

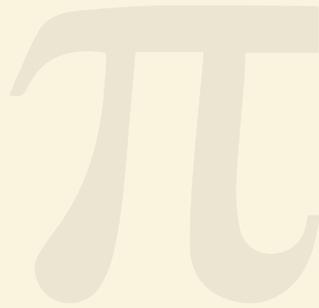


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RECOGNIZING OUTSTANDING STUDENTS AND TEACHERS IN
SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING AND MATHEMATICS.

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COMMISSIONER RICHARD CORCORAN

Dear Sunshine State Scholars and Honored Guests:

On behalf of the Florida Department of Education and the Florida Education Foundation, it is my pleasure to welcome you to the 2021 Sunshine State Scholars celebration. Congratulations to the students selected to represent their school district as a 2021 Sunshine State Scholar. Each year, we bring together the top 11th grade STEAM students from across the state to recognize them for their hard work and dedication, and the scholars should take immense pride in being among this group.

Each Sunshine State Scholar has achieved significant academic accomplishments and I am confident that they will continue to excel and grow into leaders who may one day be called on to help solve future challenges our nation might face. I commend each scholar for their extraordinary achievements.

To each scholar, participation in this event will present opportunities for you to meet new friends and create peer groups that can be maintained throughout your future endeavors. I encourage you to take advantage of the opportunities to network with your peers, event sponsors and staff, as well as other honored guests. These connections will be very important to you and to your success as you plan to enter the next phase of your life.

We are honored to host this event along with statewide leadership. Our goal is to ensure that our scholars have an opportunity to learn and grow, not only with their friends, but professionally. I wish them the best on their journey to a successful career. Thank you for your commitment to your education and to your home state.

Sincerely,

Commissioner Richard Corcoran

Unlimited Potential



Success begins with education. Inspired educators and advances in education technology are unlocking students' abilities to soar to new heights. Congratulations to the 2021 Sunshine State Scholars. Continue to soar!





A Brief History of Sunshine State Scholars

The Sunshine State Scholars program began in 1997, and was designed to recognize students, teachers and schools that achieved excellence in mathematics and science. High school seniors participated in a statewide competition that used their basic knowledge of mathematics, statistics, physics, chemistry and biology to solve interdisciplinary problems requiring independent and creative thinking. Students competed and were recognized at district and regional levels. The ten Regional Scholars completed a challenging written exam and presented a research paper on a single topic, and from this group, a Statewide Scholar was named. The Regional Scholars and the Statewide Scholar were recognized at a ceremony where each Scholar formally paid tribute to his/her outstanding teacher.

Mathematics and science experts from education, business and government served on the all-volunteer steering committee, overseeing the development of the assessment tools and monitoring and executing the competitions. For many years, Dr. William H. Caldwell from the Florida Institute of Education at the University of North Florida was the driving force and inspiration behind Sunshine State Scholars. Dr. Caldwell worked diligently to secure annual funding. When other sources were no longer available, Senator Stephen R. Wise, Education Commissioner Eric J.

Smith, and the Florida Education Foundation championed the program, continuing its service and recognizing our best and brightest.

Today the program has evolved from its original format. Each school district throughout Florida selects its top 11th grade student(s) in science, technology, engineering, art and mathematics (STEM) based on established criteria. These Scholars, along with their parents convene to receive recognition for their achievements. They also have opportunities to meet with representatives from Florida's colleges and universities, learn about STEAM-related programs of study and internships and experience why Florida is the best state to learn and pursue an exciting career.

AGENDA

SUNDAY, JUNE 27

4:00 - 11:00 p.m.

HOTEL CHECK IN

7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

SCHOLAR REGISTRATION

Scholars check in and pick up event materials at the event registration desk near the entrance to the Universal Center.

MONDAY, JUNE 28

7:45 - 8:00 a.m.

CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST *hosted by Helios Education Foundation*

8:30 - 9:00 a.m.

