

GULF HIGH GAZETTE

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Learning Communities Shine

We are happy to report that Gulf High School has become quite the academic trend setter. Recently teachers and administrators from Pinellas County have been visiting GHS to learn more about the school's academic focus - Learning Communities. In February and again in April, GHS was visited by representatives from five Pinellas high schools: Boca Ciega, Lakewood, Dunedin, Pinellas Park and Dixie Hollins. The Pinellas schools are beginning to study the Learning Community concept and have heard about the progress GHS has been making over the past eight years.

During their visits to GHS, the groups were given information about why GHS has moved into the Learning Community approach, how the students select their community, and how scheduling is handled. The GHS faculty team leaders spoke to the groups, and a student representative from each community gave a short presentation about their community and why they enjoy the concept. GHS students really "shine" when speaking and answering questions about their community.

GHS has been invited to be one of the central presenters for all Pinellas County high school teachers when the teachers return for pre-school continuing education in late July.

The evolution of Learning



GHS teacher Lisa Barrus presents the Learning Community concept to Pinellas County educators.

Communities at GHS has been continuing since the early 1990s. At that time, Pasco County high schools began researching a bold new concept in secondary education: Learning Communities. The philosophy of Learning Communities is to group students around a cluster of work related topics and to break the student body into smaller groups - communities - who share a common academic focus. The teachers involved with each Learning Community share a common interest and work together to foster closer relationships with their students. It is hoped that by having small groups of students and teachers who are bound together with a common interest, student academic achievement will be enhanced.

In 1995, Gulf High School established its first Learning Community - the IHP (Institute of Health Professions). The focus of the

first community was health and the group of four original teachers worked with approximately 100 incoming freshmen to focus the curriculum on health careers. The first year established the concept of Learning Communities at Gulf High School.

Since 1995, GHS as continued to add additional communities. The IHP was followed by the ICA (Institute of Communication and the Arts), the IBT (Institute of Business Technology), and the ITS (Institute of Technical Sciences). In subsequent years, the IHP changed its mantra to IHHS (Institute of Health and Human Services). Today all GHS students select a learning community based upon individual desires and interests. Curriculum in all communities follows the Florida Sunshine State Standards and develops lessons based upon the focus of the learning

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community and the interests of the students.

GHS has as a goal for the 2003-2004 school year to continue its emphasis on Learning Communities and to make a closer link between students and faculty within the communities.

Important Dates

- August 5, 2003 - Secondary Schools District Registration 8:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.
- August 11, 2003 - First Day of School for Students

Congratulations, Scholarship Recipients!

Students of the Month

September: Brett Walsh and Felicia Florey

October: Patrick Gallagher and Julia Carroll

November: Elvin Ruko and Monica Marcenko

December: Richard Neymeiyer and Cassie Long

January: Matt DeMott and Melody Goodenough

February: Jason Dunn and Megan Johnson

March: Kevin Holden and Ruth Vaughn

April: Austin Roest and Hue Minh Vo

Congratulations!

Balmer, Stephanie
Baptie, Amanda
Bouffard, Rachel
Childs, Amanda
Constable, James
Curley, Jessica

Diegnan, Charles
Derosa, Dominica
Drew, Amber

Dunn, Jason
Ernst, Ericka
Goodenough, Melody

Hahn, Jessica
Hart, Jenna
Hughes, Anne Marie

Iconomou, Stephanie

Jasinski, Jamie
Jelen, Jakub
Johnson, Megan

Lindenmayer, Kevin
Long, Cassi
Marcenko, Monica
Merced, Doria
Nemeth, Nicole
Newman, Staci
Osborne, Amber
Petersen, Rebecca

Anne Frank Humanitarian Award
Gulf High Alumni Scholarship
PCA Scholarship
Knights of Columbus Scholarship
Doran & Beam Scholarship
George Jenkins Scholar, USF; WREC Scholarship
St. Petersburg Times Scholarship
Take Stock in Children Scholarship
PHCC Top 10 % Scholarship
Junior Service League Scholarship
PHCC Top 10 % Scholarship
Student Council Scholarship
Pearl of the West Scholarship
National Merit Scholar, USF; R.L. Snyder Scholarship
District Wellness Team "Walking for Wellness" Scholarship
Take Stock in Children Scholarship Program
University of Tampa Dean's Scholarship; Beacon Square Student Council Scholarship
Marlowe Allied Health Scholarship; Coastal Jaw Surgery
Pasco County Association of Educational Office Professionals
Gulf Harbors Yacht Club Scholarship
Jewish Community Center Scholarship
PHCC Top 10 % Scholarship
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Kiwanis of Holiday Scholarship; Pasco County Gator Club; Spanish Honor Society Scholarship
Dale Dollars Scholarship
Webber International University Soccer Scholarship
New Port Richey Rotary Scholarship
Tampa Technical Institute Scholarship
PHCC Top 10% Scholarship
Florida Retired Education Foundation
PHCC Tech. Preparation Scholarship
Liana J. Harris Scholarship

Pham, Tony
Price, Cecelia
Roberts, Drew
Sconiers, Justin
Smith, Michael
Subervi, Nabelya
Tabakovic, Adnan
Tracy, Tim

