

MAY 2022

THE SCOOP

Seminole Leaders,

I hope you and your families are well and getting prepared for Summer Break! We are almost there!

May is a busy time for all of us. It is a time of lots of Staff Appreciation, Graduations, End of Year Events, Scholarship Ceremonies, 3rd General Meetings, Elections, catching up on all things, and transitioning to next year boards. For those that are not going to be with us next year [I want to thank you for stepping up and supporting our students](#) when it would have been easier to run in the opposite direction. You led during a time of great divide and the positive attitude you brought to our students, staff, and each other was absolutely needed. Throughout COVID our Seminole Leaders consistently adjusted to better support our community and it shows. It shows in our membership. It shows in the way you support each other in our Facebook Leaders Group. It shows in the fun competitions and all around positive attitude you all have with each other. Being County President these past few years and watching you all navigate PTA life and continue to grow has truly been an honor. You are an amazing group of advocates and I will miss our phone calls, emails, and "what do I do" moments. Thank you for trusting our Seminole County board this past year to support you and your families.

For our incoming board members throughout the County... Congratulations!! [Our Incoming SCCPTA President, Michelle Pettinger and her team are here to support you](#) as you navigate summer interim funds and prepare for an amazing year ahead. Michelle, you are fabulous and I know our county is in great hands.

Leaders, whether you are starting this new amazing journey or returning, thank you. PTA is an advocacy organization and although we need our members [we could do nothing without the willingness of a few to do something bigger than themselves](#). The willingness to serve others and support our babies is extremely important. As you prepare for your upcoming PTA journey remember to support each other. Not only on your local unit boards but your fellow PTAers in Seminole County. We are blessed to have a great community and I look forward to watching you all create new and exciting ways to engage our families and support our students.

-Shelly Pedraza

SCCPTA President

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Thank You!



Seminole County Council PTA

United as One

Local Unit Awards Ceremony

2021-2022

**Outstanding Diversity, Equity & Inclusion
Award**

Casselberry Elementary PTSA
South Seminole Academy PTSA

Outstanding Communication Award

Sabal Point Elementary PTA
Milwee Middle School PTSA

Outstanding Health & Wellness Program Award

Allan F Keeth Elementary PTA
Lake Howell High School PTSA

Outstanding Family Engagement Award

John W Evans Elementary PTA
Hagerty High School PTSA

Top Program Award

Carillon Elementary PTA

Top Mission of the PTA Award

Milwee Middle School PTSA

United as One Award

Hagerty High School PTSA

Top Community Partnership Award
Rawle Orthodontics

Outstanding Student Volunteer Award
Nyla Nowotny, Milwee Middle School PTSA

**Outstanding MVP (Male Volunteer for PTA)
Award**

Justin Parshall, Wicklow Elementary PTA

Outstanding Principal Award
Robert Frasca, Hagerty High School PTSA

**LET'S
CELEBRATE**



Florida PTA Leadership Convention July 21-24, 2022

The Omni Orlando Resort at ChampionsGate
1500 Masters Boulevard, Championsgate, FL 33896

<https://floridapta.org/leadership-convention/>



From all of us on the 2021 -2022
SCCPTA Executive Board we want to
extend a heartfelt congratulations to
the Class of 2022!



In The Know...

We Need You



We are looking for leaders to help support the **Alternative Community PTSA**

This PTSA will support some of our children that need the most support. Students in these programs are typically there temporarily and transfer out throughout the year so support from the community is very much needed.

If you are interested in helping get Seminole Alternative PTSA launched, please provide your information. We will schedule an organizational meeting (by Zoom) to charter when we have volunteers to fill the roles of **President, Secretary, & Treasurer** and at least **ten adults** who wish to join the PTSA.

The Alternative Community PTSA is looking for charter officers and members.

This PTSA will support the students at Eugene Gregory Memorial Youth Academy, Seminole County Juvenile Detention Center, Journeys Academy and John Polk Alternative School.

Sign Up Today - <https://forms.gle/MsV7aeEQSPntQPLs7>

In The Know...



A sincere thank you goes out to each of our SCPS SAC/PTAs for participating in our recent Safety & Security Cluster Meetings that were held across the district. We greatly appreciated the thoughtful discussions and invaluable feedback that was shared with our leadership team and local law enforcement partners. As we begin Phase 2 of our discussions, we look forward to utilizing the information provided as we continue our community engagement meetings by high school clusters. We sincerely hope you will join us!

