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David Jones Wins National Oral History Award



Eastside High School social studies teacher David Jones' says one of his pet peeves is hearing people say they don't like history. "It's like a dolphin saying he doesn't like water," he said. "We can't escape it, we're swept up in it. We're impacted by history every day."

To overcome that attitude among his students, Jones has been incorporating oral history into his curriculum for more than twenty years. Each year he begins by having his students read famous works on oral history, like Stud Terkel's *Hard Times*. The students then conduct their own oral histories, interviewing grandparents, neighbors, friends, even people they've never met before. "I want them to connect with those people who came before them because those people are the best history teachers," said Jones. "I'm trying to get them to appreciate that history is not necessarily what's in the textbooks, it's actually all around them."

Jones' success in boosting his student's appreciation for history has now earned him national recognition. Jones was recently named the winner of the Oral History Association's Martha Ross Teaching Award, which is given annually to a teacher who has incorporated the practice of oral history in the classroom in an exemplary way. He was recommended for the award by Dr. Paul Ortiz, Director of the University of Florida's Samuel Proctor Oral History Program (SPOHP).

"David Jones is driven by an enthusiasm and passion for teaching oral history that has inspired generations of students," wrote Ortiz in his letter to the national organization.

Over the years Jones estimates about 2500 of his students have interviewed a wide variety of people, including veterans, political figures, Holocaust survivors and others. Past subjects include the son of Ethel and Julius Rosenberg, who were famously executed in 1953 after being convicted of passing information about the atomic bomb to the Soviet Union.

During the last school year and with the help of experts from the SPOHP, Jones had his students focus on European history through a project called 'Getting to Know Europe.' The students recorded and transcribed their interviews, then wrote papers about their subjects' experiences. They also created videos of their interviews. Ultimately their work was displayed at a public reception at the Thomas Center to rave reviews.

"The community reception of the students' work was overwhelmingly positive and at times emotional, reflecting the depth of the interviews and the quality of the students' work," said Sarah Blanc, a senior researcher at the SPOHP.

Jones said he believes the experience of conducting and preparing an oral history is valuable for students, whatever their future plans. "The goal is not necessarily to turn them all into history majors," he said. "But I want them to be doctors, lawyers, policemen, nurses and business people who like history, appreciate history, and can continue to learn from it."

Faculty News

Amanda Otto will be teaching 10th grade reading and providing support and instruction for students who will be taking the 10th grade FSA this year. Ms. Otto is an experienced and certified Language Arts teacher with extensive background in reading and literacy instruction. Ms. Otto is working towards add the reading endorsement.

Key Club News

Key Club Summer Reading Buddies Program

By Alex Ro, 11th grade



The Eastside Key Club is involved with many activities that help the local Gainesville community. One that I am deeply involved with is the Teen Trendsetters program. For this program, Eastside students go once a week to Lake Forest Elementary School to help the kids there acquire a passion for reading and to help them with their reading skills.

From this program, I had an idea to create a similar one for summer vacation. Between school years, young readers have a hard time maintaining their reading skills. So I created Summer Reading Buddies as a Key Club activity. We met four evenings a week during July at the Alachua County Headquarters Library. There were eight or nine volunteers for about the same number of kids ranging in ages from kindergarten to seventh grade. With a one-on-one ratio, we were able to give them our undivided attention.

The volunteers evaluated their students' reading levels on the first day of the week and took notes on the skills needed. Each week we found new sets of books to read with the kids. We helped them correct their pronunciation, and after every couple of pages, we would go over the events that happened to make sure they understood what they read. At the end of the evening, we regrouped to play games. Every Thursday, we celebrated our progress with a book party in the library's activity room.

Overall, both the kids and the volunteers had a fun and productive time. One girl from Brazil confessed to me that she never thought of reading as a fun activity, especially when she read in English. A mom of a kindergartener was happy to share that her son asked for books to read when he got home, something that never happened before, and that was the goal of the program to begin with.

The success of the program was possible thanks to Dr. Meg Scruby Auerbach, the Eastside Key Club sponsor, who was very supportive from the moment the idea was created; Ms. Erin Phemester, the library youth program director, and her library staff; and the parents, who brought their kids every evening despite their busy schedules. And finally, I am indebted to the dedicated volunteers who did an amazing job of mentoring the kids.

Guidance News

Seniors should check the Eastside website for information on scholarships. Also, seniors should be actively searching for scholarships on their own.

