



Seminole County Council PTA

**RISE UP**

# SEMINOLE COUNTY COUNCIL

## *Letter from the Board*

Wow! We have finished the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter and are on our way to the end of the school year! We continue to be in awe of the terrific events and support that local units have been providing to our schools, students, teachers, and administration throughout the school year. Check out the SCCPTA on the Move on page 2 for examples of a few of these events.

Your SCCPTA Board has been hard at work representing PTA at SCPS Board meetings and even proposing a Resolution to the Florida PTA on Life Saving Training and Devices. You can read all about it on page 9. Thank you to Leanne Briatico and Katie Murphy for all their hard work in preparing the resolution.

On February 23 we were inspired by the SCCPTA Reflections Award Ceremony. SCCPTA received over 250 submissions from our elementary, middle school and high school local units with over 27 of PTA/PTSAs submitting local award winners for consideration at the county level. Our volunteer judges had the difficult task of selections our winners. The top 100 submissions are identified on pages 3-6 as highlighted in red. All submissions are included because we are SO PROUD OF ALL OUR STUDENTS!

As we look toward the end of the year, please mark your calendar for our last SCCPTA General Meeting and Compliance Training on Saturday, April 1. All members received an email message from the nominating committee with the proposed slate of 23-24 SCCPTA Executive Officers. Nominations from the floor may be made per the SCCPTA bylaws. Those wishing to nominate from the floor, either themselves or another PTA or PTSA member, are asked to contact the Nominating Committee by email at [nominations@sccpta.com](mailto:nominations@sccpta.com) at least 24 hours prior. Thank you to our Nominating Committee for a terrific slate of officers.

We close with the mission as a reminder that this is our ultimate goal and why we volunteer and do what we do and that is:

**... to make every child's potential a reality by engaging and empowering families and communities to advocate for all children.**

#riseup

*22-23 SCCPTA Board*

## MARCH 2023

### NEWSLETTER

Michelle Pettinger  
President

Michelle Jones  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice President

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2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President

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Secretary

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Treasurer

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Awards Chair

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Teacher  
Representative

Michelle Lawrence  
Legislative Chair

Amy Jennings  
Media Chair

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#### WEBSITE

[www.sccpta.com](http://www.sccpta.com)

#### FACEBOOK

[Facebook.com/sccpta](https://Facebook.com/sccpta)

#### INSTAGRAM

[Instagram.com/sccpta1/](https://Instagram.com/sccpta1/)



### Spring SCCPTA Training & General Meeting

Completes requirement for Presidents, Treasurers & Secretaries. Vote for 23-24 Exec  
Saturday, April 1



### School Board Meeting 5:30 p.m.

Educational Support Center  
400 E. Lake Mary Blvd.,  
Sanford, FL 32773  
Tuesday, April 4



### School Board Meeting 5:30 p.m.

Educational Support Center  
400 E. Lake Mary Blvd.,  
Sanford, FL 32773  
Tuesday, April 25



### 22-23 SCCPTA Awards Ceremony

Our Annual Year-End Celebration for local units  
Submissions Open in April  
Coming in May -TBD

## REMINDERS

**Interested in having an SCCPTA Board Member Attend a PTA/PTSA Meeting, Spirit Night or Program?**



**Invite us to visit by submitting a request on the Google Form**

## SCCPTA on the Road!

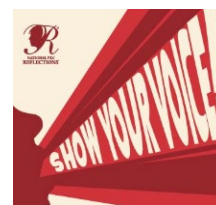
**We want to visit your local unit!**

Seminole County Council PTA wants support to PTA/PTSA in person or virtually! We would love to come to you General meeting or special events. Our goal is to visit each local unit this year.

- You can [click here to submit a visit request](#)
- The Select the "Question" option on the form
- Enter the Event Information or copy the link to the event invite under the question "Please document your question...here".
- Be sure to let us know if it is in person or virtual.

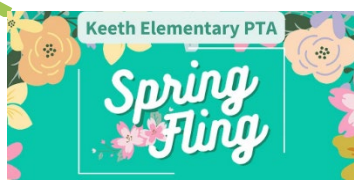


**February 21**  
SCPS Board Meeting



**February 23**  
SCCPTA Reflections Awards  
Lake Howell High School

**March 1**  
SCCPTA Nominating Committee  
Announces 23-24 Slate of  
Executive Officers



**March 4**  
Keeth Elementary Carnival



**March 7**  
SCPS Board Meeting

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** SCCPTA General Membership  
**FROM:** Amy Jennings, Chair SCCPTA Nominating Committee  
**DATE:** March 1, 2023  
**RE:** PROPOSED SLATE OF SCCPTA OFFICERS FOR 2023 – 2024

Section VI.4.C of the SCCPTA bylaws requires the Nominating Committee to publish a proposed slate of officers at least one month prior to the annual elections. SCCPTA's annual elections will be held during the Spring Leadership Training & 3<sup>rd</sup> General Meeting on April 1, 2023.

The slate of officers as of March 1, 2023 is as follows:

Office	Nominee & Primary Unit for 2022 – 2023
President	Shelly Pedraza, Crystal Lake Elementary PTA
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President	Michelle Jones, Midway Elementary PTA
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President	Katie Murphy, Wicklow Elementary PTA
Secretary	Amy Jennings, Sanford Middle PTSA
Treasurer	Jami Parkhill, Winter Springs HS PTSA & Oviedo HS PTSA

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# NATIONAL PTA® REFLECTIONS®

## SCCPTA AWARD CEREMONY

Congratulations to our 22-23 County Participants and Awards Winners! Students were recognized on February 23. Thank you to Lake Howell High School for opening their campus to celebrate our amazing students!



