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Students, faculty, staff, and parents are encouraged to submit articles and photos for publication at pineviews@yourpva.org

- Photos must be high-resolution JPEGs or PDFs, and all student photos must include names and grades.
- Flyers and other materials should be submitted as high-resolution PDFs.
- Deadlines: All submissions are due one month before publication.
- Content: Articles and information should be of interest to the Pine View School community.

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ABOUT PVA

The Pine View Association (PVA) is Pine View's parent-led organization of parents, teachers, staff, and friends of the school. Working with the Pine View community, the PVA supports and advances the excellence of Pine View School.

The PVA encourages volunteerism, raises and disburses funds, promotes communication and cooperation with the school, provides input on issues of concern to parents, and supports gifted education advocacy at the local and statewide level.

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PVA Board Elections

Interested in becoming more involved in the Pine View leadership? Elections will be held at the PVA Board Meeting on April 14, 2026. Candidates should submit a self-nomination form by April 7, 2026. Forms are available on the next page, on PVA social media, and at www.yourpva.org. Return to the front office or email your completed form to elections@yourpva.org



CHECK IT OUT



Board Nomination Form

Thank you for your interest in serving on the Pine View Association (PVA) Board. Candidates typically self-nominate for board positions. Please complete this form and return it to the front office or email it to elections@yourpva.org by April 7. A digital version of this form is also available at www.yourpva.org/forms.

YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION

Name _____

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2026-2027 NAME(S) AND GRADE LEVELS OF YOUR STUDENT(S) AT PINE VIEW

QUESTIONS

Please provide a brief overview of your background and experience as it relates to your qualifications for serving on the PVA board. Be sure to include any activities you have participated in at Pine View or at a previous school.

What contributions do you believe you can make to the PVA board, and what motivates you to serve?

By signing, I state that a) I am a member of PVA, b) the statements above are correct and true, and c) I am available to attend the PVA Annual Meeting and Elections on **April 14, 2026. (Please be prepared to make a statement.)**

Signature _____ Date: _____

PVA UPDATE

Supporting Students Across Campus

JANUARY-MARCH HIGHLIGHTS

The Pine View Association Board has been busy supporting students, teachers, and programs across campus Quarter 3 – investing in opportunities that enrich learning, celebrate excellence, and strengthen our school community.

Funding Student Opportunities

PVA approved funding for a wide range of student programs and competitions, including Quiz Bowl Nationals, Jungle Robotics, Pine View Band competition travel, Disc Golf equipment, the Hovercraft engineering project, Florida Studio Theatre performances on campus, and conference participation for both HOSA and DECA students. These investments ensure that Pine View students continue to explore, compete, and excel beyond the classroom.

Celebrating Pine View Excellence

Pine View was once again named a Platinum Honor Roll School by the College Board—an outstanding recognition of our students' academic achievement and commitment to excellence. Across campus, students continue to shine in programs such as Model UN, Speech & Debate, HOSA, and the STEM Fair, representing Pine View with talent, dedication, and pride.

Building Community

This season has also been a celebration of connection and community. The annual Peramathon raised approximately \$55,000, directly supporting student programs and school initiatives. Pinnacle was another incredible success, bringing our community together in support of Pine View.

UPCOMING PVA BOARD MEETINGS

Meetings begin at 6:00 p.m. in the Pine View Student Union (cafeteria) and are open to all.

Tuesday, April 14

Tuesday, May 12

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Happy Spring! I am looking forward to the next few months of fun on Pine View's campus.

There are so many traditions that bring our community of students together. If you were not able to attend Pinnacle, our alumni speaker, Paige Samson, perfectly described how the shared experiences in the classroom and beyond create bonds among students that stay with them for their entire lives. I see these bonds being created through all the amazing activities that Pine View provides.

February was all about reading and books for PVA. We started with the Book Drive, went straight into the Book Fair, and ended with the Read-a-thon. I want to thank all the families who brought books for our spring community service project. In total, over **5,000 books** were collected and will be given away at Free Book Fairs in Title 1 schools and Head Start Centers. I am especially amazed that **Ms. Patel's fourth-grade class alone brought in over 2,000 books for this cause.**

The Free Book Fair is a wonderful nonprofit run by two PVA board members, **Shauna Wagner and Evan Morgan.** They work tirelessly to bring free books to schools that do not have parent organizations to support programs like book fairs.

Lisa Cirka and Cate McLean chaired the Book Fair, and we want to thank the many volunteers who helped it run smoothly. The Scholastic rewards earned from the fair are being used to expand the selections in the media center, and teachers who participated are also able to purchase books for their classrooms.

Shauna Wagner also chaired this year's Read-a-thon, a meaningful conclusion to a month of literacy-focused events. The program raised much-needed funds for the media center while supporting students in building a love of reading and lifelong skills. We look forward to seeing it continue to grow in the years to come.

The month concluded with **Pinnacle at The Ora.** A dedicated committee of volunteers met weekly for months to bring the vision for this gala to life. It takes many people to make an event like this happen, and I am grateful for the countless hours contributed by our chair, **Cindy Jaramillo,** and her incredible team: **Olivia Koller, Mihaela Raicu, Jaime Heath, Elena Pershin, Lilly Thomas, Ariana Haxhijaj, Kyla Weiner, Puja Dhanraj, Wendy Teague, Marcia Christ, Laura Lewis, Kristy Bower, Ashley McLeod, and Pat Morgerson.**

We also had amazing parent and student volunteers—without them, Pinnacle simply could not happen. **So, thank you to everyone who helped make it such a special evening.**

I hope everyone enjoyed spring break and had the opportunity to make wonderful memories.

Silke Cuff
PVA President

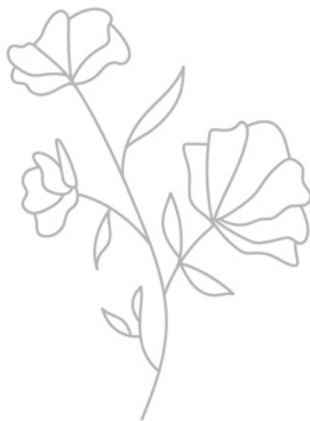
Pine View Pride

RECOGNIZING HARD WORK
IN THE CLASSROOM

Thank you to all the parents who volunteered to make PV Pride such a success! Students were excited to celebrate their hard work and academic achievements.

The final PV Pride celebration of the year will take place on April 28th, when qualifying students will enjoy ice cream in recognition of their accomplishments.

