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Linking Resources to Improve Student Achievement

Gulf High School Earns the Five Star Award



At the faculty meeting on October 5, 2004, Richard Tauber, Supervisor of Volunteer Programs for the Pasco School District, presents the Five-Star School Award to Mr. Imerson. Mr. Tauber is the former principal of Calusa Elementary School and Fox Hollow Elementary School.

The Five Star School Award is awarded annually to schools which demonstrate outstanding community involvement. This symbol of achievement has been presented to Gulf High School, which has shown evidence of exemplary community involvement. Gulf was one of only two Pasco County high schools to win the award. Our pride is shared with our business partners, families, volunteers, students, and the student advisory council. Thanks to all who helped us achieve this prestigious award.

International Baccalaureate Program Awarded to Gulf High School

Gulf High School has been selected to house the International Baccalaureate Program for the west side of Pasco County. It is a tremendous honor for this program to be at our school. The International Baccalaureate Diploma Program (IB) offers high-achieving, high-performing students an opportunity to pursue a rigorous program of studies during their high school years. The academic requirements of the IB program are rigorous and demanding. However, the student with an IB diploma or certificate may be awarded college credit and advanced standing at colleges and universities throughout the world. The Pre-International Baccalaureate Diploma Program will begin the fall of the 2005-06 school year (9th grade students only).

Dr. Deborah J. Lepley has been hired as an Assistant Principal at Gulf High School. She will head the IB program. She attended The Ohio State University for her B.A.E. and M.A. degrees, and received a Ph.D. in Visual Arts from Pennsylvania State University. She has held several adjunct positions to include Florida State University, Univ. of Maryland-European Division and St. Leo. She served as a soldier in the U.S. Army with the 101st Airborne Division - Air Assault. Dr. Lepley was a Fulbright recipient and has lived in Europe for a total of 3 years. She has taught visual arts at Ridgewood High School and has served as an Assistant Principal of Student Services. We welcome her to our school.

Applications are available from your student's guidance counselor at school. If your student is not currently attending a Pasco County middle school, the application must include a copy of 7th

and 8th grade transcripts and also a copy of standardized test scores (SAT or Iowa Test of Basic Skills, etc.) from the 7th grade. **Please submit the application on or before December 16th at Land O' Lakes High School. The writing sample will be given at Land O'Lakes High School on January 8th, 8:30-9:30 AM (Saturday).** The total school community at Gulf High School is looking forward to the growth and development of the IB Program. For more information contact: Phone: (727) 774-3311 Fax: (727) 774-3391 Email: dlepley@pasco.k12.fl.us