



Newsletter



Letter from our Principal

Dear Dreyfoos Family,

As we head into the final stretch of the school year, I continue to be amazed by the energy, talent, and dedication that define our Dreyfoos community. The spirit of DREYFOOS MAGIC has been shining brightly across every department, from stage to the science lab, and everywhere in between.

We recently wrapped up an incredible Spirit Week filled with DREYFOOS MAGIC and, most importantly, school culture and tradition. The climate of any school is just as important as teaching and learning, and I can most certainly say Dreyfoos school spirit was on full display! Each day was even more spectacular than the last, with the entire school community enjoying themed dress-up days, dunking the staff, field day activities, a student vs. staff basketball game with powder puff halftime routines, generation dances, Battle of the Bands, a stunning Multicultural Show, the Lip Dub, and an unforgettable three-hour pep rally! A heartfelt thank you to our Student Government Association, class councils, multicultural clubs, class sponsors, Mrs. Finney, and Mrs. Ray. A tremendous amount of work goes into planning this week, and we are so grateful for all who made it possible.

A special thank you to our Junior Class Council and their sponsor, Ms. Nesbitt, for organizing a beautiful Great Gatsby-themed prom. The evening was elegant, memorable, and a true celebration of our students. We are so grateful for their creativity and hard work in making the night a success.

Congratulations to *The Muse* and *Seeds*, who earned national Gold Crown Awards from the Columbia Scholastic Press Association. Our student journalists and artists continue to make us proud on a national level. In addition, *The Muse* was named an Online Pacemaker Finalist by the National Scholastic Press Association, one of only two schools in Florida to receive this honor!

A special shout-out to our SECME team, who made Dreyfoos history by winning 1st Place Overall at the District Olympiad! This is an incredible achievement and a testament to the innovation and collaboration of our students. We're also celebrating our Science Olympiad team for their strong showing at regionals, our Theatre Department for 14 South Florida Cappies nominations, and the Dreyfoos Band for their performance at the National Music Festival in Indianapolis.

As we approach assessment season, I encourage everyone to review the testing information found on pages four and five of this newsletter. Please make sure students arrive on time, well-rested, and with a fully charged district-issued device. Free breakfast is available every morning in the cafeteria to help our students start their day strong.

We also have a packed calendar of events ahead. Be sure to check out page three for exciting performances, details, and ticket information. Thank you to our students, faculty, families, and supporters who make Dreyfoos the exceptional place it is. I look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events!

Sincerely,
Blake Bennett
Principal

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SAC Info

The School Advisory Committee (SAC) meetings are open to all parents, employees, students, and business and community citizens. The SAC prepares and evaluates the school improvement plan and approves the use of all school improvement funds. Everyone is strongly encouraged to join DSOA's SAC. All SAC meetings will take place at 5:30 PM in the Media Center. Non-voting members are welcome to attend via Google Meet!

<https://meet.google.com/usk-xoxb-zmj>

Mark your calendars:

April 15, 2025

May 13, 2025

Email Sarah.Ray@palmbeachschools.org for more information.



Dreyfoos Recognized for Expanding Access in Computer Science!

Congratulations to Alexander W. Dreyfoos School of the Arts for earning the College Board's AP® Computer Science Female Diversity Award! This recognition celebrates our efforts to expand access and increase female representation in AP Computer Science Principles.

A special thank you to Mr. Freeman, our AP Computer Science teacher, for his dedication and commitment to fostering inclusion in computer science. Dreyfoos is proud to be one of only 847 schools nationwide to receive this honor for the 2023–24 school year.

Important Dates

4/15: Pops concert in Meyer Hall at 6:30pm

4/15: SAC meeting at 5:30pm

4/16: Pops concert in Meyer Hall at 6:30pm

4/16: Visual and Digital Media Senior Show in building 9 and 2 from 5:00pm - 7:00pm

4/16: Hairy Details show in the Black Box at 6:30pm

4/17: SOAFI Scholarship night in Meyer Hall at 6:30pm

4/18: No school

4/21: Sophomore Theatre Showcase in the Black Box at 5:00pm

4/22: Jazz Concert in Meyer Hall at 6:30pm

4/23: Junior Theatre Showcase in the Black Box at 5:00pm

4/24: Piano Duet recital in Meyer Hall at 6:00pm

4/26: Algebra I and Geometry Boot Camp in the Media Center from 9:00am-12:00pm

4/29: Senior Dance concert in Meyer Hall at 6:00pm

5/1: Senior Theatre Showcase in the Black Box at 6:30pm

5/1: Orchestra concert in Meyer Hall at 6:30pm

5/2: Senior Theatre Showcase in the Black Box at 6:30pm

5/3: Band concert in Meyer Hall at 6:30pm

Please purchase tickets for all of our shows and performances at:
<https://search.seatyourself.biz/>

2025 Spring Testing Calendar

FEBRUARY

2/20/2025: CLT EXAM IN MEDIA CENTER FOR 11TH OR 12TH GRADE STUDENTS IN NEED OF GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS.