Serita D. Beamon
Superintendent

SCPS SCHOOL SAFETY & SECURITY CLUSTER MEETING DATES:

» WINTER SPRINGS HIGH SCHOOL CLUSTER

Monday, May 2nd | 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.
@ Indian Trails Middle School (Campus Restaurant)

» LAKE MARY HIGH SCHOOL CLUSTER

Tuesday, May 3rd | 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.
@ Lake Mary High School (Auditorium)

» LYMAN HIGH SCHOOL CLUSTER

Monday, May 9th | 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.
@ Lyman High School (Auditorium)

» CROOMS/SEMINOLE HIGH SCHOOL CLUSTER

Wednesday, May 11th | 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.
@ Seminole High School (Auditorium)

» HAGERTY/OVIEDO HIGH SCHOOL CLUSTER

Thursday, May 12th | 5:00 – 6:30 p.m.
@ Oviedo High School (Auditorium)

» LAKE BRANTLEY HIGH SCHOOL CLUSTER

Tuesday, May 17th | 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.
@ Lake Brantley High School (Auditorium)

» LAKE HOWELL HIGH SCHOOL CLUSTER

Wednesday, May 18th | 5:00 – 6:30 p.m.
@ Lake Howell High School (Auditorium)

SCCPTA has been participating in each of the SCPS School Safety & Security Cluster Meetings, providing the PTA perspective and answering the questions from the community, collected from the first round of meetings.

SCCPTA Panelists have made sure to promote PTA/PTSA membership as a way parents and community members can help support programs for our students and staff. When wrapping up each meeting SCPS offered QR codes that were used to continue to collect data for each cluster, which will lead to continued learning/improvements within our District.

In The Know...



Seminole County Virtual School PTSA

This PTSA will support our SCVS Community. SCVS PTSA will be open to students in Grades 6-12 and adults -- including parents, guardians, grandparents, teachers, & community members.

Some of our goals for 2021-22 are to:

1. Participate in the National PTA Reflections Art Program
2. Honor SCVS Faculty & Staff during Teacher Appreciation Week in May 2022
3. Provide a scholarship for a senior graduating from SCVS
4. Hold park meet-ups for younger students
5. Participate in at least one virtual National PTA Family Program
6. Have some fun and support the SCVS community!

If you are interested in helping get SCVS PTSA launched, please provide your information. The PTSA will schedule an organizational meeting (by Zoom) to charter as soon as we have volunteers to fill the roles of President, Secretary, & Treasurer and at least ten adults who wish to join the PTSA.

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In The Know...

RIGHTS RESPONSIBILITIES REPERCUSSIONS



The SCCPTA is working on an initiative to develop materials, for parents and students, to educate them on the potential repercussions of any misguided decisions. SCCPTA is calling this initiative the 3 R's of Behavior:
Rights, Responsibilities and Repercussions.

If you would like to collaborate on this please reach out to SCCPTA via Facebook messenger or by emailing President@sccpta.com for more information!



FYI - The Code of Conduct, located at the link below, is being reviewed and amended over the summer vacation period, but if you wanted to review current content and send any input to SCPS please review:

https://www.scps.k12.fl.us/_resources/documents/StudentConductDisciplineCode.pdf



Seminole County Council PTA

United as One

2021-22 SCCPTA Scholarship Recipients

- ▶ Many thanks to our local units who made donations to the SCCPTA Scholarship Fund this year and helping to make these college DREAMS COME TRUE!
- ▶ We would also like to thank our scholarship committee judges panel, which included Shelly Pedraza, Michelle Jones, Katie Murphy and the Scholarship Chair Sheryl Shaffer
- ▶ **Congratulations to the following outstanding SCPS graduating seniors!**
 - ▶ These students excelled in academics and participated in various school and extracurricular activities, as well as demonstrating community involvement. They were chosen out of a record number of applications received by SCCPTA this year.