GENERAL SESSION & OPENING REMARKS *hosted by Lockheed Martin*

9:00 - 12:15 p.m.

WORKSHOPS AND RECRUITMENT FAIR

HIGHER EDUCATION RECRUITMENT FAIR

Scholars and their parents meet with representatives from Florida higher education institutions to learn about programs of study, internships, and career opportunities throughout Florida.

FINANCIAL AID WORKSHOP *hosted by Florida Lottery*

Learn the process for securing financial aid.

WRITING YOUR COLLEGE APPLICATION *hosted by State University System*

Learn how to write your best college application.

ALACHUA- HARDEE SCHOLARS

9:00 a.m. - Writing Your College Application

10:05 a.m. - Recruitment Fair

11:10 a.m. - Financial Aid

HENDRY- ORANGE SCHOLARS

9:00 a.m. - Financial Aid

10:05 a.m. - Writing Your College Application

11:10 a.m. - Recruitment Fair

HERNANDO- WASHINGTON SCHOLARS

9:00 a.m. - Recruitment Fair

10:05 a.m. - Financial Aid

11:10 a.m. - Writing Your College Application

12:30 - 1:30 p.m.

SCHOLAR LUNCH *hosted by Kyra Solutions and Limbitless Solutions*

Parents are on their own. Please return at 3:30 p.m. for scholar pick up.

AGENDA

1:30 - 3:30 p.m.

SCHOLAR ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITIES

3:30 - 5:00 p.m.

SCHOLAR BREAK

**Parents and scholars have time to relax before awards ceremony.*

5:00 - 6:30 p.m.

