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Congratulations to all of our 2015 FFEA State Conference Competition Winners!

Chapter Display Award High School Division 1 st Place: Ridge Career Center 2 nd Place: Naples High School 3 rd Place: St. Augustine High School	Chapter Display Award Postsecondary Division 1 st Place: University of Central Florida – Cocoa Campus 2 nd Place: College of Central Florida 3 rd Place: Indian River State College
Chapter PSA Competition High School Division 1 st Place: St. Augustine High School 2 nd Place: Space Coast Junior Senior High School 3 rd Place: Titusville High School	Chapter PSA Competition Postsecondary Division 1 st Place: Miami Dade College 2 nd Place: Indian River State College 3 rd Place: Chipola College
Chapter Spirit Award High School Division 1 st Place: Lake Worth High School 2 nd Place: Lake Gibson High School 3 rd Place: Piper High School	Chapter Spirit Award Postsecondary Division 1 st Place: College of Central Florida 2 nd Place: University of Central Florida – Cocoa Campus 3 rd Place: Indian River State College
Essay Competition High School Division 1 st Place: Steven Mantega – Bayside High School 2 nd Place: Briana Barone – Titusville High School 3 rd Place: Addys Armas – Hialeah Senior High School	Essay Competition Postsecondary Division 1 st Place: Cassie Willis – Chipola College 2 nd Place: Stephanie Hemingway – College of Central Florida 3 rd Place: Michelle Lanfear – Miami Dade College
Speech Competition High School Division 1 st Place: Samantha Hurley - Space Coast Junior Senior High School 2 nd Place: Edward Powers III – St. Augustine High School 3 rd Place: Maddy Portwood – Melbourne High School	Speech Competition Postsecondary Division 1 st Place: Rachel Cain Burrage – College of Central Florida 2 nd Place: Jordan Skipper – Chipola College 3 rd Place: Julianna Peirce – Miami Dade College

Introducing the 2015-2016 FFEA State Officers...

President: Lauren Kerness – Edgewood Junior Senior High School
Vice President: Julia Calandra – Osceola Fundamental High School
Secretary: Brianna Gill – Naples High School

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Congratulations to Winston Park K-8 Center and Piper High School for winning this quarter's Outstanding Chapter Awards!

For your chapter to be considered for the next award period, please submit a self-nomination form to Abbey.Stewart@fldoe.org by April 17, 2015.

Ridge Career Center, Polk County

Jill DePew, Chapter Advisor

FFEA members served as student ambassadors during the Ridge Career Center Open House in November. We hosted tours of the campus and encouraged the guests to visit career areas of interest. Our students received compliments on their professional appearance, enthusiasm and demeanor. FFEA set up a table in the main hallway with take-home Thanksgiving bags for the children of the visitors. The bags contained Thanksgiving activities, a website list for parents, and helpful hints for reading to children.

In December, we invited faculty, family and friends to our FFEA Induction Ceremony. Eight students were inducted and newly-elected officers were announced. Representatives from the district office, Kelly Educational Services, and Polk State College joined in our celebration.

For the holiday season, FFEA students created Giving Tree ornaments so that participants could buy books for the children of the Ridge Career Center teen parents. We also decorated a small tree with handmade ornaments and placed it in the office. FFEA members wrapped all of the gifts in time for the Teen Parent Christmas Party. Thanks to our generous faculty, every daycare child received three books! During the Teen Parent Christmas party, FFEA's Mrs. Santa (Noemi Cruz) and the Christmas elves (Esperanza Vargas and Yesenia Nolasquez) delivered gifts to the teen parent babies.

FFEA was proud to help the Ridge Career Center Food Pantry Drive by covering and decorating ten large donation boxes. The pantry was re-stocked in time for both the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays!

Early in January, faculty and students started to ask if FFEA would again sell homemade Valentine cards. Our successful Valentine fundraiser replenished our FFEA treasury, and the students enjoyed creating these special cards.

In an effort to inform others about diversity, FFEA has prepared colorful 3D bulletin boards for Hispanic Heritage Month, Native American Heritage Month, Winter Holidays around the World, and Black History Month. A Women's History Month board with this year's theme, "Weaving Stories of Women's Lives," is our latest project.

We look forward to Wednesdays, our special arts and crafts activity days with the Transition students! FFEA students have prepared engaging, interactive Halloween, Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Valentine's Day activities. The Transition Students always stop to ask what is next! Together, we have created memorable crafts and cards while celebrating holidays and special occasions. Most importantly, we have bonded and learned from each other. At their request, we are now setting the stage for our first annual FFEA/Transition Oscars Award Show!

Ojus Elementary School, Miami-Dade County

Sonya Gardner and Sabrina Constantin, Chapter Advisors

The Future Educators of Ojus Elementary School have hit the pavement running to make a difference this school year. To date the efforts of this FFEA community conscious action team have been an enormous success. During the month of November, the chapter participated in the Trick or Treat for UNICEF. In December the chapter paid a visit to our community neighbors at Regents Park Rehabilitation and Convalescent Center in North Miami Beach, Florida. The students sang holiday

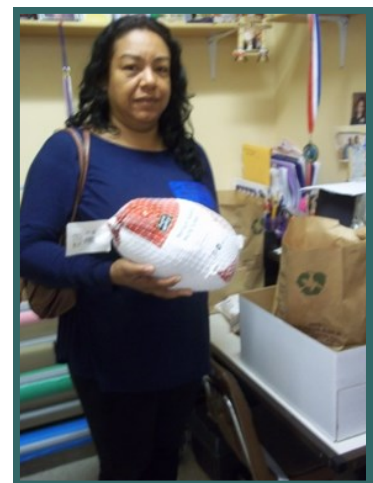


songs and shared holiday treats. The students and residents had a ball! Our FFEA chapter members also serve as our Green School Challenge ambassadors as they promote environmental living and sharing the news of developing a deeper appreciation for our natural resources. In January the FFEA chapter sponsored a D.E.A.R. (Drop Everything and Read!) period with the kindergarten classes to promote reading literacy. The young scholars were delighted to have students share literature with them and the FFEA team was excited as well. They thoroughly enjoyed the reading experience. Our principal gives a daily reminder to the student body to Read! Read! Read! Because reading will make you smarter! Our students are proud members of Florida Future Educators of America and are always on call to make a difference.

Hialeah Senior High School, Miami-Dade County

Elizabeth Weaver, Chapter Advisor

Every fall, Hialeah Senior High FFEA members begin collecting items for Thanksgiving baskets to help families in need. Counselors at the school submitted names of students who are going through a rough time during the holiday season. Members of the club wanted to ensure families received a complete Thanksgiving dinner with all the "fixings" so each member was given club points for each food item donated to the project. Some of the food items collected were macaroni and cheese, candied yams, stuffing, corn, green beans, rice, mashed potatoes, beans and Jiffy Mix. Mrs. Weaver received turkeys which were donated by the VFW Post 8195 organization. Each family received a big turkey. Observing the joy on the parents' faces made it all worth the effort!



Thank you to all students and advisors who participated in the 2015 FFEA State Conference!



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