### Dance

#### Special Artist

**Cecilia Rice - Carillon Elementary PTA - Award of Excellence**

#### Primary (PreK-Grade 2)

**Penelope Miller - Bear Lake Elementary PTA Award of Excellence**

**Aubrielle Bardsley - Bear Lake Elementary PTA Award of Merit**

**Eeshika Arora - Wilson Elementary PTA Award of Merit**

**Kaitlyn N. Baez Garcia - Sabal Point Elementary PTA - Hon. Mention**

Elizabeth Fabian - Eastbrook Elementary PTA

Ellie Vyselaar - Heathrow Elementary PTA

Emán Green - Midway Elementary PTA

Eshhani Bajaj - Wilson Elementary PTA

Keshavi Dasararaju - Wilson Elementary PTA

Morgan Puffer - Sabal Point Elementary PTA

#### Intermediate (Grades 3-5)

**Myaraa Gupta - Wilson Elementary PTA - Award of Excellence**

**Madison Ashby - Crystal Lake Elementary PTA - Award of Merit**

**Victoria Rice - Carillon Elementary PTA Award of Merit**

**Bryn Crowell - Red Bug Elementary PTA - Hon. Mention**

Adaline Bevill - Sabal Point Elementary PTA

Anayah St. Fort - Wekiva Elementary PTA

Leah Crowell - Red Bug Elementary PTA

Moksh Maru - Wilson Elementary PTA

Olivia Nassick - Sabal Point Elementary PTA

Steven Ashby - Crystal Lake Elementary PTA



### Film

#### Primary (PreK-Grade 2)

**Keshavi Dasararaju - Wilson Elementary PTA - Award of Excellence**

**Ishaan Borikar - Goldsboro Elementary PTA - Award of Merit**

**Shivin Kapoor - Wilson Elementary PTA Award of Merit**

Eshhani Bajaj - Wilson Elementary PTA

Nirvaan Baranwal - Heathrow Elementary PTA

#### Intermediate (Grades 3-5)

**Luke Staton - Layer Elementary PTA - Award of Excellence**

**Katelyn Vogel - Wilson Elementary PTA - Award of Merit**

**Myaraa Gupta - Wilson Elementary PTA - Award of Merit**

**Hannah Neyhart - Sabal Point Elementary PTA - Honorable Mention**

Ahmed Awais - Heathrow Elementary PTA

Kealyn Conway - Wekiva Elementary PTA

Luciana Verdon - Wilson Elementary PTA

Slayton Nelson - Sabal Point Elementary PTA

#### High School

**Amelia King - Lake Howell High PTSA - Award of Excellence**

**Daniel Salinas - Hagerty High School PTSA - Award of Merit**

**Joelle Jackson - Hagerty High School PTSA - Award of Merit**

**Blake Ternasky - Lake Brantley High School PTSA - Honorable Mention**

**Paul Noorlander - Hagerty High School PTSA - Honorable Mention**

#### Middle School

**Nadhana Raghobala - Sanford Middle PTSA - Award of Excellence**

**Ryan Han - Lawton Chiles Middle School PTA - Award of Merit**

Ansh Gandhi - Milwee Middle PTSA

Prachi Kulkarni - Sanford Middle PTSA

### Literature

#### Primary (PreK-Grade 2)

**McKayla Dempsey - Carillon Elementary PTA - Award of Excellence**

**Heidi Wang - Joan Walker Elementary PTA - Award of Merit**

**Keshavi Dasararaju - Wilson Elementary PTA - Award of Merit**

**Navya Jha - Wilson Elementary PTA - Honorable Mention**

#### Intermediate (Grades 3-5)

**Anria Fernando - Goldsboro Elementary PTA - Award of Excellence**

**Camila Botens - Layer Elementary PTA - Award of Merit**

**Isabelle Hodge - Heathrow Elementary PTA - Award of Merit**

**Jacob Rideman - Wilson Elementary PTA - Honorable Mention**



Adam Oszlanczi - Galileo Skyway PTSA  
Anika Fernando - Goldsboro Elementary PTA  
Jenna Mohammed - Heathrow Elementary PTA  
Jia Anghan - Wilson Elementary PTA  
Julia Paquette - Eastbrook Elementary PTA

Alexander Hou - Joan Walker Elementary PTA  
Avery Moo - Heathrow Elementary PTA  
Callaway Martindale - Sabal Point Elementary PTA  
Chloe Cartledge - Layer Elementary PTA  
Chloe Detzel - Woodland Elementary PTA  
Dhruv Nunna - Wilson Elementary PTA  
Emma Miller - Bear Lake Elementary PTA  
Ian McCloud - Sabal Point Elementary PTA  
Izabella King - Galileo Skyway PTSA  
Keira Sheehy - Heathrow Elementary PTA  
Lilay Mulugeta - Wilson Elementary PTA  
Mara Dauner - Joan Walker Elementary PTA  
Milana Davis - Bear Lake Elementary PTA  
Mya Pierce - Carillon Elementary PTA  
Nora Zimmerman - Bear Lake Elementary PTA  
Raaghav - Goldsboro Elementary PTA  
Raphael Shanad - Joan Walker Elementary PTA  
Saksham Akki - Goldsboro Elementary PTA  
Sophia Khalil - Rainbow Elementary PTA  
Vivian Brown - Red Bug Elementary PTA

