

SEMINOLE COUNTY  
COUNCIL PTA  
APRIL 2024

# THE SCOOP



60<sup>th</sup>

SEMINOLE COUNTY PTA  
**AWARDS CEREMONY**

Wednesday, May 1, 2024  
6:00 PM - 9:30 PM

Lake Mary Events Center  
260 N Country Club Rd



Free tickets need to be claimed  
by April 8!



## Message from the President

Dear Seminole County PTA and PTSA Leaders,

As we step into the month of April, I want to extend my warmest greetings to each and every one of you. It's hard to believe, but we now find ourselves with just two months remaining in this school year. Time truly flies, doesn't it?

This is a crucial time for us as we reflect on the achievements and milestones of the past year, while also gearing up for a strong finish. With the end of the school year fast approaching, it's now the perfect moment to celebrate the dedication, hard work, and accomplishments of our students, teachers, and volunteers.

I'm excited to announce that it's also award time! This is our opportunity to recognize the outstanding contributions and achievements within our PTA and PTSA community. Whether it's honoring a teacher who has gone above and beyond, acknowledging a student's remarkable academic achievements, or recognizing the tireless efforts of our volunteers, each award represents a shining example of excellence and commitment.

Together, we can make these final months of the school year truly memorable and impactful for everyone involved.

Thank you for your unwavering dedication and support throughout this year. I look forward to celebrating our collective successes in the coming weeks.

And don't forget to find and click on Baby Groot in the newsletter to win a \$20 gift card for your PTA/PTSA!

[president@sccpta.com](mailto:president@sccpta.com)

Shelly Pedraza

**YOU CAN STILL APPLY FOR FLORIDA PTA AWARDS UNTIL MAY 1. DON'T DELAY. APPLY NOW!**

FLORIDA PTA

2024

**AWARDS APPLICATIONS**

Apply now for a Florida PTA Award! We want to recognize all of our PTAs for the great things they're doing. Visit <https://floridapta.org/florida-pta-awards/> for all the information!

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



# UPCOMING DATES / DEADLINES

MAY

1

**SEMINOLE AWARDS**  
RSVP for the Seminole County PTA / PTSA awards ceremony!

MAY

1

**FLORIDA PTA AWARDS DUE**  
All dues for memberships must be received by May 1st.

JUNE

27

**NATIONAL PTA CONVENTION**  
This convention will be virtual (Jun 27-29)

JULY

18

**FL LEADERSHIP CONVENTION**  
Mark your calendars to attend, and apply for a grant! Jul 18-21

## DOES PTA/ PTAS DO AUDIT?

See the checklist of records and documents to provide to the audit committee below:

Auditor/Audit Committee: Please complete Sections A and B. Audit Period Covered: July 1, 20  to June 30, 20

### Section A

To the Audit Committee: Please check the boxes of the financial records provided to you from the Treasurer:

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|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Copy of last annual audit report (as of June 30 previous year)   | <input type="checkbox"/> If any were conducted, copies of any interim audits that were conducted during the year                                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> All Bank Statements (including PayPal, Stripe, Square, Venmo, CashApp, etc.)   | <input type="checkbox"/> Treasurer's reports from ALL PTA/PTSA meetings including final general membership Annual Meeting                        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Checkbook register with running balance (handwritten, excel, QuickBooks, etc.) Checkbook                             | <input type="checkbox"/> Copy of Final Approved budget and all amendments (voted upon and approved by the membership at a general meeting)       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cancelled checks   | <input type="checkbox"/> Minutes of all board, executive committee and association meetings.   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Copies of ALL credit card statements (if applicable)   | <input type="checkbox"/> A current copy of "Annual Financial Review (PTA Audit)" from Florida PTA Kit of Materials, Section 3, Dollars and Sense |
| <input type="checkbox"/> All Deposit Receipts/Records   | <input type="checkbox"/> Bylaws - Current copy of your bylaws, Stamped Approved by FPTA  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> All Cash Verification Forms and Receipts   | <input type="checkbox"/> Filled copy of IRS Form 990, 990EZ or 990N "accepted" confirmation from previous tax year.                              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> All Check Request Forms with receipts/bills attached   |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Approval & Authorization Forms for credit, debit, and EFT expenses Receipts of bills paid or itemized statements |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Treasurer's Ledger Book (Excel Spreadsheet, QuickBooks, etc.)  |  |



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#### PURPOSES OF THE AUDIT:

