



Recognizing outstanding students and teachers in science, technology, engineering and mathematics.

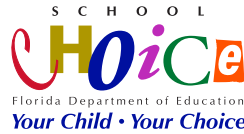
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**Congratulations to this
year's Sunshine State Scholars.
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Dear Sunshine State Scholars and Honored Guests:

On behalf of the Florida Department of Education and the Florida Education Foundation, it is my pleasure to welcome you to the 2022 Sunshine State Scholars conference. The Sunshine State Scholars program has celebrated outstanding student achievement in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) for 25 years. The tradition continues through your hard work and dedication to academic excellence – and your potential for the future of Florida.

The 2022 Sunshine State Scholars conference recognizes Florida's highest-performing STEM students and provides them with an opportunity to engage each other and interact with employers from STEM fields. Also in attendance are representatives from Florida's renowned state college and university system, ranked #1 in the country for the fifth consecutive year.

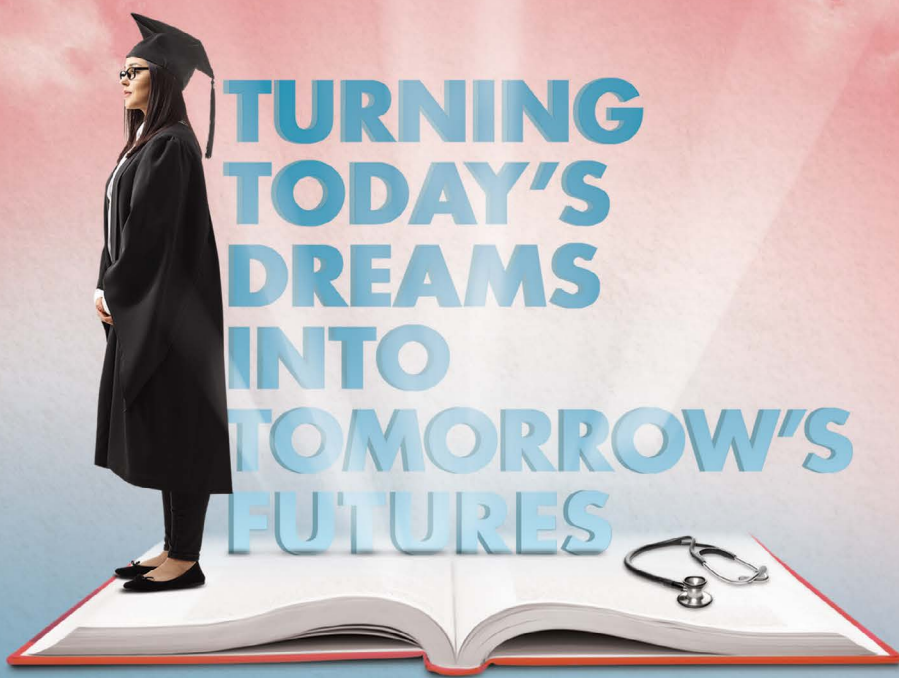
During the full-day event, student scholars will participate in problem-solving activities, attend presentations from industry experts and hear compelling speeches from inspirational leaders. Fifteen students will also receive a one-year scholarship award to attend a Florida college or university, based on their future goals and intentions to pursue higher education in our state.

As the Florida Commissioner of Education, I have always championed education as the great equalizer. I believe an educated citizenry is critical for prosperity and for the preservation of our constitutional republic for future generations. In the words of Frederick Douglass, "Education... means emancipation. It means light and liberty. It means the uplifting of the soul of man into the glorious light of truth, the light only by which men can be free."

It is an honor to recognize the 2022 Class of Sunshine State Scholars. I stand with teachers, parents, sponsors and partners from across Florida in welcoming you to this year's Sunshine State Scholars conference. Congratulations on a job well done!

Sincerely,

Commissioner Richard Corcoran



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At Lockheed Martin, when we envision the future, we see a world of never-ending possibility. But that future will never be realized unless we prepare today's students for tomorrow's challenges. That's why it is vitally important for young people to study science, technology, engineering and math. It is our hope and our mission to inspire the next generation of innovators to dream big. And make big things happen.

