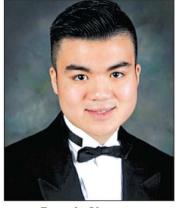




Colton Gonsisko



Miles Hall



Dennis Nguyen



Ashley Schuler

TOP 1%
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CITRUS COUNTY'S
2017-18
NATIONAL MERIT
FINALIST



Camden Powers

Camden Powers – LHS

(International Baccalaureate)

- National Merit Scholar Finalist Of the 1.6 million graduates this year, Camden is in the top 1% in US
- 4.83 Weighted GPA; 4.00 Unweighted GPA
- Ranked 1st in his class
- Recipient of the Golden Citrus Top Scholar Award for Mathematics & Engineering
- AP Scholar
- Member of NHS, Interact Club, Key Club, Spanish Club
- "Camden enjoys self-direction, preferring to figure out a solution rather than having it explained in steps. Recently, he has written a mathematical paper exploring Newton's Law of Cooling from various perspectives. He thrives on complexity and is not intimidated when presented with new and challenging questions." AP & IB Mathematics Teacher: Jacqueline Benoist

MAJOR: Biochemical Engineer, University of Florida PROFESSION: Orthopedic Surgeon

4-H / TROPICANA PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST



 The 4-H / Tropicana Public Speaking Contest helps students in grades 4-6 learn how to successfully write and deliver a speech. Sponsored by Tropicana since 1969, this annual event involves more than 150,000 students in over 50 Florida counties.

 Citrus County Schools is thankful to collaborate with the University of Florida IFAS Citrus County Extension Office in Lecanto to bring Tropicana to our students. Dr. Marnie Ward, Citrus County's 4-H Agent, works with schools to ensure that students have a positive experience throughout the contest period.

• As early as September, 4th-6th grade teachers began working with students on the components for writing and delivering an effective 2-3 minute speech. Each 4th-6th grade student participated in a classroom speaking competition. Classroom winners progressed to the school competition which showcased the top 10 speeches. The 1st and 2nd place school winners participated in the district-wide competition at the Citrus County Canning Center on January 13th & 14th.

TROPICANA SPEECH – ELEMENTARY 2018



Pictured from left to right: Honorable Mention – Lucy Chambliss, Seven Rivers Christian School, "Women in Afghanistan"; 3rd Place — Dalton Borgus, Lecanto Primary School, "The Evolution of Rap"; 2nd Place — Landon Hensley, Pleasant Grove Elementary, "Unsportsmanlike Conduct"; 1st Place — Joe Meek, Seven Rivers Christian School, "Leadership."

TROPICANA SPEECH – SECONDARY 2018



Pictured left to right: 1st Place — Kara Davis, Seven Rivers Christian School, "Brazilian Brother Bliss"; Honorable Mention — Lyndsey Greene, Seven Rivers Christian School, "Small Critter, Big Trouble"; 3rd Place — Calab Namey, Lecanto Middle School, "My Grandpa, My Hero"; 2nd Place — Reagan Blackwell, Citrus Springs Middle School, "Brace Face."



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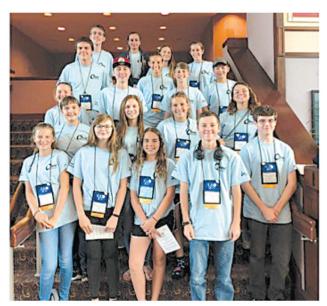
The state of Florida has 48
Council on Occupational
Education (COE) accredited
technical colleges. We are
pleased to announce that
Withlacoochee Technical College

is one of only 3 that have 90% or better in completion, placement, and licensure.

WTC's Practical Nursing program is ranked #1 in the state according to PracticalNursing.org. The ranking is based on a multi-year weighting of student pass rate for Practical Nursing Licensure.

WTC's SkillsUSA team sent 6 members to compete at the state level. Students competed against others in their program of study with industry leaders evaluating their performance. Kirsten Gullo, pictured in the center, was a silver medalist in Information Technology Services.

CITRUS COUNTY STUDENTS RECOGNIZED AT SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING FAIR



Citrus County
School District
was well
represented in
March at the
63rd State
Science and
Engineering
Fair in
Lakeland.



FINAL FOUR! LECANTO GIRLS SOCCER TEAM!

Lecanto Girls Soccer team wears district crown playing in the Florida High School Athletic Association's Class 3A state semifinals for the first time! The Panthers were undefeated at 23-0-1 and rode a 19-game winning streak. This Lecanto Girls Soccer Team made history with the furthest advance by any school in our county ever!