- ACCURACY CERTIFICATION: VERIFY THE ACCURACY OF THE PTA TREASURER'S BOOKS AND RECORDS.
- RECONCILIATION: ENSURE THE CHECKBOOK BALANCE MATCHES THE BANK STATEMENT BALANCE THROUGH RECONCILIATION.
- BEST PRACTICES: CONFIRM THAT THE PTA'S FUNDS ARE MANAGED IN ACCORDANCE WITH INDUSTRY BEST PRACTICES, ASSURING MEMBERSHIP.
- IRS & BYLAWS COMPLIANCE: ENSURE ADHERENCE TO IRS 501(C)(3) AND FLORIDA PTA REQUIREMENTS OUTLINED IN LOCAL UNIT BYLAWS, PARTICULARLY ARTICLE VII, SECTION 5.
- GOOD STANDING: PTAS MUST ANNUALLY SUBMIT THEIR AUDIT REPORT TO FLORIDA PTA BY AUGUST 31ST VIA EMAIL TO [AUDIT@FLORIDAPTA.ORG](mailto:AUDIT@FLORIDAPTA.ORG).

#### WHEN TO CONDUCT AN AUDIT:

- ANNUALLY AT FISCAL YEAR-END AFTER JUNE 30 BANK STATEMENT.
- WHEN TREASURER RESIGNS MID-YEAR, NEW TREASURER WAITS FOR AUDIT.
- IF MISSING FUNDS SUSPECTED, CONDUCT INTERIM AUDIT.

#### GUIDELINES FOR ANNUAL AUDIT:

- EXECUTIVE BOARD SELECTS 3 MEMBERS OR HIRES AN OUTSIDE ACCOUNTANT ANNUALLY.
- COMMITTEE MEMBERS CANNOT BE SIGNERS ON THE BANK ACCOUNT OR HANDLE PTA FUNDS BEING AUDITED.
- COMMITTEE MEMBERS MUST NOT BE FROM THE SAME HOUSEHOLD OR RELATED TO TREASURER OR PRESIDENT.
- TREASURER AND PRESIDENT DURING AUDIT PERIOD CANNOT SERVE ON THE COMMITTEE.
- TREASURER SUBMITS FINANCIAL RECORDS AND FORMS LISTED ON FLORIDA PTA AUDIT CHECKLIST AFTER JUNE 30 BANK STATEMENT.
- ANNUAL AUDIT MUST BE COMPLETED BEFORE 990 IS FILED
- PREPARING FOR THE ANNUAL AUDIT

#### DURING AUDIT/REVIEW:

- TREASURER CAN'T WRITE CHECKS OR WITHDRAW POST BOOK CLOSURE.
- BANK DEPOSITS ALLOWED.
- AUDITOR VALIDATES TREASURER'S REPORTS, TRACING FIGURES, COMPARING TO DOCUMENTATION.
- AUDIT STATEMENT PREPARED, INCLUDING REQUIRED INFO AND AUDIT COMMENTS ON PROBLEMS, RECORD ACCURACY, AND INTERNAL CONTROLS.

#### AFTER THE AUDIT

- PRESIDENT, INCOMING, AND OUTGOING TREASURER SIGN AND DATE AUDIT REPORT.
- FORWARD SIGNED AUDIT REPORT TO FLORIDA PTA VIA EMAIL ([AUDIT@FLORIDAPTA.ORG](mailto:AUDIT@FLORIDAPTA.ORG)).
- CHECK LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR ADDITIONAL REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.
- REPORT GROSS RECEIPTS/INCOME TO IRS ON FORM 990.
- TRANSFER BOOKS AND FINANCIAL RECORDS TO INCOMING TREASURER.
- PRESENT AUDIT REPORT TO MEMBERS AT NEXT GENERAL MEETING.
- GENERAL MEMBERSHIP ADOPTS AUDIT REPORT AFTER TREASURER'S REPORT ON AGENDA.

LEARN MORE ON SECTION 3, PAGE 48 IN SECTION 3 OF THE KIT OF MATERIALS.



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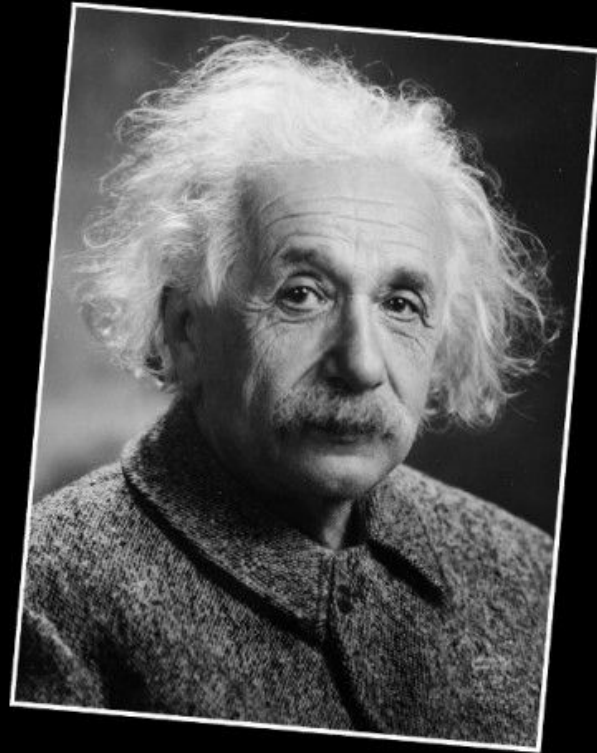
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# ADVOCACY MATTERS

The latest information on legislative issues impacting Seminole County Children.

