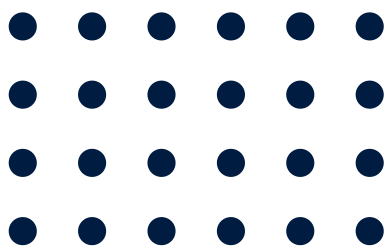


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ALWAYS
A GREAT
DAY TO BE
A PATRIOT





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FREEDOM HIGH SCHOOL

COMMUNITY CORNER

IN MEMORY OF KORBIN BLAKE



Our hearts are heavy as we mourn the passing of one of our Freedom Patriots, Korbin Blake.

He is remembered by his friends, classmates, and teachers as charismatic, bright, and full of life.

Our thoughts and prayers are with his family and loved ones during this difficult time.

*If you would like to support his family, a page has been created to help during this difficult time:
<https://gofund.me/ff2ca3f5>*

We are reminded this week of how precious life truly is as we navigate through this time together. I hope that we are reminded to take advantage of each opportunity and to be grateful for the people in our lives.

Congratulations to Miguel Palacios on the incredible accomplishment of being accepted to Princeton University. This is a high honor for both Miguel and our school, as we send another Patriot to one of the Nation's top universities. It serves as a reminder of the work the level of excellence that our staff and students aspire to every single day.

Alyssa Brown Washington has also been a bright spot as a student-athlete. She excels in the classroom and on the mat for our wrestling program. Her recognition as a School Winner of the Heisman High School Scholarship is a great reminder of the pursuit our Patriots take in reaching their academic and extracurricular goals.

Our All-County Choir Students, Honor Choir Members, and Hospitality & Tourism students remind us about how great opportunities are made when you dedicate yourself to your craft. I am proud of the steps these students have made to set themselves up for future success.

While our hearts are heavy this week, we are also getting to see first hand the resolve and resilience of our Patriots in all circumstances. This is Our Freedom!

Charles France

Principal, Freedom High School

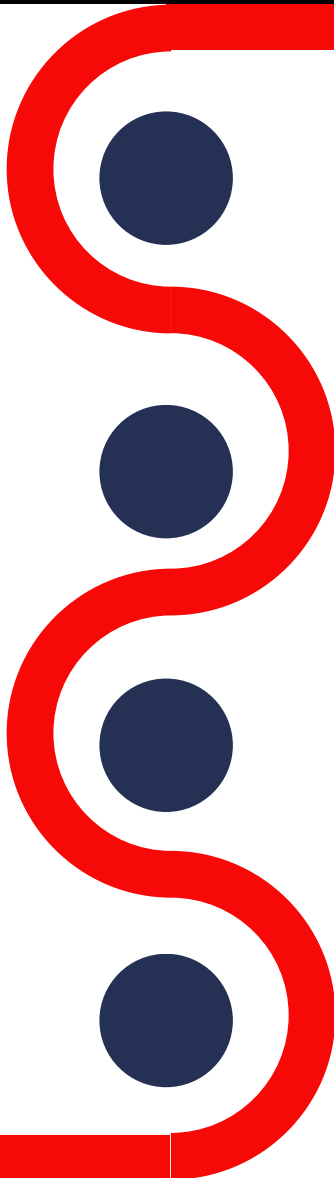
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UPCOMING EVENTS



20th Annual PRISM Concert

FHS Performing Arts presents the annual Prism Concert. Shows are on Saturday, December 9th at 1:30pm, 4pm, and 7pm. Tickets go on sale December 4th. Purchase your tickets at [FHSBoxOffice.com](https://www.fhsboxoffice.com)

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SAC Meeting

Join us in the Media Center for our next SAC Meeting of the 23-24 School Year. SAC meets at 6pm.

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Dancin' in December

Join us on Friday, December 15th at the Freedom Dance Company & Colorguard present their 2023 Winter Showcase. The show begins at 7pm, and tickets are on sale at [FHSBoxOffice.com](https://www.fhsboxoffice.com).

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UCF Application Deadline

UCF Applications are due by this date. For more information, check the info on the [College & Career Corner](#).

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Winter Break - School Closed

School will be closed for the Winter Break from December 23rd through January 8th. School will resume on Tuesday, January 9th.