#### Middle School

**Hannah Seth - Sanford Middle PTSA - Award of Excellence**  
**Divya Mishra - Sanford Middle PTSA - Award of Merit**  
**Preston Hong - Lawton Chiles Middle School PTA - Award of Merit**  
**Isabelle Poissant - Lawton Chiles Middle School PTA - Hon. Mention**  
Kayla Geter - Lawton Chiles Middle School PTA  
Tejaswi Mishra - Sanford Middle PTSA

#### High School

**Julissa Ojeda - Hagerty High School PTSA - Award of Excellence**  
**Julia Bochkarev - Hagerty High School PTSA - Award of Merit**



## Music Composition

#### Primary (PreK-Grade 2)

**Aisiri Bhat - Midway Elementary PTA - Award of Excellence**  
**Keshavi Dasararaju - Wilson Elementary PTA - Award of Merit**  
**Sanjay Prakash - Heathrow Elementary PTA - Award of Merit**  
**Aidan VanTuyl - Heathrow Elementary PTA - Honorable Mention**  
**Navya Jha - Wilson Elementary PTA - Honorable Mention**  
Ana Jamesson - Woodland Elementary PTA  
Quinn Pedersen - Galileo Skyway PTSA  
Shritha Guggilam - Goldsboro Elementary PTA

#### Middle School

**Calvin Aleson - Milwee Middle PTSA - Award of Excellence**  
**Nainika Teegavarapu - Sanford Middle PTSA - Award of Merit**  
**Nitya Duddella - Sanford Middle PTSA - Award of Merit**  
**Grace Longworth - Lawton Chiles Middle PTA - Hon. Mention**  
**Hansini Nunna - Sanford Middle PTSA - Hon. Mention**  
**Vaughn Pedersen - Galileo Skyway PTSA - Hon. Mention**

#### Intermediate (Grades 3-5)

**Anthony Perez - Layer Elementary PTA - Award of Excellence**  
**Amiya Chin - Bear Lake Elementary PTA - Award of Merit**  
**Keira Sheehy - Heathrow Elementary PTA - Award of Merit**  
**Anika Banerjee - Carillon Elementary PTA - Honorable Mention**  
**Dhruv Nunna - Wilson Elementary PTA - Honorable Mention**  
Adriana Holtz - Heathrow Elementary PTA  
Alaina May - Sabal Point Elementary PTA  
Ari Law - Bear Lake Elementary PTA  
Atiksh Srivastava - Wilson Elementary PTA  
Elliot Sam - Eastbrook Elementary PTA  
Hudson Huckeba - Wekiva Elementary PTA  
Leah Crowell - Red Bug Elementary PTA  
Lyla Dew - Sabal Point Elementary PTA  
Myaraa Gupta - Wilson Elementary PTA  
Sarah Paletta - Wekiva Elementary PTA  
Sophia Eaton - Wekiva Elementary PTA  
William Wang - Joan Walker Elementary PTA

#### High School

**Anshul Kapur - Seminole High School PTSA - Award of Excellence**



# Photography

## Primary (PreK-Grade 2)

**Keshavi Dasararaju - Wilson Elementary PTA - Award of Excellence**  
**Charlotte Liddy-Rios - Woodland Elementary PTA - Award of Merit**  
**Emmett Homan - Woodland Elementary PTA - Award of Merit**  
**Ishaan Borikar - Goldsboro Elementary PTA - Honorable Mention**  
**Vera Holmes - Geneva Elementary PTA - Honorable Mention**

Eshhani Bajaj - Wilson Elementary PTA  
Ethan Law - Bear Lake Elementary PTA  
Gabriella Treskovich - Geneva Elementary PTA  
Sanaya Rathi - Wilson Elementary PTA  
Tenley Amberg - Sabal Point Elementary PTA  
Yaashi Shah - Heathrow Elementary PTA

## Intermediate (Grades 3-5)

**Tiffany Krummick - Heathrow Elementary PTA - Award of Excellence**  
**Ansh Borikar - Goldsboro Elementary PTA - Award of Merit**  
**Owen Franz - Red Bug Elementary PTA - Award of Merit**  
**Adalyn Gobrecht - Geneva Elementary PTA - Honorable Mention**  
**Brody Wunder - Joan Walker Elementary PTA - Honorable Mention**  
**Ian McCloud - Sabal Point Elementary PTA - Honorable Mention**

Avery Moo - Heathrow Elementary PTA  
Brayden Wright - Geneva Elementary PTA  
Bryn Crowell - Red Bug Elementary PTA  
Emma Holland - Wilson Elementary PTA  
Grace Han - Joan Walker Elementary PTA  
Isabelle Hodge - Heathrow Elementary PTA  
Kelly Besch - Joan Walker Elementary PTA  
Lily Treskovich - Geneva Elementary PTA  
Myaraa Gupta - Wilson Elementary PTA  
Sarah Chiaro - Wekiva Elementary PTA  
Siya Rathi - Wilson Elementary PTA

## Middle School

**Ansh Gandhi - Milwee Middle PTSA - Award of Excellence**  
**Darren Ambrosi - Lawton Chiles Middle School PTA - Award of Merit**  
**Ryan Han - Lawton Chiles Middle School PTA - Award of Merit**  
**Kimaya Jain - Lawton Chiles Middle School PTA - Honorable Mention**  
**Prerona Sarkar - Jackson Heights Middle PTSA - Honorable Mention**