Interested in helping? Contact Dana Moretta at dana.moretta@yourpva.org to volunteer.



Pine View Volunteers

JOIN US APRIL 16 FOR THE PVA VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION BREAKFAST

Calling all Pine View volunteers! PVA will host its annual **Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast** on **Thursday, April 16, at 9:30 a.m. in the Student Union.** During the celebration, Pine View's Volunteer of the Year will also be recognized.

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Book Drive

LITERACY WEEK BOOK DRIVE GIVES BACK

Thank you to everyone who contributed book donations during Literacy Week! Every book collected helps support the work of the Free Book Fair, which provides books to children in Title I schools and Head Start programs across Sarasota County. Many of the books you donated were recently given out at the latest Free Book Fair at Tuttle Elementary.

We are especially excited to recognize our top elementary contributors: **Freedman's Class** for 2nd grade, **Abeysekera's Class** for 3rd grade, **Patel's Class** for 4th grade, and **Hoffman's Class** for 5th grade. These classes earned an ice cream party for their wonderful efforts, and 4th also earned a pizza party for bringing in the most books overall.

Over 5,000 books were donated, and every one will help put stories into the hands of young readers in our community. A huge thank you to our elementary teachers for encouraging participation in their classrooms, and to all the parents who helped make this book drive such a success through their generosity.



Discover how the **Free Book Fair** is putting books into the hands of students at Title 1 Schools - visit www.freebookfair.com

PINE VIEW STORE

For years, the Pine View School Store has been a special place where students stop to shop, connect with friends, and enjoy a small but meaningful part of daily campus life.

Much of that welcoming atmosphere is thanks to **Diane Thompson**, who has faithfully managed the store for many years. Diane's dedication, hard work, and care for the Pine View community have helped make the store a favorite stop for students across campus. Her commitment to creating a friendly and engaging space each day will be truly missed.

As this school year comes to a close, Diane is also celebrating an important milestone as her children graduate from Pine View—making this transition an especially meaningful one for her family.

As Diane steps away from this role, the Pine View Association (PVA) is looking for an organized and enthusiastic individual to continue the tradition she helped build and to carry the school store forward for the next generation of Pine View students.

If you are interested in learning more about this opportunity, please contact pvstore@yourpva.org



Garden Harvest Days



Harvest days are a special tradition at the Pine View School Garden. Throughout the season, students take part in every step of the process. They prepare the soil, plant seeds, water, and care for the beds, and watch their work grow week by week.

Students gather what they have grown and enjoy tasting the fruits and vegetables right from the garden. It is a hands-on way to learn about science, sustainability, and healthy food choices, while also building patience and responsibility.

This fall gardening season brought beautiful growth across the beds, and students were proud to see the results of their efforts. Garden volunteer Susan Rigopulos led students in making delicious foods from garden produce. The garden continues to be a place where learning comes to life, rooted in curiosity and care.

Below are photos from our fall harvest days, capturing the work, teamwork, and joy that make the Pine View School Garden such a meaningful part of campus life.



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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Pine View School Parents, Students, and Community:

Every now and then, it is worth pausing, if only briefly, amid the cheerful whirlwind that is life at Pine View School to observe something rather obvious: remarkable things keep happening here every single day!

In many ways, thinking of PVA's recent successful Pinnacle Gala, our school resembles what one might call an enchanted forest, a place where curiosity grows tall, intellect branches outward, and young minds wander just far enough to discover something new. Anyone who has spent time on this campus understands that the magic is not accidental. It is cultivated by a community of students, parents, faculty, alumni, and supporters who believe that gifted minds deserve a place where they can stretch, explore, and occasionally astonish the rest of us, and this magical place is Pine View School!

Our recent PVA Pinnacle Gala Enchanted Forest was a joyful reminder of that truth. The evening was truly extraordinary, not merely for its elegance, but for what it represents: a community that shows up, gives generously, and invests in the intellectual lives of children. My deepest thanks go to our exceptional event chair, Cindy Jaramillo, the entire PVA leadership team, and our sponsors; especially Clear Thought Neurology, along with the signature event sponsors the Padgett, Famiglio, and Van Vliet families, whose generosity helps Pine View continue to flourish.

The resources raised will help us strengthen one of the most important "groves" in our academic forest: the Media Center, which serves more than 1,900 students across grades 2–12. Working alongside PVA, we are exploring ways to reimagine this space so that reading, research, collaboration, and discovery have room to grow for students at every level. It is an exciting opportunity to expand how students interact with ideas, and most importantly, with one another.

Meanwhile, Pine View students continue doing what they do best: quietly achieving remarkable and extraordinary things. All 24 of our National Merit Semifinalists have now been named National Merit Finalists, a testament to years of curiosity, discipline, and intellectual persistence. We are immensely proud of them!

Athletics have also begun writing a new chapter in Pine View history. Our inaugural varsity programs are off to an impressive start, with the boys' tennis team currently undefeated and eyeing a deep postseason run hopefully leading to a state championship! Both boys' and girls' teams have represented Pine View with skill and determination, and for those who appreciate historical records, our football team still remains gloriously undefeated since 1969!



IF PINE VIEW IS AN ENCHANTED FOREST, THEN ITS FAMILIES ARE THE CANOPY—STEADY, GENEROUS, AND QUIETLY MAKING SURE THE SUNLIGHT GETS THROUGH.



Traditions remain just as important as new milestones. Our 5th graders recently took part in Pine View's beloved Ballroom Dance event, a tradition that reminds us that education here extends well beyond textbooks. Confidence, poise, and joy belong in the curriculum too, and our 5th graders looked wonderful practicing their newly-discovered ballroom dance moves.

Looking toward the horizon, Pine View plans to once again participate in the Student Spaceflight Experiment Program (SSEP), giving students the rare opportunity to design scientific experiments that will travel to the International Space Station. With the ISS nearing the end of its operational life in the coming years, this is the final chance for students anywhere in the world to see their scientific ideas literally launched into orbit. Dr. Bell and Ms. Rosander will be leading this initiative and we will keep everyone updated!

Through it all, Pine View remains one of the nation's most remarkable schools, not because of rankings or accolades, but because of the extraordinary people who make up this community! And if this truly is an enchanted forest, then Pine View families are the canopy overhead; steady, generous, and quietly making sure the sunlight gets through.

Thank you for being part of this remarkable community, and your unwavering support!