\$750 Scholarship Award Winners

Adeline Grace Hart
Hagerty High School
Louisiana State University

Annika Yun
Hagerty High School
University of Florida

\$500 Scholarship Award Winners

Isabella Miskiv
Lake Mary High School
Rollins College

Gabriella Brathwaite
Winter Springs High School
Florida State University

Samantha Maiorino
Oviedo High School
University of Central Florida

\$500 Scholarship Award Winners

Grace Sarra Stoker
Lake Brantley High School
University of Florida

Samuel Deron Davis
Hagerty High School
University of North Florida

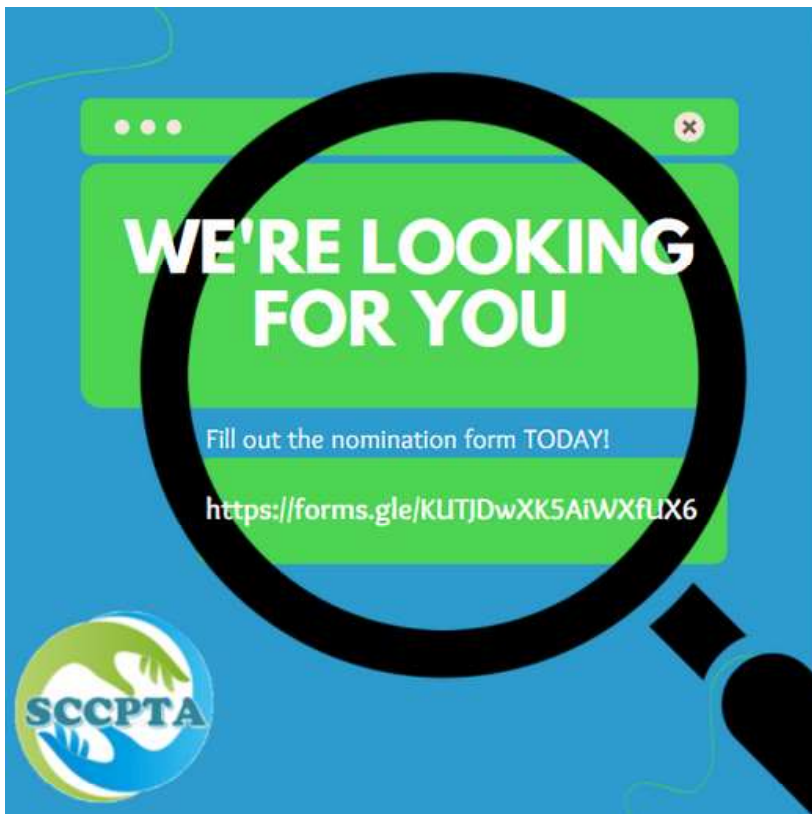
Julia Fernandez
Lake Howell High School
Florida Atlantic University

Jasmine Sunshine Santiago
Crooks AOIT
Seminole State College

The Seminole County Council PTA is looking for YOU to join our committees for the 2022-23 school year.

If you are interested in joining our amazing board, fill out the Interest form today

<https://forms.gle/KUTJDwXK5AiWXfUX6>



Awards & Recognition

- Develop/Update SCCPTA awards categories by the end of July.
- Create and manage a monthly PTA recognition program.
- Prepare, advertise, and collect awards information and application for local unit use.
- Conduct trainings on National PTA, Florida PTA, and SCCPTA awards.
- Plan and organize SCCPTA Awards Program and Annual Ceremony.
- This position includes budget responsibilities.



Cultural Arts & Reflections

- Train local units on & coordinate the National PTA Reflections program for Seminole County.
- Promote Cultural Arts event opportunities as available.
- Plan and organize SCCPTA Reflections Program and Awards Ceremony.
- Attend FL PTA Reflections Trainings & Award Ceremonies.
- Organize presentation of checks to National PTA winners at an SCPS School Board meeting.
- This position includes budget responsibilities.



Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

- Research and promote diversity programs that schools / PTAs can implement.
- Organize SCCPTA and community partner trainings regarding diversity, equity & inclusion.
- Organize opportunities for cultural, advocacy, and community partners to meet local units.
- Facilitate foreign language translations for forms, documents, and publications.
- Attend All Together Now Conference.



