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With support from volunteers, students, and Paul Mattison's irrigation installation, this beautiful project is already making a **lasting impact** on campus.



Thank you to everyone who supported the Pine View Association during this year's Giving Challenge! Thanks to the generosity of our families, alums, faculty, staff, and friends, the campaign raised \$21,456 (**\$11,628 donated and \$9,828 matched**) from **124 donors** during the **24-hour event**.

Every gift helps support programs, initiatives, and opportunities that enrich the Pine View experience for students across all grade levels. We are grateful for the continued support of our school and the many people who believe in Pine View's mission.

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About Pine Views

Pine Views is the official magazine of the Pine View Association. Five issues will be published each school year. The issues will be mailed to our current families and will be available in the Pine View front office. The issues are also available online at www.yourpva.org under the Pine Views tab.

WHO GETS PINE VIEWS?

Pine Views is mailed using the address information provided through the FOCUS portal. Families who selected "Yes" to be included in the school directory during registration will automatically receive the magazine.

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Students, faculty, staff, and parents are encouraged to submit articles and photos for publication at pineviews@yourpva.org

- Photos must be high-resolution JPEGs or PDFs, and all student photos must include names and grades.
- Flyers and other materials should be submitted as high-resolution PDFs.
- Deadlines: All submissions are due one month before publication.
- Content: Articles and information should be of interest to the Pine View School community.

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ABOUT PVA

The Pine View Association (PVA) is Pine View's parent-led organization of parents, teachers, staff, and friends of the school. Working with the Pine View community, the PVA supports and advances the excellence of Pine View School.

The PVA encourages volunteerism, raises and disburses funds, promotes communication and cooperation with the school, provides input on issues of concern to parents, and supports gifted education advocacy at the local and statewide level.



UPDATES AND FUNDING HIGHLIGHTS

APRIL – MAY MEETINGS

During the spring board meetings, students, teachers, sponsors, and parents gathered to celebrate the many ways PVA support is helping Pine View students thrive both inside and outside the classroom.

One of the evening's highlights included presentations from students and faculty connected to the PVA STEM Grant Fund, showcasing projects already making a difference across campus.

The board also reviewed and approved several major funding requests supporting student competition, research, and the arts. **Odyssey of the Mind** teams received support for their upcoming World Finals competition, with \$6,991 approved for the high school team and \$6,700 approved for the middle school team.

PVA also approved funding for **Pine View Orchestra** students attending the Music USA Festival in May, where they took 1st place, helping offset travel expenses and supporting continued excellence in the performing arts.

A particularly exciting moment came when Dr. Bell, Ms. Rosander, and student researchers presented a proposal connected to the **Student Spaceflight Experiments Program (SSEP)** Mission 22 to the International Space Station. Following the presentation, the board approved \$40,000 in funding to support student participation in this extraordinary STEM opportunity.

Additional funding of up to \$3,000 was approved to support **Pine View STEM Fair students** competing at the International Science and Engineering Fair (ISEF), helping ensure proper chaperone support and student participation despite district budget limitations.

The meeting also featured annual committee presentations highlighting the incredible work happening across PVA programs, including Proud Python, Pine View Fair, Pinnacle, Read-A-Thon, Peramathon, Pine Views Magazine, P.A.C.E., Community Service, and the Pine View Gardens.

Dr. Stephen Covert shared updates celebrating student achievement across campus, including strong athletic performances, theater productions, and the exciting news that 67 Pine View juniors were identified as National Merit Semifinalists.

As always, these initiatives are made possible through the generosity, volunteerism, and partnership of the Pine View community. The PVA Board remains committed to supporting opportunities that enrich the educational experience for Pine View students at every level.

PVA FUNDING REQUESTS

Prior to seeking a funding request proposal through PVA, **any club sponsor or faculty/staff member** must discuss the proposal with the administration and explore internal and external funding sources, prior level(s) of funding, number of students served, and alignment with our Pine View School Mission.

Only those funding requests which are approved, and cannot otherwise be funded, will be sent forward to PVA for preliminary review and consideration.