Important Test dates:

Next SAT is Dec. 5 (late registration deadline is Nov. 23)

Next ACT is Dec. 12 (late registration dates Nov. 7-20)

Community Service Hours

Students should turn in community service hours to Ms. Haywood in guidance. Students should keep a copy of their hours.

Missing Credits

Students who are missing credits or need to make up classes should see their guidance counselors to sign up for CROP.

Semester Exams

Semester Exams will be given January 20, 21, 22 not in December. Please make note of this change.

Student Check out Procedures

For the safety of our students, parents and/or legal guardians must show a valid driver's license to check out a student. Anyone who checks out a student should be listed on Infinite Campus and on the student's emergency card. If a parent or legal guardian sends someone else to check out a student, the parent/guardian must call attendance ahead of time to give permission, and that individual will also need a valid driver's license.

Institute of Culinary Arts

Five Eastside Students Qualify!

Creative, innovative, originality and being versed in nutrition were all required besides knowledge of taste, presentation/appeal and technique. Students researched, tested and tasted to get just the right flavors using Florida fruits and vegetables for innovative dishes that WOWED the judges.

The Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services is hosting the 2015 Student Chef Cook-Off in Jacksonville on November 14, 2015.

Five Eastside High School students from the Institute of Culinary Arts have qualified to compete in the regional **2015 Student Chef Snack Cook-Off**.

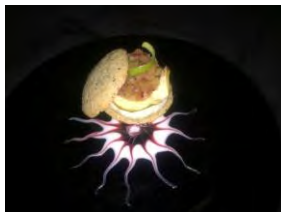
Eastside High School won all of the high school slots for this regional competition as well as a slot in Tampa and one in Orlando. Last year Eastside student Alia Harris became a Student Chef Ambassador for the 2015-16 school year.

Students will go against other high school students for a chance at cash prizes as well as bragging rights for Eastside and a chance to become an ambassador for the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services

Students from all over central Florida were selected to prepare their original, healthy snack recipe featuring a Fresh From Florida product for a panel of judges. To qualify, the three students had to create an original snack meeting several criteria, including FRESH FLORIDA fruits or vegetables.

At the competition, the students will have to prepare their creations for a panel of expert judges.

A cook-off for all six first-place 9th-12th-grade students will be held at a separate event at the Florida State Fairgrounds in Tampa, Florida, on February 6, 2016.



Student News

National Honor Society Induction

The Eastside Chapter of the National Honor Society (NHS) held its annual induction on Wednesday, October 21, in the school's auditorium. Principal Mr. Jeff Charbonnet welcomed the new inductees and their parents by speaking about the meaning of "honor" before turning the program over to the Chapter's officers. This year, over 130 students qualified to be inducted. A principal qualification of members is an un-weighted GPA of 3.5 or higher. NHS is open to juniors or seniors.

The National Honor Society is the nation's oldest high school honorary association. It inducts members who reflect four traits, each one of which the chapter officers examined in their speeches. Selena Cho, President, spoke to the audience about leadership, followed by Vice-President Kevin Peng's talk on service. Jeffrey Wu discussed scholarship and Meera Srinivasan, Secretary, described the nature of character. These traits are equally valued and interconnect in defining the type of student who is "honorable" and a model to their peers and community.

Inductees received gold NHS pins and lit a candle before reciting the NHS pledge. Closing remarks were given by Dr. Dwight Schmidt, Chapter faculty advisor.

NHS holds regular monthly meetings and requires all members to participate in two service projects each semester. A Spring Carnival is planned as an annual charity fundraiser.

Student News (con't)

National Merit Semifinalists Announced

Thirty-three local high school seniors are semifinalists in the first round of the National Merit Scholarship Program. The 16,000 or so semifinalists were chosen for the annual academic competition based on high test scores on the PSAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test, which they took in the spring.

Alachua County's semifinalists from Eastside High are:

Soomin Cho	Lydia I. Geoffroy	Noah F. Hagen	Mary M. Hahn
Brandon T. Kim	Jessica J. Lee	Sangeun Lee	Sarah M. Peeling
Kevin L. Peng	Kailas V. Rajan	John L. Theurer	Emma A. Thieke
Jordi N. Vasquez	Morgan E. Worthy	Jeffrey K. Wu	

To ascend to finalist status, students must submit proof of consistently high academic achievement, participation in school and community activities, leadership experience, employment and awards received. About 15,000 students are expected to become finalists, announced in February.



National Hispanic Scholars recognized by the National Merit Scholarship Program.

