

National Merit Scholarship Winners Announced for 2023

Eighteen School District of Palm Beach County students are among the elite group of winners of Corporate-Sponsored Merit Scholarships and National Merit \$2,500 Scholarships in the 2023 National Merit Scholarship Program. The winners were noted for having the strongest combination of accomplishments, skills, potential for success in rigorous college studies, and outstanding academic records. The students achieved their scholarship wins out of thousands of entrants from across the United States.

The scholarship recipients were selected based

on their academic records; SAT, ACT, or Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test scores; contributions and leadership in school and community activities; essays; and recommendations by a high school official. Corporate sponsors provide National Merit Scholarships for Finalists who are children of their employees, residents of communities the company serves, or who plan to pursue college majors or careers the sponsor wishes to encourage.

The majority of the Corporate-Sponsored Scholarships are renewable for up to four years

of college undergraduate study and provide annual stipends that range from \$1,000 to \$10,000 per year. The National Merit Scholarship Corporation finances most of the single-payment \$2,500 Scholarships. All of the recipients can use their awards at any regionally-accredited U.S. college or university of their choice.

Congratulations to the following District students for receiving \$2,500 National Merit Scholarships for 2023:

- Zachary A. Bennett – West Boca Raton Community High

- Sophia H. Burnston – A.W. Dreyfoos School of the Arts

- Angelo D. Chen – Suncoast Community High

- Jack Deng – Suncoast Community High

- Snehith R. Enjem – Suncoast Community High

- Ethan J. Faerman – West Boca Raton Community High

- Aarnav Gautam – Suncoast Community High

- Jayantha Kantamneni – A.W. Dreyfoos School of the Arts

- Mira Sayegh – Suncoast Community High

- Jonathan M. Skatoff – Suncoast Community High

- Siya Viroja – A.W. Dreyfoos School of the Arts

- Cooper A. Weisman – A.W. Dreyfoos School of the Arts

- Benjamin A. Zapson – Olympic Heights Community High

Congratulations to the following District students for receiving Corporate-Sponsored Merit Scholarships for 2023:

- Theodore B. Endrud – Jupiter Community High

- Maximilian Holliday – Forest Hill Community High

- Sean P. Mollitor – Spanish River Community High

- Atishay Narayanan – Atlantic Community High

- Claire Zhao – A.W. Dreyfoos School of the Arts.

Donation Continues Support for Educating Students About the Holocaust

During the course of the 2022-2023 school year, the inSIGHT Through Education organization donated \$200,000 in grants to the School District of Palm Beach County to support Holocaust education and other activities to fulfill its mission of reducing prejudice of any kind. As a result, the organization was formally recognized by the School Board at the May 10 board meeting. "I am very grateful for the Board's recognition of inSIGHT," said Kelly Warsaw, Co-President and Vice President of Finance for inSIGHT.

This round of donations

is just the latest example of inSIGHT's generosity and commitment to supporting education about the Holocaust. Since its inception in 2010, inSIGHT has provided more than \$1.3 million in grants and programming to the District. inSIGHT sponsors teacher training through partnerships with the Jewish Foundation for the Righteous, Centropa, and the United States Holocaust Museum. This goes toward enabling thoughtful insight for curriculum development for all District teachers.

Additionally, the organization has funded the purchase of books to

enrich the curriculum for the District's Holocaust elective, field trips to locations such as the Craig and Barbara Weiner Holocaust Museum of South Florida, professional development for teachers, grants to transport Holocaust Survivors to schools to speak to students, and so much more.

inSIGHT's mission is to fund educational grants and programming for teachers and students of the District, to teach about the Holocaust and genocides worldwide, to recognize and oppose hatred and bigotry, and to encourage acceptance and respect for all.

IRS Tips on Preparedness and Protecting Personal Information During Natural Disasters

WASHINGTON—With hurricane season beginning June 1, the Internal Revenue Service is reminding taxpayers to protect important tax and financial information as part of a complete emergency preparedness plan.

So far in 2023, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has declared disasters for mudslides, landslides, severe storms, tornadoes and more. Disasters can have an immediate and lasting impact on individuals, organizations and businesses.

These tips will help protect personal financial and tax information for a complete preparedness plan.

Keep key documents

safe; make extra copies: Original documents such as tax returns, Social Security cards, birth certificates and deeds should be placed inside a waterproof container in a safe space. Make copies of these important documents and store them in a secondary location such as a safe deposit box or with a trusted person who lives in a different area. In addition, scanned documents can be stored on a flash drive for easy portability.

Create a record of valuables and equipment: All property, especially high-value items, should be recorded. A simple list with current photos or videos may also help support claims for insurance or tax benefits after a disaster.

The IRS disaster loss workbooks in Publication 584, Casualty, Disaster, and Theft Loss Workbook (Personal-Use Property) and Publication 584-B, Business Casualty, Disaster, and Theft Loss Workbook can help individuals and businesses make lists of belongings or business equipment.

Reconstructing records: Reconstructing or replacing records after a disaster may be required for tax purposes, claiming federal assistance or insurance reimbursement. The more accurately the loss is estimated, the more loan and grant money there may be available. Taxpayers who have lost some or all their records during a disaster should visit IRS's Reconstructing Records webpage as a first step.