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Taste of Freedom (5:30-7pm)

We look forward to welcoming our future Patriots and families of all current 8th grade students who will be attending Freedom in 2024-2025. Learn about the academic programs offered, understand the Graduation requirements, and meet your Counselor

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FROM PATRIOT TO PRINCETON

Congratulations to Freedom Senior Miguel Palacios who has received a full scholarship to attend the prestigious Princeton University.

Miguel is the recipient of the Questbridge Scholarship which supports students who excel academically, but are concerned that attending the nation's best colleges might be too much of a financial burden. His academic success has opened up the doors for him to be able to pursue his goals of studying neuro science and becoming a neurosurgeon.

We look forward to celebrating his future success as he goes from being a proud Patriot to a Princeton Tiger!



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR HONOR CHOIR STUDENTS

ALL-STATE ENSEMBLES

Robert Rijos Jr. - Reading Choir

Kyle Torrez - Concert Choir

Ana Varas - SSAA Choir

FLORIDA ACDA HIGH SCHOOL HONOR CHOIR

Robert Rijos Jr.



OCPS HIGH SCHOOL ALL-COUNTY HONOR CHOIR

Andrea Velez Vega - Soprano 1

Tatiana Almodovar - Soprano 2

Zariya Brooks - Soprano 2

Erica Blue - Alto 1

Emily Le - Alto 2

Nicole Quintero-Sarria - Alto 2

Gabana Rolón - Alto 2

Eadryan Casas Garcia - Tenor 1

Nicky Wilder - Tenor 1

Kyle Torrez - Tenor 2

Robert Rijos Jr. - Tenor 2

Gabriel Lanza Santos - Bass 1

Rafael Sardina - Bass 2

Congratulations to our talented chorus students who auditioned and have been selected to participate in an Honor Choir this year. These students have been working hard and have demonstrated exceptional skills in their vocal abilities!

These opportunities included All-State Ensembles, the Florida ACDA High School Honor Choir, and the OCPS All-County Choir.

Their selection is a testament to their dedication and commitment to singing and the art of choral music.

We are proud of these students and their achievements, and we look forward to seeing them excel in the upcoming performances. Their success is a reflection of the hard work and support provided by their families and our school community.

Please join us in congratulating these students on their selection into these Honor Choirs.

FREEDOM HIGH SCHOOL PERFORMING ARTS

PRESENTS

THE 20TH ANNUAL
PRISM
CONCERT

FEATURING STUDENTS FROM BAND, CHORUS,
DANCE, GUITAR, GUARD, ORCHESTRA, & THEATRE



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FREEDOM HIGH SCHOOL PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

2500 WEST TAFT VINELAND ROAD, ORLANDO, FL 32837

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9TH, 2023 - SHOWTIMES: 1:30PM, 4:00PM & 7:00PM

TICKETS AVAILABLE AT: FHSBOXOFFICE.COM - BEGINNING MONDAY, DECEMBER 4TH @ 7PM

HEISMAN HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP SCHOOL WINNER

Congratulations to Freedom Senior Alissa Brown Washington who was recognized as a School Winner in the Heisman High School Scholarship program.

Alissa was recognized for maintaining a 3.0 or higher, being a proven leader and role model in the Freedom community, and for participating in a sport sanctioned by the IOC, Paralympic Games, of NFHS.