STEPHEN P. COVERT, PH.D.
PRINCIPAL

Out of Field Notification

Guidelines from the Department of Education require schools to inform parents if any teachers are “Out-of-Field”. For teachers at Pine View, this typically means they lack the courses required for the gifted education endorsement and/or ESOL. The following teachers are listed as “out-of-field”: **Brooke Collins, Katelyn Jordon, Alyson King, David Mannino, Ashley Moody, and Puja Patel**. All of our teachers in this category are currently enrolled in coursework that will address this “out-of-field” status.



State Equity Laws 2025-26

At Pine View, everyone is protected by Florida’s state equity laws, which ensure that employees, applicants, and students are free from discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, national origin, disability, or marital status.

You can find more information about state equity laws, due process procedures, and complaint procedures for employees, applicants, and students at:

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Period 1	7:21 AM - 8:13 AM
Period 2	8:18 AM - 9:10 AM
Moment of Silence	9:15 AM
Period 3	9:15 AM - 10:10 AM
Period 4	10:15 AM - 11:07 AM
Period 5	11:12 AM - 12:04 PM
Period 6	12:09 PM - 1:01 PM
Period 7	1:06 PM - 1:58 PM
Period 8	2:03 PM - 2:55 PM
Period 9	3:00 PM - 3:52 PM

ADVISORY	
Period 1	7:21 AM - 8:13 AM
Period 2	8:18 AM - 9:10 AM
Moment of Silence	9:15 AM
Advisory	9:15 AM - 10:01 AM
Period 3	10:05 AM - 10:46 AM
Period 4	10:50 AM - 11:31 AM
Period 5	11:35 AM - 12:16 PM
Period 6	12:20 PM - 1:01 PM
Period 7	1:06 PM - 1:58 PM
Period 8	2:03 PM - 2:55 PM
Period 9	3:00 PM - 3:52 PM



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ELEMENTARY HIGHLIGHTS

Pine View's 2nd- 5th-grade classrooms are full of creativity, curiosity, and connection. The elementary years at Pine View continue to be filled with hands-on learning, collaboration, and plenty of memorable moments.



BOOK BUDDIES



Second graders teamed up with fifth graders for some great reading fun!

MOSI FIELD TRIP



3rd graders brought science to life during their MOSI and Planetarium field trip.

POSITIVITY DAY



A special time for 5th grade focused on building a supportive community.

3RD GRADE SHOWCASE



A new tradition at Pine View - third graders wowed families with their projects and presentations.

101 DAYS OF FUN



Fourth graders celebrated the 100th and 101st days of school dressing as a popular Disney character.

4th Grade Trip to St. Augustine



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INGREDIENTS

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INSTRUCTIONS

1. **Prep:** Place 2 cups of cornstarch into a large bowl or plastic bin
2. **Color the Water:** Add a few drops of food coloring to your 1 cup of water.
3. **Mix:** Slowly pour the colored water into the cornstarch, mixing with your hands until fully combined.
4. **Adjust:** If it's too dry, add more water (a tablespoon at a time); if it's too runny, add more cornstarch.

TIPS FOR SUCCESS

- **Consistency:** The perfect mix feels solid when you apply pressure (squeezing/punching), but drips like a liquid when you stop.
- **Cleanup:** Do not pour large amounts of Oobleck down the drain, as it can clog pipes. Let it dry, then throw it in the trash, or wash off small amounts in the sink with plenty of water.
- **Storage:** Keep in a sealed container or bag. If it dries out, just add water.
- **Variations:** For "fluffy" Oobleck, fold in 1-2 cups of shaving cream after mixing the base.

PINE VIEW STORE

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TUESDAY	11:00AM - 1:45 PM
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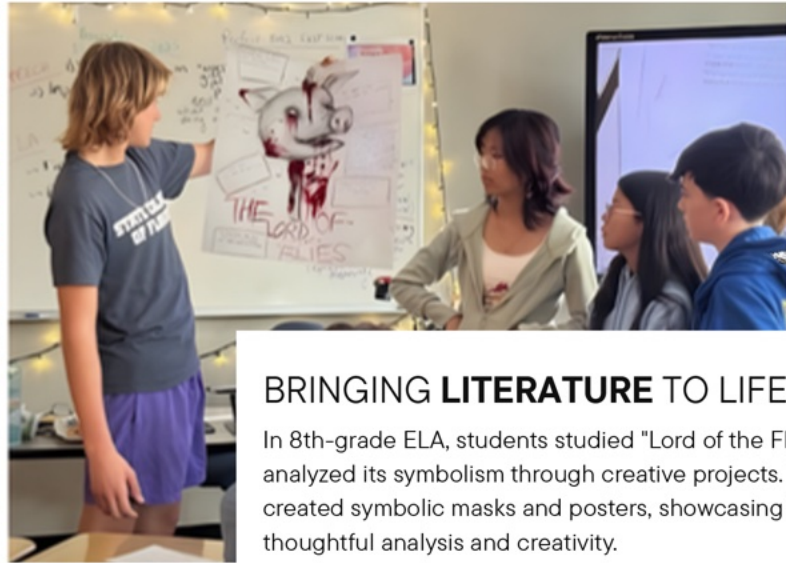
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MIDDLE SCHOOL MOMENTS

A snapshot of the creativity, curiosity, and academic excellence happening in our middle school classrooms.



BRINGING LITERATURE TO LIFE

In 8th-grade ELA, students studied "Lord of the Flies" and analyzed its symbolism through creative projects. They created symbolic masks and posters, showcasing their thoughtful analysis and creativity.

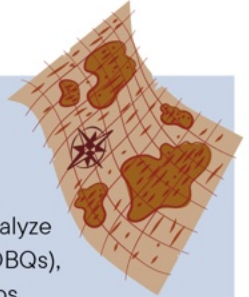
EXPLORING THE UNIVERSE IN STAR LAB

6th-grade science students are exploring astronomy through hands-on learning in the Star Lab. In a recent activity, students modeled the life cycles of stars using a Claim-Evidence-Reasoning framework. By examining how stars of different masses evolve, students discovered why some stars burn brightly and fade quickly while others shine for billions of years.



THINKING LIKE HISTORIANS

6th-grade World History students are studying Ancient China while learning how historians analyze evidence. Using document-based questions (DBQs), students evaluate primary sources such as maps, letters, and historical documents to develop evidence-based arguments—skills that will support their work in advanced coursework in the years ahead.



LEARNING FROM HISTORY

7th-grade ELA students are studying the Holocaust through historical nonfiction and The Diary of Anne Frank. Students will read and perform scenes from the play adaptation while keeping reflective journals inspired by Anne's diary. The unit concludes with a special program featuring a Holocaust survivor, helping students connect history to lived experience.