Congratulations to the following Eastside students who have been recognized:

Alexander Acosta	Juliana Cantillo	Sophia Eikenberry	Camilo Moraga-Lewy
Juan Romero	Delaney Rua	Allan Spear	Jordi Vasquez
Chelsea Vogtle			

The National Hispanic Recognition Program (NHRP) was initiated in 1983, by the College Board, to identify outstanding Hispanic high school students and to share information about these academically well-prepared students with subscribing colleges and universities.

According to Wikipedia, in order to be eligible, students must be at least one-quarter Hispanic. Each year the NHRP identifies approximately 5,000 of the highest scoring students from a nationwide total of 250,000 high school juniors who took the PSAT/NMSQT and designated themselves as Hispanic as well as approximately 200 of the top scoring PAA students from Puerto Rico. The nationwide selection also includes students from Puerto Rico, U.S. Virgin Islands, Guam, and U.S. citizens attending international and APO schools.

French News

Nous allons a Quebec!!

FRENCH SUMMER IMMERSION PROGRAM QUEBEC CITY JUNE 26TH JULY 9TH, 2016

Edu-inter is located on the campus Mérici collégial privé, a private college located next to the Plains of Abraham (see below this email the picture). Your students will join 250 other students from over 32 countries to learn French.

FRENCH & MULTIACTIVITY

This is the right blend of French lessons (15 hours per week) with a lot of interactions, dynamism and fun while learning French. French classes are in the morning with activities/workshops in the afternoon. Students will see the major attractions in the City, walk in the historic district with a certified guide, they will do rafting in the Jacques-Cartier Valley, walk by the highest fall in North America, canoeing etc.

French News (con't)

Our Approach:

Eduinter offers courses for 7 levels of French, from real beginners to very advanced students, in reduced class settings in order to give as much attention as possible to each student. In order to place students in the right level, they will ask them to take a quick online French test before their arrival in Quebec City combined with a private interview on the first day at school.

Regarding their approach and techniques, they use the successful communicative language teaching with emphasis on interactions. Due to their French policy, students have to speak French all the time in classroom, during activities, excursions and break time.

Students will be immersed with the French language 24/7. They will then improve their French a lot and they will have plenty of opportunities to express themselves in French.

Lodging:

The students will be lodged in the student residence: The teens are supervised 24/7 by our very helpful, experienced and live-in Eduinter coordinators qualified to advise and assist students. They are adults (in between 18 and 30 years old) have studied in field related to tourism, education and/or recreational organization. Our team is really well trained and very helpful. Each student has a private room with desk and lamp and bathrooms are shared. The teens in the residence all well entertained and can enjoyed a variety and fun activities every night in the residence. All activities and outings are supervised by qualified instructors. Teens in the residence are grouped with students of their age and genders.

Daily Schedule (Monday to Friday)

7 :30 am :	Breakfast
8:30 am :	Arrive at Collège Mérici
8:30 am 11:45 am :	French Class
11:45 am 12:30 pm :	Lunch
12:30 pm 4:30 pm :	Multi-Activity Camp
4:30 pm :	Transport to accommodation
Evenings :	Activities in residence

Special Offer:

Inclusions : Interactive French classes (15 hours per week), books and material, afternoon activities program (15 hours per week), evening activities, weekend excursions, accommodation (from Sunday to Saturday) in the student residence with 3 meals & 1 evening snack/day, supervision 24 hours in the residence by our dynamic and very helpful coordinators, transportation in between school, accommodation and camp, health insurance, transfer arrival and departure, custodianship services, registration fee, placement fee, French certificate, 100% francophone environment and unique life experience guarantee :))

Our program includes everything, from the airport pick-up at the beginning of the program until the drop-off when students leave. We NEED a minimum of 15 registered students to benefit from this SPECIAL PRICE!!!!

Items Qt Price

French & Multi-Activity (from June 26 to July 9) 2 weeks \$ 2296 CAD

Special discount for your group \$ 345 CAD

TOTAL with discount \$ 1949 CAD per student

Please note that we do offer you our 2015 prices for 2016 plus a special discount Please note that all our prices are in CAD so it makes it very advantageous for US students with the exchange rate right now. For example, as of today, our 2 weeks program in promotion at \$1949 CAD would cost approximately \$1500 US.

Payment plan for this summer immersion program

Dates: June 26th to July 9th, 2016

2 weeks: 1949 CAD = \$1501.48 at October 20th exchange rate

1. Deposit of US \$400.00 by November 15th, 2015 by certified check or credit card (extra 3%) to EduInter + registration form, either mailed/emailed or faxed to EduInter (instructions are on the registration form). You CAN also pay the whole amount at once by November 15th.