MARCH

3/5/2025: DIGITAL SAT FOR JUNIORS

APRIL

4/2/2025: 9TH GR BEST WRITING
 4/3/2025: 10TH GR BEST WRITING
 4/4/2025: FCLE FOR 12TH GR STUDENTS
 4/25/2025: AICE ENGLISH GENERAL PAPER PART 1 IN AM
 4/29/2025: AICE ENGLISH GENERAL PAPER PART 2 IN AM
 4/30/2025: AICE ENGLISH LANG PAPER PART 1 IN AM

FEBRUARY 2025

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2	3	4	5	6	7	8

MARCH 2025

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APRIL 2025

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6	7	8	9 MAKEUP TESTING	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25 AICE GENERAL PAPER PART 1 IN AM	26
27	28	29 AICE GENERAL PAPER PART 2 IN AM	30 AICE ENG LANG PART 1 IN AM	1	2	3

Students taking any of the listed assessments will need a FULLY charged District-issued Chromebook or CTE laptop to complete testing.

Students will receive testing passes with their testing location the morning of the assessment.

2025 Spring Testing Calendar

MAY

5/1/2025: 9TH GR ELA PM3 IN AM AICE GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES IN AM	5/8/2025: AP STATISTICS IN AM AP WORLD HISTORY IN PM	5/15/2025: AP ART HISTORY IN AM AP SPANISH LANG IN AM AP COMPUTER SCIENCE PRINCIPLES IN PM
5/2/2025: 10TH GR ELA PM3 IN AM	5/9/2025: AP US HISTORY IN AM AP MACROECONOMICS IN PM	5/16/2025: BIOLOGY EOC AP PHYSICS I IN AM AP SPANISH LIT IN AM AP PSYCHOLOGY IN PM
5/5/2025: AP BIOLOGY IN AM AICE ENGLISH LANGUAGE PART 2 IN AM AP EUROPEAN HISTORY IN PM AP MICROECONOMICS IN PM	5/12/2025: MODIFIED BELL SCHEDULE TBD AP CALC AB IN AM AP CALC BC IN AM ALG 1 EOC IN AM GEOMETRY 1 EOC IN AM AP MUSIC THEORY IN PM	5/20/2025: US HISTORY EOC IN AM
5/6/2025: AP HUMAN GEOGRAPHY IN AM AP CHEMISTRY IN AM AP US GOV & POLITICS IN PM	5/13/2025: AP FRENCH IN AM AP PRECALC IN AM AP ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE IN PM AP PHYSICS 2 IN PM	5/21/2025: AICE DRAMA IN PM
5/7/2025: AP ENGLISH LITERATURE IN AM AICE MEDIA STUDIES IN AM AP COMPUTER SCIENCE A IN PM	5/14/2025: AP ENGLISH LANG IN AM	