PV STUDENTS HEAD TO THE MOON

6th-grade Earth & Space Science students recently submitted their names to NASA, and those names will travel aboard the Orion spacecraft during the upcoming Artemis II mission. As astronauts circle the Moon and return to Earth, students will be part of this historic moment in space exploration.



PINE VIEW STUDENTS EXCEL AT THE REGIONAL STEM FAIR

Pine View students delivered an outstanding performance at this year's **Regional STEM Fair**, showcasing impressive research, creativity, and scientific curiosity across both the middle and high school divisions. The Pine View team was the **largest group to advance to the second round of regionals**, and students from grades 3–12 were well represented throughout the event.

The day culminated with an awards ceremony at **Mote Marine Laboratory**, where Pine View students repeatedly took the stage to receive recognition for their projects. Many middle school projects also received **Thermo Fisher Scientific special recognition**, along with several other awards across both divisions.

We are incredibly proud of these young scientists for their dedication, hard work, and enthusiasm for discovery. The STEM Fair continues to be a powerful and transformative experience for Pine View students, encouraging innovation, critical thinking, and real-world problem solving.

Special thanks to **Marie Rosander and Hali Flahavan** for their leadership and guidance in preparing our middle and high school students for the competition.



HIGH SCHOOL RESULTS

First Place

Aadi Bhensdadia
Rohan Dash
Yash Kakkad

Second Place

Neil Acharya
Diya Panthulu
Alex Lieberman
Kai Deng
Justin Kim
Rishik Yellu



MIDDLE SCHOOL RESULTS

First Place

Aaisha Asif
Mikhail Sultan
Aurora Xia

Second Place

Caroline Wu, Sophie Saldadze,
Francesca Madrid
Christopher Lander
Clare Wang, Teodora Raicu, Elodie
Lecoeuche
Colin Luangphakdy, Samuel Li
Shane Schultz (partner from SMS)
Jinal Patel

PV HOSA EXCELS AT REGIONALS

Pine View students had an outstanding showing at the HOSA Future Health Professionals Regional Conference.

- **76 students competed**
- **57 placing in the top five**
- **44 qualifying for the State Leadership Conference in Orlando this April.**

Advisors also praised Pine View students for being punctual, prepared, professional, and polite - reflecting the strong culture of excellence across the school.





HISTORY DAY CONTEST

National History Day (NHD) is a globally recognized program that challenges students to research, analyze, and present history through creative, evidence-based projects—building skills in critical thinking, communication, and storytelling.

Congratulations to the following Pine View students who placed at the Sarasota County History Fair on Saturday. Their impressive research, creativity, and presentation skills earned top honors across multiple categories. We wish those advancing the best of luck as they head to the state competition in Tallahassee!

Third Place

- Calvin Coleman
- Sara Sisson and Cecelia Zhang
- Jonah Wooden
- Colten Young and Nicolai Petrov
- Aarya Patel, Anna Larsen, and Sophia Hawking

Second Place — Advancing to the State Competition

- Luca Manzano and Suzy Mata
- Kevin Slinko
- Paloma Sirianni and Sophia Saldadze
- Greta Arov

First Place — Advancing to the State Competition

- Austin Carroll, Thomas Morkos, and Bryce Ferrer
- Armaan Malik

PINE VIEW QUIZ BOWL HEADS TO NATIONALS

Pine View Quiz Bowl had a big weekend at Montverde Academy. Competing with two teams, Pine View earned a first-place finish, securing a spot at Nationals in Atlanta this May. The second team, competing in their first in-person tournament, also impressed with a 5th-place finish out of 14 teams.



Pine View's first-place Quiz Bowl team with Ms. Gannon —Zach Johnson, Liam Dingman, Thomas McLaughlin, and Matthew Gries



The whole team!

PINE VIEW SPEECH & DEBATE EARNS NATIONAL HONORS

Pine View Speech & Debate students have had an outstanding season competing at major tournaments across Florida and the country.

At the Florida Sunshine District Tournament, four Pine View students earned spots at the National Speech & Debate Association Tournament in Richmond, Virginia, this June:

- **Om Patel** — International Extemporaneous Speaking
- **Paul Buermann** — Lincoln-Douglas Debate
- **Rohan Dash** — United States Extemporaneous Speaking
- **Audrey Hwang** — Congressional Debate

Audrey Hwang also captured 1st Place in the Congressional Debate Finals, qualifying as the #1 National representative for the Florida Sunshine District.

Senior Saket Rao was honored as the 2026 Florida Sunshine District NSDA Student of the Year.

This season, Pine View students have competed at major invitationals, including Sunvite, Stanford, and Harvard, representing the school against competitors from hundreds of schools nationwide.

PINNACLE 2026

AN ENCHANTED EVENING SUPPORTING PINE VIEW

The Pine View community gathered for a magical evening at the Pine View Association's annual Pinnacle Gala, this year themed **Enchanted Forest**. Families, faculty, alums, and supporters came together to celebrate Pine View School and the extraordinary students and educators who make it such a special place.

Pinnacle is the Pine View Association's largest annual fundraiser and one of the most meaningful ways our community shares its time, talent, and treasure in support of Pine View students. Funds raised help bring the school's mission to life—creating a learning environment that nurtures intellectual curiosity, encourages innovation and independence, and inspires students to pursue excellence and social responsibility.

Special thanks to PVA President Silke Cuff, Pinnacle Chair Cindy Jaramillo, and the entire Pinnacle team for bringing this incredible event to life.



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Cello

Matrick Thorpe (Class of 2025)



AUCTION HIGHLIGHTS

The silent and live auctions are always a highlight of Pinnacle. Packed with unique experiences, excursions, and one-of-a-kind opportunities, the auction gives everyone a chance to join in the fun while supporting Pine View. **Thank you to the generous donors** who made it possible and to the enthusiastic bidders who helped make the evening such a success!

Highlights Included:

- Family Vacation in Mexico
- High School Reserved Parking
- Principal for the Day
- Sailing Camp Experience
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- Cooking Class Experience



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An Inspiring Alumna at Pinnacle

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT: A FULL-CIRCLE MOMENT

One of the highlights of this year's Pinnacle celebration was hearing from **Pine View alum Paige Samson Wyant (Class of 2001)**, whose story beautifully captured the lasting impact of the Pine View experience.

Paige was introduced by fellow alum **Puja Dhanraj (Class of 1998)**, who shared how the two first officially met years after graduation at a Pine View alum event in 2022. Puja noted that what truly stands out about Paige is the way she blends intelligence, creativity, strength, and genuine warmth.

