



# Director's Notes

## COLLEGIATE HIGH SCHOOL at NWFSC

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### MARCH/APRIL 2017

#### MASQUERADE PROM IS APRIL 8!



Our student and parent prom committee, headed up by parent chair **Mrs. Ashli Wood**, has been hard at work preparing an exciting and special evening for our students. This year's prom, with the theme *Masquerade*, will be held Saturday, April 8, 2017, from 7 - 11 p.m. in the Student Services Center on campus.

Students may bring one guest (maximum age of 20 and the guest must arrive and leave with the student) and tickets are on sale in the Collegiate HS office through Friday, April 7th.

Although the theme of the evening is *Masquerade*, and the prom decorations will reflect that theme, for safety reasons, masks cannot be worn by students during the evening except in designated photography areas. Masks attached to sticks will also not be allowed.

Ticket prices are \$15 for Collegiate HS seniors and \$20 for all other students and guests. Tickets sold at the door are \$5 more. Prom is a "dress up" occasion for our students, and a photographer will take pictures for a fee. A price list for the photographer will be available.

Our prom is an evening of fun, music, dancing, door prizes and the crowning of the Prom Court. Parent help is so much a part of making these special events possible and we thank all of you who have already given your time, donated items and door prizes to this special event, and offered to set up, chaperone, or clean up. And you can still volunteer or donate!

Set up for prom is planned for the afternoon of Friday, April 7th; clean up will be on Saturday, April 8th, at 11:00 p.m., immediately following the end of the evening. Both set up and clean up are in the Student Services Center and please email [robertsm@nwfsc.edu](mailto:robertsm@nwfsc.edu) or call 729-4949 if you can help with either, make a donation, or chaperone that evening!

#### SHOWCASE ON APRIL 20

Please plan to join us Thursday, April 20, for our annual Collegiate High School *Showcase*. We will begin the evening at 5:30 p.m. in the college's Student Services Center (SSC), building 400. The SSC is the building next door to our building 340, and you will enter that evening through the doors on the back side nearest our building. During the initial gathering together you'll hear a report of the school year from staff, enjoy special student presentations and celebrate a National Honor Society induction ceremony.

Following the meeting there will be events and displays for parents and students in our Collegiate HS building 340 that will showcase the Collegiate HS experience for all grades. You are invited to visit as many rooms during the evening as you would like and we will send home a flyer later with information that will detail the various offerings.

We are inviting our new Fall 2017 students and parents to join us for the *Showcase*, so please set aside this evening on your calendar to help us welcome them and to see what the high school/college experience is like for your student!



## Calendar of Events



**SPRING BREAK!!**  
March 13 - 17



**PROM**  
Saturday, April 8  
7 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.

## SHOWCASE

**CHS SHOWCASE**  
Thursday, April 20  
5:30 - 7:00 p.m.



**Awards Program**  
May 23, 2017  
9:15 a.m.  
More info coming home

## SENIOR CAPSTONE PROJECT PRESENTATIONS ARE HERE!



Our seniors are preparing to bring to an end over a year's worth of their time and effort with the final presentations of their Senior Capstone Project portfolio and oral presentation in front of a panel of judges from the community on March 7, 8 and 9. The senior capstone project is a graduation requirement for our seniors and an important opportunity for our students to demonstrate that work done at the Collegiate High School is a relevant bridge between formal high school academic study and the world of work or further study at the university level. Topics this year included medicine, law, education, the arts, engineering, business, technology, culture, volunteerism, science, animals and language.

Our juniors can be thinking about their own topic choice and will be introduced to the ins and outs of this valuable Senior Capstone experience during one of their mini-mester classes in May.

### YOU CAN STILL PURCHASE A YEARBOOK

Yearbooks for the 2016-2017 school year are still available, although in limited supply, and should be arriving in late April/early May for distribution. If you want one they are \$45 and you can purchase one in the CHS office by cash or a check made out to Collegiate HS.

### KITCHEN GARDEN UPDATE!



The Art Club's kitchen garden, located just to the right of the Collegiate HS front entrance, will be ready to be planted when we return from Spring Break. Your donations of herbs, such as basil, rosemary or mint at that time will be greatly appreciated. We'll be planting the afternoon of March 21st, and we are also looking forward to the addition of a rain barrel from the Choctawhatchee Basin Alliance.

### GRADUATION UPDATE FOR OUR CLASS OF 2017

The NWFSC graduation ceremony for seniors receiving the associates degree will be held Saturday, May 6th, at 2:00 p.m. in the Arena on campus. **High School graduation** is Tuesday, May 23, in the Main Auditorium of the Mattie Kelly Fine Arts Center at 7:00 p.m. High School caps and gowns are provided to our students at no cost. There is unlimited seating for both the college and high school graduations.



For those of you interested in ordering graduation announcements, please know you can order those anywhere you choose, but one way you can do so is online with Southern Recognition, the company that had representatives in our building in November to take orders. To order online through them, please visit [www.SouthernRecognition.com](http://www.SouthernRecognition.com), and we also have their brochures available in our office.

### STUDENTS! GET YOUR ART ON!

After we return from Spring Break our students are invited to submit any art work they have created this school year for the upcoming Okaloosa County Schools K - 12 Art Show. The art show is held at the NWF Fairgrounds in Ft. Walton Beach each year and once we know the times and days we will get them to you. Students can submit up to four pieces of 2 or 3 dimensional art (no anime or violent art, please) to Mrs. Alicia Franklin, in our STAR Lab, room 129, after Spring Break.

## SPOTLIGHT!

*We could never highlight all the many achievements our students accomplish both in and out of school, but here are just a few we'd like to spotlight....*

Congratulations to senior **Cailey Ness**, a 2017 National Merit Finalist!

Congratulations to juniors **Allison Brown** and **Nick Gestring**, our representatives for the Chelco Youth Tour to Tallahassee in February. Nick was then selected as one of four students in the region to go to Washington DC this summer.

Congratulations to senior **Savannah Gahagan**, winner of this year's James and Christian LaRoche Poetry contest. Savannah's poem, *Seasons of the Breakdown*, won her \$100 and publication in the 2017 Blackwater Review, Northwest Florida State College's annual journal of art and literature, which will be available in April.

Congratulations to sophomore **Mia Cardenas** who will represent our school at the Poetry Out Loud contest on March 11th in Tampa.

Congratulations to juniors **Gabe Seabrook** and **Kasey Rigby** and sophomore, **Eric Fowler** who were named to the Okaloosa County All Star Academic Team. **Eric Fowler** has been chosen to be part of the competition team at the Commissioner's Academic Challenge in Orlando in April.

Congratulations to senior **Skylar Dennis** who was named the overall winner of the DAR Good Citizen Award. She was recognized for her qualities of dependability, service, leadership and patriotism. Skylar received A \$500 scholarship and her essay on the role of citizens will go on to compete at the state level.



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