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Dear Panther Families,

There is lots of activity at Nease High School as we close out the 3rd quarter. Please be sure to encourage your student to finish strong. We have an EXCEL day scheduled this week for remediation and any academic needs.

REMINDER! Friday, March 14 is the last day for students to turn in modified, virtual, DE, on campus internship, and zero hour forms!

Shout out to our PTSO EXCEL Parent volunteers! We could not do it without you!

Let's finish strong, Panthers, as we head into *Spring Break!*

Senior Parents, please be sure to check out NEW information in the Senior Life Pages!

Have a great week, Panthers!
Gina Fonseca
Principal

Quick look...

- Monday, March 10: **GREEN DAY**
- Tuesday, March 11: **GOLD DAY**
- Wednesday, March 12: **EXCEL**
- Thursday, March 13: **STRAIGHT 7 w/3 Lunches**
- Friday, March 14: **PLANNING DAY** (Student holiday)

SPRING BREAK!! Monday, March 17 - Friday, March 21

IMPORTANT DATES

Wednesday, March 12
• **EXCEL Day**

Thursday, March 13
• End of 3rd Quarter
Straight 7 w/ 3 lunches

Friday, March 14
• Teacher Planning Day (Student Holiday)
• Modified, virtual, DE, on campus internship, and zero hour forms DUE.

Monday, March 17-21
• Spring Break!

Monday, March 24
• Classes resume for students
• NEASE Athletics Signing Day
6p Stadium

Friday April 18
• Student /Teacher Holiday

PANTHER WEEK AT A GLANCE

Week at a Glance

March 10 - March 15

Monday, March 10

Green Day

Environmental Science Cert. Exam
Sound of Music – Staging PAC
Boys Varsity Volleyball @ Ponte Vedra 6p

Tuesday, March 11

Gold Day

IB Booster Meeting 9:45 a MC rm 146
Environmental Science Cert. Exam
Sound of Music – Staging PAC 4p
Softball @ First Coast 5:30/7:30p
Boys JV Lacrosse @ St Augustine 5:30p
Boys Varsity Lacrosse @ Buchholz 6p
Girls Varsity Lacrosse vs Toco Creek 6p
Baseball Varsity @ Fletcher 6:30p
JV Baseball vs Fletcher 6:30p

Wednesday, March 12

EXCEL - Early Release Schedule

PTSO Wonderful Wednesday Treat
Environmental Science Certification Exam
Student Voter Registration
Beaches Go Green Mtg. -EXCEL
Black History Month Celebration – Media Center – EXCEL
Centegix Testing @ 3:30p
JV Track @ Bishop Snyder 4p
Boys Weightlifting @ Bartram Trail 5:30p
Softball @ Bartram Trail 5:30p
Boys JV/Varsity Volleyball @ Creekside 5:30p
Baseball Varsity vs Fleming Island – 6p
JV Baseball @ Fleming Island 6p

Thursday, March 13

Green Day - LAST DAY of Qtr. 3

Straight 7 w/3 lunches
American Sign Language - Disney World- Magic Kingdom
Sound of Music – Staging
Softball @ Fletcher 5:30/7:30p
JV Baseball vs Creekside 6p
Baseball Varsity @ Creekside 6:30p
Navy Orienteering Nationals

Friday, March 14

Teacher Planning Day
Non-instructional In-Service Day
Navy Orienteering Nationals

Saturday, March 15

Navy Orienteering Nationals

GENERAL UPDATES

NEASE ATHLETICS SIGNING DAY



NEASE HIGH SCHOOL
ATHLETICS

x *Signing Celebration*

Please join Nease High School

As we honor our amazing student athletes

Who have committed to post-secondary opportunities

Monday, March 24, 2025

6:00pm

Nease High School Stadium

GENERAL UPDATES

Students attending the Brave Summit on March 26 must register on the Evetbrite link at BraveSummit2025.eventbrite.com AND turn in your SJCS D permission slip to Mrs. Bourquin in I-102. If you don't do both, you cannot attend.

[CLICK HERE for Permission Slip>>](#)



WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26 ★ 3-7 P.M. ★ ST. AUGUSTINE AMPHITHEATRE

BRAVE SUMMIT 2025

😊 ALL 9TH – 12TH GRADERS ARE INVITED 🙌

🎵 LIVE MUSIC AND DJ 🎵

🍔 FREE FOOD AND GIVEAWAYS 📦

The BRAVE Summit provides a safe place to talk to other high school students in the area about mental health and how to break down stigma while normalizing conversations about mental health 365 days a year.