Aswin SureshKumar - Sanford Middle PTSA  
Faye Elduff - Teague Middle School PTSA  
Kevin Guo - Sanford Middle PTSA  
Nainika Teegavarapu - Sanford Middle PTSA

## High School

**Amaya Tyler - Lake Howell High PTSA - Award of Excellence**  
**Lilia Wilken-Yoder - Hagerty High School PTSA - Award of Merit**  
**Paige Rosenblatt - Lake Brantley High School PTSA - Award of Merit**  
**Anshul Kapur - Seminole High School PTSA - Honorable Mention**  
**Jasmine Chapin - Hagerty High School PTSA - Honorable Mention**  
**Maeryn Jacob - Hagerty High School PTSA - Honorable Mention**

# Visual Art

## Special Artist

**Elijah Bramble - Layer Elementary PTA - Award of Excellence**  
**Logan Curtiss - Layer Elementary PTA - Award of Merit**  
**Zander Buddle - Hagerty High School PTSA - Award of Merit**  
**Alyssa Abraham - Hagerty High School PTSA - Honorable Mention**  
**Ethan Edwards - Red Bug Elementary PTA - Honorable Mention**  
**Kennedy Hildebrandt - Hagerty High School PTSA - Honorable Mention**

## Primary (PreK-Grade 2)

**Alessandra Mejia - Eastbrook Elementary PTA - Award of Excellence**  
**Heidi Wang - Joan Walker Elementary PTA - Award of Merit**  
**Wyatt Franz - Red Bug Elementary PTA - Award of Merit**  
**Lan Nhi Tran - Joan Walker Elementary PTA - Hon. Mention**  
**McKenna O'Rear - Wekiva Elementary PTA - Hon. Mention**  
**Rubab Husain - Wilson Elementary PTA - Hon. Mention**

Adelynn Baumgardner - Crystal Lake Elementary PTA  
Amanda Nelson - Goldsboro Elementary PTA  
Amelia Robertson - Bear Lake Elementary PTA  
Anastacia Rollman - Sabal Point Elementary PTA  
Anniston Arrowsmith - Sabal Point Elementary PTA  
Ava Saunders - Red Bug Elementary PTA  
Ava Wester - Wilson Elementary PTA  
Avery Gobrecht - Geneva Elementary PTA  
Benjamin Young - Wekiva Elementary PTA  
Bowie Corinella - Eastbrook Elementary PTA

## Intermediate (Grades 3-5)

**Siya Rathi - Wilson Elementary PTA - Award of Excellence**  
**Hayley Miller - Wekiva Elementary PTA - Award of Merit**  
**Riley Deabreu - Midway Elementary PTA - Award of Merit**  
**Chloe Cartledge - Layer Elementary PTA - Hon. Mention**  
**Clay Tyree - Woodland Elementary PTA - Hon. Mention**  
**Elijah Wade - Joan Walker Elementary PTA - Hon. Mention**

Alice Brock - Sabal Point Elementary PTA  
Anria Fernando - Goldsboro Elementary PTA  
Anushree Jagadeesh - Heathrow Elementary PTA  
Autumn Gray - Wilson Elementary PTA  
Brian Paquette - Eastbrook Elementary PTA  
Camila Ramirez - Wekiva Elementary PTA  
Claudia Choi - Geneva Elementary PTA  
Devyn Pillay - Midway Elementary PTA  
Diya Reddy Malladi Satsihkumar - Goldsboro Elementary PTA  
Eliana Matovich - Geneva Elementary PTA





Diya Bellave - Goldsboro Elementary PTA  
 Franklin Wu - Geneva Elementary PTA  
 Gabriel Mollica - Crystal Lake Elementary PTA  
 Gabriella Treskovich - Geneva Elementary PTA  
 Jacob Renninger - Sabal Point Elementary PTA  
 Julianna Turner - Red Bug Elementary PTA  
 Lexie Lopez - Woodland Elementary PTA  
 Lincoln Hufferd - Bear Lake Elementary PTA  
 Maverick Ecimovic - Woodland Elementary PTA  
 Melita Davis - Wekiva Elementary PTA  
 Miabella Miller - Joan Walker Elementary PTA  
 Morgan Sheehy - Heathrow Elementary PTA  
 Patrick Everard - Bear Lake Elementary PTA  
 Pranav Jagadeesh - Heathrow Elementary PTA  
 Ranvitha Vivek - Heathrow Elementary PTA  
 Riyanshi Borah - Galileo Skyway PTSA  
 Samaya Verma - Goldsboro Elementary PTA  
 Sanaya Rathi - Wilson Elementary PTA  
 Scarlet Husselman - Woodland Elementary PTA  
 Seamus Brown - Midway Elementary PTA  
 Susanna Khalil - Rainbow Elementary PTA  
 Victoria King - Galileo Skyway PTSA