NEWS ZONE

**Education is not the learning of facts, but the training of the mind to think.**  
~Albert Einstein



## **FLORIDA SCHOOLS HAVE A TEACHER SHORTAGE. WHY ARE THEY CUTTING JOBS?**

**EDUCATORS HAVE THOUGHT LONG AND HARD ABOUT HOW TO RETAIN AND RECRUIT THE TEACHERS AND SUPPORT STAFF FOR OUR STUDENTS NEED.**

### **Why Florida has the highest number of teacher shortage?**

- Teachers are the heartbeat of our education system, but Florida's school districts struggle to fill jobs the most, ranking among the worst in the nation for teacher vacancies according to a recent report.
- Florida has the highest demand with more than 5,000 openings.
- Young people are not going to school to become teachers anymore. The number of bachelor's degrees in education has declined over the last few decades.
- This could be because of salaries, though Florida has increased them for new teachers.
- Pay, hours, and politics: reasons behind Florida's teacher shortage.
- This is a crisis that has grown worse after the pandemic.
- Florida ranks 48th for teacher pay, and the salaries aren't keeping up.
- Florida's children deserve qualified, caring teachers and education staff professionals who can meet their needs. They deserve strong public schools.

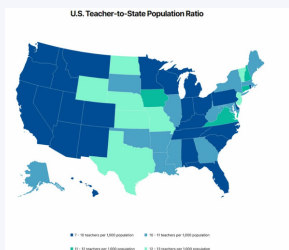
**Why schools can't attract and keep enough teachers and staff**  
There are several reasons for the shortages:

- Pay, with Florida ranking in the bottom five nationally for teacher salaries and many of our education staff professionals earning poverty wages.
- Lack of support.
- Lack of flexibility in instruction and the need to "teach to the test."
- Lack of multi-year contracts for teachers, which means that qualified, experienced educators face getting a "pink slip" every year.
- Overcrowded classrooms.

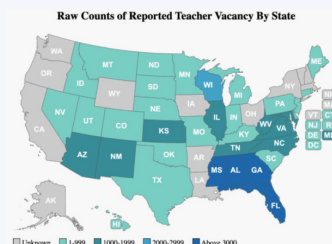
### **The good news is:**

We can fix Florida's shortage. Working together, we can keep great teachers and staff in our schools while creating a climate that encourages more talented candidates who love kids to enter education.

**"EDUCATORS NEED AND DESERVE BETTER. OUR STUDENTS DESERVE BETTER."**



**Number of Employed Teachers by State**



**Teacher Shortages by State**

# LOCAL UNIT CORNER



## Learn How To Save and Support Public Education in Florida

Public education plays a pivotal role for our children by bridging equity gaps, providing students from diverse backgrounds a path to success, and fostering exposure to a variety of cultures and opinions.

In Florida, we have witnessed the emergence of book bans, legislation prohibiting discussions on race, and the implementation of anti-LGBTQ+ policies. Despite efforts to defund, dismantle, and weaken public education, we are moving forward and winning many of these fights. Join us to explore strategies to resist these challenges, ensuring the protection of public education for all.

Please join us on **April 24, 2024 from 6:00pm- 7:00 pm EST** for this critical conversation to discuss:

- how we defeated anti-LGBTQ bills across the state
- how we can bring back diverse books to schools
- how we can keep public education funded and accessible for all

Use your phone to Scan the QR Code or



RSVP at [www.parentingwithpride.org](http://www.parentingwithpride.org)

Questions? Email- Jennifer@equalityflorida.org

## These grants are still open and taking applications!

**SEMINOLE COUNTY FARM BUREAU AG EDUCATION MINI-GRANT**  
2023-2024 School Year

**Who is eligible?** Seminole County teachers, educators and Parent Teacher Associations

**What?** Agriculture Education \$500 Mini Grants

**Why?** Annually, the Seminole County Farm Bureau offers mini-grant funds to support agriculture education in Seminole County, FL. These mini-grants have been named in honor of Ms. Imogene Yarborough who devoted much of her life to the agriculture community and ag education. She was recognized by many awards in leadership, service and contributions to the agriculture community throughout her life, far too many to count. Of her most recent awards, in 2019, she was honored with the Florida Farm Bureau Distinguished Service Award and the Seminole County Farm Bureau honored her with a Lifetime Achievement Award in 2022 for all her accomplishments here locally in Seminole County. These mini-grants strive to honor her memory by helping fund projects that teach Seminole County youth about agriculture.