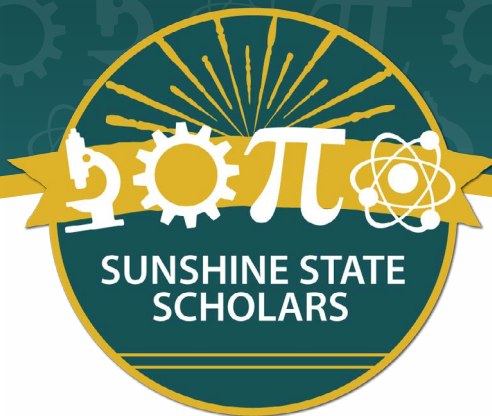
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HISTORY OF SUNSHINE STATE SCHOLARS

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.

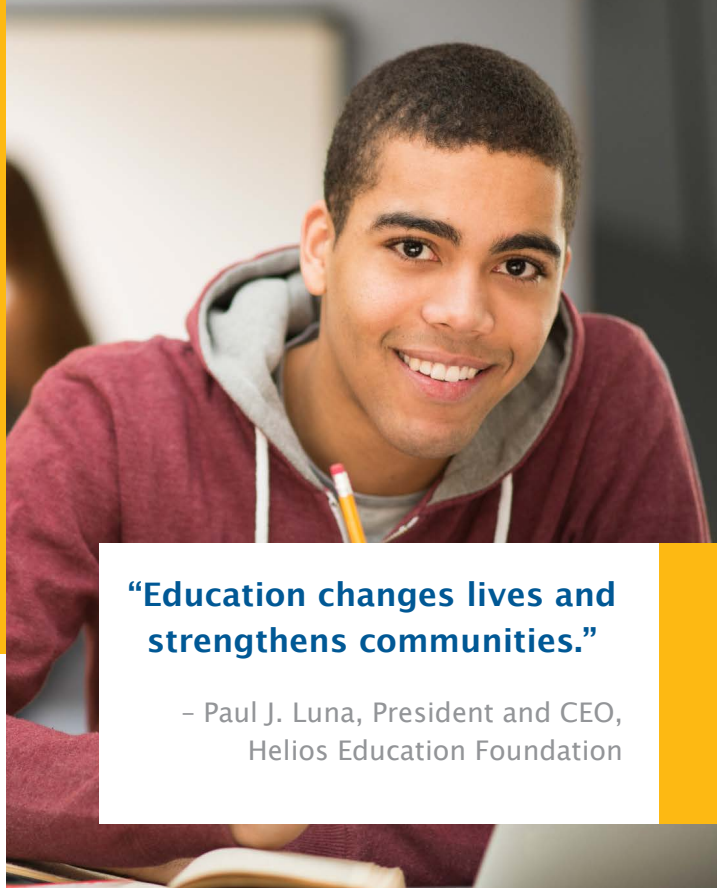
Mathematics and science experts from education, business and government served on the all-volunteer steering committee, overseeing the development of the assessment tools and monitoring and executing the competitions. For

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 grown from its original format. Each school district throughout Florida selects its top 11th grade student(s) in science, technology, engineering 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 STEM-related programs of study and internships, and reinforce why Florida is the best state to learn and pursue an exciting career.

Congratulations to Florida's Sunshine State Scholars! Your achievements in the areas of Science, Technology, Engineering, or Mathematics (STEM) are exceptional.

Helios Education Foundation believes education changes lives and strengthens communities. Founded on the fundamental beliefs of Community, Equity, Investment, and Partnership, we strive to create opportunities for individuals in Florida and Arizona to succeed in postsecondary education. We are proud to partner with the Florida Education Foundation and the Florida Department of Education to ensure more students benefit from a high-quality education and are prepared to succeed in college and career.



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– Paul J. Luna, President and CEO,
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ON YOUR ACADEMIC SUCCESS!



Your hard work and passion in STEM is truly an accomplishment. As a digital transformation leader for government, we applaud your dedication to innovation and education. Well done, 2022 Sunshine State Scholars!