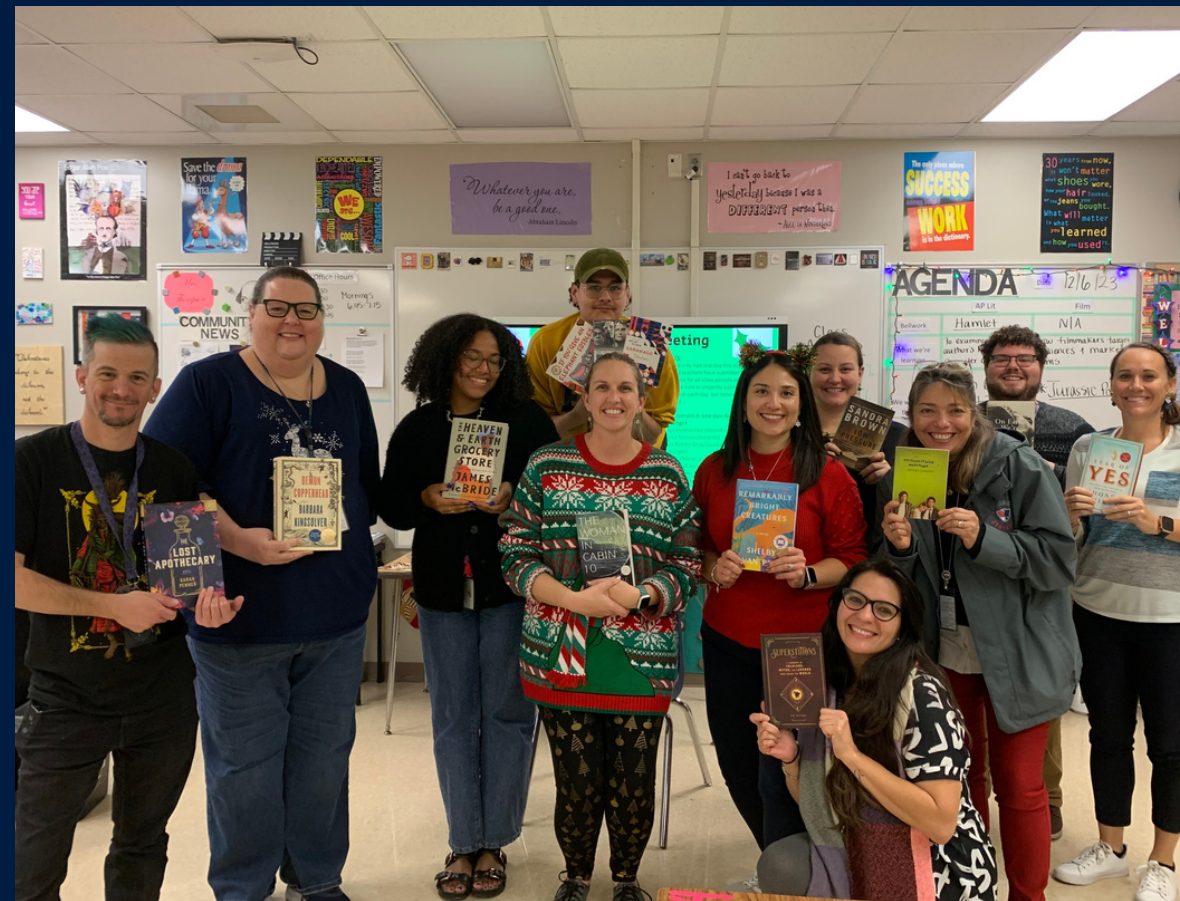
Alissa has excelled in the classroom and as a member of our State Champion Girls Wrestling Program.

Congratulations, Alissa, on this incredible honor.



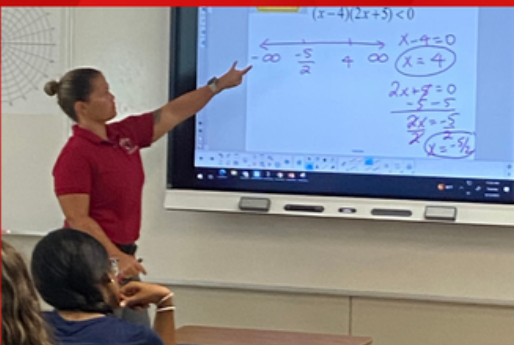
Alissa Brown Washington
SCHOOL WINNER - HEISMAN HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP

ELA TEACHERS SHARE IN THE JOY OF GIVING AND THEIR LOVE OF LITERATURE



The ELA department held their second annual "White Elephant Book Exchange" this year!

Teachers brought in wrapped books and spent time unwrapping, discussing, and even STEALING books from one another!



TASTE OF FREEDOM *Open House*

THURSDAY | JANUARY 18 | 5:30-7:00

5:30 Welcome from the Principal

6:00 Meet the Teachers

as you walk class to class

We look forward to welcoming our families and Patriots on campus and allowing families to experience what Freedom has to offer our students and community.

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CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR OCPS ALL-COUNTY HONOR CHOIR MEMBERS

The Freedom Chorus is proud to announce that 13 of our students have made it into the OCPS High School All-County Honor Choir!