Grants

- Update SCCPTA grants information and applications for local unit use.
- Provide information and conduct training on National PTA, Florida PTA, and SCCPTA grants.
- Management of local unit applications, propose recipients, and motion at Board meetings for approval.
- Notify grant recipients and provide Treasurer with Request for Reimbursement to allow disbursement of SCCPTA funds.
- Search and apply for grants on behalf of SCCPTA and share with local units if applicable.
- This position includes budget responsibilities.



Health & Wellness

- Organize and lead county-wide support of local units and SCPS's Health & Wellness programs.
- Research, organize, and promote appropriate community partners to facilitate local unit programming.
- Create and run SCCPTA county-wide health and wellness initiatives
- Organize annual health and wellness expo for community partners to meet local units.
- This position includes budget responsibilities.



Media

- Design and submit for approval SCCPTA's e-newsletter monthly beginning in August.
- Oversee and coordinate proposed content for Social Media and website.
- Coordinate with Partners & Sponsors Chair to fulfill business partner agreements.



Partners & Sponsors

- Review business partner sponsorship levels for compliance and possible updates and MemberHub advertisement.
- Solicit potential business partners, sponsors, and / or donors for all events
- Advertise business partner, vendor events and sponsorship opportunities.
- Design set-up and be primary at SCCPTA's vendor events.
- This position may include cash / product handling and budget responsibilities.



Seminole Outreach

- Recognize students & staff at non-traditional schools.
- Create and coordinate a pool of community members to help local units who need volunteers.
- Represent SCCPTA at community events as needed.
- This position will include budget responsibilities.



Senior Scholarships

- Oversee and coordinate the SCCPTA Senior Scholarship program.
- Organize at least one fundraiser for the scholarship fund.
- Prepare and publish scholarship applications, recruit judges, notify scholarship recipients, and confirm post-secondary enrollment plans.
- Create and present SCCPTA certificates at high school awards ceremonies.
- Collect biographies of recipients and announce winners at the SCCPTA Awards Ceremony.
- Advertise FL PTA's and other scholarship opportunities to high school students
- This position includes budget responsibilities.



Teacher Representative

- Form a committee of teachers, at least 1 each from elementary, middle, and high.
- Communicate teacher input/needs at the monthly board meetings.
- Showcase collaboration and engagement ideas for families and educators.



Student Representative

- Chair must be a high school junior or senior.
- Form a committee of their peers from a pool of applicants, each must be a PTSA member and a minimum of 13 years old.
- Communicate student input/needs at the monthly board meetings.
- Facilitate student involvement at general meetings.



CONGRATULATIONS



Milwee Middle School PTSA has been on a year long mission to serve some of the most vulnerable in their school community, and has used the power of social media to help address many of these needs. In the beginning of the school year their food pantry had empty shelves. They were able to fill their pantry, and provided food to families in need throughout the school year, and provided extra food for these families prior to Thanksgiving and spring break. Kudos to Milwee Middle PTSA for utilizing some of these tools to help generate donations:

- SCCPTA Papa John's Pizza food pantry grant
- Setting up Amazon Wish Lists for items needed
- Highlighting great deals on pantry to the community and providing easy way for people to donate.

Milwee Middle PTSA is also commended for providing a forum during their March General PTA Meeting for providing an introduction on the Foster and Adoption.



CONGRATULATIONS SEMINOLE COUNTY COUNCIL PTA MARCH 2022 PTA OF THE MONTH WINNER!

Introduction to Foster
and Adoption



Hello Milwee Community! We are in need of backpacks for our food pantry. (The food is sent home in the backpacks). Office Depot has some on clearance right now for \$4.99 each if you would consider ordering mine or from our Amazon wish list, it would be greatly appreciated. You can buy them anywhere and have them shipped to the school or drop-off in the front office and let them know its for the pantry. 🙏

Office Depot backpacks: <https://www.officedepot.com/catalogsearch/result/index.php?cat=13862&cat=13863>
Amazon wish list: https://www.amazon.com/s?k=backpacks&ref=hp_sdp

Backpacks Needed for the Spartan Pantry



Milwee Middle School PTSA
March 7

Thank you to Ashley Jones from Family First for presenting at the General Meeting. For those who weren't able to attend, here is the information. If you have additional questions, you can contact her at Ashley.Jones@familyfirst.net.

<https://www.myfamilyfirst.com/> - This is the DCI website and is a good resource for someone wanting information on foster/adoption.