 SCAN NOW TO REGISTER!

Visit BraveSummit2025.eventbrite.com

BRAVE
Be Braver and Value Everyone

[@brave_mentalhealth](#) #BraveSummit2025

A group of diverse high school students smiling and posing for a photo at the bottom of the poster.

ACADEMIES

Stellar Academy of Engineering Scholarship Application Available

Engineering Academy Seniors, you are eligible to apply for the Stellar Scholarship. Up to two engineering Seniors will be selected, earning \$1,000 each. Read the application carefully, and be sure to turn everything in via email to Mrs. Combs at jaime.combs@stjohns.k12.fl.us, or by dropping off your materials in the basket attached to Mrs. Combs' office door in C-101, no later than **Monday, April 7th**. This is a great chance to earn free cash for college if you plan on pursuing an Engineering or Architecture major!

Application available here: [CLICK HERE>>](#)

Academy Seniors, Don't Miss Out On These Local Scholarships!

INK! (Investing in Kids) has opened the Class of 2025 Senior Scholarship Application portal. The portal is available at <https://apply.ink-stjohns.org>. The number of available scholarships for St. Johns County Class of 2025 students totals in value in excess of \$40,000. Amounts range from \$1,000 - \$6,000. Some are need based, some are merit based, and some have specific requirements for majors, high school attended, or university attending. There is also a scholarship EXCLUSIVELY available to Academy students!

The application deadline for all scholarships is March 25, 2025.

In Need of Summer Internship Locations in Communications and Engineering Industries

Parents, if you work in graphic design, video production, public relations, or any type of engineering firm, we are searching for local businesses who are interested in hosting a summer intern. Academy interns work for up to 120 hours over the summer. These positions can be paid or unpaid. In the case of unpaid internships, students earn service hours to apply towards Bright Futures. All student intern applicants are certified in professional software and are only eligible to take part in an Academy internship between their Junior and Senior year.

If your company may be able to take on a summer intern, please reach out to Mrs. Combs at jaime.combs@stjohns.k12.fl.us.

ACADEMIES

Summer Camp Opportunities



SUMMER MEDIA INSTITUTE



June 22 - 27, 2025
Gainesville, Florida

Join us this summer for a week-long immersive experience in all facets of communication, from sports reporting to feature writing and filmmaking.

*Live in a UF residence hall and work with UF faculty as
you connect with students from all over the world.*

Specializations

Anchoring and Hosting • Broadcast Reporting • Communicating for the Greater Good •
Feature and News Writing • Filmmaking: The Reel Narrative • Photojournalism •
Social Media: Influencing and Storytelling • Sports Reporting

Registration Closes May 1, 2025

For more information, visit
jou.ufl.edu/smi

UF College of Journalism
and Communications
UNIVERSITY of FLORIDA

ACADEMIES



STEM/ENGINEERING & CONSTRUCTION CAMPS

Start Your STEM Journey in Summer 2025!



U.S. NAVY STEM, ENGINEERING & CONSTRUCTION CAMP

June 22-28, 2025 • Jacksonville, FL

Looking to engage in hands-on learning and fun?

The Society of American Military Engineers (SAME) is accepting nominations for 40 qualified high school students interested in attending the SAME/Navy STEM Engineering & Construction Camp in summer 2024 at Naval Air Station Jacksonville, Fla.

Students will engage in hands-on engineering activities under the mentorship and supervision of SAME professionals, base commands, and other volunteers from the local engineering community. Campers live, eat, and complete activities as squads with support from uniformed servicemembers and STEM-related working professionals.

CAMP HIGHLIGHTS:

- Camp lasts one week and costs \$800.
- Camp is overnight; all food, lodging, supervision is provided.
- SAME Camps feature many dynamic activities, including building concrete beams, operating drones and remote-controlled underwater vehicles, using survey equipment, constructing and testing cardboard boats, and more!

(Must be at least 15 years of age to apply; rising sophomore, junior, or senior)

Application deadline: March 12, 2025.

TEAMWORK



LEADERSHIP



PROJECT MANAGEMENT



PROBLEM-SOLVING



>>>>SAME/U.S. NAVY STEM, ENGINEERING & CONSTRUCTION CAMP<<<<

APPLICATION CRITERIA:

- Rising Sophomore, Junior or Senior in Fall 2025. At least 15 years of age at time of camp.
- On a track that will provide a basis for attending an accredited engineering college or university (such as taking appropriate STEM courses).
- Minimum GPA of 3.2 (not required but highly recommended)
- Demonstrated leadership characteristics through participation in extracurricular activities, sports, and/or community activities.
- Physically fit.
- U.S. Citizen.
- Able to provide proof of medical insurance.