- Andrea Velez Vega - Soprano 1 - Senior
- Tatiana Almodovar - Soprano 2 - Sophomore
- Zariya Brooks - Soprano 2 - Sophomore
- Erica Blue - Alto 1 - Sophomore
- Emily Le - Alto 2 - Senior
- Nicole Quintero-Sarria - Alto 2 - Junior
- Eadryan Casas Garcia - Tenor 1 - Sophomore
- Nicky Wilder - Tenor 1 - Junior
- Kyle Torrez - Tenor 2 - Senior
- Robert Rijos Jr. - Tenor 2 - Senior
- Gabriel Lanza Santos - Bass 1 - Junior
- Rafael Sardina - Bass 2 - Senior

This is a great achievement, and we are very proud of them. They have demonstrated their passion for music, their outstanding vocal skill and their commitment to excellence!



OCPS ALL-COUNTY HONOR CHOIR SELECTIONS

SOP ANDREA VELEZ VEGA 1	SOP TATIANA ALMODOVAR 2	SOP ZARIYA BROOKS 2	ALTO ERICA BLUE 1	ALTO EMILY LE 2	ALTO NICOLE QUINTERO-SARRIA 2	ALTO GABANNA ROLON 2
TEN EADRYAN CASAS GARCIA 1	TEN NICKY WILDER 1	TEN KYLE TORREZ 2		TEN ROBERT RIJOS JR. 2	BASS GABRIEL LANZA SANTOS 1	BASS RAFAEL SARDINA 2