DINNER hosted by AT&T Foundation and
Florida Prepaid College Foundation

6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

AWARDS SESSION hosted by AT&T Foundation and
Florida Prepaid College Foundation

Welcome

Keynote

Formal Recognition of Scholars and Awards Presentation

Special Recognition

Group Photo



SCHOLARS

Alachua

Jeffrey Xue
Buchholz High School

Baker

Raymond Clines
Baker High School

Bay

Jonathan Walker
Rutherford High School

Bradford

Eden Chalker
Bradford High School

Brevard

Sid Antoine
Viera High School

Brevard

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Eau Gallie High School

Broward

Shiv Patel
Deerfield Beach High School

Broward

Vishal Suresh
Cypress Bay High School

Broward

Isabella Yeung
Millennium 6-12 Collegiate Academy

Calhoun

Haylee Reisen
Altha Public School

Charlotte

Hunter Cobb
Lemon Bay High School

Citrus

Vincent Lahera
Lecanto High School

Clay

Keren Metelus
Ridgeview High School

Collier

Emilee Huynh
Naples High School

Collier

Karl Reiter
Gulf Coast High School

Columbia

Anelise Bullard
Fort White High School

DeSoto

Alan Santana-Mondragon
DeSoto County High School

Dixie

Maddison Robson
Dixie County High School

Duval

Jefferson Li
Samuel Wolfson School for Advanced Studies

Duval

Avi Patel
Stanton College Preparatory School

Duval

Nicole Stover
Samuel Wolfson School for Advanced Studies and Leadership

Escambia

Braden Close
West Florida High School of Advanced Technology

Escambia

Colin Gold
Pensacola High School

FAMU Lab School

Darell Williams
FAMU Lab School

FAU Lab School

Satviki Singh
FAU High School

Flagler

Paul Grau
Flagler Palm Coast High School

Florida Virtual

Zachary Donaldson
FLVS Full Time 9-12

Franklin

Savannah Brannan
Franklin County School

FSU Lab School

Isabella Guerrero
Florida State University Schools

Gilchrist

Christina Franks
Trenton High School

Glades

Sean Osborne
Moore Haven Middle-High School

Gulf

Katie Shealy
Wewahitchka High School

Hamilton

Timothy Warfel
Hamilton County High School

Hardee

Treasure Camel
Hardee Senior High School

Hendry

Gage Hunt
LaBelle High School

Hernando

Misa Vivieros
Hernando High School

Highlands

Jacob Sueppel
Sebring High School

Hillsborough

Fatema Ashour
Leto High School

Hillsborough

Cody Basquill
Newsome High School

Hillsborough

Vivian Rao
Steinbrenner High School

Holmes

Ariana Andrews
Ponce de Leon High School

Indian River

Kayleen Diaz
Vero Beach High School

Jackson

Colby Williams
Marianna High School

Jefferson

Xander Ames
Jefferson K-12: a Somerset School

Lafayette

Seth Chandler
Lafayette High School

Lake

Isabelle Millman
South Lake High School

Lake

Ethan Rada
Eustis High School

Lee

Kassandra Macchia
North Fort Myers High School

Lee

Amy Meng
Fort Myers High School

Leon

Dylan Epstein-Gross
James S. Rickards High School

Levy

Coburn Hardee
Chiefland Middle High School

Liberty

Sara Brown
Liberty County High School

Madison

Halie Wetherington
Madison County High School

SCHOLARS

Manatee

Samuel Maurer
Southeast High School

Manatee

Elliott Santaella Aguilar
Manatee High School

Marion

Sarah McGinley
Forest High School

Marion

Reagan Reese
Vanguard High School

Martin

Dawson Hawkins
South Fork High School

Miami-Dade

Harmanpreet Kaur
MAST@Homestead

Miami-Dade

Jasming Senel
Coral Gables Senior High School

Miami-Dade

Lauren Valdes
Miami Senior High School

Monroe

Gage Cooper
Coral Shores High School

Nassau

Tristen Roddenberry
Hilliard Middle Senior High School

Okaloosa

Olin Wolfram
Fort Walton Beach High School

Okeechobee

Anna Velten
Okeechobee High School

Orange

Cassidy Camera
Boone High School

Orange

Sarah Hoffer
Ocoee High School

Orange

Om Vishanagra
Windermere High School

Osceola

Samy Antift
Osceola County School for the Arts

Osceola

Knoelle Grassi
Osceola High School

Palm Beach

Olivia Keable
Boca Raton High School

Palm Beach

Sydney Showalter
Wellington High School

Palm Beach

Alexander Stone
West Boca Raton High School

Pasco

Hanna Holmes
Land O' Lakes High School

Pasco

Devon Meek
River Ridge High School

Pinellas

Jeremiah Daniels
Boca Ciega High School

Pinellas

Sandhya Ganesh
East Lake High School

Pinellas

Olivia Miles
Boca Ciega High School

Polk

Anderson Garner
Winter Haven High School

Polk

Kelsey Slone
Lake Gibson High School

Polk

Kim-Tien Vo
Harrison School of the Arts

Putnam

Sofia Jolley
Q.I. Roberts Jr./Sr. Cambridge High School

Santa Rosa

Ethan Pensyl
Gulf Breeze High School

Sarasota

Uday Goyat
Pine View School

Sarasota

Rafael Tremino-Bravo
Suncoast Polytechnical High School

Seminole

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Hagerty High School

Seminole

Varsha Naga
Winter Springs High School

St. Johns

Anderson Davis
St. Augustine High School

St. Johns

Andrew Ryan
Allen D. Nease High School

St. Lucie

Lorika Chery
Fort Pierce Central High School

St. Lucie

Brooke Rossman
St. Lucie West Centennial High School

Sumter

Marcus Phillipswatson
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Suwannee