Employers should check fiduciary bonds: Employers using payroll service providers should check if the provider has a fiduciary bond in place that can protect the employer in the event of default by the payroll service provider.

IRS can provide tax relief after a disaster: After FEMA issues a major disaster or an emergency measures declaration, the IRS may postpone certain tax filing and payment deadlines for taxpayers who reside or have a business in certain counties affected by the disaster. The IRS provides details on states and counties that have been issued relief on the IRS disaster relief page.

Taxpayers in the affected areas do not need to call to request this relief. The IRS automatically identifies taxpayers located in the covered disaster area and applies filing and payment relief. Those impacted by a disaster can contact the IRS at 866-562-5227 to ask their tax-related questions of an IRS specialist trained to handle disaster-related issues.

Taxpayers who do not reside or have a business in a covered disaster area but suffered impact from a disaster should call 866-562-5227 to find out if they qualify for disaster tax relief and to discuss other available options.

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Looking Back

DEDICATION OF B'LDINGS AND BIRTHDAY OF L. W. TO BE FITTINGLY CELEBRATED

Time will turn back ten years and Lake Worth's history will be graphically portrayed on Thursday, June 8, at the Ocean Casino, during the three-day celebration and auction—June 7, 8 and 9.

For weeks preparations have been under way for the Tenth Anniversary of Lake Worth, the dedication of the \$150,000 Ocean Casino and \$100,000 High School, the business men and various civic organizations co-operating in making this an event of interest and profit to the general public and a historical observance for the edification of posterity.

The celebration will begin Wednesday morning, June 7, when Mayor Drake will inaugurate the anniversary with an address. Perhaps the Mayor will again tell of the first little school house on Lake avenue ten years ago, of the limited comforts, the restricted advantages, the various characters themselves of

ten years ago, taking the listener away from the splendid Ocean Casino and big High School of the present period, to the life which was lived by the pioneers of Lake Worth when electric lights, telephone, bungalows and the many other elements that contribute to modern progress and civilization were lacking.

At the meeting of the different committees of the celebration at the Auditorium Monday night under Chairman Arthur Jones, reports were forthcoming that augured well for a successful and glorious time. After hearing the report of Jack Palmer, of the amusement committee, that Mihamia Temple Dramatic Order Knights of Khorassan would hold a big ceremonial here during the celebration it was voted to make it a three-day event. This ceremonial will bring many visitors to Lake Worth, augmenting those in attendance on the municipal auction sale and dedication.

The auditorium at the City Park was designated as the proper place to hold the auction sale.

Knowing that a vast

crowd will be here during the three days it was suggested that the women's organizations be invited to serve mid-day meals in the City Park.

The City Band will furnish the music for the celebration and a splendid orchestra has been secured for the first grand ball to take place in the big Ocean Casino Thursday night. An episode at the ball will be the "Birthday of Lake Worth," the character being played by Miss Eleanor Sampson, the first child brought to town, when the "Child of Today", Miss Lyevia Greene, will present a cake with ten candles. Miss Greene graduates at the High School this year, the only student left who attended the first day in 'the little one-room school on Lake avenue in 1912.

Visitors are expected from all the cities of the East Coast, as publicity is now going forward through the medium of newspapers, and those having apartments and rooms are requested to notify J. H. Elliott, chairman of the entertainment committee.

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TREE PLANTING AT CORNERSTONE CEREMONIES

Dear Friends:—As president of the Junior class of the Lake Worth High

School, I welcome you to our new campus. We, the Juniors, who represent the first class that shall graduate from the High School, plant today a tree which shall grow with the years as our High School shall grow, whose broad, spreading branches shall represent the breadth of the culture for which our school stands. We have selected a tree which is remarkable for the beauty both of its foliage and of its flowers. The Royal Poinciana is a species of the Acasia family that grows to very great size. Because of its brilliant red and orange blossoms it is called the "Fire Tree," or the "Flame Tree," in eastern countries.

There is a tradition in the far east that the "bush that burned and was not consumed" which Moses saw in the Wilderness, was the Fire Tree in bloom, or the Royal Poinciana, as we know it in Florida. In planting this tree we trust we are starting a tradition which will be followed by our successors until Royal Poinciana Drive will be a fitting name for our school avenue.

"The tree we are planting on this day,

Is chosen with tenderest care

May beauty adorn it hereafter,

And clothe it with usefulness rare.

May green leaves, appearing each spring time,

Be leaves of a fair boofe of fame,

And spread to the breezes the story

Extolling the new-given name.

The tree is an emblem of greatness,

As springing from one tiny seed,

It mounts ever upward and onward,

The emblem of greatness, indeed!

The birds sing their praises to others,

The winds carry swiftly the tale,

The tree is the monarch of forest,

Of hill, valley, greenwood and dale.

Plant we then throughout our borders,

O'er our lands so fair and wide,

Treasures from the leafy forest,

Vale and hill and mountain side.

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THE WEATHER

Official weather report for Lake Worth and vicinity, reported by J. L. Garnett, government observer, at Hypoluxo, Fla.

Date	High	Low
5-14	99	66
5-15	94	64
5-16	87	70
5-17	88	67
5-18	94	64
5-19	89	60
5-20	86	68