COSTS & REGISTRATION:

Registration fee for the camp is \$800. This includes lodging, meals, materials, instruction, and mentoring.

Once selected, campers must submit half the registration fee to hold their spot. Sponsorships for the other half of the amount (or more) may be available from SAME Posts.

Sponsorships are not absolutely guaranteed and if not sponsored by a Post, the camper could be responsible for all camp fees and transportation.

LEARN MORE / APPLY



#SAMECAMPS • www.same.org/camps

Start Your STEM Journey With SAME!

IB INFORMATION

Our next **IB Booster Meeting** will be held **Tuesday, March 11th** at 9:45AM in the Media Center Conference Room 146. Join us! Please make sure you are a registered volunteer to attend.

The next **IB Student Social** is **Thursday, March 27th**. It will be held behind Panther Hall in the picnic area during all three lunches. Membership incentives can be picked up and community service t-shirts can be purchased during the social.

Community service t-shirts are required for the upcoming 9th and 10th grade community service event – the Apryle Showers 10K - on **Sunday, April 6th**, so this is your last opportunity to purchase one, if you have not.

Attention Junior IB Parents! The IB Pinning Ceremony for Juniors will take place on **March 27th** in the Nease Performing Arts Center. The ceremony begins at 6 PM. This is a time-honored tradition where the seniors officially welcome the juniors into the IB program. It is a beautiful ceremony, and one you won't want to miss. So, mark your calendars, and we will see you there!


Attention Rising and Current 9th Grade Families! You are invited to attend the Parent Mix 'n Mingle on **April 8th at 5:30PM** in the Media Center Conference Room 146. It will be an opportunity to mingle in an informal setting and meet each other and the IB Boosters board/veteran IB parents. You can create a network of individuals progressing through the IB program together and understand a little more about what the IB Boosters does to help your students and staff. This is a parent-only event.

Consider joining us for light hors d'oeuvres and mingling.

Please RSVP at [RSVP Form - IB Parents' Mix 'n Mingle](#) by April 4th. We hope you can come!

Attention Senior IB Parents! The IB Senior Banquet will be held on May 13th at the St Johns Golf and Country Club. The ceremony begins at 5:30 PM. Stoles will be presented at this event. Senior stoles are available for purchase online at [Senior Stoles - Nease High School IB Booster Club](#)

Register for the **Apryle Showers 10K** in Nocatee and support the IB Boosters! The race will be held **April 6th**. Use the promo code **NEASEIB** when registering, and the IB Booster Club gets \$5 per runner.

 <p>FACTS ABOUT NEASE IB</p> <p>Est. in 1996</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ First graduating class was in 1998.✓ Admission is competitive, drawing from the entire county.✓ 90 students graduated in 2023, making a total of 1,744 Nease IB graduates in 26 years.✓ Currently, 398 students are enrolled in the program: 86 Seniors, 83 Juniors, 102 Sophomores, & 125 Freshman.✓ All 169 Seniors and Juniors are full diploma candidates✓ 50% of parents & 57% of grandparents are originally from foreign countries.
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IB INFORMATION



IB BOOSTER CLUB

Apryle Showers Run
Sunday, April 6, 2025

fundraiser

Freshman & Sophomore Nease IB
Students will be volunteering at
the Apryle Showers 10K Run.

Come join them! Register to
run/walk the event. Use the promo
code "NEASEIB" (all caps) when
registering and the IB Booster Club
will receive \$5 per runner.

PROMO CODE

NEASEIB



Register Here



MEDIA CENTER

Carolyn Milian – School Librarian Media Specialist

Lorna Patterson – Media Clerk

Media Center phone number – 904-547-8367

Email: carolyn.milian@stjohns.k12.fl.us



BLACK HISTORY MONTH CELEBRATION!!

DATE CHANGE!!



Due to a school calendar change, we had to move the date for our celebration to **Wednesday, March 12th**. It will still be in our media center on from **12:15 p.m. - 1:15 p.m during Excel.**

How can you help? **We'd love to have a variety of foods from the different regions and nations for our students to simply taste.** If you are willing and able to donate a dish or drink, please click on the link below to sign up. Please understand, we are NOT asking anyone to cook for 100 students! If you are willing and able to send in foods/drinks, please plan on something for 10-15 people. Students will simply be having a very small sample of the various dishes. This is NOT a catered lunch for them. I have a "wish-list" of some of the foods the students would like to have, so please reach out to me for more details. Please click on this link to sign up if you can help us out! Please remember ALL volunteers MUST be approved to be on campus.