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THURSDAY, MARCH 31

- 4:00 – 11:00 p.m. **HOTEL CHECK IN**
6:00 – 7:30 p.m. **SCHOLAR REGISTRATION**
Pick up event materials in hotel's convention center
7:00 – 9:00 p.m. **SCHOLAR DESSERT SOCIAL**
Scholar networking activity. Parents pick up scholars at 9:00 p.m.

FRIDAY, APRIL 1

- 7:45 – 8:30 a.m. **CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST**
8:30 – 9:00 a.m. **GENERAL SESSION & OPENING REMARKS**
9:00 – 12:15 p.m. **WORKSHOPS & RECRUITMENT FAIR**

ALACHUA-HARDEE SCHOLARS

- 9:00 a.m. Career Panel
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. Career Panel
11:10 a.m. Recruitment Fair

OSCEOLA-WASHINGTON SCHOLARS

- 9:00 a.m. Recruitment Fair
10:05 a.m. Financial Aid
11:10 a.m. Career Panel

HIGHER ED 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.

CAREER PANEL

Industry experts share their thoughts on careers in their workplace with time for the scholars to ask questions.

FINANCIAL AID WORKSHOP

Learn the process for securing financial aid.

- 12:30 – 1:45 p.m. **SCHOLAR LUNCH – LIMBITLESS SOLUTIONS**
Parents are on their own. Return at 4:00 p.m. to pick up scholars.
2:00 – 4:00 p.m. **SCHOLAR ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITY**
Limbless Solutions & College of Optics and Photonics, University of Central Florida. Scholars will participate in two hands-on STEAM based activities.
4:00 – 5:00 p.m. **SCHOLAR PERSONAL TIME**
Parents and scholars are able to dress and relax before awards ceremony.
5:00 – 6:30 p.m. **DINNER**
6:30 – 8:00 p.m. **AWARDS CEREMONY**
Welcome
Keynote
Formal Recognition of Scholars and Awards Presentations
Scholarship Presentation
Group Photos

SATURDAY, APRIL 2

- All Day **SCHOLARS ENJOY ORLANDO**



Alachua
Rishi Krishna Gadikota
Buchholz High School

Baker
Ashley Lauren Williams
Baker County High School

Bay
Sierra AnnaMaria Czubaj
Rutherford High School

Bradford
Huishan He
Bradford High School

Brevard
Melanie Joy Allen
Merritt Island High School

Brevard
Matthew William Krininger
West Shore Jr/Sr High School

Broward
Samantha Carozzi
Cooper City High School

Broward
Khushi Desai
Deerfield Beach High School

Broward
Kun A. Park
Miramar High School

Calhoun
Avery Brooke Layne
Blountstown High School

Charlotte
Skylar Robbins
Charlotte High School

Citrus
Carson A. Edwards
Crystal River High School

Clay
Nha Thanh Duong
Ridgeview High School

Collier
Hailey Lynn Hinchliffe
Palmetto Ridge High School

Collier
Giulia Moreira Nelson
Barron Collier High School

Columbia
Nicholas Rahim Chowdhury
Columbia High School

DeSoto
Faith Morgan Iverson
DeSoto County High School

Dixie
Camden James Dahm
Dixie County High School

Duval
Charlotte Hsieh Caccam
*Samuel Wolfson School for
Advanced Studies and Leadership*