LEARN MORE

Visit our PVA Funding Requests page for guidelines, forms, and more information.



[yourpva.org/
funding-requests](https://yourpva.org/funding-requests)

PVA BOARD

MEET YOUR INCOMING PVA BOARD MEMBERS

The Pine View Association is excited to welcome several new and returning board members for the 2026-2027 school year. These volunteers bring a wide range of professional experience, leadership skills, and a shared commitment to supporting Pine View students, teachers, and families.

Sarah Brand is a Pine View alumna from the Class of 2001 and parent of students in fifth and seventh grade. A longtime supporter of Pine View, Sarah brings experience as an executive in the construction and infrastructure industry, along with a unique alum perspective and deep understanding of the school's culture and history.

Jasmine Frantz is the parent of two elementary students and has volunteered throughout campus, including Move Up Day, Hovercraft, field trips, and the Book Fair. With a background in computer animation, graphic design, and software programming, she hopes to help strengthen communication and support connections between families and the school community.

Mihaela Raicu has supported Pine View through volunteer efforts connected to Pinnacle and fundraising initiatives. She brings prior nonprofit board experience and a practical, service-oriented approach to community involvement.

Dana Moretta continues to serve Pine View families through her leadership and volunteer efforts across multiple PVA programs and initiatives. As PVA Vice President of Communications, she works tirelessly behind the scenes to keep our school community informed, connected, and engaged.

Lilly Thomas has provided outstanding leadership through her work with the Pine View Fair and numerous school events, helping create memorable experiences for students and families across campus.

Wendy Teague, current PVA Treasurer and P.A.C.E. Chair, will continue her service to the board, bringing valuable financial expertise, institutional knowledge, and a commitment to thoughtful stewardship of PVA resources.

The PVA extends its gratitude to all who have stepped forward to serve. Their willingness to share their time, talents, and leadership helps ensure that Pine View continues to thrive for generations of students to come.

WANT TO GET INVOLVED?

You don't have to be
elected to the board
to make a difference
at Pine View!

Many of our most important programs and events rely on volunteers serving as committee members, event chairs, and helping hands throughout the year.

We're always looking for additional support for:

- Pine View Fair
- Pinnacle
- Read-A-Thon
- Peramathon
- Python Run
- Faculty & Staff Appreciation
- Pine Views Magazine
- School Store
- And more!



Whether you have a few hours to give or are interested in a larger leadership role, we'd love to hear from you. Email: board@yourpva.org



FROM THE PRESIDENT

As the school year comes to a close, I want to express my sincere appreciation to the many volunteers who helped make Pine View and the Pine View Association stronger this year. There are truly too many people to name, but your time, energy, and generosity made a meaningful difference across our campus. Because of your support, we were able to celebrate students, encourage and appreciate our faculty and staff, and continue showing our administration that this community stands behind them.

A special thank you goes to **Wendy Williams**, whose incredible leadership during Faculty and Staff Appreciation Week did not go unnoticed. Coordinating meals, volunteers, schedules, and countless moving pieces for an entire week is no small task, and Wendy poured herself into making our teachers and staff feel valued and cared for. She was supported by an amazing team of volunteers who helped bring the week to life, and we are deeply grateful to each of them.

As a public school community, we also recognize that there are many factors shaping how schools are able to operate and grow. While no system is perfect, I continue to see the tremendous effort our administration puts into supporting students, faculty, and families as they navigate difficult challenges. One of the important roles of PVA is to advocate for gifted education and to help ensure Pine View continues to thrive for generations to come.

As we move into summer, I encourage our families to stay informed and engaged, especially regarding the important local elections taking place on August 18. Decisions made locally have a direct impact on students, teachers, and public education throughout our district.

We are already looking ahead with excitement and have some wonderful updates and opportunities to share in our next issue of Pine Views, so stay tuned.

I also want to take a moment to thank **Kelly Fitzgerald**, who has served as our Pine Views editor this year. Kelly has devoted countless hours to gathering the stories, photos, and updates that fill these pages, and her creativity and care are part of what make each issue something our community looks forward to. Thank you, Kelly, for helping keep Pine View connected all year long.