Elijah Loyd - Crystal Lake Elementary PTA  
 Elijah Rodriguez - Bear Lake Elementary PTA  
 Emma Cook - Crystal Lake Elementary PTA  
 Emma Williams - Bear Lake Elementary PTA  
 Evie Worobetz - Red Bug Elementary PTA  
 Genevieve Rentiuk - Bear Lake Elementary PTA  
 Giana Parrinello - Laver Elementary PTA  
 Grayson Menist - Sabal Point Elementary PTA  
 Hailey Tillotson - Carillon Elementary PTA  
 Izabella King - Galileo Skyway PTSA  
 Jaina Faubert - Rainbow Elementary PTA  
 Jasmine Phogat - Wilson Elementary PTA  
 Jaxon Rhoads - Joan Walker Elementary PTA  
 Joshua Edwards - Red Bug Elementary PTA  
 Laia Dias - Crystal Lake Elementary PTA  
 Lainey Flora - Carillon Elementary PTA  
 Leni Craig-Shapiro - Woodland Elementary PTA  
 Lila Southworth - Woodland Elementary PTA  
 Lily Fortier - TW Lawton Elementary PTA  
 Lyla Roth - Geneva Elementary PTA  
 Mahee Patel - Laver Elementary PTA  
 Meah Herrick - TW Lawton Elementary PTA  
 Nadya Papadopoulos - Wekiva Elementary PTA  
 Nathan Renninger - Sabal Point Elementary PTA  
 Olivia Feng - Heathrow Elementary PTA  
 Saksham Akki - Goldsboro Elementary PTA  
 Sakura Matsuo - Heathrow Elementary PTA  
 Sebastian Miller - Joan Walker Elementary PTA  
 Thomsa Hazelip - Red Bug Elementary PTA  
 Winston Rice - Carillon Elementary PTA

#### Middle School

**Sasha Cherukuri - Sanford Middle PTSA - Award of Excellence**  
**Nikitha Giddipati - Sanford Middle PTSA - Award of Merit**  
**Caroline Conway - Teague Middle School PTSA - Award of Merit**  
**Amna Malik - Lawton Chiles Middle School PTA - Hon. Mention**  
**Anuva Gandhi - Milwee Middle PTSA - Hon. Mention**  
**Hansini Nunna - Sanford Middle PTSA - Hon. Mention**  
 Elise Poissant - Lawton Chiles Middle School PTA  
 Jillian Spitler - Teague Middle School PTSA  
 Jocelyn Smith - Teague Middle School PTSA  
 Mary Fleming - Milwee Middle PTSA  
 Patrick Murello - Teague Middle School PTSA  
 Prerona Sarkar - Jackson Heights Middle PTSA  
 Zoe Frank - Lawton Chiles Middle School PTA

#### High School

**Julia Bochkarev - Hagerty High School PTSA - Award of Excellence**  
**Alyssa Xiong - Hagerty High School PTSA - Award of Merit**  
**Ruby Feng - Seminole High School PTSA - Award of Merit**  
**Isabella DeCosmo - Lake Brantley High School PTSA - Hon. Mention**  
**Megan Hamilton - Lake Howell High PTSA - Hon. Mention**  
**Paige Rosenblatt - Lake Brantley High School PTSA - Hon. Mention**  
 Anshul Kapur - Seminole High School PTSA  
 Catherine Brooks - Lake Howell High PTSA  
 Chloe Park - Seminole High School PTSA  
 Hannah Plemens - Lake Mary High School PTSA  
 Rilee Oakman - Hagerty High School PTSA  
 Rylee Snyder - Lake Brantley High School PTSA



## News From Around Seminole County

### Opportunities for Our Student

SEMINOLE COUNTY FARM BUREAU

# YOUTH SPEECH CONTEST

**MONDAY, APRIL 10TH, 2023 @6:30 PM**

**Location:**  
Seminole County Extension Auditorium  
250 County Home Rd, Sanford, FL 32773



**Registration Deadline:**  
April 7th by 11:59 pm

**Prizes:**  
First- \$500  
Second- \$200  
Third- \$150

**Ages 14-18**

**Scan for Application**

**Email Questions to: Kimberly McCue**  
SeminoleFarmBureau@gmail.com

**2023 Topic**  
"How have supply chain issues impacted Florida agriculture?"



SEMINOLE COUNTY

### Opportunities for Our Educators

#### The **FOUNDATION** Grants for Great Ideas

Each year, the Foundation for Seminole County Public School awards grants to innovative teachers for STEM, Literacy, and Arts projects through our Grants for Great Ideas program. These projects go beyond normal classroom instruction and allow teachers to provide truly memorable experiences for their students.

With generous support from our community, FSCPS distributes over 50 grants each year that impact nearly 10,000 students in Seminole county. Grant awards to classrooms, grade-level, and school-wide projects provide resource materials and equipment for learning activities the students will remember for a lifetime.

The Foundation has begun awarding grants. For more information on the remaining funds available, check out the [2022-2023 Grants for Great Ideas Program Overview](#). Before applying, review the [Grants for Great Ideas Application Resource](#) to help the application reviewers better understand your idea.



## Cecil Tucker Scholarship

# APPLY TODAY



<https://forms.gle/yd7Xb9FolajvVW8>

Don't miss this opportunity

- OBJECTIVE - ENCOURAGE THE PURSUIT OF A CAREER IN SOME WAY CONNECTED TO THE DIVERSE AGRICULTURAL INDUSTRY
- FOUR \$1,000 SCHOLARSHIPS TO BE AWARDED
- SEMINOLE COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS OR COLLEGE STUDENTS ARE ELIGIBLE TO APPLY
- APPLICATION DEADLINE 4/14/2023

**What is an Ag Career?**

- LAWYER
- SCIENTIST
- ENGINEER
- ECONOMIST
- NUTRITIONIST
- VETERINARIAN
- & MORE



## 2023 University Behavioral Center Scholarship for High School Seniors



University Behavioral Center is dedicated to promoting the future champions of mental health within our community. We are very pleased to announce the 7th annual University Behavioral Center Scholarship for High School Seniors.