**How to apply?** Scan QR code or go to <https://forms.gle/uZ9VFuBJXFaX3K73A>

We encourage applicants to be creative with their ideas and programs to educate Seminole County youth on agriculture. Depending on availability of funds, applications will open at the start of the school year in the fall with a rolling selection process. Applications close when all available funds have been used or at the end of the school year, whichever occurs first.

For more information and the application, visit:

## 2024 LEADERSHIP CONVENTION

This Event Will Be Held On:  
18-24 July, 2024  
Omni Orlando Resort  
ChampionsGate

The grant can help cover registration fees / lodging expenses

floridapta.org/leadership-convention

Registration is now open for the Florida PTA Leadership Convention. Local PTA's / PTSA's should plan their interim budget to fund people to attend on behalf of your PTA.

### Road to Success

Wedsdays!

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)

**APPLY NOW!**

## PROGRAM GRANT

MINI-GRANT TO SUPPORT HEALTH, WELLNESS, AND SAFETY INITIATIVES

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# CONGRATULATIONS!

## 2023-2024 Florida PTA Reflections CONGRATULATIONS to all our amazing artists

### Florida PTA Award Winners from Seminole County

#### Visual Arts 🎨

Ruby Feng - Award of Excellence  
Seminole High School  
\*\*Moving to National PTA!\*\*

Hrshika Soni - Award of Merit  
Heathrow Elementary School

Talia Rose Tabares - Award of Merit  
Galileo Skyway Middle School

Azure Dayrit - Award of Merit  
Sabal Point Elementary School

Zoe Frank - Honorable Mention  
Lawton Chiles Middle School



### Florida PTA Award Winners from Seminole County

#### Film Production 🎬

Alice Chadwick - Award of Excellence  
Wekiva Elementary School\*\*Moving to National PTA!

Sofia McPhillips - Award of Excellence  
Hagerty High School\*\*Moving to National PTA!

Jayden King - Award of Merit  
Hagerty High School

Amelia King - Award of Merit  
Lake Howell High School

Brennan Dale - Award of Merit  
Hagerty High School

Johnathan Persaud - Honorable Mention  
Hagerty High School

Luke Staton - Honorable Mention  
Layer Elementary School



### Florida PTA Award Winners from Seminole County

#### Dance Choreography 🎭

Cecilia Rice - Award of Excellence  
Jackson Heights Middle School  
\*\*Moving to National PTA!\*\*

Bray Curley-Cardona - Award of Merit  
Sabal Point Elementary School

Eshhani Bajaj - Award of Merit  
Wilson Elementary School

Camila Bello - Award of Merit  
Hagerty High School



### Florida PTA Award Winners from Seminole County

#### Music Composition 🎵

Boothe McQuinn - Award of Excellence  
Wilson Elementary School\*\*Moving to National PTA

Jasper Robinson - Award of Excellence  
Galileo Skyway Middle School\*\*Moving to National PTA

Parker Williams - Award of Merit  
Sabal Point Elementary School

William Wang - Award of Merit  
Walker Elementary School

Adalynn Jensen - Award of Merit  
Rainbow Elementary School

Amelia King - Honorable Mention  
Lake Howell High School



### Florida PTA Award Winners from Seminole County

#### Photography 📷

Myaraa Gupta - Award of Merit  
Wilson Elementary School

Matthew Jones - Award of Merit  
Milwee Middle School

Anshul Kapur - Award of Merit  
Seminole High School

Maxwell Jones - Award of Merit  
Crooms Academy of Information Technology



### Florida PTA Award Winners from Seminole County

#### Literature 📖

Everly Homan - Award of Excellence  
Woodlands Elementary School  
\*\*Moving to National PTA!\*\*

Ella Nobili - Award of Merit  
Layer Elementary School

David Medlock - Award of Merit  
Hagerty High School

Darren Nguyen - Award of Merit  
Hagerty High School





# PTA/PTSA OF THE MONTH

## REDBUG ELEMENTARY PTA

The Red Bug Elementary PTA has had an incredible year thus far! They organized and executed a highly successful fundraiser, retaining 98% of all funds raised to support the STEM lab. Additionally, they have consistently provided students with memorable assemblies, carnivals, book fairs, treats, and more. Throughout the school year, the RBE PTA has sponsored numerous events and activities for both students and staff. Their efforts have significantly contributed to creating an enriching and nurturing learning environment, ensuring an outstanding K-5 experience for all our children.