+ \$200.00 by November 15th for flight reservation payable by check to Beatrice Torres against receipt for proof of payment. We want to book a group flight (to be on the same airplane) and early reservations are necessary.

2. Final payment for EduInter by January 30th, 2016

3. Final payment for airplane ticket (estimated at \$650.00 in June 2016)

Sports News

Swimming

The Eastside swimming and diving team is wrapping up another great season. The girl's team took first place at the district and region meets to win back-to-back team championships. This marks the fourth time in the last eight years that the girls have brought home the regional trophy. The team was led by seniors Meera Srinivasan and Tara Tovkach. Individual champions included Grace Sanchez, Ava Joy Cockey, and Naomi Peng. A school record eleven athletes will be moving on to the state meet in Stuart, FL. The boy's team won their first district title in school history after finishing in second place last year. Andy Zhong led the boys with a win in the 100 breaststroke and in the 200 Medley Relay alongside Jonathan Schofield, Josh Haeker, and Karo Adu. At regionals, they tied the best finish in team history with a fourth place finish. This year was one of the best in team history. Congratulations to all of the swimmers and divers on a great season! Go Rams!



Cross Country Teams Continue Successful Run

For the fifth consecutive year, the boys and girls cross country teams won their District Championships. The boys were led by seniors Hunter Hintenlang and Sebastian Seubert, and juniors Micah Rabb and Josh Shultz. Seniors Sam Cockey, Noah Hagen, and Thomas Tang also helped the boy's team to qualify for the region championships. This group, with the addition of junior Patrick Rao placed fourth at the Region Championships, and qualified for the State Championships. At the state championships, the boys had their highest finish in four years, coming in 18th place.

The girl's team was led by sophomores Jordynn Tyndall, Anna Tovkach, and Addie Watson. Seniors Kenni Berg, Mia Varner, and Allison Romano, along with junior Sofia Padron helped Eastside sweep the district, and win their second consecutive Region Championship. The girls ran the best race of the year at the State Championships, and placed an impressive fourth place. This is the highest finish for Eastside in over 20 years.

This senior class has been the most successful class in Eastside history. We look forward to more success to come in the upcoming years.



Fine Arts

The Little Mermaid, Jr. Takes Eastside Under The Sea.

Eastside Drama and Chorus members presented the Disney classic *The Little Mermaid, Jr.* to sold out audiences in October. The lead, played by Casalyn Gamble, sang her hymn "Part of Your World" with such solid vocals that many audience members thought it was dubbed. Congratulations to *The Little Mermaid, Jr.* cast and crew.



Eastside Choral News

Congratulations to the Eastside High School Chorus for being accepted to participate in Disney's Candlelight Processional for the sixth year in a row. They will perform two shows on the evening of December 17th at the American Pavilion in Epcot Center with four other high school choirs, the Disney professional choir, and Disney's Voices of Liberty.

The Chorus will perform their annual Winter Concert on December 10 at 7pm in the EHS Auditorium and they will also be featured on the Holiday Traditions program to benefit STOP! Children's Cancer on December 13 at 4pm at the Philips Center for the Performing Arts.

Florida All State Recognition:

Congratulations to sophomore, Rena Cohen, for being accepted to participate in the 2016 Florida All State Sight Reading Chorus. Rena was the only student in the entire district to score a perfect score on the sight singing portion of the Musicianship audition. She will travel to Tampa in January to perform with 100 other outstanding high school sight singers from around the state of Florida. Congratulations Rena!!!

RAM Band News

Congratulations to the Marching Ram Band for earning Superior Ratings at the Florida Bandmasters Association Music Performance Assessment on October 31st! The band was led on the field by Senior Drum Majors Tara Tovkach and Noah Kieffer-Ashby. The band performed their 2015 show entitled "Your Song: An Elton John Tribute."



Cindy Ai selected for National Concert Band

For the second straight year, Eastside High School clarinet player Cindy Ai is among an elite group of young musicians selected to perform as part of the All-National Honor Concert Band, which is organized annually by the National Association for Music Education (NAFME). Only about 150 students from across the nation who auditioned for a spot in the concert band were actually chosen. NAFME calls them the "best of the best."

Ai will be heading up to Nashville, Tennessee in late October for three days of rehearsals with a prominent conductor, all leading up to a gala performance on the stage of the world-famous Grand Ole Opry House. She says her experience at the event in 2014 was 'amazing.'

Yearbook

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