MAY 2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
27	28	29	30	1 AM TESTS: • 9TH GR ELA PM3 • AICE GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES	2 AM TESTS: • 10TH GR ELA PM3	3
4	5 AM TESTS: • AP BIOLOGY • AICE ENG LANG PART 2 PM TESTS: • AP EURO • AP MICROECON.	6 AM TESTS: • AP HUMAN GEO • AP CHEM PM TESTS: • AP US GOV & POLITICS	7 AM TESTS: • AP ENG LIT • AICE MEDIA STUDIES PM TESTS: • AP COMPUTER SCIENCE A	8 AM TESTS: • AP STATISTICS PM TESTS: • AP WORLD HISTORY	9 AM TESTS: • AP US HISTORY PM TESTS: • AP MACROECONOMICS	10
11	12 MODIFIED BELL AM TESTS: • AP CALC AB • AP CALC BC • ALG 1 & GEO EOC PM TESTS: • AP MUSIC THEORY	13 AM TESTS: • AP FRENCH • AP PRECALC PM TESTS: • AP ENVIRO • AP PHYSICS 2	14 AM TESTS: • AP ENG LANG	15 AM TESTS: • AP ART HISTORY • AP SPANISH LANG PM TESTS: • AP COMPUTER SCIENCE PRINCIPLES	16 AM TESTS: • BIO EOC • AP PHYSICS 1 • AP SPANISH LIT PM TESTS: • AP PSYCHOLOGY	17
18	19 GRADUATION 	20 AM TESTS: • US EOC	21 PM TESTS: • AICE DRAMA	22	23	24
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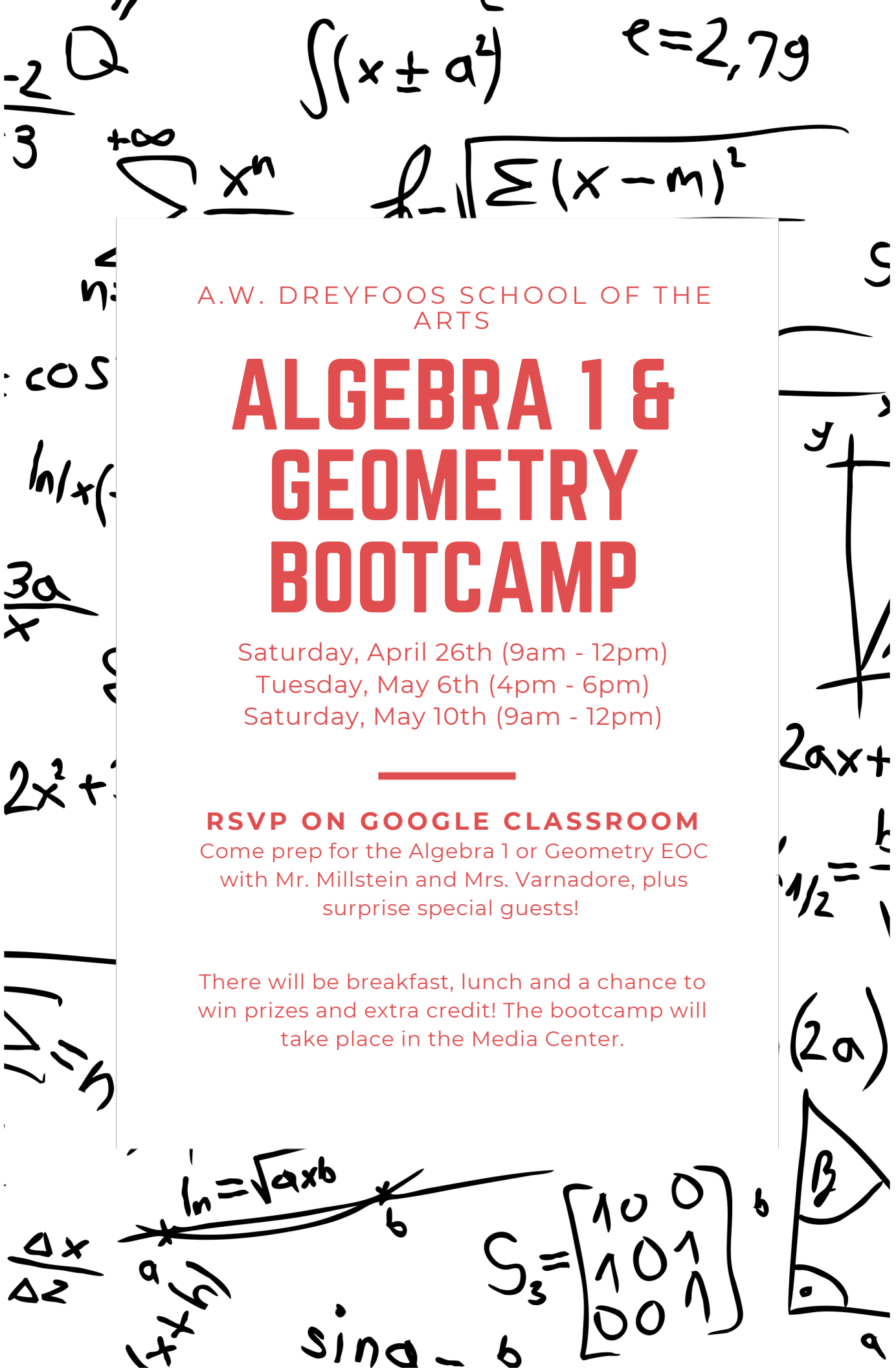
A.W. DREYFOOS SCHOOL OF THE ARTS

ALGEBRA 1 & GEOMETRY BOOTCAMP

Saturday, April 26th (9am - 12pm)
Tuesday, May 6th (4pm - 6pm)
Saturday, May 10th (9am - 12pm)

RSVP ON GOOGLE CLASSROOM
Come prep for the Algebra 1 or Geometry EOC with Mr. Millstein and Mrs. Varnadore, plus surprise special guests!

There will be breakfast, lunch and a chance to win prizes and extra credit! The bootcamp will take place in the Media Center.



A.W.DREYFOOS SCHOOL OF THE ARTS

SAT/ACT/CLT Testing Schedule
2024 - 2025

CEEB CODE 101822

SAT EXAM

SAT Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Registration Deadline
March 8, 2025	February 21, 2025	February 25, 2025
May 3, 2025	April 18, 2025	April 22, 2025
June 7, 2025	May 22, 2025	May 27, 2025

Registration Fee: \$68, Late Registration Fee: \$34

ACT EXAM

ACT Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Registration Deadline
April 5, 2025	February 28, 2025	March 16, 2025
June 14, 2025	May 9, 2025	May 26, 2025
July 12, 2025	June 6, 2025	June 20, 2025

Registration Fee: \$68 , Late Registration Fee: \$38

Dates Subject to Change

CLT EXAM

Registration Fee: \$59; Remotely Proctored

CLT Test Date	Registration Deadline	Score Release
March 15, 2025	March 6, 2025	TBD
April 10, 2025	April 3, 2025	TBD
May 10, 2025	May 1, 2025	TBD
June 18, 2025	June 12, 2025	TBD



Spring into College

AN INFORMATIONAL SERIES

GET A HEAD START ON YOUR COLLEGE SEARCH AND APPLICATION PROCESS

LUNCH TIME IN THE MEDIA CENTER

Wednesday, April 9th

Application Time Line | Resume | Letters of Recommendation

Thursday, April 10th

College List | Naviance

Tuesday, April 15th

Common App | SSAR

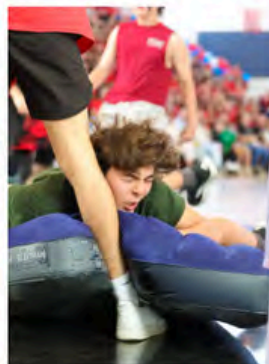
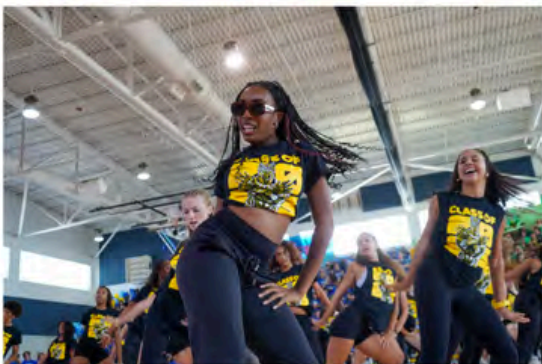
Wednesday, April 16th