After graduating from Pine View, Paige attended **Emory University** before launching a career in **entertainment marketing in New York City**. She later helped expand her company's presence on the West Coast, moving to **Los Angeles**, where she represented global brands including **Hilton Worldwide, Travelocity, Visa, and Gatorade**.



*"Once a Python,
always a Python."*

Her work included partnerships with major networks and studios such as **CBS, Paramount, and NBC Universal**, supporting high-profile television programs including Hawaii Five-0, Top Chef, and The Amazing Race. She also helped lead major film partnerships, including collaborations with **DreamWorks' Trolls** and **J.J. Abrams' Star Trek: Beyond**.

In 2016, Paige returned home to Sarasota to marry her husband, **David Wyant**, also a Pine View alum. In true Pine View fashion, the couple even took their engagement photos in their second-grade teacher, **Suzi Shea's, classroom**. Today, Paige is the proud mother of two boys, **Spencer and Winston**. She works as a **Strategic Marketing and Project Leadership Consultant** for real estate organizations, including Michael Saunders & Company and other regional teams.

While her career has taken her from Pine View to New York, to Los Angeles, and back home again, Paige shared that the foundation she built at Pine View - **creativity, adaptability, and confidence** - has carried her through every stage of her life.

Her message was a powerful reminder that the Pine View experience extends far beyond graduation. The curiosity, collaboration, and friendships formed here continue to shape students long after they leave campus.



Paige Samson Wyant
PV Class of 2001

Puja Dhanraj
PV Class of 1998



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Elizabeth Khodzhaieva	Sophia Zhang



JAZZ UNDER THE STARS

Congratulations to the **Pine View Jazz Band** for an outstanding performance at Jazz Under the Stars on the campus of Pine View School.

The students delivered an impressive evening of music, showcasing their talent and hard work. It was a beautiful night on campus and a wonderful opportunity for families and friends to gather and enjoy the performance.

Thank you to the families who donated baked goods and volunteered at the bake sale. Your support helped make the evening a success.

We are proud of our Jazz Band and grateful to everyone who contributed to such a memorable event.



NATIONAL MERIT FINALISTS

The National Merit Scholarship Program has announced approximately 6,000 Finalists nationwide, selected from more than 1.5 million students who entered the competition by taking the PSAT/NMSQT as juniors.

Finalists represent less than one percent of U.S. high school seniors and are eligible to compete for more than \$30 million in scholarships, including Florida's Benacquisto Scholarship.

This year, Pine View proudly celebrates 24 seniors who have earned National Merit Finalist status — an impressive 13% of the graduating class. Congratulations to these outstanding students!



MIDDLE SCHOOL CHOIR HITS A HIGH NOTE AT MPA

A standout showing for Pine View's middle school choir at MPA! The 7th- and 8th-grade ensemble earned top Superior ratings, and the 6th-grade and beginning choir impressed with Excellent ratings in their first adjudicated performance. *Well done to Ms. Adamson and Ms. Mayper for leading the way.*



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CELEBRATING 212

Congratulations to our **January and February 212 Award** recipients! These students were selected by their teachers for exemplifying the 212 philosophy—going the extra degree through effort, attitude, and perseverance.

Six times throughout the school year, teachers in each grade level select one student who best represents this philosophy for their entire grade. It is a special honor, as only one student per grade is recognized each time.

These outstanding students are proudly featured on the 212 Wall of Fame, located at the front of the auditorium.

We are so proud of these students for leading by example and inspiring the entire Pine View community.

The 212 Philosophy

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212 DEGREES

JANUARY RECIPIENTS



AMELIE WISE

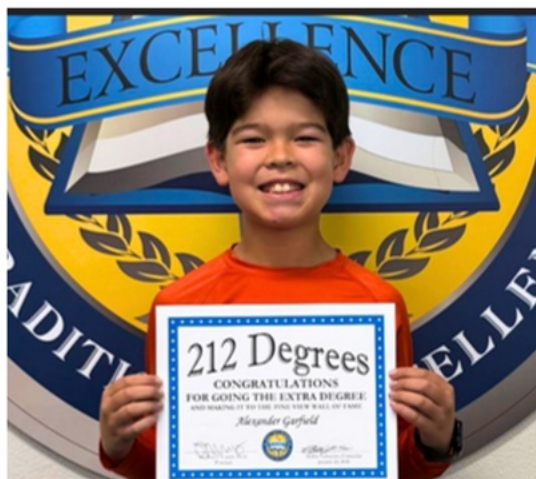
2ND GRADE

Amelie is an outgoing second grader who shares her talents not only in the classroom but is also becoming a "Star on Stage" as she demonstrates the excellence of 212! Her positive energy, gifts of drama and song, and shining personality inspire each student every day. She has been utilizing these talents in the Sarasota Community, where she offers her special gifts to others, portraying Gretel in the Venice Theater production of the "Sound of Music" as well as Tiny Tim in "A Christmas Carol". While working through extended evening rehearsals and performances, **Ame** exemplified excellence in the classroom and managed to keep up with all her studies at Pine View! Her dedication deserves this 212 degree award!

KWAKU ADDAE

3RD GRADE

Kwaku is an awesome example of what it means to live our Pine View 212 philosophy every single day! He's a huge Minecraft fan, but he's even more passionate about competitive soccer. He trains twice a week with his British coach, plays striker, and has already scored tons of goals! Outside of school, **Kwaku** is part of the Adventurers at his church—kind of like scouts—where he learns lots of helpful skills. His current rank is 'Helping Hand', which fits him perfectly because he has a heart as big as the ocean. His kindness shines every day. If someone needs help, **Kwaku** is always one of the first to jump in—without anyone even asking. Whether it's solving a problem, offering support, or helping his brother Kofi and his sister Samira, he is always ready to lend a hand. At school, **Kwaku** works hard to be his best. His effort, determination, and kindness make him stand out, and his positive example is one of the many reasons everyone loves having him in our class. **Kwaku**, thank you for being such a strong 212 role model for all of us!



ALEXANDER GARFIELD

4TH GRADE

We are honored to recognize **Alexander Garfield** as our 212 recipient. **Alex** consistently puts forth his best effort, working hard and doing excellent work. He is an outstanding role model, always including others and being a good friend. **Alex** is a motivated, self-directed learner, reliable and responsible, and makes great choices. As our student council representative, **Alex** is an outstanding leader with a heart for serving others. We can count on **Alex** to show kindness to others and go the extra degree.