The UBC scholarship is purely based on your story and how you have triumphed/coped with mental illness personally or related to someone close to you.

### **AWARD:**

THIS SCHOLARSHIP RECOGNIZES TWO GRADUATING SENIORS FROM CENTRAL FLORIDA. THIS AWARD IS TO BE USED TO ASSIST THE STUDENT WITH HIS/HER COLLEGE EXPENSES.

### **REQUIREMENTS:**

APPLICANTS WILL BE JUDGED BASED ON AN ESSAY (NO LONGER THAN 750 WORDS) ON HOW MENTAL HEALTH CHALLENGES HAVE AFFECTED THEIR LIVES OR SOMEONE CLOSE TO THEM AND HOW THEY PLAN ON HELPING OTHERS IN THEIR FUTURE CAREER.

### **DEADLINE:**

COMPLETED APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED NO LATER THAN MAY 1, 2023. APPLICATIONS CAN BE OBTAINED [BY CLICKING HERE](#).

COMPLETED APPLICATIONS/ESSAY MAY BE TURNED IN TO YOUR GUIDANCE COUNSELOR/THERAPIST/CASE WORKER OR EMAILED DIRECTLY. IF YOU ARE A PROVIDER PLEASE EMAIL APPLICATIONS TO THE SAME EMAIL LISTED ON THE APPLICATION OR BY [CLICKING HERE](#).

RECIPIENTS WILL BE ANNOUNCED AND CONTACTED ON MAY 6, 2023.



# SCCPTA Advocating Life Safety Resolution to Florida PTA

SCCPTA will have a first at the Florida PTA Conference this July - a Resolution that our county is sponsoring for Florida PTA to consider for adoption. This initiative has been led by Leanne Briatico, SCCPTA Teacher Representative and 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Teacher and Teacher of the Year at Crystal Lake Elementary , and Katie Murphy, SCCPTA Secretary. The details of the resolution as presented at the SCPS Board Meeting on February 21, 2023, are below. Thank you to Leanne and Katie for all your hard work!

Resolution proposed to Florida PTA:

## **Life Saving Training and Devices**

**WHEREAS**, Students may experience life threatening situations in schools such as choking, drug overdose, and injuries. One leading cause of children's and teen's accidental death is choking. At least one child dies from choking on food every five days in the U.S, and more than 12,000 children are taken to the hospital emergency room each year for food-choking injuries; and

**WHEREAS**, The Florida Medical Examiners Commission reported almost 500 deaths of people aged 0 - 25 years old were related to opioids for a six month period from January to June 2021. Furthermore, of the deaths related to fentanyl, 95% were accidental. In the school year 2020-2021 there were over 5,000 reported incidents of students' drug possession in schools; and

**WHEREAS**, Over 20% of high school students in Florida reported being in a fight in 2019. In the 2020-2021 school year, there were almost 9,000 fighting incidents reported in Florida schools; and

**WHEREAS**, We recognize a school employee is often the only adult present with a group of children during the school day, and immediate attention from bystanders is critical during all emergency situations. Choking, bleeding, not breathing, lack of pulse, overdoses, and other emergencies can become life-threatening prior to the arrival of emergency medical services (EMS); and

**WHEREAS**, Bystanders need training, practice, and access to quickly and appropriately perform life-saving techniques and use life-saving devices. With this, bystanders are more likely to render first aid for emergency situations; the efficacy increases when proper life-saving devices and materials are available; and

### **THEREFORE BE IT**

**RESOLVED**, that Florida PTA and its constituent associations advocate for schools to fund and expand their life saving trainings beyond the use of CPR and AEDs to include all school staff and students (with parents' permission) throughout K-12 education to be trained on emergency interventions such as choking relief, bleed kits, and overdose relief; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that Florida PTA and its constituent associations advocate for the funding and placement of fully stocked first aid kits and life saving devices in readily accessible locations throughout schools and school properties. The kits should also include simple pictorial and written directions for these devices and life saving techniques, e.g. choking relief; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that Florida PTA and its constituent associations facilitate trainings regarding life saving techniques and devices for stakeholders and community members.

## News From Florida PTA -- Advocating & Celebrating!!!



Have you registered for LegCon 23? There is a lot to learn and discuss with regards to advocacy! Please [visit our webpage](#) for more information and to register:



Help us celebrate 100 years! Please see this page for more information: <https://floridapta.org/centennial-celebration-2/>



Please keep in mind, all Awards applications must be submitted by May 1st. It's never TOO early to apply - in fact, if an event or program is fresh in your mind, that's the best time to apply! To apply, visit: <https://floridapta.org/florida-pta-awards/>



Florida PTA's Annual Leadership Convention, July 13-16, 2023 at the Omni Orlando Resort at Championsgate. Come join us and [#believeinspireachieve](#).

## News From Around Seminole County

### Leaders Stepping Up in Big Ways to Support Our Families!



The advocates and service providers who make up The Children's Cabinet of Seminole County focus on coordinating and developing high quality, family-centered services that address the physical, social, and emotional needs of our children and families. Members of The Children's Cabinet have joined together to tackle the important issues of homelessness, teens aging out of foster care, protecting children from abuse and neglect and other initiatives such as safe sleep, water safety and more. They work together to ensure all needs are met and reduce duplication of efforts.