Essay | Summer Programs & Activities

Alexander W. Dreyfoos

Student Government Association News

APRIL// 2025 (Ninth Edition of 24-25 SY)



Dreyfoos Presents

LIP DUB 2025

[CLICK HERE TO WATCH](#)

CHECK OUT THIS YEAR'S PEP RALLY DANCES!

9th Grade: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k5c4EQiRiec>

10th Grade: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iKbEtKxTEiU>

11th Grade: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-v8llGBjPg0>

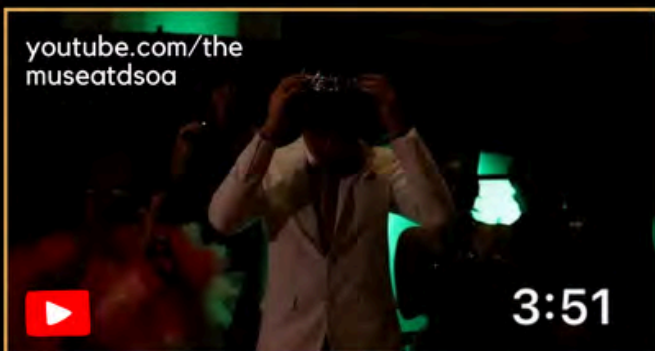
12th Grade: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0KOMNJtBqPo>

Staff: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XtCVYwydEU8>

Class Information

DREYFOOS PROM

Junior Class Council Newsletter
// April 2025



Check out *The Muse's* recap on their YouTube!



Thank you to Keegan McLendon for these incredible photos and Visal Ly for the video recap. We hope you had the best prom ever!

— The Junior Class Council

Dreyfoos Magic!

Magic is something you make

D S O A
M A G I C M A K E R



Angus Murphy
Grayson Murray

Freshman



Leah Teebagy
Autumn Wurtenberger

Sophomores



Lily Mcdow
Sienna Sossi

Juniors



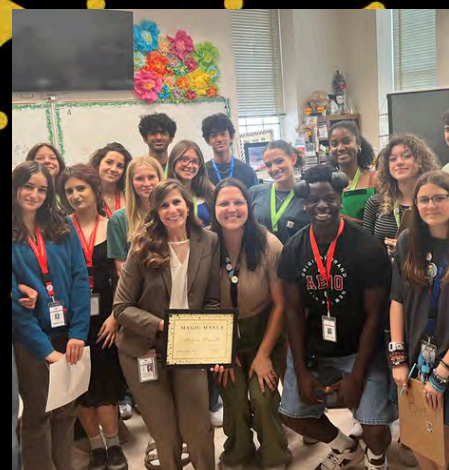
Emma Elder
Adam Picariello-Heighes

Seniors



Ms. Hernandez

Communications



Mrs. Russell

Math

Visual & Digital Media



2025 DSOA VISUAL ARTS & DIGITAL MEDIA SENIOR SHOW

PLEASE JOIN US

Wednesday, April 16, 2025

5:00-7:00 PM

Buildings 9 & 2

A.W. Dreyfoos School of the Arts
501 South Sapodilla Avenue
West Palm Beach , FL 33401

*This exhibition features artworks by our
Visual Arts & Digital Media Class of 2025
seniors. We hope you can join us to
celebrate their phenomenal work.*

Visual & Digital Media

CONGRATULATIONS!

TO THESE STUDENTS WHO ARE ACCOMPLISHING GREAT THINGS!

NORTON MUSEUM OF ART

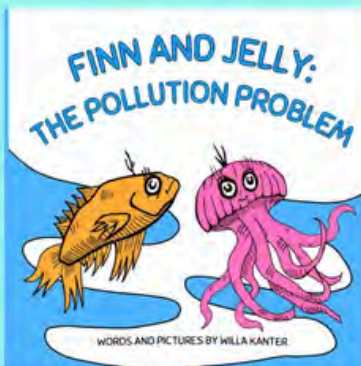
The following students had their work selected by the Norton for the **Dreamland** exhibition from **January 17, 2025 through May 18, 2025!**

**NAAMA GOMES-SAMMAH
CARMEN PHILLIPS
JESLYN NG**

**KATIE ZAVGORODNEVA
ISABELLA RAMON
ALENA MACDONALD
AUTUMN WURTENBERGER
SIENNA LAROCQUE
EDEN CALLE
FELICITE LEHEL**

**AND THE FOLLOWING GROUP OF
STUDENTS WHO COLLABORATED ON A
ZINE:**

**HADASA CARRERO
OLIVIA FONG
STEVIE GONZALEZ
MIRANDA HAN
BETSY LINKHORST
MARCIA MARICHAL DEL POZO
KEIRA O'NEILL
SAM SIMPSON
MANUELA VARGAS CASTANEDA
CASPIAN VON LATTORFF**



WILLA KANTER: AUTHOR & ILLUSTRATOR

Visual Arts junior WILLA KANTER recently **authored, illustrated and self-published** her book **FINN AND JELLY: THE POLLUTION PROBLEM**, a book for children ages 2-8 who love the ocean and marine life. Finn and Jelly are besties, and through their trials and tribulations aim to teach young readers about the importance of caring for the environment, the ocean and the marine life that lives in it.