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PARENT TIPS FOR SUMMER READING

Literacy experts and educators agree that children of all ages need to be read to, read by themselves and talk about the books they have read during the summer. Your student's summer reading and book discussions will help maintain reading skills, improve reading fluency and provide the opportunity to learn new vocabulary and concepts. Most importantly, when parents and children enjoy summer reading together, children develop a love of books and reading that lasts a lifetime. According to research by Richard Allington (2007), by the time a struggling reader reaches middle school, summer reading loss has accumulated to a two-year lag in reading achievement. Let's work together to help students stay on track and not lose valuable ground in reading.

RECOMMENDED BOOKS FOR SUMMER READING

The Sunshine State Young Readers Award (SSYRA) & Florida Teens Read (FTR) are statewide reading motivational programs sponsored by the Florida Department of Education (DOE) and Florida Association for Media in Education (FAME). The purpose of both programs is to encourage students to read independently for pleasure. Each year, the SSYRA books are selected for their wide appeal, literary value, varied genres, curriculum connections, and/or multicultural representation. The FTR books are designed to entice teens to read and spur critical thinking. The following titles have been selected for the 2018-2019 school year and would make excellent summer reading materials!

Additional information about these books can be found at: www.floridamediaed.org

GRADES K-2

I Am Not a Chair by Ross Burach

Prince Ribbit by Jonathan Emmet & Illustrated by Poly Bernatene **Jabari Jumps** by Gaia Cornwell

The Legend of Rock Paper Scissors by Drew Daywalt &

Illustrated by Adam Rex You Don't Want a Unicorn! by Ame Dyckman & Illustrated by Liz

Be Quiet! by Ryan T. Higgins Tyrannosaurus Rex vs. Edna, the Very First Chicken by Douglas Rees & Illustrated by Jed Henry

Nerdy Birdy Tweets by Aaron Reynolds & illustrated by Matt

After the Fall by Dan Santat

Escargot by Dashka Slater & illustrated Sydney Hanson

GRADES 3-5

The Ark Plan by Laura Martin

The Doublecross: (And Other Skills I Learned as a Superspy) by Jackson Pearce

Dragons and Marshmallows by Asia Citro The Great Treehouse War by Lisa Graff Home Sweet Motel by Chris Grabenstein

I Love you, Michael Collins by Lauren Baratz-Logsted **Lemons** by Melissa Savage Lights, Camera, Cook! by Charise Mericle Harper **Overboard!** by Terry Lynn Johnson Podkin One-Ear by Kieran Larwood Spirit Week Showdown by Crystal Allen The Sweetest Sound by Sherri Winston

A True Home by Kallie George Ugly Cat & Pablo by Isabel Quintero Wish by Barbara O'Connor

GRADES 6-8

Click'd by Tamara Ireland Stone A Crack in the Sea by H.M Bouwman Surrender the Key by DJ Machale The Epic Fail of Arturo Zamora by Pablo Cartaya Eureka Key by Sarah Thomson

Firefly Code by Megan Frazer Blakemore First Rule of Punk by Celia C. Perez Forest of Wonders by Linda Sue Park Frogkisser! by Garth Nix

Ghost by Jason Reynolds Girl Who Could Not Dream by Sarah Beth Durst How Lunchbox Jones Saved Me from Robots, Traitors, and

Missy by Jennifer Brown **Restart** by Gordon Korman

Short by Holly Goldberg Sloan The Van Gogh Deception by Deron Hicks

GRADES 9-12

The Belles by Dhonielle Clayton Daughter of the Pirate King by Tricia Levenseller.

Defy the Stars by Claudia Gray Goodbye Days by Jeff Zentner The Hate U Give by Angie Thomas

In Other Lands by Sarah Rees Brennan Invictus by Ryan Graudin

Letters to the Lost by Brigid Kemmerer

A List of Cages by Robin Roe Love, Hate & Other Filters by Samira Ahmed

My Sister Rosa by Justine Larbalestier The One Memory of Flora Banks by Emily Barr

This Is Our Story by Ashley Elston Want by Cindy Pon

What to Say Next by Julie Buxbaum

Summer Feeding Program 2018











Site

Citrus Springs Middle

Inverness Middle School

Crystal River Middle

Citrus County School's Food and Nutrition Services will be participating in the Summer Feeding Program during the months of June and July.

Nutritionally balanced meals will be provided to all children regardless of race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability during Summer vacation when school breakfasts and lunches are not available. All children 18 years old and younger are eligible for meals at no charge at an Open Site and there will be no discrimination in the course of the meal service. The programs are only approved for geographical areas of need where 50 percent or more of the children qualify for free and reduced price meals during the school year. The goal is to make sure no child goes hungry.