Trejo, Rosa

Dr. Myron Graff Scholarship
Student Council Scholarship
St. Leo University Soccer Scholarship
Hacer African American Scholarship
Thursday Musicales Scholarship
Beacon Square Scholarship
Westin Innisbrook Resort
Briar Cliff University Scholarship
Joe Burney Scholarship
PHCC Top 10% Scholarship

Vaughn, Ruthie Holiday Rotary Scholarship; Sunniland; Thursday Musicales; USF Presidential & Honors Dorm; USF School of Voice; Dale Dollars Scholarship
Vo, Hue American Legion Scholarship; Community Service Council
Walsh, Brett Beacon Square; Knights of Columbus
Warner, Leslee Take Stock in Children Scholarship
Whaley, Brittany Beacon Square Scholarship

Senior Boards a Success

Two hundred GHS seniors displayed their professional best during Senior Boards April 28- May 1. As the culminating activity in the Senior Project journey, they presented their findings on their research and mentorships to panels of community judges. The oral presentations are 8-10 minutes in length and must contain some form of technological assistance. Most students chose to incorporate Power Point to help them deliver polished and professional presentations.

Fifty business and community leaders served as judges over the four days, and they found themselves overwhelmingly impressed by these young adults. Prior to hearing the students, the judges had time to read their

Senior Project portfolios to get an introduction to each student and his/her work.

The average score for the week was an impressive 87% which was an increase over last year's seniors. On Monday, May 5, each Senior Project completer received a certificate for his/her hard work throughout the year.

This was GHS's fourth year participating in this rigorous and challenging program, and it continues to yield improving scores each year. Students in 10th and 11th grades are encouraged to begin thinking about topics for their Senior Projects so that they can easily move into their work in 12th grade.

Congratulations, Award Winners!