## REDBUG ELEMENTARY PTA

Redbug Elementary PTA holds the distinction of being one of the oldest PTAs in Seminole County, established on February 14, 1973. Managed by volunteers, the Red Bug Elementary PTA works tirelessly in support of the school community. Serving as a vital bridge between home and school, the PTA facilitates communication and sponsors educational programs aligned with school goals. Additionally, it organizes fundraising efforts to acquire extra resources for the school beyond the allocated budget. Support them.

**Join Today!**



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Introducing Dear Pat. Looking for advice for your PTA? Email [secretary@sccpta.com](mailto:secretary@sccpta.com) for your question to be featured.



# Dear Pat

**"Our nominating committee could not get someone for every officer position. Our election is coming up. What do we do?"**

PTA is a group effort! If the nominating committee is struggling to get officers, don't give up! We have amazing families in Seminole County and often, people need a clear ask and call to action. Word of caution -- refrain from retaining officers because there is 'no one else'; this can create issues next year when those individuals are not successful because they did not have the motivation and commitment for another year. The work of a nominating committee is to talk to everyone -- volunteers and the community. If you keep engaging your members and community, you will have more and more leader interest in the coming years!

1) Focus on the required positions - President, Secretary and Treasurer. A PTA must have a president, treasurer and secretary to operate. Consider talking to those interested in VP or other positions about fulfilling one of these three roles.

2) Revisit conversations with individuals who are interested in chairs. Often a board member who has previously been a chair has the knowledge and experience to consider an officer role. Specifically ask if those already interested in the board or who volunteer at the school know anyone who would be great on the board. Get them involved - there has to be a board to be on the board.

3) Be candid with the PTA members and school community. A PTA needs leaders to operate. Be transparent about what specific positions are needed. For instance, if you need a treasurer specifically,

- Send an email to your members that in order to have a PTA next year, you need a treasurer.
- Post a similar message on your social media - use a graphic to catch attention.
- Send the information to your principal to share in the school's communications.

For example: Our nominating committee is still in search of a treasurer for next year! If you like numbers and are able to manage a family budget - we need you! No professional experience needed. Must love the students at XX Elementary ;).

4) Nominate the Executive Committee (Officers) and hand off the rest to that new EC. The Nominating Committee recommends the President, VPs, Secretaries and Treasurers. The Chairs are appointed later by the new EC (typically following the recommendations from the Nominating Committee)

5) Share your experience with the new EC to possibly reconsider the officers listed in the bylaws and chairs listed in the standing rules. For example, does your PTA need a Recording and Corresponding Secretary or have operations transitioned to a Secretary and media chair? Does the PTA need 3 Vice Presidents or maybe 1 or 2 VPs and additional chairs to focus on specific committees or events.

A lot has changed since COVIDs. Our PTAs and schools are back and active as ever, however, the way we communicate and get things done may have changed. DO what you can, talk to everyone, and ask for help! SCCPTA is hear for you! We can share ideas and support.

Thanks for all you do!



**STRENGTHEN YOUR PHYSICAL HEALTH WITH OUR RESOURCES ON MAINTAINING A HEALTHY DIET AND STAYING ACTIVE. SUPPORT HEALTHY BODIES AND CELEBRATE HEALTHY LIFESTYLES MONTH WITH NATIONAL PTA AT [PTA.ORG/HEALTHYLIFESTYLES](https://pta.org/healthylifestyles)**

# COLLEGE AND CAREER

## PATHWAYS TO POSSIBILITIES

### CAREER FAIR

OPEN TO CURRENT JUNIORS & SENIORS

- ✓ SUBMIT PERMISSION SLIP
- ✓ PRINT 10-20 COPIES OF RESUME
- ✓ DRESS FOR SUCCESS

#### TAKE THE FIRST STEP: YOUR CAREER BEGINS HERE!

Seminole County Public Schools invites you to explore a world of opportunities at our upcoming Career Fair field trip. This exclusive event is your gateway to full-time or part-time employment across a diverse range of industries. Connect with leading employers, discover exciting career paths, and take the first step towards shaping your future.

Whether you're looking to jumpstart your career right after graduation or seeking valuable work experience, this is the place to begin. Don't miss this chance to network, learn, and secure your spot in the workforce. Mark your calendars and join us for an inspiring day of opportunities!

April 23, 2024  
10:00am - 1:00pm

Boombah Sports Complex  
3450 E. Lake Mary Blvd.  
Sanford, FL 32773

CONTACT [EPATHWAYS@SCPS.K12.FL.US](mailto:EPATHWAYS@SCPS.K12.FL.US) WITH QUESTIONS



## YOUTH SPEECH CONTEST

AGES 14-18

SPONSORED BY: FLORIDA FARM BUREAU FEDERATION WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP PROGRAM



TOPIC: "HOW DOES FLORIDA FARM BUREAU FEDERATION HELP CONNECT YOUTH WITH THE AGRICULTURE INDUSTRY?"

