



MAY 15, 2024

> Student representative, delegates recognized

SCHOOL BOARD SAYS GOODBYE TO RYLEE RHINEBERGER

Student Representative Rylee Rhineberger and delegates from schools throughout the district were recognized at Tuesday's school board meeting. Throughout the school year, Rylee gathered updates of news and events from each school's delegates, and presented them at the board meetings throughout the 2023-24 school year. This kept the school board abreast of the many wonderful things happening throughout the district! Everyone did an amazing job representing their school this year. Tuesday was the last night with Rylee sitting at the dais. She will be graduating with the senior class at Weeki Wachee High School in a few short weeks. "It has been an honor to work with all these amazing students and I'm so grateful for this opportunity. It has been great to see first-hand the awesome things that are going on in our schools and to learn more about the behind-the-scenes of what goes on in our district," Rylee said. "Please continue to listen to the kids because their voices matter." Rylee will be heading off to the University of South Florida's St. Petersburg campus, where she will be studying marketing through the honor's college. We wish Rylee the best!



> WWHS student receives Girls State scholarship

MIKALA ABDULLAH RECEIVES COVETED AWARD



Mikala Abdullah, a senior at Weeki Wachee High, was awarded the FSU Girls State Scholarship, which is awarded each year to just one student! Mikala participated in the Girls State at FSU last summer, a weeklong education workshop sponsored by the Florida American Legion. Mikala will be attending FSU this fall, double-majoring in political science and international affairs. WWHS and Hernando Schools will be well-represented again this summer - upcoming seniors Isabel Shelby and Jessica Hannigan have been selected to attend Girls State, with Amaya Pereira as an alternate. Also, upcoming seniors Xander Willis and Hamza Elasri will be attending Boys State. High school juniors throughout the state are interviewed and hand-selected to attend these programs. Congratulations to you all!

> Congressman visits welding classroom

BILIRAKIS VISITS SIMPSON TECH CLASS AT CHS

The U.S. Rep. Gus Bilirakis recently visited the Wilton Simpson Technical College Welding classroom at Central High School. Mr. Whitman, the Welding instructor for both Simpon Technical College and Central High, along with Mr. Barber from Ironworkers Local 397, shared how they work together to help students prepare, and ultimately find placement in the industry. Mr. Barber also discussed the dire need for welders, and the importance of these programs. Hernando Schools opened the welding program in 2015 and have been offering it to both secondary and postsecondary students ever since. Students reported they were very appreciative of the time the Congressman took with each of them to hear about their future plans.



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Important Dates

- May 24 - NCTHS Graduation, 7:30 p.m.
- May 27 - Memorial Day, all schools and offices closed.
- May 29 - Hernando eSchool graduation, 4:30 p.m.; WTC, 6 p.m.
- May 31 - CHS graduation, 4:30 p.m.; SHS graduation, 7:30 p.m.
- June 1 - WWHS graduation, 10:30 a.m.; HHS graduation, 3 p.m.
- Early release days - May 29-31

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