Congratulations to WILLA on this amazing accomplishment!

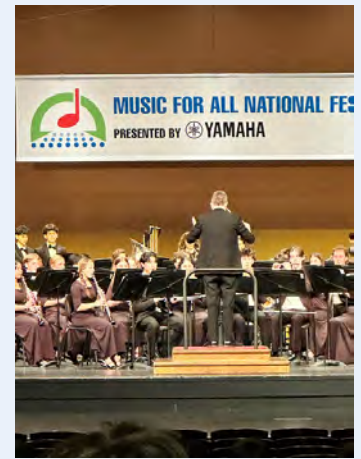
Music

Congratulations to Our Dreyfoos Band!

We are incredibly proud of our band students for their phenomenal performance at the National Music Festival in Indianapolis, sponsored by Yamaha and presented by Music for All. Being selected to perform at this prestigious event is a tremendous honor and a true display of Dreyfoos Magic, a combination of talent, dedication, and artistic excellence that defines our school community.

A huge thank you to Mr. Rogovin for his outstanding leadership and unwavering support in guiding our students to this incredible achievement.

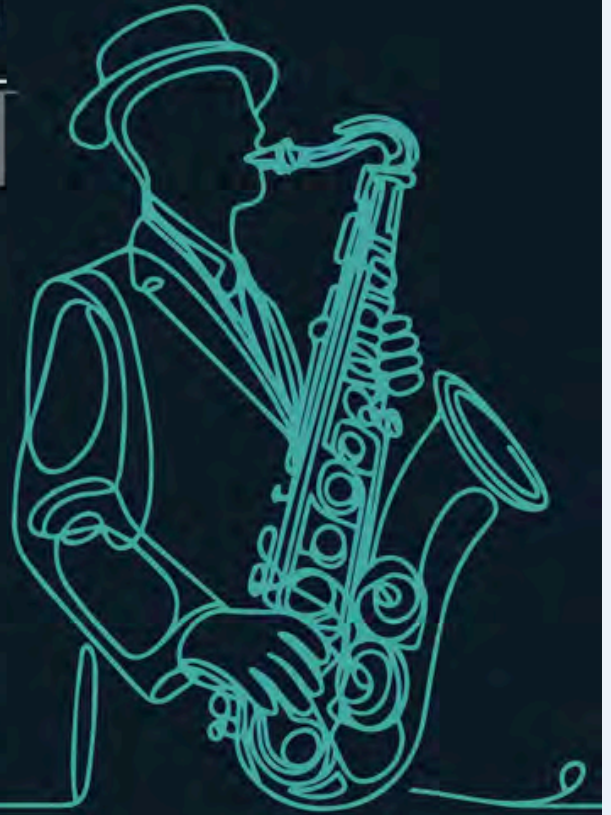
Bravo to our amazing student musicians and directors. You represented Dreyfoos with excellence!



Music

ALEXANDER W. DREYFOOS SCHOOL OF THE ARTS

SPRING
JAZZ
FINALE



APRIL 22 - 6:30PM - MEYER HALL

Jazz Ensemble 1, 2 & 3



Music



The end of the year Band Banquet is right around the corner. Please help sponsor a Band Senior to attend the banquet for FREE! Please link it to: <https://dsoa-music-department.square.site/product/sponsor-a-senior/26?cs=true&cst=custom>.



Dreyfoos students, we need your help to volunteer as ushers during both Pops concert dates. Volunteer hours are provided.

To volunteer on April 15 use this link <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050E45A8AF28A0F85-55771442-dsoa/28181524#/>

To volunteer on April 16 use this link <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050E45A8AF28A0F85-55771348-dsoa/28181524#/>

Communications

Double Gold for Dreyfoos Publications!

Congratulations to both The Muse and Seeds for earning Gold Crown Awards from the Columbia Scholastic Press Association, the highest national recognition for student publications.



The Muse received the Gold Crown in the Hybrid News category, and Seeds, our literary and arts magazine, was honored for its exceptional creativity and design. These awards celebrate the talent, dedication, and excellence of our incredible student editors, writers, and artists.



We are so proud of both staffs for this remarkable achievement!

Congratulations to The Muse Staff!

The Muse website, themuseatdreyfoos.com, has been recognized as an Online Pacemaker Finalist by the National Scholastic Press Association, the highest honor awarded to student news websites. It is one of only 34 websites recognized nationally and one of just two in the state of Florida to receive this distinction.

View the full list of finalists: <https://studentpress.org/nspa/2025-online-pacemaker-finalists/>

NSPA
ONLINE PACEMAKER FINALIST

Muse
Alexander W. Dreyfoos
School of the Arts
West Palm Beach, Florida

Communications

FSPA Finalists Announced – Congratulations to Our Student Journalists!