Black History Month Celebration Volunteers

Please join us on March 12th to help us host the 2nd Annual Black History Month Celebration at Nease...



signupgenius.com

MEDIA CENTER

Carolyn Milian – School Librarian Media Specialist

Lorna Patterson – Media Clerk

Media Center phone number – 904-547-8367

Email: carolyn.milian@stjohns.k12.fl.us



NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR

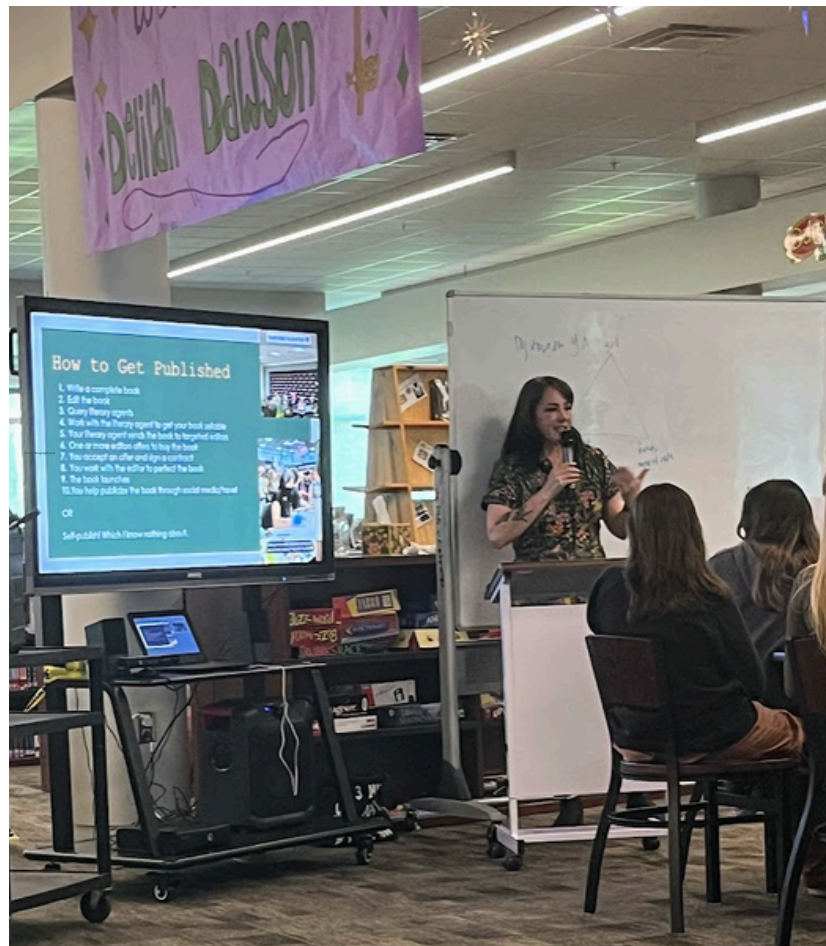
DELILAH S. DAWSON

IS COMING TO YOUR SCHOOL!



Delilah is the author of *Midnight at the Houdini*, a Florida Teen Reads selection and winner of the 2024 Dragon Award, as well as over 30 books for adults, teens, and children.

WWW.DELILAHSDAWSON.COM



NEASE ATHLETICS

Boys Weightlifting County Championship Results

Olympic - 2nd Place Team

129 - Vicente Trovao (3rd)
154 - Jack Coulter (2nd)
169 - Daniel Law (2nd)
199 - Logan Martin (2nd)
219 - Caden Peck (County Champion)
238 - Nolan Williams (County Champion)

Traditional - 3rd Place Team

129 - Vicente Trovao (3rd)
139 - Miles Heffernan (3rd)
154 - Tyler Martin (3rd)
199 - Logan Martin (County Champion)
219 - Caden Peck (3rd)

**Congratulations to the following lifters
for breaking Nease School Records!!**

Miles Heffernan - 139 - Snatch and Olympic Total

Tyler Martin - 154 - Bench Press

Logan Martin - 199 - Bench Press, Olympic Total & Traditional Total

Caden Peck - 219 - Snatch and Olympic Total

Nolan Williams - 238 - Snatch and Olympic Total

NEASE ATHLETICS

SPRING SPORTS HAVE STARTED!! COME SUPPORT OUR PANTHERS!!

