



# Director's Notes

# COLLEGIATE HIGH SCHOOL at NWFSC

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## MARCH/APRIL 2018

### GODS & GODDESSES PROM IS APRIL 7!



Our student and parent prom committee, headed up by parents **Mrs. Deena Lytle** and **Mrs. Corina Gestring**, has been hard at work preparing an exciting and special evening for our students. This year's prom, with the theme *Gods & Goddesses* will be held Saturday, April 7th, 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 starting March 1st.

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.

Our prom is an evening of fun, music, dancing, door prizes and the crowning of the Prom Court. Nominations for Prom Court for each grade is going on now through Feb. 26th.

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! ***We are in need of someone who would like to serve as a photographer at prom, so if you do that as a hobby or a profession, please let us hear from you.***

We also need chaperones, set up and clean up help. Door prizes are always welcome (gift cards are always a great choice!).

Set up for prom is planned for the afternoon of Friday, April 6th; clean up will be on Saturday, April 7th, at 11:00 p.m., immediately following the end of the evening. Both set up and clean up are in the Student Services Center; please email [robertsm@nwfsc.edu](mailto:robertsm@nwfsc.edu) or call 729-4949 if you can help with either, make a donation, chaperone or photograph that night.

### SHOWCASE ON APRIL 12

Please plan to join us Thursday, April 12, 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 in the SSC 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 2018 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 19 - 23



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

## SHOWCASE

**CHS SHOWCASE**  
Thursday, April 12  
5:30 - 7:00 p.m.



**Awards Program**  
May 22, 2018  
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 presentations in front of a panel of judges from the community on March 13, 14 and 15. 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. Room topics this year included medicine, education, technology, law, science, construction and architecture, animals, engineering, art, service, psychology, writing, sports, business, flying/scuba diving and more!

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 2017-2018 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.

### GRADUATION UPDATE FOR OUR CLASS OF 2018

The NWFSC graduation ceremony for seniors receiving the associates degree will be held Saturday, May 5th, (time still to be determined) in the Arena on campus. High School graduation is Tuesday, May 22, 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. Students participating in the NWFSC graduation will purchase their cap and gown from the college's bookstore. 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, a company that has worked with the Collegiate HS since we opened in 2001. You can place an online graduation order with this company at [www.SouthernRecognition.com](http://www.SouthernRecognition.com).

### ACT- SO 2018 APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE

Open to all high school students, the ACT-SO (Afro-Academic, Cultural, Technological and Scientific Olympics) completion will be held April 28, 2018, at 8 a.m. in the Sprint Theater on our Niceville NWFSC campus. Local winners may advance to the national competition which is being held in San Antonio, Texas in July. Categories students can compete in include STEM, Humanities, Performing Arts and Visual Arts. The deadline to enter is March 31, 2018, and applications and more information are available in the Collegiate HS office.

### THE SPRING SEMESTER IS MOVING QUICKLY!

We always say the spring semester goes the quickest and Spring Break will be here the week of March 19 --23. The last day of college classes is Monday, April 30, with Finals week for college classes May 1 - 7. Seniors without any academic requirements will not have to be at school, other than for their finals, until our Awards Program which is planned for Tuesday, May 22nd, the last day of school. To bridge the gap between the end of college classes and the end of the high school year, juniors will be taking mini-mester classes from May 8 -May 21 (they will sign up for these classes during their CTSS time). Sophomores will have a regular class schedule through May 21st (to include a final exam schedule will be provided for them later). The last day of school for the spring semester is Tuesday, May 22, 2018, and will be the day we hold our all school Awards Program in the Mattie Kelly Fine and Performing Arts Center that morning at 9:15 a.m.



## 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 seniors **Alison Keen and Kai Hall**, our 2018 National Merit Finalists!

Congratulations to juniors **Aaron Sutherland and Klarissa Williamson**, our representatives for the Chelco Youth Tour to Tallahassee in February.

Congratulations to seniors **Gabe Seabrook and Kasey Rigby**, junior, **Eric Fowler and sophomore Collin McGovern** who were named to the Okaloosa County All Star Academic Team. Our Collegiate HS Academic team is now in the finals of the Cox Cable Academic Tournament, which will be held Tuesday, February 27th. Matches can be seen on Cox Cable on Fridays from 5 - 6 p.m.



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