

FFEA OUTSTANDING CHAPTER PROGRAM
SELF-NOMINATION FORM

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Hernando

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Junior High

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We, as the students of Hernando High School's FFEA, would like to self-nominate ourselves for the FFEA Outstanding Chapter Award. Throughout the school year we have come together to collaborate amongst ourselves and teachers to provide additional support towards education for the younger students in our community.

At the beginning of the year, we held our first membership and officer induction ceremony for all members of Hernando High School's FFEA.

We work with three community schools – Lil' Leopards Preschool, Brooksville Elementary School and Eastside Elementary School. This allows us to have the opportunity to work with different age groups within our activities. At Little Leopards, the nursery here on campus at Hernando High School, we work with kids that range from six months to eight years old. Although our time with those students seems like play, we work on their fine and gross motor skills, build with blocks, play in the kitchen, solve puzzles, and read stories to the kids. Even though it seems like playtime we are sure to focus on early childhood development skills.

Due to COVID-19, working with the students allowed us to learn about Flip Grid, which is used to make videos for the entire classroom to see, from school and home, so that students are able to interact during projects, assignments, etc. After getting the hang of this new platform, we have applied it to our learning both at school and for students at home. The students at home post story time videos and at home science experiments that are shared with students at Brooksville Elementary School to teach and work with the younger students.

At Hernando High School, we have two Intro to Teaching classes and both work with different groups of kids. While one class, would go over to Brooksville Elementary school to rotate between fifth grade classes, working in groups to help tutor and mentor the students through the different subjects of which they're learning. Another class however, has started and are still running a new science club at BES before the students classes actually begin for the day. As a club, we create and teach activities based on science standards from 3rd to 5th grade to help prepare the students for the science FSA at the end of the year. On half days at the end of the month, we go over to BES and work with kindergarten and first grade on writing skills and phonetics.

Although we had a different way of living this past school year, we still made our efforts to keep certain things the same. As a club, we helped SGA decorate the entire school during homecoming since we couldn't have the dance as we normally would. Furthermore, for American Education week we planned activities and a multitude of ways to show our support for education and our teachers. Starting with "Thank a Teacher" where we had wrote thank you notes to our favorite teachers. We organized "Terrific Techy Teachers", where we snapped a selfie with a favorite teacher of ours and sent it in to be posted. Further into the week, we had "You're a Good Apple" day where we wore red or an apple to support education and teachers everywhere. For "Dress as your Favorite School Subject", we were able to wear math shirts and lab coats while also mask designing, etc. To finish the week off with "Treat Yo Teach", we spent time cutting out cards in shapes of apples and taped candy to them and delivered them to the teachers mailboxes. Students could also bring in their own treats for their teachers. Towards the end of the year, we show our appreciation yet again by hosting Teacher Appreciation week.

As of right now, we are planning to hold a breakfast station for the teachers of Hernando High School, hand out inspirational candy treats, and a car wash for the teachers.

February is project month! We worked on our competition submissions. We broke into teams to complete all five projects for our chapter's submissions. This is our first year competing and we are very anxious to see how we fared! Since the conference is now virtual we did some regrouping and decided to have a virtual conference celebration. We have invited the other chapter in our district to our conference and celebration day. On Saturday, April 24th we will "register" in Mrs. Dill's room on campus and be treated to breakfast. At 9 we will join the conference on the big screen virtually. After the conference ends at 12 we will debrief and share out what we have learned. We end our day complete with a celebration BBQ luncheon complete with a corn-hole competition. We are looking forward to celebrating all our accomplishments for the year.

During the month of May we are planning our very own Teacher Camp to encourage others to join the Future Teacher Academy (FTA) and our FFEA chapter. We are inviting rising 9th graders and current high school students from around the county to come to Teacher Camp. The basis of camp is to spend half a day learning to be a teacher and then practicing our craft on elementary students from Eastside in the morning. The week long themed lessons we create will be practiced on the elementary students – our very own mini internship. Teacher Camp will be four days after school is out, June 28th- July 1st from 8am-3pm. This provides a great service to Eastside Elementary, as we run camp by FFEA volunteer only with no cost to Eastside or the students.

We have started this year as a small chapter and we are proud of the many hours of service we have provided to our community. Please consider Hernando High School FFEA Brooksville as the next recipient of the Outstanding FFEA chapter.