Day	Date	Start Time	Opponent	Home/Away	Sport
Monday	3/10/2025	5:30/6:30pm	Harvest Community	Home	Boys JV/Varsity Volleyball
Monday	3/10/2025	5:30pm	St. Augustine	Away	JV Boys Lacrosse
Tuesday	3/11/2025	5:30pm	St Augustine	Away	Boys JV Lacrosse
Tuesday	3/11/2025	5:30/7:30pm	First Coast	Away	Softball
Tuesday	3/11/2025	6:00pm	Buchholz	Away	Boys Varsity Lacrosse
Tuesday	3/11/2025	6:30pm	Fletcher	Away	Baseball Varsity
Tuesday	3/11/2025	6:00pm	Tocoi Creek	Home	Girls Varsity Lacrosse
Tuesday	3/11/2025	6:30pm	Fletcher	Home	JV Baseball
Wednesday	3/12/2025	3:00pm	Spruce Creek	Away	Tennis
Wednesday	3/12/2025	5:30/6:30pm	Creekside	Away	Boys JV/Varsity Volleyball
Wednesday	3/12/2025	5:30pm	Bartram Trail	Away	Softball
Wednesday	3/12/2025	5:30pm	Bartram Trail	Away	Boys Weightlifting
Wednesday	3/12/2025	6:00pm	Fleming Island	Away	JV Baseball
Wednesday	3/12/2025	6:00pm	Fleming Island	Home	Baseball Varsity
Thursday	3/13/2025	5:30/7:30pm	Fletcher	Away	Softball
Thursday	3/13/2025	6:30pm	Creekside	Away	Baseball Varsity
Thursday	3/13/2025	6:00pm	Creekside	Home	JV Baseball
Friday	3/14/2025	5:30pm	Trinity Catholic	Home	Girls Varsity Lacrosse
Friday	3/14/2025	7:30pm	Trinity Catholic	Home	Boys Varsity Lacrosse
Friday	3/14/2025	TBD	Friday Night Invite (Creekside)	Away	Track

SCHOOL COUNSELING

Students & Parents



Please note that the Nease School Counseling Team is currently registering rising freshmen at our feeder schools. We will have one School Counselor available if needed. Please see Ms. Paventi in C-Pod and she can assist.

COLLEGE VISITS

University Of North Florida

On-campus visit with UNF representative with Lais Guimaraes. Friday, March 28th at 10am, Panther Conference - Room 104.

Link to sign up for College Visit:

<https://forms.office.com/r/XJvzXsaP2y>

Sign Up for College Visit at Nease



PTSO NEWS



NEASE PTSO



Become an EXCEL Volunteer!

EXCEL is a 60-minute break on Wednesdays for students to have lunch, attend club meetings, seek help from teachers, or retake summative exams. We need 20 volunteers on EXCEL Wednesdays from 12:00 p.m. to 1:25 p.m. Volunteers will receive training before their first shift and a Nease EXCEL T-shirt to wear while volunteering. Join us in making EXCEL a success for our students!

Sign up > [Nease EXCEL Volunteer Sign Up](#)

SPIRIT WEAR! Is it time to refresh your green and gold?! <https://www.neaseptso.org/>

PTSO NEWS



Gold Panther Partner Spotlight

Superior Construction, a family-owned American infrastructure contractor, delivers innovative solutions with industry experts. Rooted in building America's infrastructure, we excel in design-build and various delivery methods. With unique designs, advanced technology, and a commitment to safety, we create value for clients, employees, and communities. <https://www.superiorconstruction.com/>

Gold Panther Partner Spotlight

Dr. Hadgis and team specialize in providing quality orthodontic care and Invisalign® braces for children, teens, and adults with the personal and professional care you expect and deserve!

904-797-6453

www.DrCraigOrtho.com

STUDENT LIFE

NEASE HIGH SCHOOL BAND

Congratulations to the Nease High School Band for receiving straight **SUPERORS** for the Top Band. The younger band got straight **Excellents** and a **Superior** or sight reading!!



Coming Soon!

Nease's Thrift Store opens March 5

- Earn service hours by donating and sorting clothes.
- Donations can be dropped outside of D-27 anytime!
- All teen/adult size clothing accepted.
- Please only donate of usable quality. Clothes only.

Donate Now!