FRANKA MASICA

5TH GRADE

As teachers are asked to choose a 212 recipient every quarter, we ask ourselves what the qualities of a student 'going' 212 are, and the answer usually has less to do with personality and more to do with habits and character. Students who come to mind tend to be curious, disciplined, responsible, strong communicators, and persistent - qualities that help them succeed both academically and personally. In addition, students eager to learn, ask thoughtful questions, manage their time well, take ownership of their responsibilities, express their ideas clearly, and keep going even when learning feels challenging are what teachers look for all the time. These traits not only improve their own performance but also create a positive classroom environment for everyone. Although many students carry some of these qualities at different levels, **Franka Masica** demonstrates them every single day. **Franka** is a true pleasure to have in class because she consistently embodies curiosity, responsibility, and perseverance, making it an honor for the 5th-grade team to award her the 212 Degree Award.



MAYA PLACHTA

6TH GRADE

We are excited to honor **Maya Plachta** as Pine View's 6th Grade 212 Student of the Month! **Maya** exemplifies excellence in everything she does. She consistently goes above and beyond, creating detailed, personalized study guides to prepare for assessments across multiple subjects and generously shares them with her classmates. **Maya's** work is always thoughtful and high quality, reflecting her strong work ethic and dedication to learning. She truly embodies the "esteem 212" mindset through her academic achievements, active participation in class discussions, and her willingness to collaborate as a supportive team member. Whether she's diving into activities with enthusiasm or offering compassion and encouragement to others, **Maya's** positive attitude and selfless character make her a respected role model for her peers. Our school is a better place with her here, and we are incredibly proud to celebrate her success!



LAUREN DANG

7TH GRADE

Lauren is an exceptionally responsible and motivated student who consistently elevates those around her. She helps others in her group, strives for accuracy in all she does, and approaches her learning with curiosity and purpose. In journalism, **Lauren** goes above and beyond by volunteering as a section editor and supporting classmates who need assistance. Her work truly shines across disciplines — her artwork is beautiful, clever, and creative, and she brings a keen eye for artistic expression to her ELA projects. She performs strongly on all assessments and assignments, meets deadlines, and asks thoughtful, insightful questions. **Lauren** was also one of the first students to complete the 40 Book Challenge in the first quarter, demonstrating both discipline and a love of reading. She balances this academic excellence with impressive skills on the tennis court, showcasing her ability to thrive both in and out of the classroom. **Lauren** is a tremendous asset to our learning community, making her an outstanding candidate for the 212 Award.



KATHERINE BONILLA

8TH GRADE

Katherine is a deserving recipient of the 212 Award because she consistently exemplifies exceptional dedication, perseverance, and a positive attitude in everything she does. She always puts forth her best effort and approaches her work with care and responsibility. Her hard work and honest feedback are commendable. **Katherine** is conscientious and kind, and she regularly supports her classmates during cooperative learning activities and group projects, helping to create an inclusive and encouraging classroom environment. **Katherine** is always smiling, and her cheerfulness makes others seek her out as a lab partner. Her willingness to help others and her commitment to doing her best make a meaningful difference in the school community, truly reflecting the spirit of the 212 Award.



ISABEL GEORGIEVA

9TH GRADE

Isabel is incredibly hardworking, respectful, and kind to her fellow students. She always strives for her personal best — so much so that she is challenging herself to read all of literature’s classics on her own! Yet she is also always willing to work with others and lend a helping hand. She challenges herself to do her best, always, and she inspires others along the way. Congratulations on being the recipient of this month’s 212 award, **Isabel!**



RUGAN SURESH

10TH GRADE

Rugan Suresh is such a kind person — respectful and polite to students and teachers alike. A true go-getter with a curious mind, he consistently turns in excellent work with outstanding effort in all subject areas. With a friendly demeanor, **Rugan** puts others at ease and is seen as a “gentle leader.” He is a collaborator, values others’ opinions, and is always willing to go the extra degree not only for himself but for his peers as well. Congratulations on receiving this month’s 212 award, **Rugan!**



CATALINA URIBE

11TH GRADE



Catalina truly embodies the spirit of the 212 Award by consistently going the extra degree both academically and within the school community. As a proud speaker of her Spanish heritage, she enriches the classroom through insightful contributions that foster a deeper understanding and appreciation of diverse perspectives. **Catalina** is highly respected by her peers and exemplifies collaboration, inclusivity, and kindness, helping to create a supportive learning environment for all. Academically, she demonstrates exceptional dedication by successfully balancing six AP courses, multiple online classes, and a wide range of extracurricular commitments. Beyond her impressive workload, **Catalina** actively seeks leadership opportunities, looks for meaningful ways to get involved, and pursues summer programs to continue her growth.

NOAH STEWART

12TH GRADE

Noah exemplifies the true meaning of the 212 Award by consistently going the extra degree in everything he does. While he is undeniably gifted academically and demonstrates a strong work ethic, what truly sets Noah apart is his genuine kindness, compassion, and care for others. He is respectful, thoughtful, and a strong in-class participant who engages his peers in meaningful discussions, offering insightful perspectives and encouraging deeper thinking. **Noah** is a powerful thinker, an excellent writer, and a confident presenter, using his strengths to elevate those around him. Beyond the classroom, **Noah** recently played a pivotal role in the success of the Pine View Veterans Day event, serving as a student ambassador and contributing significantly to the event's logistics, set-up, and breakdown. His patience, reliability, and willingness to help wherever needed make a lasting impact on the school community. Like water reaching 212 degrees, **Noah's** decision to go just one degree further, academically, socially, and through service, creates momentum and positive change for others, making him truly deserving of this recognition.



MS. KATELYN JORDON

STAFF



Ms. Jordan is being nominated for the 212 award because she is a wonderful human being. Her kindness and patience with her students are relentlessly unconditional. Even with the most challenging situations, she always maintains a calm and pleasant demeanor. She has created an environment that allows challenged students to excel and remain at PV when they could have failed to reach their potential in our accelerated school. Her teammates adore her and value her opinion. The parents of her students love that she loves their children. We are extremely happy she came to Pine View and is an integral part of our family.

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212 DEGREES

FEBRUARY RECIPIENTS



EMMA COONEY | 2ND GRADE

Emma is such a very special part of our classroom, and I am so excited to recognize her with the 212 Award. She is an incredibly caring student who is always thinking of others and looking for ways to help. **Emma** is also very intelligent and driven — she takes pride in her work, listens carefully, and consistently pushes herself to do her best. She has a wonderful attitude toward learning and never gives up when something feels challenging. On top of that, she is a kind friend and a quiet leader in our classroom. **Emma** truly brings warmth, positivity, and determination into our room every single day, and I could not be more proud of her.