Finally, **congratulations to the Class of 2026**. We are so proud of all you have accomplished at Pine View and wish you the very best as you begin your next chapter beyond our campus.

Silke Cuff

PVA President



THANK YOU TO ALL WHO VOLUNTEER THEIR TIME
IN SUPPORT OF PINE VIEW SCHOOL.

Pine View Pride

PV PRIDE ENDS THE YEAR ON A SWEET NOTE

Students gathered on April 28 for the final PV Pride celebration of the school year, enjoying ice cream and time with friends as they celebrated their academic achievements and hard work.

A special thank you to the many parent volunteers who helped make PV Pride possible. Your support continues to make these celebrations meaningful for our students and helps recognize the effort they put into their learning each quarter.

Congratulations to all of our PV Pride students on a fantastic year!



Students enjoy ice cream and celebrate their achievements at the final PV Pride of the school year.

Volunteer Spotlight

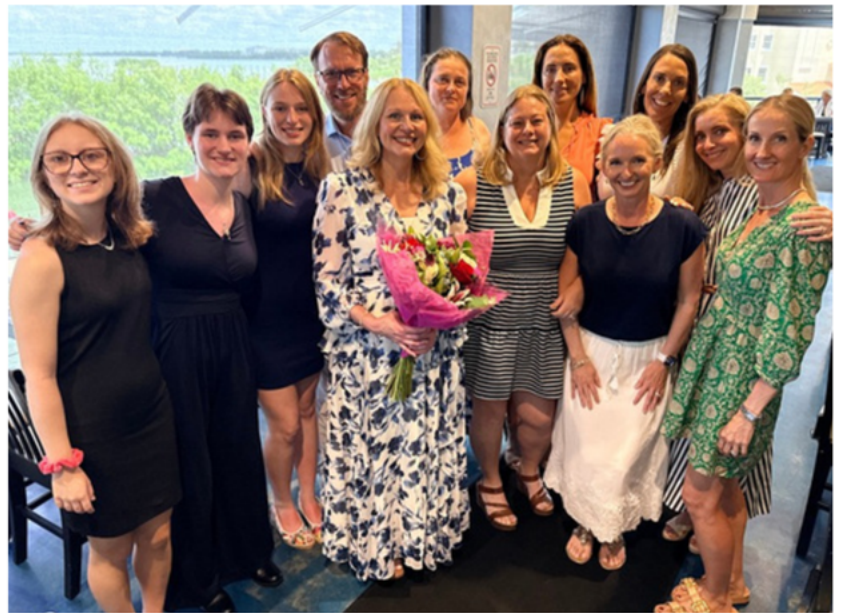
ANNUAL LAURA ROBERTS LUNCHEON HONORS DIANE THOMPSON

The Pine View Association was proud to recognize Diane Thompson at the annual Laura Roberts Luncheon, celebrating her years of dedicated service to Pine View School and the PVA.

Diane has been a familiar face through her leadership of the School Store, where she has worked tirelessly behind the scenes to keep operations running smoothly while creating a welcoming space for students. Her commitment, organization, and willingness to serve have made a lasting impact on the Pine View community.

The Laura Roberts Luncheon honors volunteers whose service reflects the spirit of generosity, leadership, and dedication that strengthens our schools. Diane's years of volunteerism and unwavering support of Pine View make her a truly deserving recipient of this recognition.

Please join us in congratulating Diane and thanking her for the many ways she has enriched the Pine View experience for students, families, and staff.



PVA volunteers and family celebrate Diane Thompson at the 2026 Laura Roberts Luncheon.

A Week of Gratitude

Thank you!

CELEBRATING THE PEOPLE WHO MAKE PINE VIEW SPECIAL

Faculty & Staff Appreciation Week was such a special week on campus, and we are incredibly grateful to everyone who donated, volunteered, dropped off treats, helped decorate, covered shifts, helped with set up and clean up, or supported the week in any way. The simple gift of people giving their time - often their most valuable asset - made the biggest impact of all.