Brock Daniel
Suwannee High School

Taylor

Dimiti Williams
Taylor County High School

UF Lab School

Andrea Ortiz Burgado
P. K. Yonge Developmental Research School

Union

Aidan Newsom
Union County High School

Volusia

Miriam Girgis
Spruce Creek High School

Volusia

Ria Gupta
Seabreeze High School

Wakulla

Briyaun Butler-Moore
Wakulla High School

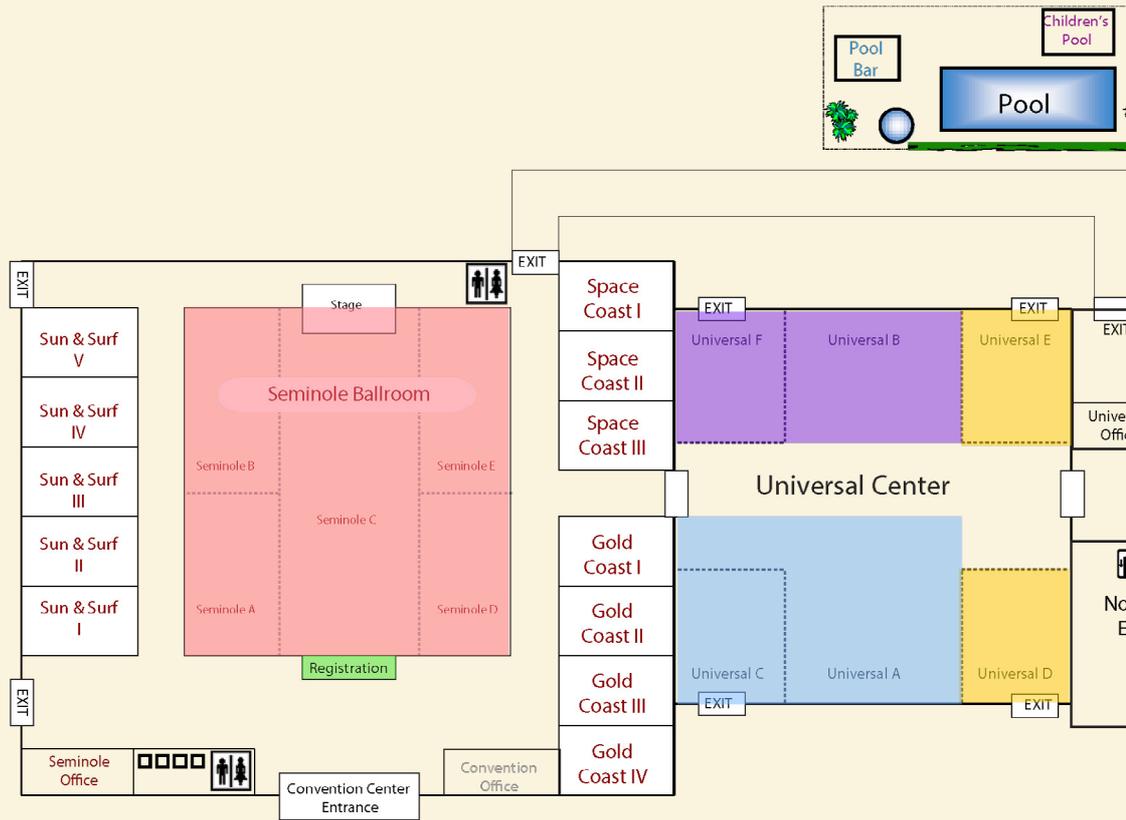
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Weston Corbin
Walton High School