We're proud to recognize three outstanding students who have been named finalists for top honors from the Florida Scholastic Press Association:

- Aiden Velez of The Muse – Tom Pierce Photojournalist of the Year
- Ava Fiala of The Marquee – Design of the Year
- Maja Milovanovic of The Muse – Emerging Young Journalist of the Year

Winners will be announced at the state convention in April. Congratulations to Aiden, Ava, and Maja, your creativity, talent, and dedication continue to make us proud!

<p>Designer of the Year Finalists </p> <p>Ava Fiala <i>Dreyfoos School of the Arts, Marquee</i></p> <p>Josephine Lim <i>Hagerty High School, BluePrint</i></p> <p>Riley Nichols <i>H.B. Plant High School, Panther</i></p>	<p>Tom Pierce Photojournalist of the Year Finalists </p> <p>Sydney Muchow <i>Hagerty High School, Fusion</i></p> <p>Elijah Nall <i>Pace High School, Liberator</i></p> <p>Aiden Velez <i>Dreyfoos School of the Arts, The Muse</i></p> <p>Sponsored by Cady Studios</p>	<p>Emerging Young Journalist Finalists </p> <p>Ashwin Anand <i>Trinity Preparatory School, thetrinityvoice.com</i></p> <p>Maja Milovanovic <i>Dreyfoos School of the Arts, The Muse</i></p> <p>Leia Holowka <i>Gaither High School, Silver Star</i></p>
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Speech & Debate Shines at Novice States!

Our Speech and Debate team competed at the Florida Forensic League Novice State Tournament on April 11-12 at John I. Leonard High School. We are incredibly proud of all our novice members who represented Dreyfoos at this state-level competition.

Congratulations to our standout performers:

- Zahab Ali & Bimini Linnell – Semifinalists, Original Oratory
- Charlie Bastien – Semifinalist, Extemporaneous & Impromptu Speaking
- Sophia Koo & Grayson Murray – Semifinalists, Congressional Debate
- Jacob Amoroso, Gabriella Barthelmes, Steven Lee, Musa Rahman & Reya Spivak – Finalists, Congressional Debate



Amazing work, Jaguars!

Theatre

Metamorphoses Earns 14 South Florida Cappies Nominations!

Congratulations to the incredible cast and crew of Metamorphoses for earning an outstanding 14 South Florida Cappies Award nominations! This recognition celebrates the immense talent, creativity, and hard work that went into every element of the production.

We are so proud of our students for their artistry and excellence. Bravo to all involved!

Nominations include:

- Hair and Makeup – Ren Christopher and Company
- Props – Niko Gerrard, Alice Novak, and Company
- Lighting – Amira Green and Joey DiMare
- Costumes – Rikki Crossland, Kylie Motta, and Company
- Sets – Joey DiMare, Penelope Hess, Julianna Priddy, and Company
- Stage Management and Crew – Aniston Jennings, Sherry Wiedrich, and Charlotte Wooley
- Ensemble in a Play – The Movement Ensemble
- Featured Actor (Male) – Graham Gilbert
- Featured Actor (Female) – Colton McMackin
- Dancer (Female) – Kirra Bevilacqua
- Comic Actor (Male) – Andrew Hopta
- Supporting Actor (Female) – Melanie Simmons
- Supporting Actor (Male) – Shane Rainsburg
- Play – Metamorphoses



Alexa Isabel Lasanta

Congratulations to Senior Alexa Lasanta!

Alexa has been selected as the Palm Beach County recipient of the 2025 Jack Zink Memorial Scholarship, awarded by the prestigious Carbonell Awards. This \$2,000 scholarship honors her exceptional talent, experience, and dedication to the arts. A seasoned performer since the age of six, Alexa continues to inspire with her passion and impact in the theater community. We are so proud of you!

Dreyfoos Magic



Congratulations to Keira Cardoso!

Keira was recently honored with the Academic Excellence Award in Natural Sciences from Palm Beach State College. Nominated by her biology lab professor, Dr. Walter, Keira received this prestigious recognition as a dual enrollment student—a remarkable accomplishment that highlights her dedication and passion for the sciences. We're so proud of you, Keira!

Congratulations to Senior David Sanchez!

David has been selected as the 1st place winner of the English Speaking Union's Essay Contest and will receive a \$1,000 prize for his outstanding work. Way to go, David!



Congratulations to Karen Zhao!

We are thrilled to celebrate Karen Zhao for two outstanding accomplishments!

Karen has been selected to represent South Florida in the prestigious National Chemistry Olympiad, where she will compete at Florida International University (FIU)—a remarkable recognition of her excellence in science.

In addition, Karen has been named a 2025 Carson Scholar! This national honor is awarded to students who demonstrate the highest standards of academic achievement, integrity, and civic responsibility. As a Carson Scholar, Karen will receive a \$1,000 scholarship, a medal, and a certificate.

Karen's hard work, leadership, and dedication continue to inspire us all. We are so proud of you—congratulations, Karen!



Dreyfoos Magic

Science Olympiad Shines at Regionals!