DIANA LOGVINOVA | 3RD GRADE

I would like to recommend **Diana Logvinova** as our 212 Award recipient. She is the most helpful, kind, and loving student I have ever had in 20 years of teaching. She is the first one out of her seat to help another student with anything! This is the case in specials and during lunch. **Diana** is also an avid runner. As a family, they travel around Florida to run in different events. Her will to master running crosses over into her work ethic here at Pine View. She works extremely hard to maintain excellent grades, always with a wonderful attitude and a smile on her face.



ANNA GRACE BALDWIN | 4TH GRADE

I am pleased to award the 212 Award to **Anna Grace**, an outstanding 4th-grade student who consistently demonstrates what it means to be hardworking, responsible, and helpful. **Anna Grace** approaches every task with focus and determination, always striving to do her best and take pride in her work. She is dependable in the classroom, follows expectations, and can be trusted to complete assignments thoughtfully and on time. Beyond her strong work ethic, **Anna Grace** is incredibly kind and helpful to both her classmates and teachers. She is quick to offer assistance, include others, and lend a positive attitude to any situation. Her respectful behavior and willingness to help make our classroom a better place each day. **Anna Grace** is a wonderful role model, and she truly deserves recognition for her character and dedication. I am so proud of you, **Anna Grace!**



KHUSHI PANTHULU | 5TH GRADE

Khushi Panthulu is an exceptional student who truly stands out at Pine View. She is strong in all academic areas and consistently puts forth her best effort in everything she does. **Khushi** is also a dedicated member of the student council, where she shows leadership and a genuine commitment to her school community. In addition, she participates in the school news show, PVN, demonstrating confidence, teamwork, and strong communication skills. **Khushi's** positive attitude, responsibility, and well-rounded involvement make her a wonderful choice for the 212 Award.



GEORGE WANG | 6TH GRADE

We are thrilled to recognize **George Wang** as Pine View's 6th Grade "212" Student of the Month! **George** is an outstanding learner who consistently demonstrates curiosity, determination, and a genuine passion for learning. He eagerly embraces challenges and always seeks to understand how the math we study connects to real-world situations. **George's** kindness and respect shine through every interaction. He works patiently and thoughtfully with his classmates, acknowledges their strengths, and supports their learning with genuine care. He consistently stays on task and sets a positive example for others. In addition to his academic dedication, **George** is a respectful and reliable leader - especially evident during chorus rehearsals, where he brings preparedness, encouragement, and teamwork. **George's** respect, positive attitude, work ethic, and empathy make him a role model in our school community. He maintains straight A's while showing kindness and cooperation with every peer he encounters. Pine View is a better place because of **George**, and we are incredibly proud to celebrate his success!



ELIANA WASSERMAN | 7TH GRADE

Eliana is truly the total package for the 212 Award. She balances her academics and extracurricular activities with remarkable responsibility, consistently holding herself to the highest standards while remaining humble and focused simply on doing her best. Her work is beautifully, creatively, and thoughtfully completed, and her kindness and bright smile positively influence everyone around her. Whether in the classroom, on the volleyball or basketball court, or in band, her talents shine. **Eliana** is a dedicated, inquisitive student who frequently volunteers, stays on task, and helps her peers better understand challenging content. She demonstrates natural leadership in cooperative groups, approaches learning with genuine curiosity, and even assists classmates by clarifying grammar concepts and correcting inconsistencies. Joyful, hardworking, and compassionate, **Eliana** is a bright spot in her grade level and someone we are proud of every single day.



DANIEL ARESERY | 8TH GRADE

Danny is a remarkable person and student who consistently goes the extra degree to help his peers and, if necessary, demonstrates understanding of the topic by communicating it well with fellow students. Even without any prior knowledge of difficult information, his passion and continuous efforts make him a top student. **Danny** shows perseverance when working with challenging material and is consistently prepared for the task at hand. He is always on time, very patient, cheerful, and willing to help his peers in teams. He respects his teachers and peers and is a thoughtful, driven student whose strong problem-solving and critical thinking skills set him apart. He works collaboratively and methodically, approaching challenges with curiosity while leading his partners with confidence. His willingness and ability to pivot allow group projects to proceed smoothly. He represents what it means to be 212°.



CECILIA GALANIS | 9TH GRADE

We are delighted to provide **Cecilia Galanis** with the 212 award for 9th grade. **Cecilia** has a strong moral compass and is willing to speak up for her beliefs. A brave student, she advocates not only for herself but for others as well. She is a great communicator and possesses a natural ability to bring people together for a common purpose. For instance, in her English class, she was a notable leader during the study of and project building for the unit on The Odyssey. **Cecilia** helps create a classroom culture where curiosity is celebrated, and her fellow students feel empowered to share their voices. Congratulations, **Cecilia!**



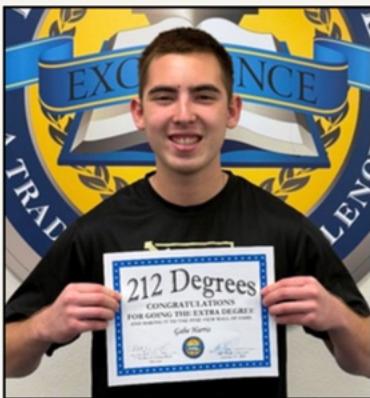
ANNA SKHIRTDLADZE | 10TH GRADE

Anna stands out for her outstanding efforts, kindness, and patience in class. She consistently goes above and beyond, not only in her own work but also in supporting her classmates. For instance, in Chinese, **Anna** is always willing to help other students with grammar structures and word usage, explaining concepts clearly and encouraging them when they feel unsure. **Anna** is always focused and on task, uses her class time wisely, and puts in extra effort to ensure her work is thorough and accurate. She is a creative thinker and an upstanding Pine View citizen who does good deeds not to be noticed, but because she knows they are the right thing to do. Her dedication to excellence and positive attitude truly set an example for others. Even though **Anna** does not seek recognition for her acts, they are certainly noticed by students and staff alike. Pine View is fortunate to have **Anna** as a member of our school community. Congratulations on receiving this month's 212 award!