<https://www.careportal.org/open-requests/> - This is the website where you can see requests from foster families in real time. It's a great resource for wrap around care.

These are our foster/adoption Family First websites.

<https://www.elijahdad.com/beloved/>

<https://www.xnom.com/beloved/>

March



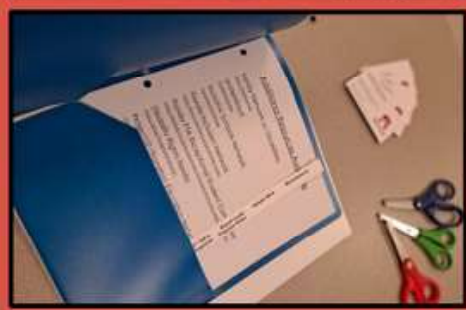
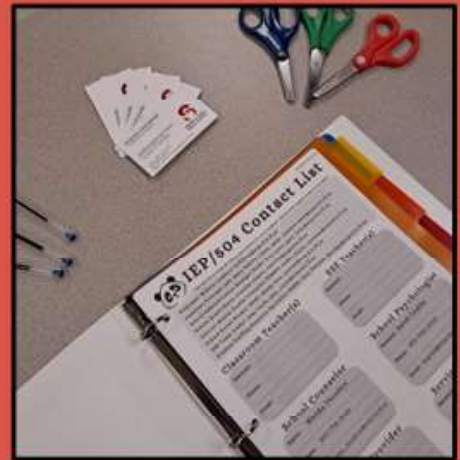
Casselberry Elementary School (CBES) PTSA held an Individualized Education Program (IEP/504) Informational Session in April. This program addressed the 20% of the student population that is often overlooked in traditional PTA settings. The event was geared to help exceptional student education (ESE) families feel more prepared and supported through the IEP/504 process at our school.

At the event each family was given the materials to help assemble and organize their own IEP/504 binder for their child(ren). Representatives from the district, and members of the CBES ESE and Admin team were in attendance to provide insight into what it means to be a part of the Exceptional Student Community at Casselberry and the resources available to them.

CBES PTSA has been working very hard through their Diversity Equity and Inclusion (DEI) committee to make all events more inclusive and this event specifically was designed with that goal in mind.



**CONGRATULATIONS
SEMINOLE COUNTY
COUNCIL PTA
April 2022
PTA OF THE
MONTH WINNER!**



APRIL

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations!



Congratulations to Sabal Point Elementary PTA for their Earth Day Challenge campaign. As part of this campaign, they encouraged their community to be a "Green Gator." They provided adorable seeded paper to plant to each student. They also encouraged students to reuse, reduce and recycle and provided recycling, through their "Terracycle" recycling efforts. Special containers were provided at school to collect these specific items including the following for recycling: writing instruments, markers, glue sticks, toothbrush, paste, floss containers, plastic packaging, flexible snack pouches like GoGo Squeezes or similar.

The capped off the Earth Day celebration activities by inviting the community to help them extend their garden space to include eight, raised beds with drip irrigation. Sabal Point Elementary PTA was able to acquire a \$500 grant from the Seminole County Farm Bureau to help support his effort. The community responded by not only helping to donate needed supplies for this project, but by coming out on April 22nd to help construct the raised beds and install the irrigation system.



CONGRATULATIONS
SEMINOLE COUNTY
COUNCIL PTA
April 2022
PTA OF THE
MONTH WINNER!



2022 - 2023 SCCPTA Executive
Committee



Seminole County Council PTA

Rise Up

Michelle Pettinger

President

Michelle Jones

1st Vice President

Angela Fleming

2nd Vice President

Katie Murphy

Secretary

Jami Parkhill

Treasurer

CONGRATULATIONS

Emily

*We
thank
you!*

*Truly
Grateful
for you.*

Rachel

ALOHA

Shelly

*Thank you for
going above
& beyond.*

We are all so thankful for your service to
SCCPTA...not goodbye just see you later...



It has been my honor to serve up [The Scoop](#) as the SCCPTA Media Chair this school year! Hoping you enjoy a restful, fun, amazing summer and come back next school year ready to [Rise Up](#) as we collaborate on programs to advocate for all our Seminole County students!

MICHELLE JONES, MEDIA CHAIR
SCCPTA 2021 - 2022