

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE FIRST SEMESTER OF THE 2018-2019 SCHOOL YEAR

96.6 Percent!

This is our Class of 2018 graduation rate per the Florida Department of Education report which was released this past week. Not only does this rate exceed the OCPS traditional high school average, but this is nearly 4 points higher than the prior year. As you can imagine, all of our students, teachers, and staff are thrilled with this end result. A high and improving graduation rate is the ultimate goal for any successful high school. We are just so very proud of our team of educators and the students. CONGRATULATIONS GRENADIERS!

ORANGE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Four-Year Graduation Rates
2012-2013 through 2017-2018
Florida Department of Education

High School	Federal Uniform Graduation Rate						
	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018	Change
Apopka	89.1%	85.8%	90.7%	88.4%	92.3%	96.7%	4.4%
Boone	91.7%	90.9%	91.9%	94.8%	95.9%	98.0%	2.1%
Colonial	79.8%	83.8%	89.9%	88.7%	92.8%	96.6%	3.8%
Cypress Creek	85.5%	84.1%	84.3%	94.6%	96.4%	98.8%	2.4%
Dr. Phillips	86.9%	88.8%	91.2%	91.3%	93.9%	95.7%	1.8%
East River	82.6%	85.7%	85.6%	90.9%	92.5%	96.2%	3.7%
Edgewater	85.8%	85.6%	83.9%	87.5%	91.0%	97.0%	6.0%
Evans	77.3%	77.7%	83.5%	87.6%	83.9%	88.1%	4.2%
Freedom	90.6%	90.7%	92.9%	93.6%	95.8%	98.0%	2.2%
Jones	87.8%	93.4%	76.7%	91.2%	89.4%	86.5%	-2.9%
Lake Nona	93.2%	93.5%	94.3%	95.7%	95.7%	95.0%	-0.7%
Oak Ridge	73.8%	74.2%	86.9%	89.3%	91.0%	94.0%	3.0%
Ocoee	85.0%	87.3%	89.3%	88.7%	92.7%	94.5%	1.8%
Olympia	91.7%	93.6%	92.9%	93.2%	96.1%	98.0%	1.9%
Timber Creek	93.9%	95.6%	98.4%	97.7%	98.0%	98.9%	0.9%
University	85.7%	89.0%	84.4%	95.4%	96.8%	98.7%	1.9%
Wekiva	85.8%	84.6%	83.4%	87.9%	91.0%	92.2%	1.2%
West Orange	81.9%	91.1%	92.4%	92.9%	93.4%	95.2%	1.8%
Winter Park	92.8%	90.9%	91.9%	95.0%	94.1%	98.1%	4.0%
OCPS (Traditional)	86.8%	88.1%	89.6%	92.2%	93.8%	96.1%	2.3%
OCPS (All)	75.9%	74.6%	77.6%	81.3%	84.7%	88.9%	4.2%
STATE	75.6%	76.1%	77.8%	80.7%	82.3%	86.1%	3.8%

Coach of the Year!

Coach Donny Hodges, Football



Coach Hodges was named the Coach of the Year! Congratulations Coach Hodges, we are honored and so proud of you!



Colonial girls' basketball beat University 56-5 in the 8th Annual Chuck Classic. Colonial has won all 8 meetings and will keep the Chuck Trophy for another year. Twelve girls scored with Angel Keiths leading the way with 12 points



Yohana



Maria



Congratulations to our CFE Colonial branch students for taking home a trophy from the financial fitness tournament. The CFE Colonial branch is very convenient and is officially open and ready for transactions!



Junior Leadership Orange

A Junior Leadership Orange seminar was held over the summer and two students from Colonial were chosen to come together with other students from throughout the Orange County schools. They learned about leadership and policy that can be established in our K-12 schools. This was a two-day seminar that successfully built leadership bonds among the participating students.





Two images just above: Congratulations to our Freshman Campus Teacher of Year, Jessica Chidester and our Freshman Campus Support Person of the Year, Katherine Olivera. Their support, dedication, and kindness are the epitome of what it means to be a Grenadier!