Follow us on Instagram:
@pantherthrifts

Fundraising for clubs!

All profits from the store benefit clubs on campus.

Each month a club is chosen at random. That club can then volunteer to run the store for the month and earn all the profits from that month.

Store Details:

- All clothes are priced \$1, \$3, or \$5
- All Nease Spiritwear is free!
- Store open during Excel hours outside D-pod, Monday and Thursdays before school in D27.
- Online ordering (Instagram) coming in March

Donate

- **Accepting donations NOW!**
- **Donate anytime outside Coach Case's room (D27).**
- **You will sort your donation into bins then scan a QR code to fill out the donation form. Must sort and fill out form to earn hours.**
- **1 hour per 10 items (max 5 hours a month)**



Senior Dues:

Thank you to everyone that came by to see Ms. Mietzner regarding senior dues. We still have about 40 students that have yet to pay. If you are one of those students, please pay those as soon as possible at the following link: [SchoolPay - Checkout](#)

Senior T-Shirts:

If you missed senior t-shirt pick up and paid your dues by October 11th, please come see Ms. Morrison in B107 or Ms. Mietzner in F-105 by Friday, February 28th. Any shirts not picked up by this date will be released to all seniors.

Important Upcoming Dates for Seniors:

- **April 2nd** – Senior Assembly in the PAC
- **April 10th** – Cap and Gown Distribution in the PAC
- **April 21st** – April 25th – Senior Week (more information to come)
- **April 25th** – Grad Bash (see Grad Bash Schoology group for more information on upcoming requirements and due dates) *As a reminder, there are no refunds for Grad Bash. If you do not plan to attend, please see Ms. Mietzner in F105 or Ms. Morrison in B107
- **May 8th** – Lights Out at the stadium
- **May 9th** – Senior Debt Day and Senior Last Day!
- **May 13th** – Graduation Rehearsal 1PM at UNF
- **May 17th** – Graduation 9AM at UNF

SENIOR LIFE

PURCHASE YOUR SENIOR MESSAGE

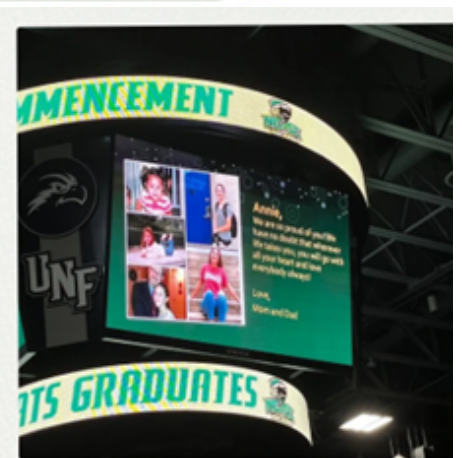
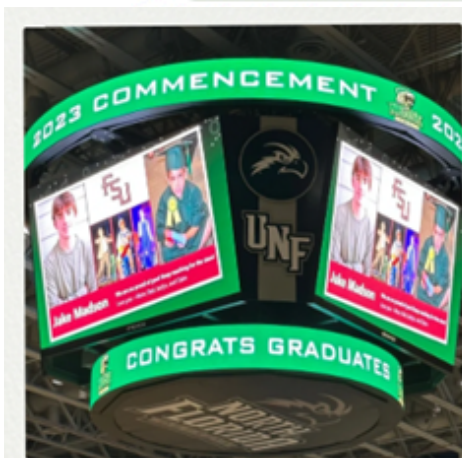
to be shown at graduation & senior lights out

\$25 ON SCHOOLPAY

AFTER PURCHASING IN SCHOOLPAY, SEND YOUR
SLIDE, SCHOOLPAY RECEIPT AND SENIOR NAME
TO NEASESENIOR2025@GMAIL.COM

(SLIDE MUST BE CREATED IN POWERPOINT OR
GOOGLE WITH PICTURE OR COLLAGE, SENIOR
NAME, AND MESSAGE. SLIDE SIZE NEEDS TO BE 16:9)

DUE APRIL 18TH 2025



FortifyFL

Fortify Florida

FortifyFL is a website and app developed at the direction of the Florida Legislature.

Any student, educator, parent or member of the public can report school safety concerns directly to law enforcement and school administrators anonymously and easily through the FortifyFL app or at <https://getfortifyfl.com/>.



ATTENTION DRIVERS!!

The manager of the retail strip across the street from Nease informed us that any student parking in their lot will be towed!

DO NOT RISK BEING TOWED!