Prepare and give a 5 minute speech on topic provided

Compete at the County, District and State Level

State competition: 1st place winner will receive \$500 and 2nd place winner will receive \$250.

#### PURPOSE:

The purpose of this contest is to promote a stronger interest and clearer understanding of the many aspects of agriculture; to provide opportunities for our youth to gain knowledge, appreciation, and understanding of agriculture; and help to promote agriculture's many values and virtues.



## SCVS PROGRAM OF HOSPITALITY AND TOURISM MANAGEMENT

REGISTER NOW!

QUESTIONS? CALL 407-871-7287



SCAN THE QR CODE TO ENROLL

#### PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ 4 YEARS OF ELECTIVES OFFERED
- ▶ ALL CLASSES ARE IN ECAMPUS
- ▶ FIELD TRIPS TO BUSINESSES, EVENTS, & CONFERENCES
- ▶ EARN CREDIT TOWARD SEMINOLE STATES HOSPITALITY & TOURISM PROGRAM
- ▶ EARN PROFESSIONAL INDUSTRY CERTIFICATIONS
- ▶ PARTICIPATE IN LOCAL AND STATE LEVEL COMPETITIONS
- ▶ INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES
- ▶ GUEST SPEAKERS
- ▶ NETWORKING OPPORTUNITIES



HOSPITALITY & TOURISM MANAGEMENT

## Cecil Tucker Scholarship

# APPLY TODAY



Don't miss this opportunity

<https://files.sccpta.com/8/apply/tucker/>

- 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

EXTENDED TO 4/30/2024

LAWYER  
SCIENTIST  
ENGINEER  
ECONOMIST  
NUTRITIONIST  
VETERINARIAN  
& MORE

## HOSPITALITY & CULINARY STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS

# APPLY NOW!

CFHLA



#### Scholarship Eligibility:

- Open to Full Time and Part Time Students
- Applied / Accepted / or Enrolled at an accredited Central Florida College or University
- Open to Hospitality & Culinary related Minors, Majors, and Certificates

SCAN QR Code to get your application started today!

APPLICATIONS DUE BY  
APRIL 26, 2024



#### CFHLA Foundation Mission Statement:

To enrich an environment where the hospitality community in Central Florida can grow and thrive.

For more information, please contact 407-313-5022 or [CFHLAFoundation@cfhla.org](mailto:CFHLAFoundation@cfhla.org)

## JOIN THE STUDENT ADVISORY COUNCIL AT SAFEHOUSE OF SEMINOLE

BE A VOICE FOR CHANGE

NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR THE 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR

Your voice matters, and together, we can make a difference.

Request Info.

Email Meg Johnson, Director of Prevention and Education at [meg@safehousefl.com](mailto:meg@safehousefl.com)

WHY JOIN

**Make a Difference:** As a council member, you'll actively contribute to preventing domestic violence, teen dating violence and combating human trafficking.

**Empower Others:** Use your voice to educate peers, raise awareness, and advocate for change.

**Learn and Grow:** Gain insights into community leadership, nonprofit work, and the legal system.



# COLLEGE AND CAREER

## Summer 2024 Work Based Learning Experience



**Ready to start thinking about your career and your future?**  
 Seminole County Public Schools is offering our Summer 2024 SCPS Work Based Learning Experiences (WBLE) for students with IEP or 504 Plan!

### WHO CAN APPLY?

- Students ages 14-21 who are currently:
- Enrolled in school and have an IEP/504
  - Currently a client of Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) or VR PRE-ETS
- Not a client of VR, that's okay we can help connect you with VR.*

### WHAT ARE THE EXPECTATIONS?

- Students earn a \$100 stipend for each 20-hour work experience completed during the summer.
- Flexible scheduling and dates available; WBLEs can be during the day and on weekends.
  - Your Transition Resource Teacher will reach out to you to plan times and location of the worksite.
  - This training provides practical exposure to different careers and hands-on training for employability skills at local businesses in Seminole County with a Employment Specialist. Additionally, these experiences practice social skills and build relationships.
  - Students must provide their own transportation to and from the worksite.

### WHEN IS IT OFFERED?

June 3rd- July 19th

### HOW TO APPLY?

Complete the Sign Up by going to the link or scanning the QR Code and we will contact you via email.