Congratulations to our Science Olympiad team for their outstanding performance at the regional competition at FAU Boca! Students brought home several top awards in events like Anatomy and Physiology, Astronomy, Forensics, and Write It, Do It.

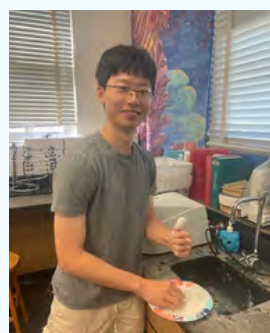
Special shoutout to Sophia Nemes and Priya Gowda for earning 1st place in Write It, Do It!

Bravo to all of our competitors and a big thank you to Coach Mrs. Campbell for leading the team to success!



Biology Lab: Fermentation in Action

Biology students explored how organisms like yeast convert sugar into energy without oxygen. This hands-on lab connected cellular processes to real-world products like making pizza, showing science at work in everyday life!



Dreyfoos Magic



Congratulations to Amelie Cannon!

Amelie Cannon has been awarded 1st place in the Visual Arts category of the 11th Annual Holocaust Reflection Contest, hosted by Nova Southeastern University and the Holocaust Learning and Education Fund, Inc. Her powerful artwork earned her a \$500 prize and will be recognized at the awards ceremony on April 6, 2025.

We are so proud of Amelie for this meaningful and impactful achievement!

Joy Chen and Lydia Park Headed to World Championships!

Congratulations to Joy Chen (Visual Arts, Junior) and Lydia Park (Dance, Senior) on their victory at the Orlando Regional FRC competition with Team 179 Children of the Swamp! Their team, along with alliance partners, earned a spot at the FIRST Robotics World Championships in Houston, Texas this April.



We're so proud of Joy and Lydia, best of luck!

Dreyfoos Magic

SECME Team Makes History!

Congratulations to the Dreyfoos SECME Team for earning 1st Place Overall at the District SECME Olympiad, marking a historic first for our school! Under the leadership of Mrs. Hill, the team placed in five events, showcasing their creativity, collaboration, and STEM excellence.

Award Winners:

- Second Place – Balsa Bridge: Callie Gao, Hinav Kar, and Raina Zhao
- Second Place – Essay: Hanna Masudi
- Second Place – Water-Powered Generator: Jayden Blackwell, Christian Degnan, and Jackson Murray
- Third Place – Water-Powered Generator: Joy Chen, Willa Kanter, Alena MacDonald, and Anthony Stan
- Second Place – Water Bottle Rocket: Kiara Benoit, Isabella Gomez, Katherine Hill, and Raina Zhao

We are incredibly proud of the entire team for this outstanding achievement. Congratulations again to our Jaguars!



Dona por Amor Wraps Up a Phenomenal Year

Dona por Amor, our initiative through the Spanish Honor Society, had an incredible year of giving. Thanks to the generosity of our DSOA family, we were able to donate 427 items to three Hispanic countries: Venezuela, Honduras, and Guatemala.

Donations included clothing, shoes, school supplies, personal items, hygiene products, and non-perishable foods.

A huge thank you to everyone who donated, and to the Dona por Amor team for sorting, packing, and delivering the items to the respective nonprofit organizations.

We're already looking forward to growing our impact next year! If anyone in our DSOA community has family in another country in need of support, please let our team know. We're always eager to help, especially when it involves our extended Dreyfoos family.

Thank you!

**DONA
POR
AMOR**

**We have donated
427 items total to
Honduras,
Guatemala, and
Venezuela!**

**Thank you to all the
Jaguars that made
this possible!**



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TEACHER AND STAFF LUNCHEON APRIL 22nd



SHOW OUR TEACHERS AND STAFF YOU APPRECIATE THEM. DONATE TO THEIR LUNCHEON TODAY!



The Dreyfoos PTSO will be hosting an appreciation luncheon for teachers and staff on Tuesday, April 22. Help us show how much we appreciate them by making a donation! <https://www.dreyfoosptso.org/product-page/donate-to-the-end-of-the-year-teacher-luncheon>

Introducing our upcoming PTSO Board and Committees for the 2025-2026 school year.

Dreyfoos PTSO Board and Committees for 2025 - 2026 www.dreyfoosptso.org

Following is the Dreyfoos Parent Teacher Student Organization, Inc. Board and Committee Chairs for the 2025 - 2026 school year. The slate below will be voted on at the General Body Meeting on April 22.

We have several vacancies that we need to have filled. Even if the position has a Chair designated and you want to assist in that area, please respond. We are always looking to add to our group with interested parties. **Please consider joining our organization.** For questions on time commitment, responsibilities, or if you are interested in any of the positions, please contact Arlene Gustave at Dreyfoosptsopres@gmail.com as soon as possible.