[Click Here for a Complete list of social support organizations.](#)

**Coming in April 2023**  
**Children's Cabinet Resource Fair**

**5th Annual**  
Creating A Resilient Community:  
From Trauma to Healing Conference

**May 11 & 12, 2023**

**Moving Towards a  
Transformative Approach:  
From Punishment to  
True Discipline**

**Speakers:**  
Dr. Lori Desautels  
Nationally Acclaimed Author & Speaker  
Honorable Monique Worrell  
State Attorney, 9th Circuit, FL  
Sheriff John Mina  
Orange County, FL  
Honorable Steven Leifman  
Judge, 11th Circuit, FL  
Ruben Saldaña  
Credible Messengers, Orange County, FL

**DAY ONE**  
**From Punishment to True Discipline**  
Winter Park Events Center  
8:30am- 4:00pm

The 5th Annual CRC Conference focuses on the strides our criminal justice, public safety, and educational sectors are making to move from punishing individuals towards true discipline. Participants will hear from national experts and local change makers on their efforts to create systems that prevent trauma, restore, heal, and transform. Join us to envision the community in which we all want to live!

**DAY TWO**  
**Local Voices: Change Happening in Central Florida**  
Valencia College,  
Winter Park Campus  
9:00am- 4:00pm

Day two offers two concurrent tracks: 1) How Our Brains Learn: A Journey Through Development, Adversity, Trauma and Resiliency, an all-day track for educators and 2) Local Voices: Change in Central Florida, one to two hour workshops for all sectors

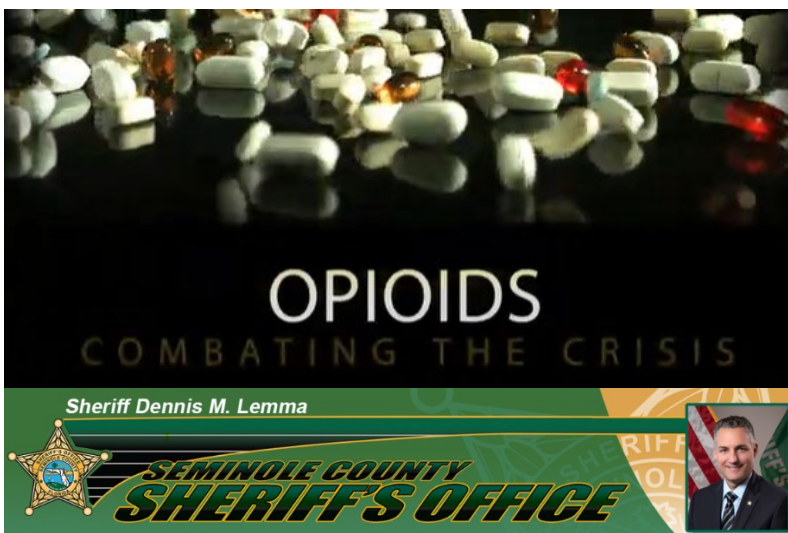
**REGISTER HERE**

**CREATING A  
Resilient  
COMMUNITY  
NETWORK**

The CRC Network is supported by the Peace and Justice Institute  
CEUs and Professional Development Points available

**Register by scanning the QR Code**

## SCORE - Seminole Collaborative Opioid Response Efforts



The SCORE Initiative saves lives by combating the Opioid Epidemic. They use a comprehensive approach to funnel those who have overdosed and are being treated in the Emergency Department and transition them through a pipeline of detoxification, stabilization, and treatment/rehabilitation. This program includes a mobile response team, prescription drug drop off points, treatment resources and support groups.

[Click Here for more information about this collaboration](#) between the Seminole County Sheriff's Office, SCPS, Health Department and other organizations.



# SCCPTA SHOUT OUT! To Florida PTA Resources and Training

We encourage all local unit leaders and future leaders to check out the resources published by Florida PTA. Content includes videos and live sessions on topics that all PTA/PTSA leaders encounter. The SCCPTA Board has found the programs below especially useful this month.

## LOCAL UNIT OPEN MIC NITE

ONLINE  
WEBINAR

Join Us

Local unit leaders here's your opportunity to socialize with Florida PTA leaders from across the state.

Join us to share information and ideas that focus on local unit PTAs. Our aim is to encourage dialogue and spread awareness by providing a platform on which ideas, thoughts and questions can be expressed and tackled in an open environment.

Register in Advance.

September 23, 2022  
7:00 pm





## Road to Success

Wednesdays!

Please join us each Wednesday as we discuss topics related to PTA. These informative and engaging discussions will help you become a better leader, and allow you to network with other leaders across the state.

Register Today!  
**zoom**

Registration is required!

[www.floridapta.org](http://www.floridapta.org)



Follow the [Florida PTA Facebook page](#) to find out when the next Open Mic night is scheduled.

Road to Success Information is on the [Florida PTA website](#). [Click Here for Past Recordings](#)

**SIGN UP TODAY TO JOIN US APRIL 3, 2023!**

The  
**FOUNDATION**  
Golf "Fore" Education Tournament



## SCPS Golf "Fore" Education

Want to spend the day on the golf course while supporting our students and teachers of SCPS!? We are having our annual Golf FORE Education Tournament on Monday, April 3rd.