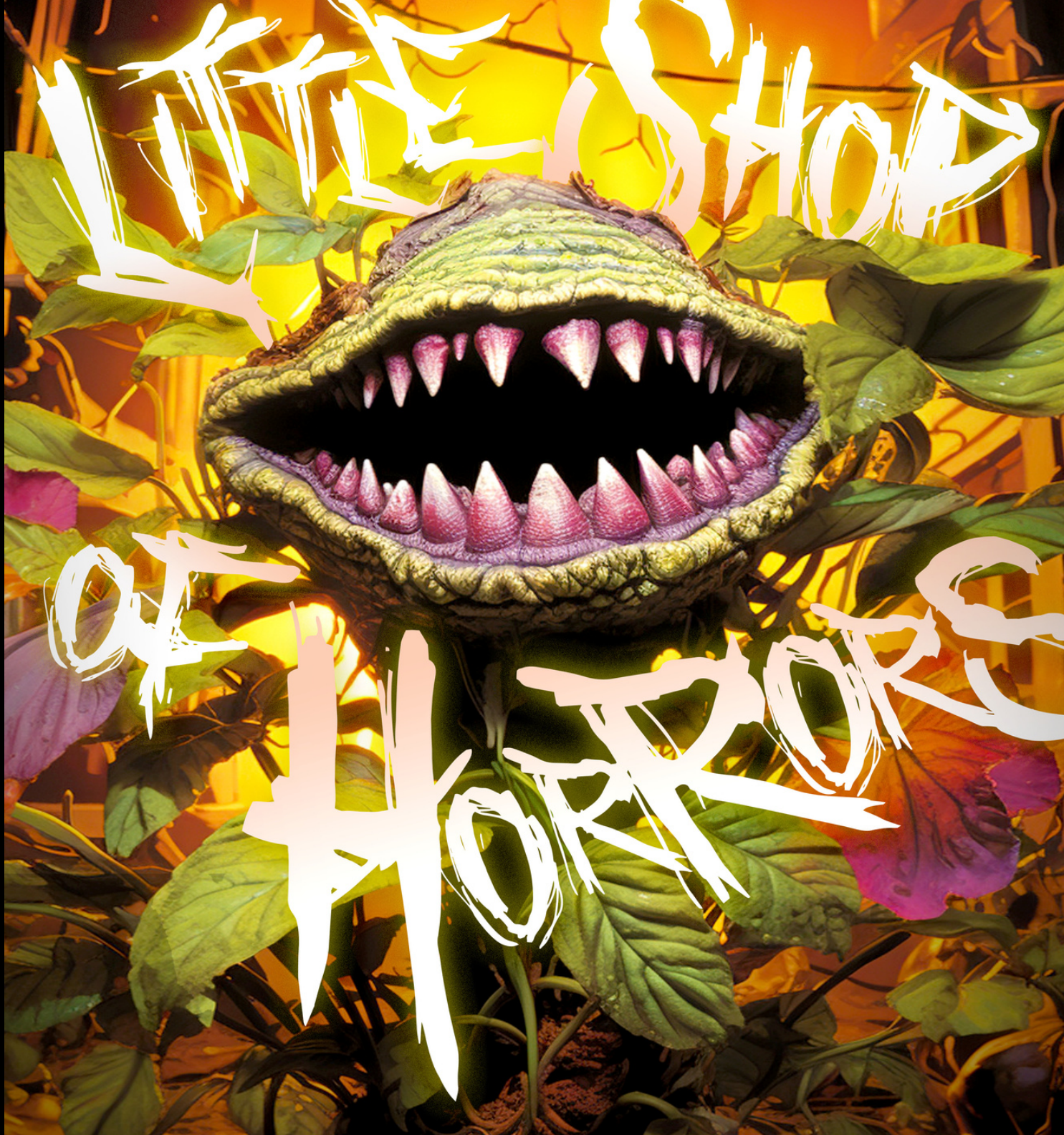
PAINTING IN THE GREAT OUTDOORS

Students in Ms. Watson's painting classes left the walls of their studio for a much cooler setup.



While studying the Impressionist art movement, Painting 1 students took advantage of the Florida winter weather to paint "en plein air".

"En Plein Air" is defined as painting a subject outdoors in full view of the artist.



FEBRUARY 1-3, 2024 @ 7:00PM
TICKETS ARE \$10 AT WWW.FHSBOXOFFICE.COM

THIS PRODUCTION CONTAINS
MATURE CONTENT

BOOK AND LYRICS BY **HOWARD ASHMAN** MUSIC BY **ALAN MENKEN**
BASED ON THE FILM BY **ROGER CORMAN**, SCREENPLAY BY **CHARLES GRIFFITH**
ORIGINALLY PRODUCED BY THE WPA THEATRE (KYLE RENICK, PRODUCING DIRECTOR)
ORIGINALLY PRODUCED AT THE ORPHEUM THEATRE, NEW YORK CITY BY THE WPA
THEATRE, DAVID GEFFEN, CAMERON MACKINTOSH, AND THE SHUBERT ORGANIZATION

DIRECTED BY **MATTHEW NASH-BROWN** MUSICAL DIRECTION BY **THOMAS DESMOND**

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Little Shop of Horrors is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI).
All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI. www.mtishows.com

HOSPITALITY & TOURISM: 2023 HOSPITALITY EXECUTIVE STUDENT TRAINING CONFERENCE

On November 17th the students at Freedom High School were presented with an opportunity of a lifetime. To start, they were able to use practical knowledge in a real world setting by registering for the conference. Once the students arrived, they received a name badge to enter. Throughout the conference, the students had an opportunity to explore career options in the hospitality industry, attend workshops, including a "taste testing barbeque challenge" & a "create your dream resort challenge." Lastly, the students received the opportunity to network with hospitality professionals during lunch.



HOSPITALITY BOOT CAMP: A COMPETITION OVERVIEW

Students from Freedom High School participated in a hospitality bootcamp workshop session on November 30th. They focused on preparing a BEO (Banquet Event Order), reviewing case studies, and presentation skills. Each student had an opportunity to take their skills to the next level to prepare for future hospitality competitions.



INSPIRING INNOVATION DAY

The leadership team from Walt Disney World's Dolphin Resort welcomed 20 Freedom High School students for a special visit on December 1, 2023. The students were grouped into teams of 4-5 and were coached by local industry professionals including Ernest & Young, Disney, Charles Schwab & SeaWorld Parks & Entertainment, just to name a few. The industry professionals helped each team brainstorm, understand, and develop an innovative solution to help solve a problem. To conclude, the teams created a unique business idea and prepared a fast pitch to present to a group of judges.





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STUDENT LIFE AT FHS

23-24 ANNUAL LIP SYNC BATTLE

INTERESTED IN BATTLING ONE OF YOUR TEACHERS TO A LIP SYNC BATTLE? SIGN UP BELOW!