President.....	Arlene Gustave
Co-President.....	Vacant
1st Vice President, Programming & Hospitality.....	Ifat Aloni
Programming/Hospitality Co-Chair.....	Vacant
2nd Vice President, Fundraising.....	Shaun Dussie
Fundraising Co-Chair.....	Vacant
Treasurer.....	Cindy McMackin
Co-Recording Secretary.....	Megan Beck
Co-Recording Secretary.....	Keren Schiller
Corresponding Secretary (communications).....	Anna Stroud
Co-Corresponding Secretary.....	Victoria Wisot
Membership Committee Chair.....	Allie Mason
Project Grad Chair.....	Arlene Gustave, Cindy McMackin
Project Grad, Merchandise Sales.....	Arlene Gustave
Project Grad, Snack Shack.....	Vacant
College Fair, Committee Chairs.....	Cheryl Taylor and Brian Ross
Teacher Grants, Committee Chair.....	Vacant
Volunteer Coordinator, Committee Chair.....	Ifat Aloni
New Family Welcome Dinner, Committee Chair.....	Arlene Gustave, Victoria Wisot

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Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast
and
General Body Meeting
Tuesday, April 22
9:00 - 10:00 am
Teacher's Lounge
school cafeteria

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Project Graduation

SNACK SHACK WISH LIST & SIGNUP

Please help Project Grad 2025 by donating items to the Snak Shack!

And volunteer in the Snak Shack. Quick 1 hour shifts available each week!



← Amazon Wish List



→ Snak Shack SignUp



Project Graduation

Please help support our efforts in fundraising for the Class of 2025 and their Project Graduation event. We ask all families to support this event by donating a minimum of \$20.25. Thank you!



Sign up for a Snak Shack shift:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0D48ACAF23AAFB6-50579384-snak#/>

Click the link to donate:
<https://www.dreyfoosptso.org/project-grad-donations>

Snack Shack Amazon wish list:
<https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/13B2BXCUDZ-R9A?type=wishlist&filter=all&sort=default&viewType=list>

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Dreyfoos Tennis Celebrates Senior Night with a Sweep!

Senior Night was one to remember as the boys' team swept King's Academy 7-0 and the girls came out strong with a 5-2 victory.

Boys' singles wins came from seniors Phillip Margolis and Jacob Anuar, along with Adam Akhrass, Aayush Aggarwal, and Nat Ratchford. In doubles, Phillip partnered with Aayush, and senior Ryan Markovitz teamed up with Adam for dominant wins.

Girls' singles victories were secured by Sofia Yuricek, Scarlett Huang, and Aislinn O'Brien, while doubles wins came from Scarlett Huang & Isabel Ramsay and Sofia & Olivia Yuricek.

We also honored our incredible seniors: Phillip Margolis, Jacob Anuar, Ryan Markovitz, Giacomo Camacho, Luca Weisman, Sophia Schafler, and Betsy Linkhorst. Thank you for your leadership and dedication to the team!

Districts are coming up April 15–16.
Go Jaguars!



Track & Field Shines at Royal Palm Beach Invite!

Your Dreyfoos Track Team had a strong showing last Friday night at the Royal Palm Beach Invitational, competing against 16 schools. The Girls Team placed 5th overall, and several athletes brought home standout performances!

Highlights include:

- Alex Margolis – 1st in the 3200m with a time of 12:45, setting a new school record
- Kaylyn Ross – 2nd in Discus, 3rd in Javelin
- Lily McDow – 1st in the 400m
- Maria Cannon – 4th in Long Jump
- Max Buonomo – 1st in the 1600m (4:51) and 2nd in the 3200m (11:01)

Special thanks to Coach Vening and Mr. Millstein for their dedication and support this season—nobody marks a sandpit like Mr. Millstein does!

The team has one more regular season meet this Friday before heading to District Championships on April 23.



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The Kentucky Derby

**DERBY OF DREAMS:
RACING FOR ARTS AND ACADEMICS**

TO SUPPORT DREYFOOS SCHOOL OF THE ARTS FOUNDATION

Saturday, May 3rd | 4:30 - 8:30 PM

THE POLO CLUB AT THE NATIONAL POLO CENTER
3667 120TH AVE S., WELLINGTON, FL 33414

Honorees

J. Michael Prince and Kimberly Bluhm

Event Chairs

**Nancy Hart, Karen Swanson,
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FEATURING A DERBY HAT AND BOWTIE CONTEST**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TICKET & SPONSORSHIP
INFORMATION CONTACT BRANDY AT 561-805-6298**

**OR VISIT WWW.DERBYOFDREAMS.ORG
PLEASE RSVP BY APRIL 10TH, 2025.**



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Join us on Saturday, May 3rd, at the National Polo Center in Wellington, FL, for an unforgettable evening that celebrates the world of arts, academics, and the thrill of the Kentucky Derby!

Highlights include:

- Live Derby Viewing
- Amazing Performances
- Exclusive Alumni Art Auction

Take part in our Derby Hat & Bowtie Contest, savor signature mint juleps, enjoy dinner and cocktails, and be entertained by Grammy Award-winning artist Charlie Porter, a music alumnus from the Class of 1996 at Palm Beach County School of the Arts. You'll also hear from Tara Simon, a 2002 alumna of Dreyfoos School of the Arts, Broadway veteran, X Factor finalist, and celebrity vocal coach at Tara Simon Studios, as well as Grammy and Tony Award-winning star John Lloyd Young from Jersey Boys.

All proceeds will support Dreyfoos School of the Arts, funding scholarships, enhancing classrooms, and vital arts education programs.

Tickets start at \$850 – Secure yours at www.derbyofdreams.org!

For more information, contact Brandy at 561-805-6298

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DSOA School District Website:
<https://dsoa.palmbeachschools.org/DSOA>

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