Duval
Dorothy Kowkabany
Sandalwood High School

Duval
Nyla Theresa Searl
*Stanton College Preparatory
High School*

Escambia
Jack Blanton
*West Florida High School of
Advanced Technology*

Escambia
Ryan Zhang
Pensacola High School

FAMU Lab School
Miles Davis Johnson
FAMU DRS High School

FAU Lab School
Mallory Isabelle Thomas
*Florida Atlantic University
High School*

Flagler
Shawn Zhudro
Flagler Palm Coast High School

FLVS
Joseph Evan Goodman
FLVS Full Time

Franklin
John River Sheridan
Franklin County School

FSDB
Tristan Dean Kamuela Brennan
Florida School for the Blind

FSU Lab School
Elspeth Ann Abbott
Florida State University Schools

Gadsden
Treyvious La'Jordan Copeland
Gadsden County High School

Gilchrist
Vicki Lin
Bell High School

Gulf
Luke Wesley Lentz
Port St. Joe High School

Hamilton
Morgan Matthew Griffin
Hamilton County High School

Hardee
Drew Elise Beattie
Hardee Senior High School

Hendry
Miguel Almaraz-Argueta
Clewiston High School

Hernando
Zander Thieryung
Hernando High School

Highlands
Angela Huang
Sebring High School

Hillsborough
Pranav Venu Kulkarni
Middleton High School

Hillsborough
Sofia Murrin
Freedom High School

Hillsborough
Anna Savchuk
King High School

Holmes
Kaden Jase Lemieux
Bethlehem High School

Indian River
Kenyan Paschall
Sebastian River High School

Jackson
Daniel Chase Bethea
Jackson Alternative School

Lafayette
Taryn Lily Maund
Lafayette High School

Lake
Mattias Peroni
East Ridge High School

Lake
Jason Santana
Eustis High School

Lee
Charles Dalton
Fort Myers High School

Lee
Aum Dhruv
Fort Myers High School

Leon
Camdon Vaughan Pender
Lincoln High School



Levy
Adysen Macey Baker
Chiefland Middle High School

Liberty
Riley Harriet Read
Liberty County High School

Manatee
Kevin Mateo Chafloque
Southeast High School

Manatee
Aiden Letourneau
Southeast High School

Marion
Macy Claire Fraunfelder
Bellevue High School

Marion
Raaghuv Nandur
Vanguard High School

Marion
Vivek Sandrapaty
West Port High School

Martin
Mariel Scher
Martin County High School

Miami-Dade
Yainiel Reina
Miami Southridge Senior High School

Miami-Dade
Christopher Salazar
*Center for International Education:
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Miami-Dade
Hannah Tejada
Jose Marti MAST 6-12 Academy