Channel 6 News visited Colonial's Veterinary Animal Science and Services Magnet to showcase and learn more about this wonderful program that Colonial offers. Ms. Paioff was interviewed (above), as well as senior Emily May. Both spoke about the Colonial High School program and showcased why Colonial was one of the top ranked programs in Florida!

Colonial students have traveled to trade shows and competitions throughout the United States. The program is designed to prepare students for employment or advanced training in the veterinary and animal science and services industry. Our program focuses on broad transferable skills and stresses understanding and demonstration of the following elements of the animal science industry: planning, management, finance, technical and production skills, underlying principles of technology, labor issues, community issues, health and safety, and environmental issues.



Club Rush '18 was a fantastic experience for club members and prospective club members alike. It was humbling seeing so many Grenadiers in the courtyard at lunches showcasing what they are proud to be part of at Colonial High School and inspiring others to join their clubs.



Ms. Paioff, 2018-2019 Main Campus Teacher of the Year (Main Campus)



Mr. Alvarez, Jr., 2018-2019 Main Campus Support Person of the Year



During open house, CHS students and staff welcomed parents by showcasing the clubs, opportunities, and programs that Colonial has to offer.



The Guidance team welcomed Colonial High School parents and students to Main Campus' open house on Wednesday, September 12th.



CFE celebrated 10 years of partnership with OCPS in September. We are so proud of our CHS senior teller Yohanna Torres (speaking above) who shared all the wonderful opportunities that CFE and Colonial have provided her.



Dr. Carcara, principal of University High School, hands over the Boot Game Trophy to Mr. Martinez trailing our Grenadiers' 42-3 victory over the Cougars on the last Friday of September. Since this picture was taken, the Grenadiers then handed the Bears of Cypress Creek a 49-20 loss to cap off Homecoming Week. Our varsity football team has scored +90 points in the past two games alone.



Our Grenadiers learned hands-only CPR during World Heart Day at the end of last month.



The Homecoming pep rally was a fun filled event with all fall teams showing a presence. Football players were accompanied by their best buddies, Pals with Purpose showcased a phenomenal parade, and tug of war was a crowd favorite



2018 Homecoming King and Queen at halftime.



Congrats Caela Paioff, pictured on the right above with the 2017 National FFA Environmental Science Career Development Event (CDE) team - the team that placed 2nd in the nation (highest ever for an OCPS FFA Chapter)



Pictures from the College Fair, where Grenadiers learned about all the opportunities at many universities who were eager to share information with our amazing students



UCF students had an opportunity to hear about the many opportunities Colonial High School has to offer its students as well as tour Colonial High School's many rigorous classrooms and unparalleled special agriculture, automotive, and culinary programs.



The Colonial High School Honors String Quartet recently performed at the Annual Orange County Association of Educational Media Principal's Breakfast. The breakfast was a stunning event that all in attendance enjoyed.

The CHS Honors String Quartet included: Violins - Paula Cortes and Caleb Sjostedt; Viola - Victoria Serrano; and Cello - Jenna Fernandes



During the school week leading into the Thanksgiving break, our PTSA partnered with the administration to deliver donuts and coffee to every teacher on campus. Our PTSA took a moment to thank each and every teacher letting these wonderful educators know how much they are appreciated. Here at Thanksgiving, thank you very much Colonial PTSA for your continued support and involvement.



November's Multicultural Night was a HUGE SUCCESS! It was a great opportunity to appreciate our school's diversity. Parents, teachers, and students from over 20 countries were able to come represent their country of origin and take part in the fun!



Head Football Coach Donny Hodges gets showered from the Gatorade buckets after this season's incredible victory over Boone High School. Our football team recently pulled off a major victory against Boone High School that left everyone awestruck. Colonial scored a win against the Braves (56-41) for the first time since 1994! Coach Hodges and his staff put together a game plan that will go down in the annals of football lore as one of the best blue prints to a win in the school's history



Mr. Martinez showcases rigor in the classroom by teaching a lesson which had students participating in close reading strategies and analyzing rhetorical devices

END OF 2018-19 1st SEMESTER HIGHLIGHTS

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