<https://tinyurl.com/LipSyncSignUp2324>

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DECEMBER 11, 12, 14 AND 15

DURING A&B LUNCH **IN THE** **COURT YARD**

€50 PER GAME
CHANGE IS PROVIDED



DANCIN' IN December



TICKETS GO ON SALE
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7 AT 7:30PM EST

\$10 PER TICKET

SCAN QR CODE OR VISIT LINK TO PURCHASE
[HTTPS://TINYURL.COM/FDCWINTERSHOWCASE23](https://tinyurl.com/FDCWINTERSHOWCASE23)

THIS WEEK IN SPORTS

- 12.9 | Wrestling at Will Nutter Memorial @ Merritt Island | 9:30am
- 12.9 | Girls Wrestling at Own the Ocean @Ponte Vedra HS | 10:30am
- 12.9 | Freshman Boys Basketball at Mt. Verde | 9am and 10:15am
- 12.9 | Competition Cheer at Hagerty HS | TBD
- 12.11 | Boys Basketball at Dr. Phillips HS | 5pm (Fr) / 6pm (JV) / 7:30 (V)
- 12.12 | Girls Soccer vs Colonial | 6pm
- 12.12 | Girls Basketball vs Evans HS | 6pm (JV) / 7:30 (V)
- 12.12 | Boys Soccer at Winter Park HS | 6pm (JV) / 7:30 (V)
- 12.13 | Girls Weightlifting vs LBV | 3pm
- 12.14 | Girls Soccer at Timber Creek | 6pm (JV) / 7:30 (V)
- 12.14 | Boys Soccer vs Jones | 7:30pm
- 12.14 | Boys Basketball vs Space Coast | 6pm (JV) / 7:30 (V)
- 12.15 | Girls Basketball at Wekiva | 6pm (JV) / 7:30 (V)
- 12.16 | Girls Wrestling 'Let Freedom Ring' Tournament | 10:30am



Winter Sports

- Boys Basketball
- Girls Basketball
- Competition Cheer
- Girls Weightlifting
- Boys Soccer
- Girls Soccer
- Boys Wrestling
- Girls Wrestling
- Special Olympics Basketball

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APPLICATIONS DUE BY: December 22, 2023

Website: <https://www.ucf.edu/>

Application: [Common App](#) or [Apply UCF](#)

Are you planning on applying to UCF but haven't completed the application yet?

Do you want the best opportunity to be accepted to UCF?

Have you completed the UCF Portal?

(Link available in email after application is submitted.)

- SPARK
- Send Official SAT or ACT Scores
- Florida Residency
- Other Required Items



UCF Representatives recommend submitting your UCF application by December 22, 2023!

Need Assistance? Register for a date and time: <https://tinyurl.com/FreedomFAFSA>

FAFSA: When are you starting college?

STUDENT IS STARTING COLLEGE IN SUMMER (JULY)

- **Create the FSA ID (Electronic Signature) NOW**
 - Takes 3 Days to Process
 - Student needs an FSA ID
 - Parent needs an FSA ID
 - **The parent will use the same FSA ID for all children and self.**
- **Complete the 2023-24 FAFSA Form NOW**
 - This will cover financial assistance from August 2023-July 2024
 - Complete Student AND Parent portion
 - Use prior prior year taxes: 2021 W-2 & 1040
- **Complete the 2024-25 FAFSA Application in JANUARY**
 - This will cover financial assistance from August 2024-July 2025
 - Attend a workshop for assistance (Dates coming soon!)

STUDENT IS STARTING COLLEGE IN FALL (AUGUST)

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 - Takes 3 Days to Process
 - Student needs an FSA ID
 - Parent needs an FSA ID
 - **The parent will use the same FSA ID for all children and self.**
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VALENCIA APP WORKSHOP DECEMBER 7TH

Seniors only

First Time Applicants (Not For Valencia Dual Enrollment)

In the Media Center During Periods 2 & 3

Registration: <https://tinyurl.com/CollegeRepPres>

FAFSA WORKSHOPS

WORKSHOP DATES FOR FSA ID (& Other Items):

Tuesday, December 12th (8:00am - 2:00pm)

Wednesday December 13th (8:00am - 12:00pm)

Thursday, December 14th (8:00am - 2:00pm)

Registration: <https://tinyurl.com/FreedomFAFSA>



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CLICK ON THE IMAGES BELOW FOR MORE INFORMATION

CLICK HERE TO READ THE LATEST ISSUE OF OUR STUDENT NEWSPAPER "FREEDOM PRESS"

FREEDOM PRESS

Happy Thanksgiving! Enjoy Break!

November 17th, 2023 - Issue 7

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To enroll, fill out the form at my.hazel.co/ocps today. It takes several days to take effect.



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Read more in "Curious About College Week"!



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