<https://bit.ly/scpswblsummer24>



The services described are Pre-Employment Transition Services that Seminole County School District been approved by Vocational Rehabilitation to offer. More about other available providers, speak with your local VR office or visit [www.rehabworks.org](http://www.rehabworks.org)





SEVENTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

**REP. CORY MILLS & SEN. RICK SCOTT**

**MILITARY ACADEMY DAY**



**APRIL 13, 2024**

**9:30 AM - 12:30 PM**

**SEMINOLE STATE COLLEGE**  
 100 WELDON BLVD.  
 BUILDING C  
 SANFORD, FL

REGISTRATION BEGINS AT 9:15 AM  
 HIGH SCHOOL AND MIDDLE SCHOOL SCHOOL STUDENTS WELCOME.  
 PARENTS ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND.  
 FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.

[MILLS.HOUSE.GOV/SERVICES/MILITARY-ACADEMY-NOMINATIONS](https://MILLS.HOUSE.GOV/SERVICES/MILITARY-ACADEMY-NOMINATIONS)

TO RSVP & FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT: VANESSA HORGAN  
 407-638-7904  
 VANESSA.HORGAN@MAIL.HOUSE.GOV



**2024 IN-PERSON SUMMER CAREER CAMP**

**LOCATIONS:**

- BLYDEN HIGH SCHOOL  
601 King St. Quindia, Lakeland, FL 33963
- LYMAN HIGH SCHOOL  
4200 Oak Rd. Winter Park, FL 32782
- LAKE BOWELL HIGH SCHOOL

\*Students that complete their entire Career Camp will receive a gift card in the following amounts:

- 20hr Camp: \$200
- 50hr Camp: \$500


**This Career Camp is available for students age 14-21 who are currently enrolled in school, have an IEP/504 and are a client of VR or VR Pre-ETS. Not a client of VR, that's okay we can help connect you with VR.**

This Career Camp is designed to provide individuals with the following:  
 50 hr camps: 10 hrs Self Advocacy, 10 hrs Work Readiness Skills, 30 hrs Work Based Learning Experiences.  
 20 hr camps: 10 hrs Self Advocacy and 10 hrs Work Based Learning Experiences

CLASS IS IN-PERSON ONLY AND CLASS SIZES ARE LIMITED. REGISTRATION ENDS: MAY 3, 2024  
 VISIT [HTTPS://FORMS.GLE/FX3J6CIVDKAEBAWZ5](https://forms.gle/FX3J6CIVDKAEBAWZ5)  
 OR SCAN THE QR CODE TO START THE REGISTRATION PROCESS

IF INTERESTED, PLEASE CONTACT YOUR VR COUNSELOR OR LOCAL VR OFFICE FOR A REFERRAL






**SEMINOLE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS PRESENTS:**

**PARENT MENTAL HEALTH SERIES**

Tuesday, May 14, 2024 5:00pm-6:30pm  
 Virtual Event: Surviving Summer Break

These events are being hosted in collaboration with The Foundation for Seminole County Public Schools



Scan here to register!

Visit this link for more information:  
[www.eventbrite.com/o/scps-mental-health-parent-forum-32783278737](http://www.eventbrite.com/o/scps-mental-health-parent-forum-32783278737)

Questions?

# FROM THE COMMUNITY



Have you registered to be a Dividend? Anyone who wishes to volunteer on campus / during school hours must be approved by SCPS.

Click [HERE](#) to apply now. Once approved, don't forget to **log all of your hours**, including your PTA hours. They all count!

Check out the latest [news](#) from Seminole County Public Schools - the School Board of Seminole County and the Seminole Education Association, Inc. are pleased to announce that the parties have tentatively agreed to contract language and compensation

Everything in One Place. Comprehensive content covering topics that matter most to families: high school, college planning, affording college, career action plans, life skills, financial literacy, state-specific resources, and so much more. FREE with your membership in a Seminole County PTA!

Are you looking to give back to your community this year? Consider being a [Take Stock in Children](#) mentor! Do YOU want to sign up to become a mentor to one of these deserving students? As a mentor, you'll spend just 30 minutes a week with your student, but the difference you make will last a lifetime! Email Shannon Ringer for more information at [riningsj@scps.k12.fl.us](mailto:riningsj@scps.k12.fl.us)

Did you know that Seminole County Council PTA supports all children in Seminole County? Each year, we also provide a scholarship to graduating seniors. Click the image on the right to donate to our general support or directly to the scholarship fund.