Because of this amazing community, we were able to celebrate our teachers and staff with some favorite traditions, a few fun surprises, and lots of little moments to remind them how appreciated they truly are. It was wonderful to see so many people come together to support the faculty and staff who pour so much into our students every single day.

We would also like to recognize our **custodial and security teams**, whose extra help throughout the week played such an important role in making everything run smoothly. Their support behind the scenes was truly appreciated.

A special thank you as well to **Pepe's Pizza Truck, Chick-fil-A, and Buddy's** for continuing to support our school community without increasing costs this year. We are incredibly thankful for the generosity and partnership of our local supporters. Thank you for helping make Pine View feel extra welcoming, encouraging, and cared for throughout the week. Your generosity and support made a real difference.

And a very special thank you to **Wendy Williams** and the entire **Faculty & Staff Appreciation team** for all the planning, organizing, and behind-the-scenes work that made the week come together so beautifully.



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“ *182 graduates, over \$8 million in scholarships, and countless reasons to celebrate.* ”

What an inspiring and amazing finish to the year it was... from the classroom celebrations for most improved, to 212 awards, to Sharing of Gifts awards and Creativity awards, to 5th-grade Moving Up and 8th-grade graduation, all culminating in the graduation of the Pine View Class of 2026! In the Class of 2026, we graduated 182 of the most amazing students at The Van Wezel, and were privileged to announce over \$8 million in scholarships and merit. Although it was a record five hours and six minutes, sharing the achievements and gifts of these students is a Pine View tradition that allows each and every student to truly shine in their uniqueness and the gifts they bring to our school community! So many reasons to celebrate and share in the achievements of our incredible students and the community that supports their unique and critically important needs. Graduation for the Class of 2027 will take place at the Sarasota Opera House for one year, as The Van Wezel will be undergoing renovations. We are excited to visit a new venue, and the Pine View Class of 2027 is in for a real treat!

Prior to the enormous celebration season at Pine View, everyone on campus went through “testing season” and the end-of-the-year assessments required of all students. Pine View tests more areas and subjects than any other school in Florida because of our unique configuration and the students we serve. Kudos to Stephanie White and Dr. Lori Wiley, our Testing Coordinator and Advanced Placement (AP) Coordinator, as the schedules they have to create for everyone to test within prescribed “testing windows” are amazing- and kudos to our students for such an amazing demonstration of their mastery of the skills and content! When we return in the fall, we will share a detailed breakdown of all the data by subject area, but we are proud to report that Pine View earned over 95% of total points.



PVA is partnering with Pine View to renovate the Media Center and support campus enhancements, including the installation of a new Pine View School entrance sign along Python Path.

LOOKING AHEAD

We are excited to share that our enrollment is significantly higher than what was projected for this coming year so we will likely be bringing back several teachers and hiring new faculty! Very exciting news, and we look forward to the new faculty who will be joining our community of learners!

Pine View School wants to thank Silke Cuff, President of PVA, and all the many volunteers and supporters of PVA for all their time, talent, and treasure, which makes Pine View's special way of meeting the unique learning needs of gifted students possible! Thank you to all the parents who support PVA, and your donations and gifts are making so many projects and initiatives possible across all areas of campus! PVA is partnering with the school to renovate our Media Center, and we are so excited for everyone to see the finished product upon your return!

Also, the entire campus is having our awnings pressure washed and repainted, and PVA is supporting the installation of an amazing new Pine View School sign at the entrance to Python Path! There are so many more initiatives and projects, and we will share them as everyone returns in the fall, and sincerely thank our parents and PVA!

It is an honor and a privilege to serve our extraordinary students, faculty, families, and greater Pine View community. We thank each of you for your unwavering support and thank everyone for a successful conclusion to the school year- and look forward to an amazing 2027!

STEPHEN P. COVERT, PH.D.
PRINCIPAL

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MEDIA CENTER RENOVATION



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You can find more information about state equity laws, due process procedures, and complaint procedures for employees, applicants, and students at:

<https://www.sarasotacountyschools.net/o/scs/page/equity-procedures-for-employees-applicants-students>

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- ✓ Summer Reading
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- ✓ Supply Lists

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≡ JULY 6 - JULY 10 ≡

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RECHARGE



HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

7:30 AM



ELEMENTARY & MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS

9:24 AM



PARENT TIP: NEED HELP WITH TRANSPORTATION?