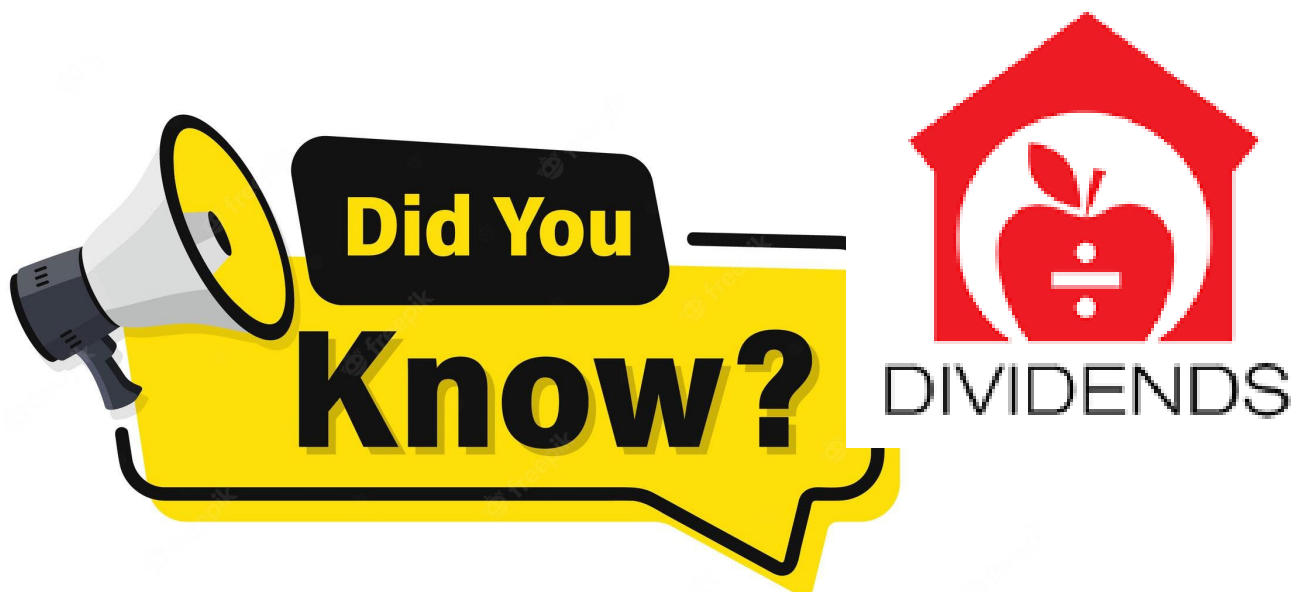
This annual event, presented by [Insurance Office of America](#), is a fun way to support the students and teachers of Seminole County Public Schools! Spend the day on the

golf course a while enjoying delicious food, drinks and prizes!

All funds raised through the Tournament support The Foundation's many programs. These include Tools 4 Seminole Schools, Take Stock in Children Seminole, Grants for Great Ideas, as well as student scholarships.

View the [Golf FORE Education Tournament 2023 Sponsor Packet](#) or sign up online below. If you can't swing a foursome, please consider a donation of a prize to our drawings and auction, or a cash contribution. Dining and retail gift cards, wine and liquor, golf equipment and clothing are all welcome. Contact [Racheal Colburn](#) if you would like to donate. For additional information, contact Tournament Coordinator Racheal Colburn at 407.320.0170 or [fernanz1@scps.k12.fl.us](mailto:fernanz1@scps.k12.fl.us)





The Dividends Program is the SCPS Volunteer Program for anyone who would like to volunteer with our schools. Every potential volunteer needs to apply and receive their approval prior to volunteering in-person. And, of course, each volunteer must complete a new Dividend application each school year.

The Dividends Program ensures our students are safe and that volunteers check-in when they are on campus. SCPS keeps a record of volunteer hours that helps with eligibility for grants and other programs.

## And... Did You Know?

Dividends can (and should!) log hours spent volunteering from home. Dividends can log hours spent in PTSA/PTSA meetings, Board meetings, making posters and decorations, prepping budget reports (we see you Treasurers!), and so much more! When we log our off-campus hours, we will increase our eligibility for grants and educational programs for our students.

### Here's how to log volunteer hours completed off campus:

1. Go to [Raptor](#) and Login using the ID and password provided by your Dividend registration. *First time Dividends will set this up once their Dividend application has been processed.* If you need assistance with your login, email [misa\\_mills@scps.k12.fl.us](mailto:misa_mills@scps.k12.fl.us)
2. Upon login, you are directed to your Personal Information. If PTA/PTSA Event is not listed under Function, email [misa\\_mills@scps.k12.fl.us](mailto:misa_mills@scps.k12.fl.us) to have it added to your profile.
3. Click on Hours at the top of the screen
4. Click on Add Hours
5. Enter the following:
  - a. Past Event – Event Not Listed Here
  - b. Building – Your School
  - c. Function – PTA/PTSA Event
  - d. Select the Start Date/Time and End Date/Time
  - e. Organization – None
  - f. Notes – optional such as the title of meeting or type of volunteer work.
6. Click Save

The screenshots show the Raptor Technologies interface. The first screenshot shows the login page with fields for Username and Password, and a 'Log In' button. The second screenshot shows the 'My Profile' page with various personal information fields. The third screenshot shows the 'Hours' section with a table of logged hours and an 'Add Hours' button. The fourth screenshot shows the 'Add Hours' form with fields for Event, Building, Start Date/Time, End Date/Time, Organization, and Notes.