Monroe
Jack Michael Horvat
Marathon High School

Nassau
Christina Cortes
Fernandina Beach High School

Okaloosa
Alessandra Alejo
Choctawhatchee High School

Okeechobee
Denice Garcia
Okeechobee High School

Orange
Jack Landt
William R. Boone High School

Orange
Jordan Christopher Metellus
Ocoee High School

Orange
Jeevika Setzer
Timber Creek High School

Osceola
Evan Hartsell
NeoCity Academy

Osceola
Karyssa Pancake
The Osceola County School for the Arts

Palm Beach
Sahil Bhandary
A.W. Dreyfoos School of the Arts

Palm Beach
Madhupriya Metukuru
Boca Raton High School

Palm Beach
Justin Ricketts
Suncoast High School

Pasco
Dayson Burnette
James W Mitchell High School

Pasco
Jackson Davis
Wendell Krinn Technical High School

Pinellas
Jaye Rice
Seminole High School

Pinellas
Elise Tong
Largo High School

Polk
James Barrios
Bartow International Bacculaureate

Polk
Tavian Douge
Lake Gibson High School

Polk
Harrison Cooper Milam
Bartow Senior High

Putnam
D'Asia Ernestine Evans
Q.I. Roberts Jr. Sr. High School

Santa Rosa
Caitlin Elizabeth Staudt
Navarre High School

Sarasota
Jessica Anne Grace Ritchie
Sarasota High School

Sarasota
Krystal Tran
Pineview School

Seminole
Katerina A. Patounakis
Lake Mary High School

Seminole
Iris Yuehan Qu
Winter Springs High School

St. Johns
Joyce Goeun Kim
Bartram Trail High School

St. Johns
Erin Philip
Creekside High School

St. Lucie
Madison Nicha Adkins
Lincoln Park Academy

St. Lucie
Robert N. Sansone
Fort Pierce Central High School

Sumter
Raquel Marie Rowland
Wildwood Middle High School

Suwannee
Ariana Lane
Branford High School

Taylor
Kalyan Dewaine McMullen
Taylor County High School

UF Lab School
Gabriel Mercer Ruszczyk
PK Yonge DRS

Union
Perry Johnson
Union County High School

Volusia
Akhil John Kandamkulathy
DeLand High School

Volusia
Rishi Patel
Spruce Creek High School

Wakulla
Dawn Svetozara Moody
Wakulla High School

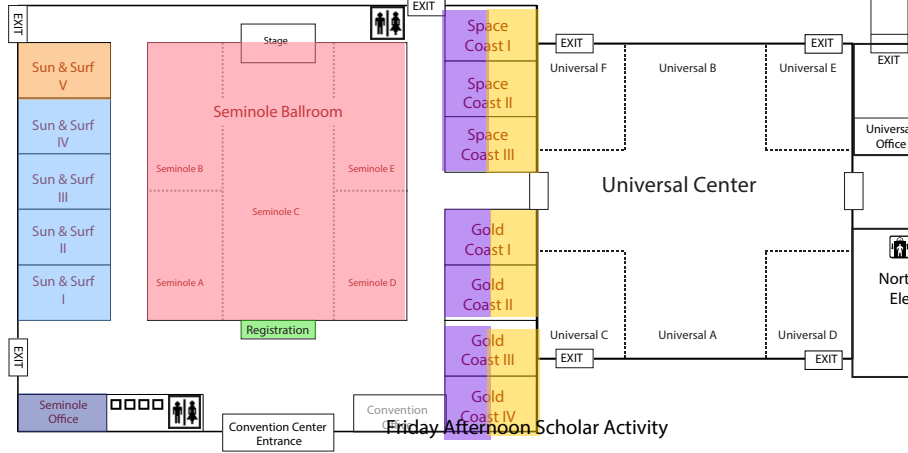
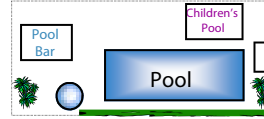
Walton
Noah James Dalbey
South Walton High School

Washington
Kirstyn Nahturi Brown
Vernon High School





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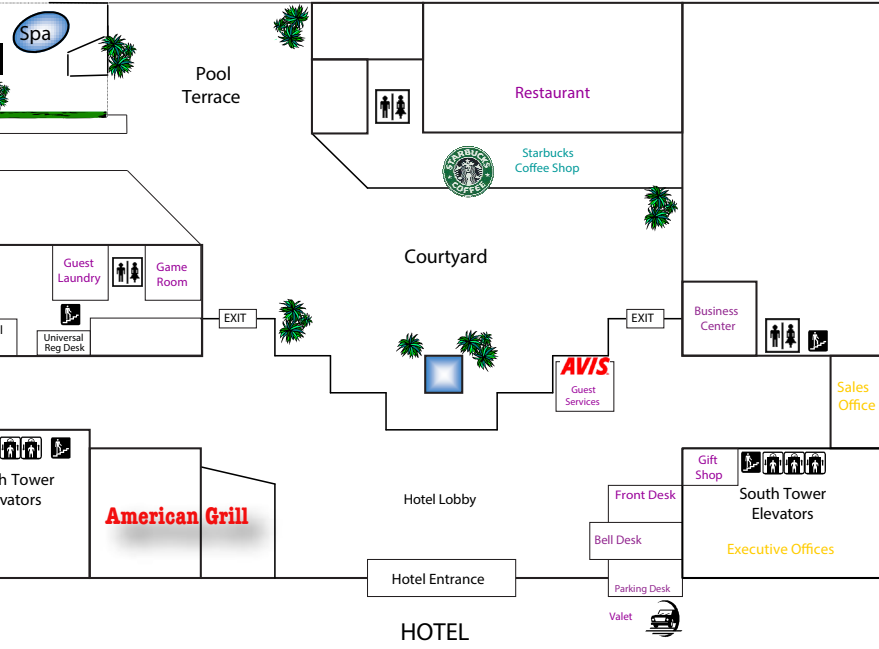


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- Staff Office (Thursday-Friday)
- Secure AV Storage (Thursday-Friday)
- Thursday Evening Scholar Check In & Friday Information Desk
- Thursday Reception and Friday Meal Events & General Sessions
- Friday Morning Workshops
- Friday Morning Recruitment Fair
- Friday Afternoon Scholar Activity

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