The sites that are offering meals are as follows:

Serving Dates 2018

May 31st-August 1st (Open Monday thru Friday)

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Forest Ridge Elementary June 1st-July 26th

(Open Monday thru Thurs)

May 31st—August 1st

(Open Monday thru Friday) Lunch: 11:00am-12:00pm

NOTE: ALL SITES WILL BE CLOSED ON JULY 4th For more information, please contact Ms. Fredrikson at 726-1931 X 2451



Serving Times

Breakfast: 8:00 am - 8:45am

Lunch: 11:00am-12:00pm

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In accordance with Federal Law and U.S. Department of Agriculture policy, this institution is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability. To file a complaint of discrimination, write USDA, Director, Office of Adjudication, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20250-9410 or call toll free (866) 632-9992 (Voice). Individuals who are hearing impaired or have speech disabilities may contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339; or (800) 845-6136 (Spanish). USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

2018-2019 CITRUS COUNTY SCHOOL CALENDAR

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	WTC Graduation
	Memorial Day
	Crystal River High School Graduation
	Citrus High School Graduation
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	Work Day - End of Reporting
	Lecanto High School Graduation
	Last Day of School
	MYcroSchool Citrus Graduation
	Teacher Work Day

Lege	nd	
Holiday: Schools closed, students and teachers do not report.		Professional Development I Students do not report
Teacher Workdays - Students do not report		Important Dates
Elementary & Middle School Parent Conference Day / High School Workday	Sch	ool Board Approved Decemb

throughout the year ber 12, 2017

Meet Your Teacher 2018-2019 School Year **DATE** TIME

Central Ridge Elementary	Tuesday, August 7, 2018	4:00 - 6:00 p.m.
Citrus Springs Elementary	Tuesday, August 7, 2018	4:30 - 6:30 p.m.
Crystal River Primary	Tuesday, August 7, 2018	3:00 - 4:00 p.m.
		4:00 - 5:30 p.m.
		6:00 p.m.
Floral City Elementary	Tuesday, August 7, 2018	9:30 - 10:00 a.m.
		10:00 a.m 12:00 p.m.
Forest Ridge Elementary	Tuesday, August 7, 2018	4:00 - 6:00 p.m.
Hernando Elementary	Tuesday, August 7, 2018	4:00 - 6:00 p.m.
Homosassa Elementary	Tuesday, August 7, 2018	3:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Inverness Primary	Tuesday, August 7, 2018	3:00 - 4:00 p.m.
		4:00 - 6:00 p.m.
Lecanto Primary	Tuesday, August 7, 2018	2:30 - 4:30 p.m.
Pleasant Grove Elementary	Tuesday, August 7, 2018	3:30 - 4:00 p.m.
		4:00 - 6:00 p.m.
Rock Crusher Elementary	Tuesday, August 7, 2018	4:30 - 6:30 p.m.
CREST	Thursday, August 9, 2018	3:00 - 6:00 p.m.
Citrus Springs Middle	Wednesday, August 8, 2018	3:00 - 6:00 p.m.
Crystal River Middle	Wednesday, August 8, 2018	3:00 - 6:00 p.m.
Inverness Middle	Wednesday, August 8, 2018	1:00 - 3:00 p.m.
		3:00 - 6:00 p.m.
Lecanto Middle	Wednesday, August 8, 2018	3:00 - 6:00 p.m.
Citrus High	Friday, August 10, 2018	9:00 a.m 12:30 p.m.
	Thursday, August 30, 2018	5:30 - 7:00 p.m.
Crystal River High	Friday, August 10, 2018	8:00 a.m 12:00 p.m.
	Thursday, August 23, 2018	5:30 - 6:00 p.m.
	Thursday, August 23, 2018	6:00 — 7:00 p.m.
Lecanto High	Thursday, August 9, 2018	8:00 a.m.

Tuesday, August 21, 2018

Thursday, August 9, 2018

Tuesday, August 7, 2018

Safety Patrol & Parents - Cafeteria New Students and KG Grades PreK - 5

Pre-K & KG Grades 1 - 5

Pre-K and KG

Grades 1 - 5

New Students to PGE All Returning Students

6th Grade Orientation

Open House

FRESHMAN & NEW STUDENTS ONLY

Fall Open House FRESHMAN ONLY

11:30 a.m.

5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

9:30 - 11:30 a.m.

12:30 - 2:30 p.m.

9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Advanced Placement Presentation

General Open House **DROP-OFF FRESHMAN (Class of 2022) &**

NEW STUDENTS ONLY IN THE GYM Pick-up FRESHMAN & NEW STUDENTS Parents invited 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Open House for all students Open House @ Academy

Returning students **NEW STUDENTS ONLY**