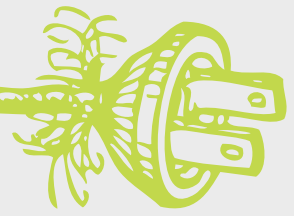


# The Wednesday Wire

KEEPING PARENTS PLUGGED IN TO THE  
HERNANDO SCHOOL DISTRICT



MAY 1, 2024

## > SHS student named Merit Scholar

PAUL OLIVERI EARNS PRESTIGIOUS AWARD

The National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC) has announced that Springstead High School senior Paul Oliveri is the winner of the National Merit Truist Scholarship, sponsored by Truist Financial Corporation. As a National Merit Scholar, Paul's near-perfect PSAT score taken during his junior year qualified him for nomination. He is among just 770 high school students nationwide who has won a corporate-sponsored National Merit Scholarship. This award comes at no surprise to Lauren Swiatek, one of his former teachers. "He excelled in all academic areas," she said. "I will always remember him as a kind, hard-working, and determined student."



## > Central senior wins 2-year scholarship

LAURA LEON DELGADO



Congratulations to Laura Leon Delgado, a senior at Central High School, who was awarded the Florida Prepaid Superintendent Scholarship! Through a partnership with Florida Prepaid College Foundation, the district was invited to award one 2-year college scholarship to a high school student. Laura is a senior who challenges herself with AICE and AP classes and is graduating later this month with highest honors. "Laura was nominated because of her work ethic and kind heart," said CHS guidance counselor Ruth Owen. "When she is not busy with her own coursework, she can be found helping her fellow English Language Learner classmates." Laura has been accepted to several universities and we send our wishes for a happy and rewarding college experience!

## > Millage dollars at work

LOOK WHAT YOU'VE DONE FOR OUR STUDENTS!

Amazing things continue to happen in our schools as a result of millage funds approved by Hernando County voters! Millage funds were used to purchase new instruments, band uniforms and concert attire. "What a difference those made," said Winding Waters K8 Principal Cari O'Rourke, following a school concert. And for the first time in many years, both the band and chorus were able to compete in district and state competitions this year, garnering excellent performance results!



## Upcoming Important Dates

- May 7th - Special Board Meeting - Book Challenges - starting at 8:30 AM
- May 14 - School Board workshop 2 p.m. Regular meeting 6 p.m.
- May 13 - WTC Law Enforcement Academy graduation, 6 p.m.



Results are in!

4, 844 Parent Surveys  
were completed!