Washington

Audrey Holley
Chipleigh High School

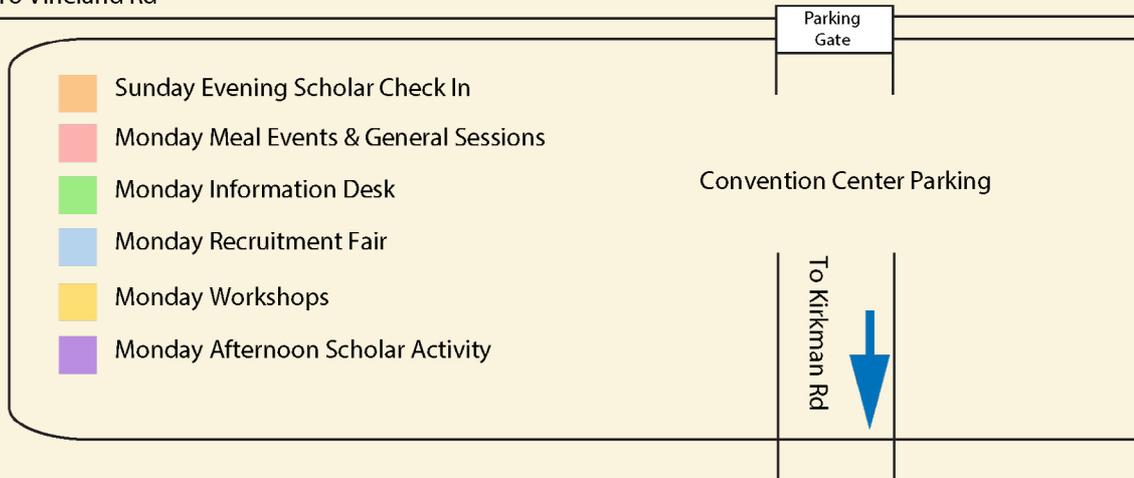
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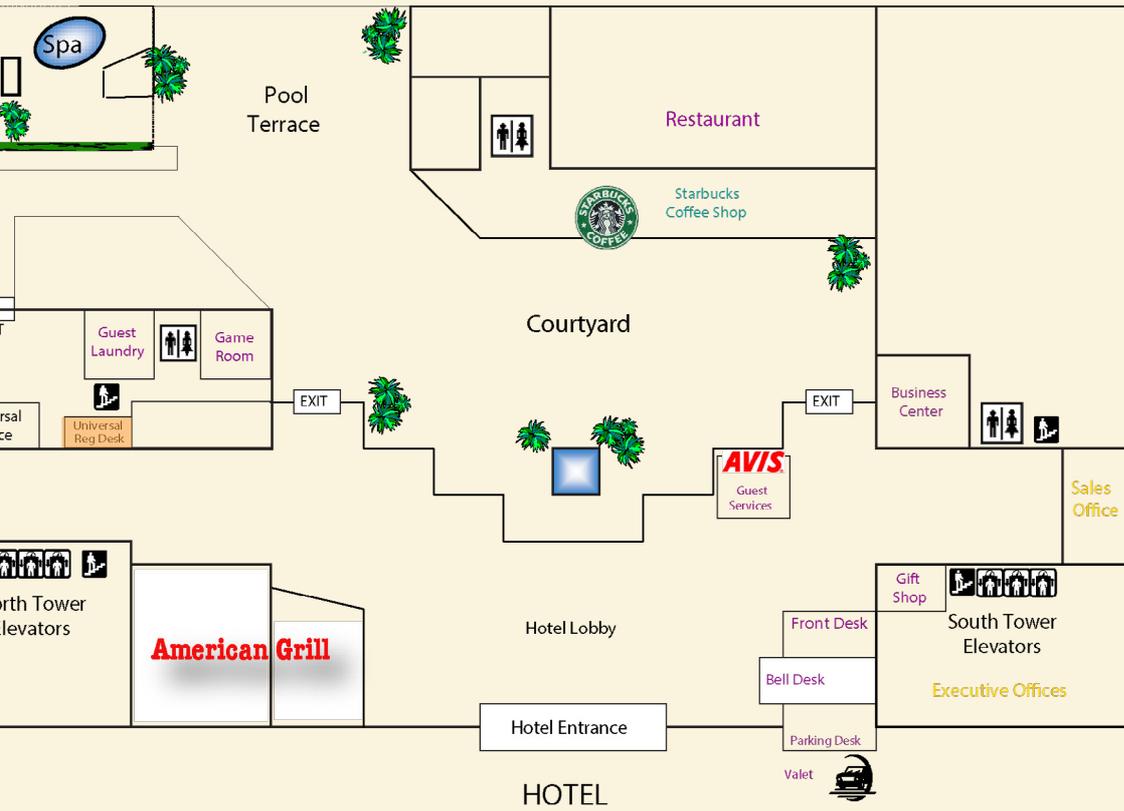
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