Goodenough, Melody	Valedictorian	English Awards	
Vaughn, Ruthie	Salutatorian	Walsh, Brett	NCTE Achievement Award in Writing
Gallagher, Patrick	Tampa Tribune Scholar/Athlete of the Year	Goodenough, Melody	District and School PRIDE Portfolio
Mendonca, Michelle	Tampa Tribune Scholar/Athlete of the Year	Kuni, Kayla	Letter to the Author
Dunn, Jason	U.S. Army Reserve National Scholar/Athlete	Kuni, Kayla	Child Abuse Prevention Poetry Contest, 1st
Vaughn, Ruthie	U.S. Army Reserve National Scholar/Athlete	Carazza, Linda	Child Abuse Prevention Poetry Contest, 2nd
Mountain, Taylor	Hugh O'Brian Leadership Award	Scherwitzki, Megan	Poetry Speaks! Contest, 1st
Boursaw, Rachel	Project Turnaround Nominee	Porter, David	Outstanding English Student, Grade 9
Dattoli, Melisa	Project Turnaround Nominee	Bennett, Jessica	Outstanding English Student, Grade 9
Santiago, Wilkins	Project Turnaround Nominee	Heppner, Eric	Outstanding English Student, Grade 10
Kuni, Kayla	Governor's All Star Nominee	Billedo, Julie	Outstanding English Student, Grade 10
Vaughn, Ruthie	Outstanding Student Award	Tate, Jonathan	Outstanding English Student, Grade 11
McLeod, Clifton	Outstanding Service Award	Doan, Thanh	Outstanding English Student, Grade 11
Johnson, Megan	Prudential Spirit of Community Award	Walsh, Brett	Outstanding English Student, Grade 12
Kuni, Kayla	Pasco Youth Leadership Graduates	Goodenough, Melody	Outstanding English Student, Grade 12
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Stewart, Jordan	Pasco Youth Leadership Graduates	Boursaw, Rachel	Outstanding Achievement Award
Skala, Heather	Pasco Youth Leadership Graduates	Shaw, Tyler	Outstanding Achievement Award
Goodenough, Melody	National Merit Scholarship Finalist	Truman, Rebecca	Outstanding Achievement Award
Bouffard, Rachel	President's Education Award	Dorsey, David	Outstanding Achievement Award
Carroll, Julia	President's Education Award	Flood, Melissa	Outstanding Achievement Award
Childs, Amanda	President's Education Award	Fontana, Robert	Outstanding Achievement Award
Curley, Jessica	President's Education Award	Romanosky, Kevin	Outstanding Achievement Award
Dunn, Jason	President's Education Award	FBLA Awards	
Gilbert, Christina	President's Education Award	Long, Cassi	Business Education Award of Excellence
Goodenough, Melody	President's Education Award	Marcenko, Monica	Business Education Award of Excellence
Grantham, Jennifer	President's Education Award	Carroll, Julia	Drug Awareness Week Poster Contest
Johnson, Megan	President's Education Award	McIntire, Seana	Drug Awareness Week Poster Contest
Morton, Andrea	President's Education Award	Fischer, Amanda	FBLA District 11 President 03-04
Ray, Ken	President's Education Award	Mendonca, Michelle	FBLA District 11 Secretary 03-04
Vaughn, Ruthie	President's Education Award	Angelillo, Christina	FBLA District – Networking Concepts
Walsh, Brett	President's Education Award	Drake, Barbara	FBLA District – Entrepreneurship Team
Munoz, William	Princeton Alumni Book Award	Fischer, Amanda	FBLA District – FBLA Principles/Procedures
Vaughn, Ruthie	Prinicipal's Leadership Award	Frese, Sarah	FBLA District – Networking Concepts
Nelson, William	Sons of Am. Rev. Good Citizen Award	Golijan, Rosa	FBLA District– Introduction to Business
Goodenough, Melody	U.S. Marine Scholastic Excellence Award	Grantham, Jennifer	FBLA District – Business Procedures
Walsh, Brett	U.S. Marine Scholastic Excellence Award	Long, Cassi	FBLA District – Future Business Leader
Goodenough, Melody	U.S. Marine Semper Fidelis Award	Marcenko, Monica	FBLA District – Public Speaking 2
Smith, Mike	U.S. Marine Semper Fidelis Award	Mendonca, Michelle	FBLA District – International Business
Heppner, Jon	U. of Chicago Award for Excellence	Morrow, Brent	FBLA District – Introduction to Business
Heppner, Jon	U. of Rochester Humanities Award	Pellegrino, Danielle	FBLA District – Entrepreneurship Team
Vaughn, Ruthie	Wendy's High School Heisman Award	Ruko, Elvin	FBLA District – Accounting 1
Brooks, Brad	Olive Garden Healthy Heart Pasta Contest	Schwabe, Nicole	FBLA District – Entrepreneurship Team
Florney, Felicia	Olive Garden Healthy Heart Pasta Contest	Mendonca, Michelle	FBLA State – International Business Attending FBLA National
Hagerman, Paul	Olive Garden Healthy Heart Pasta Contest	Haskell, Adam	Literacy Poster Contest
Adkins, Dannielle	Magna Cum Laude on National Latin Exam	Miller, Adam	Literacy Poster Contest
Clark, Glenn	Cum Laude on National Latin Exam	Riese, Heidi	Literacy Poster Contest
Gallaher, Patrick	Pasco Early Educators Award	Valerio, Michelle	Literacy Poster Contest
Math Awards		Art Awards	
Heppner, Jon	District Calculus Team Competition, 1st	Acosta, Gabby	"Artbeat 2003" Honorable Mention
Dunn, Jason	District Calculus Team Competition, 1st	Windgassen, Michelle	"Artbeat 2003" Honorable Mention
McCloud, Russell	District Calculus Team Competition, 1st and District Calculus Individual, 1st and Top GHS Calculus I Student	Aquiro, Ashley	Congressional Art Competition, Hon. Mention
Goodenough, Melody	District Advanced Calculus Individual, 2nd and Top GHS Calculus II Student	McGrady, Mike	Photography Award
Bennett, Jessica	Top GHS Geometry Honors Student	Media Awards	
Billedo, Julie	Top GHS Precalculus Student	Canatsey, Chris	Story Tell-abration Contest
Aday, Michael	Top GHS Algebra II Honors Student	Wilbur, Lena	Intellectual Freedom Essay Contest
Oley, Greg	Top GHS Algebra II Honors Student	Barr, Stevi	Tropicana Speech Contest, Persuasive
Porter, David	Top GHS Algebra II Honors Student	Lester, Kendra	Tropicana Speech Contest, Entertaining
		Sharma, Jason	Tropicana Speech Contest, Informative
		Physical Education Awards	
		O'Brien Dan	Outstanding Male Physical Education Student
		Vaughn, Ruthie	Outstanding Female Physical Education Student

Linking Resources to Improve Student Achievement



Pasco County Schools

Helping Students Reach Their Highest Potential

Superintendent of Pasco County Schools

Dr. John Long

Gulf High School

Mr. Thomas E. Imerson, Principal

Assistant Principal, Administration
Thomas J. Brochu

Assistant Principal, Instruction
Dr. Judy B. Gallagher

Assistant Principal, Student Services
Patricia L. Haynes

Assistant Principal, Adult Education
Alfred J. Palma

School Hours 7:30 AM-4:00 PM Student Hours 7:40 AM-2:00 PM Teacher Hours 7:30 AM-3:00 PM

School Telephone Numbers

Main School Line	727-774-3300
School Fax Line	727-774-3391
Guidance Secretary	727-774-3300
Attendance Office	727-774-3308
Student Registrar	727-774-3307
Clinic	727-774-3305
School Nurse	727-774-3356
Bookkeeper	727-774-3304
Administrative Secretary	727-774-3302
Adult Education Secretary	727-774-3309
Administrative and Guidance Staff as follows:	
Thomas Brochu, Assist. Prin.	727-774-3318
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Patricia Haynes, Assist. Prin.	727-774-3317
Alfred Palma, Assist. Prin.	727-774-3319
Lois Coburn, Admin. Para	727-774-3314
William Schweiger, Admin. Para	727-774-3312
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Kathy Trapp, Career Specialist	727-774-3351
Other Areas:	
Paul Girardi, Athletic Director	727-774-3339
Kathy Norris, Senior Projects	727-774-3432
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