New schedules can bring new challenges, especially for families trying to coordinate drop-off and pick-up times when Sarasota County Schools transportation doesn't perfectly align with their daily schedules.

If you're looking for carpool options, transportation assistance, or simply want to connect with other Pine View families in your area, the unofficial parent WhatsApp groups can be a helpful resource. Many families use these groups to coordinate rides, share transportation solutions, and support one another throughout the school year.

Sometimes the best solutions come from fellow Pine View parents who are navigating the same challenges. Don't hesitate to reach out!



PINE VIEW SCHOOL 2026-2027



Regular Bell Schedule

PERIOD	TIME
1	7:30 - 8:22
2	8:27 - 9:19
9:24	Moment of Silence
3	9:24 - 10:19
4	10:24 - 11:16
5	11:21 - 12:13
6	12:18 - 1:10
7	1:15 - 2:07
8	2:12 - 3:04
9	3:09 - 4:01

Advisory Bell Schedule

Middle & High School Only

PERIOD	TIME
1	7:30 - 8:22
2	8:27 - 9:19
9:24	Moment of Silence
Advisory	9:24 - 10:10
3	10:14 - 10:55
4	10:59 - 11:40
5	11:44 - 12:25
6	12:29 - 1:10
7	1:15 - 2:07
8	2:12 - 3:04
9	3:09 - 4:01



Pine View Information

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ELEMENTARY HIGHLIGHTS



BIG LEARNING. BIG TRADITIONS. BIG FUN.



Spring has been filled with hands-on learning, creative projects, and beloved Pine View traditions. Across grades 2-5, students explored history, science, art, and teamwork while making memories that will last long after the school year ends.

2ND GRADE



One of Pine View's most beloved traditions returned as second graders participated in Immigration Day. Classrooms transformed into Ellis Island as students experienced the immigration process through a series of stations staffed by teachers, volunteers, doctors, and nurses.

The adventure continued with a visit to Sarasota's newest attraction, Mote Aquarium, where students connected classroom learning with the world around them.



3RD GRADE



Third graders explored the wonders of static electricity through hands-on investigations and put their creativity to work crafting pinch pots as Mother's Day gifts. These projects combined scientific discovery with artistic expression, encouraging students to think critically while creating something meaningful.



4TH GRADE



Fourth graders found inspiration both in and beyond the classroom. Students created painted picture frames using Pine View's beautiful new mural as a backdrop, turning favorite spots on campus into heartfelt Mother's Day gifts. Along the way, teachers were reminded of the lasting impact Pine View has on students long after they leave our classrooms.

5TH GRADE

Preparing for FAST ELA became a collaborative effort as fifth-graders teamed up with fourth-graders to review key concepts. Through engaging activities and a little friendly competition, students discovered that learning can be both challenging and fun. As one teacher noted, sometimes all it takes is turning test prep into "March Madness" (or maybe even "May Madness") to get students excited about learning.



Thank you **TO OUR TEACHERS, STAFF, STUDENTS, AND FAMILIES!**

Thank you from the Class of 2033!



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MIDDLE SCHOOL MOMENTS

A snapshot of the creativity, curiosity, and academic excellence happening across Pine View's middle school classrooms.



YOUR VOICE MATTERS

Middle school Civics students in Ms. Condiotte's class learned that civic participation can begin long before voting age. Students practiced advocacy by writing letters to elected representatives about issues important to them, learning how to organize and communicate their ideas effectively while exploring ways citizens can help shape their communities.

Pine View students also had an outstanding showing at the regional Civics Bee competition. Out of approximately 20 regional applicants, Pine View sent four student finalists. Orion earned 1st Place, Tristan placed 2nd, and Adel placed 3rd, with three students advancing to the State Competition in Tallahassee this June. Zeke also qualified at the regional level, and all students represented Pine View exceptionally well.