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# Leadership Development Opportunities

## Development Opportunities for All Leaders

5 Ways to Build a Better LinkedIn Profile

<https://pll.harvard.edu/course/exercising-leadership-foundational-principles?delta=1>

Build a Professional Resume using Canva

[https://www.coursera.org/learn/leadership-collaboration?tm\\_source=northwestern&utm\\_medium=institutions&utm\\_campaign=Nonsocial-NorthwesternWebsite-OLSM1](https://www.coursera.org/learn/leadership-collaboration?tm_source=northwestern&utm_medium=institutions&utm_campaign=Nonsocial-NorthwesternWebsite-OLSM1)

The Workplace and Personal Wellness Foundations

<https://mooc.academiacentral.org/courses/course-v1:ACAD+ACAD2100+1000/about>

Inclusive and Ethical Leadership

<https://mooc.academiacentral.org/courses>

Lean Six Sigma Yellow Belt Certificate

<https://mooc.academiacentral.org/courses/course-v1:USF+SS101+2022/about>

Resilient Leadership in an Anxious World

<https://mooc.academiacentral.org/courses/course-v1:USF+RL101+1001/about>

Cross - Cultural Leadership

<https://mooc.academiacentral.org/courses/course-v1:USF+CCL101+001/about>

### Assessments:

16 Personalities

<https://www.16personalities.com/>

### National PTA Thrive Learning Community:

Five Steps to Reach Your Goals

<https://thrive.pta.org/courses/leadership-module-five-steps-to-reach-your-goals>

Communications

<https://thrive.pta.org/courses/leadership-module-communications>

Intentional meeting

<https://thrive.pta.org/courses/planning-for-meetings>

Past National PTA eLearning courses

[https://www.pta.org/home/run-your-pta/elearning\\_](https://www.pta.org/home/run-your-pta/elearning_)

**April Months:**

- History of Mathematics and Statistics Awareness month
- Month of the Military Child
- Autism Acceptance Month
- Child Abuse Awareness Month
- Celebrate Diversity Month
- Counseling Awareness Month
- Deaf History Month
- National Financial Literacy Month
- Global Child Nutrition Month
- National Month of Hope
- National Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month
- National Volunteer Month
- Physical Wellness Month
- School Library Month
- Stress Awareness Month

**April Weeks:**

- 1 to 7 Community Garden Week
- 1 to 7 Medication Safety Week
- 1 to 7 National Public Health Week
- 17-13 National Library Week
- 21-27 Administrative Professionals Week
- 21-27 National Volunteer Week
- 22-26 Every Kid Healthy Week
- 22-25 National Playground Safety Week
- 22-26 National Youth Violence Prevention Week
- 24-30 National Student Leadership Week
- 24-30 World Immunization Week

**April days:**

- 1 Take Down Tobacco National Day of Action
- 1 National One Cent Day
- 2 SAAM Day of Action
- 2 National Reconciliation Day
- 2 World Autism Awareness Day
- 3 Paraprofessional Appreciation Day
- 7 World Health Day
- 8 International Kids' Yoga Day
- 9 Eid al-Fir
- 10 National Siblings Day
- 10 National Youth HIV and AIDS Awareness Day
- 13 Vaisakhi
- 15 World Art Day
- 15 Universal Day of Culture
- 17 Rama Navami
- 18 National Exercise Day
- 20 Volunteer Recognition Day
- 21 Mahavir Jayanti
- 21 National Kindergarten Day
- 22 Earth Day
- 22-30 Passover
- 23 National Picnic Day
- 23 English Language Day
- 23 Spanish Language Day
- 23 SCHOOL BUS DRIVER APPRECIATION DAY
- 23 World Book Day
- 24 National Administrative Professionals Day
- 24 Stop Food Waste Day
- 27 National Drug Take Back Day

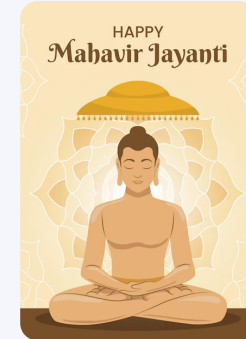


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# NATIONAL PTA CALENDAR

Visit [PTA.org](http://PTA.org) for solutions, resources and program opportunities to help you be here for the students and families in your community this school year!

**APRIL 2024 22 Earth Day**—Activate Earth Day activities and build a better environment in your local communities. [PTA.org/HealthyLife](http://PTA.org/HealthyLife) styles





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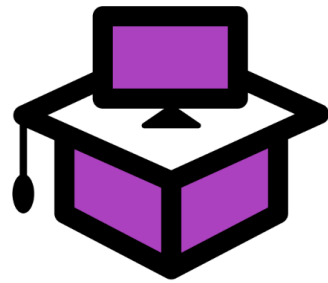
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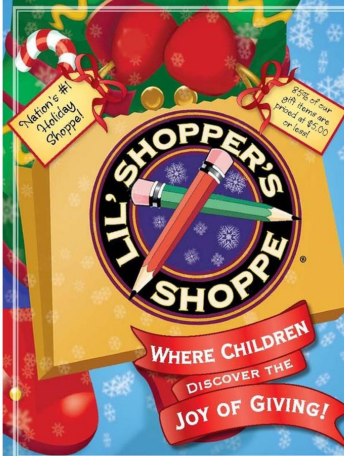


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