DARIA SHABUNINA | 11TH GRADE

Daria exemplifies the spirit of the 212 Award through her steady commitment, leadership, and genuine care for others. In the classroom, she brings a hardworking and dependable presence, approaching every assignment with determination and attention to detail. In AP Biology labs, **Daria** is the kind of partner others hope to work with: organized, reliable, and always willing to support her classmates. Her patience and quiet leadership help create a collaborative and encouraging learning environment. Beyond academics, **Daria** has made a meaningful impact through her initiative and service. She founded the Journalism Club for fifth and 6th-grade students, providing them with opportunities to learn photography and reporting skills, and continues to lead the club each Tuesday. At the high school level, she balances this commitment by taking on leadership roles in journalism, leading the broadcast section, and contributing to *The Torch*. As a mentor to younger students and a leader among her peers, **Daria** consistently goes the extra degree, turning effort into momentum and making a lasting difference in her school community.



GABE HARRIS | 12TH GRADE

Gabe exemplifies the essence of the 212 Award through his exceptional initiative, intellectual curiosity, and unwavering commitment to excellence. Over the past two years, he has consistently demonstrated a deep dedication to his studies, excelling both in the classroom and in extracurricular pursuits. In Stats 2 and through his involvement in the Math Modeling Club, **Gabe** stands out as a thoughtful, analytical thinker approaching complex problems with care and persistence. Just as importantly, he brings kindness, humility, and a great sense of humor to every learning environment. Gabe is always willing to support his classmates, fostering a collaborative and positive classroom culture. His admission to both MIT and West Point speaks to his academic strength and discipline. Still, it is his character, his generosity toward peers, his curiosity-driven mindset, and his drive to go beyond expectations that set him apart. By consistently going the extra degree, **Gabe** creates momentum for himself and those around him, making him truly deserving of this recognition.

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MS. HALI FLAHAVAN | STAFF

Hali Flahavan exemplifies what it means to go the "extra degree" at Pine View. As a Physical Science teacher, she already sets a high standard in the classroom by cultivating curiosity, precision, and critical thinking in her students. It is clear that her impact extends far beyond daily instruction. This year (and previous school years), **Ms. Flahavan** dedicated countless additional hours to supporting students who submitted projects to the Sarasota County STEM Fair. She worked diligently behind the scenes to ensure that every detail was accurate, complete, and submitted on time. Her meticulous attention to process not only protected students' work but also modeled the rigor and integrity expected in authentic scientific inquiry. More importantly, **Ms. Flahavan** served as a true mentor to our young scientists. She guided students through the complexities of experimental design, data analysis, and presentation skills, helping them refine their thinking and elevate the quality of their research. Her encouragement helped build students' confidence and empowered them to take intellectual risks. Through her commitment, professionalism, and genuine investment in student growth, **Ms. Flahavan** has strengthened Pine View's culture of excellence in STEM. She does not simply teach science; she cultivates scientists. Additionally, she consistently goes above and beyond in supporting her advisory students, whom she has had since middle school and who are now seniors. Whether it's a chorus or band concert, a theater performance, or Mr./Miss Pine View, **Ms. Flahavan** makes it a priority to attend their after-hours events, celebrate their accomplishments, and enthusiastically cheer them on! For her extraordinary dedication and her unwavering support of our students, she is truly deserving of the 212 Award.

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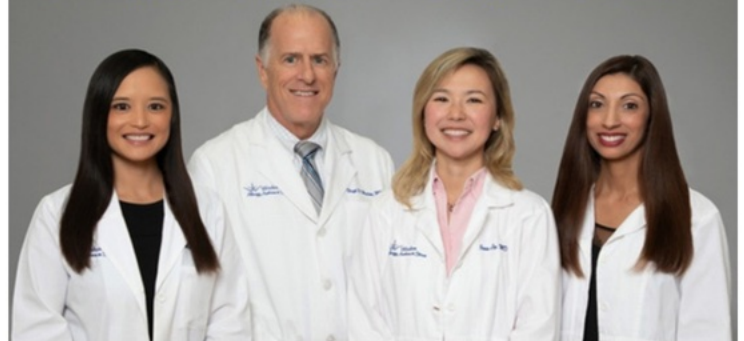
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Juniors should continue refining their college lists and planning campus visits—Spring Break is a great time to tour schools or explore virtual visits. Be sure to attend the **Pine View Spring College Planning Workshop on April 15 in the PV Auditorium.**

Students should also begin planning meaningful summer experiences such as seminars, internships, or employment that will strengthen their resumes. Those interested in **college athletics** must register with the **NCAA Eligibility Center**, and students considering a **U.S. Military Academy** should begin the initial application and congressional nomination process now.

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GRADE 5

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END-OF-YEAR CELEBRATION
WEDNESDAY, MAY 27 @ 6 PM IN STUDENT UNION

GRADE 8

END-OF-YEAR DANCE
SATURDAY, MAY 9 @ 7-10 PM IN STUDENT UNION

GRADUATION
TUESDAY, MAY 26 @ 7 PM IN GYM

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Odyssey of the Mind



Six **Odyssey of the Mind** teams from Pine View brought their creativity and problem-solving skills to the Regional Competition, with four teams earning top placements and advancing to the State Tournament in Orlando on April 4.

All year long, students have been designing solutions, building props, writing scripts, and tackling complex challenges together. Odyssey of the Mind celebrates imagination, teamwork, and thinking outside the box.

Good luck to our teams as they head to the State Finals — and continue to embrace creativity!



ADVANCING TO STATES

Problem 3 – Division 1 2nd Place

- Fatima Asif (3rd)
- Maryam Asif (5th)
- Persephone Grossman (5th)
- Marcel Grossman (3rd)
- Max Myers (4th)
- Sammy Wagner (4th)
- Kian Franz (3rd)

Problem 3 – Division 2 1st Place

- Bryce Ferrer (8th)
- Saniyah Sheikh (8th)
- Sayhan Sheikh (8th)
- Mikhail Sultan (8th)
- Ellis Frandsen (8th)
- Lily Murphy (8th)
- Lev Altshul (8th)

Problem 5 – Division 2 1st Place

- Elaina Albury (6th)
- Olivia Albury (6th)
- Aaisha Asif (6th)
- Artsemi Zhdanovich (6th)
- Sophia Grace Harris (6th)
- Abigail Craison (6th)
- Isaac Nielsen (6th)

Problem 5 – Division 3 2nd Place

- Dina Altshul (9th)
- Aashima Goswami (12th)
- Adalee Heath (9th)
- Isabel Lopez (9th)
- Jessie Ochsendorf (9th)
- Camille Wright (12th)



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