EARTH DAY, PV STYLE

Science and art came together as Mrs. Brown's 6th Grade Science students and art classes celebrated Earth Day with scavenger hunts, kindness rock painting, UV bracelet activities, Earth Day pledges, and colorful chalk murals around campus. The day was a fun mix of learning, creativity, and celebration.



ALL THE WORLD'S A CLASSROOM

ELA students in Mrs. Hazlett's and Mrs. Pelletier's classes have been bringing literature to life through performances, collaboration, and creative analysis. Sixth graders recently wrapped up their first Shakespeare unit, studying *As You Like It* with Mrs. Knak. Students explored Shakespeare's life during the Elizabethan era, performed scenes from the play, and tested their creativity during a lively Shakespearean Insult Showdown.

Meanwhile, 8th-grade ELA students reviewed key literary concepts in preparation for the upcoming PM3 FAST assessment. Students worked with short stories, poetry, and persuasive writing while participating in collaborative poetry readings and a figurative language scavenger hunt connected to *The Most Dangerous Game*, deepening their understanding of literary devices and close reading skills.



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EXTRA! EXTRA! PV MAKES HISTORY

Pine View journalism students made school history at the Florida Scholastic Press Association State Convention, earning an unprecedented number of state honors and All-Florida recognitions. For the first time ever, three Pine View publications earned the prestigious All-Florida rating, including The Python middle school yearbook under Editor-in-Chief **Calista Ream** - the first middle school yearbook in Pine View history to receive the honor.

Students earned an incredible 19 All-Florida awards across categories, including journalism, commentary, illustration, photography, and yearbook design. Individual All-Florida honorees included **Hana Mullen, Olivia Reisinger, Ingrid Cushman, Calista Ream, Madelyn Bailey, Shriya Ashok, Ana Easter, Ava Lenerz, Skylar Bredlau, Alex Lieberman, Andrew Ashby, Katerina Mazzo, Timothy Nesanelis, Isabel Sanchez, Navleen Grewal, Maya Nowakowski, Robyn Schoenberg, Suzy Mata, and Alakh Bhatt.**

Out of more than 4,600 submissions statewide, Pine View students also earned five prestigious "Best of the Best" awards. Additional convention contest winners included **Hana Mullen, Annie Nguyen, Marina Wissa, Allie Chung, Melissa White, Maya Ruffin, Alexis DeMassa, and Mina Atarodian.** Congratulations all!



PINE VIEW HISTORIANS SHINE AT STATE COMPETITION

Eleven Pine View students represented Sarasota County at the 2026 Florida History Day State Contest in Tallahassee, joining the state's top young historians to explore this year's theme, *Revolution, Reaction, Reform in History*.

Armaan Malik received the Outstanding County Award for Sarasota County and was named a State Finalist in the Junior Division Individual Exhibit category.

Greta Arov advanced to the state competition after earning First Place at the Sarasota County History Day Contest for her Junior Division Individual Performance, *The Ballad of the Accused*.

Junior Division Group Documentary

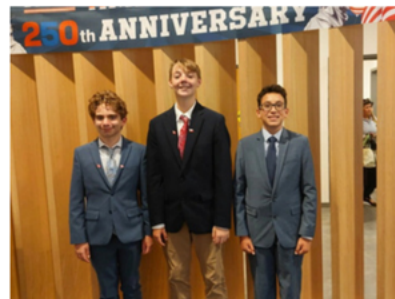
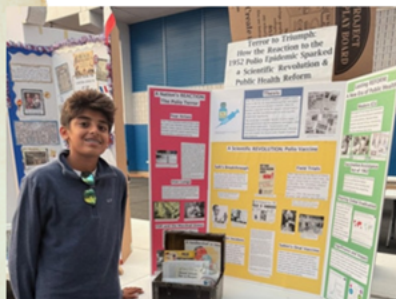
- **Paloma Sirianni**
- **Sophie Saldadze**
- **Lara Ostrovsky-Sa**

Junior Division Group Performance

- **Austin Carroll**
- **Thomas Morkos**
- **Bryce Ferrer**

Additional state competitors included **Kevin Slinko, Luca Manzano, and Suzana Mata.**

The 2027 National History Day theme is Innovation in History: Impact, Influence, Change. Students may begin research after June 18. Interested students are encouraged to explore History Day opportunities next school year.



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PINE VIEW CELEBRATES INAUGURAL COLLEGIATE SIGNING RECEPTION

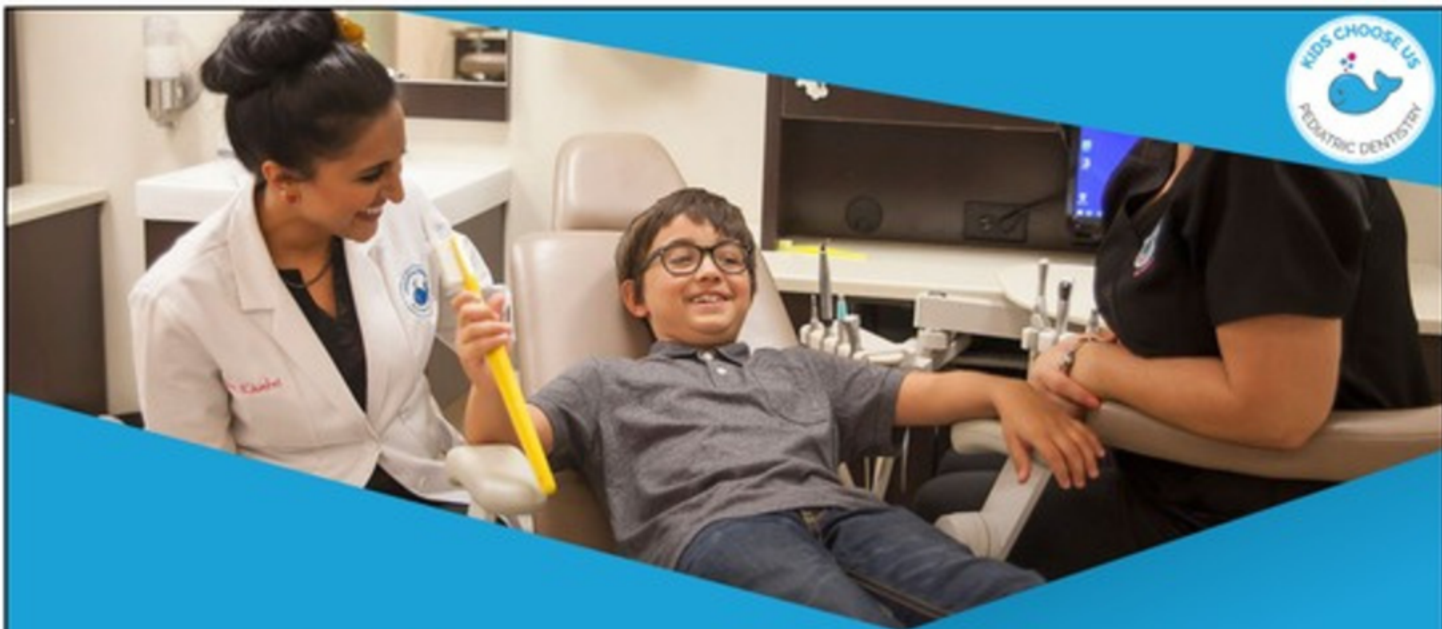
On April 9, Pine View School, in partnership with the Pine View Association, hosted its inaugural High School Athletic Reception, celebrating a remarkable group of senior student-athletes who will continue their athletic careers at the collegiate level. The event recognized students whose achievements extend far beyond competition. These seniors have balanced the rigorous academic expectations of Pine View while excelling in their respective sports, demonstrating the dedication, discipline, and perseverance that define student-athletes at the highest level.

This year's honorees include:

- **Gabrielle DeLeo** – Women's Rowing, Georgetown University
- **Anna Kim** – Women's Rowing, Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)
- **Zinnia Kuipers** – Women's Rowing, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University
- **Cole Reuter** – Men's Rowing, Columbia University
- **Eli Ward** – Men's Rowing, Columbia University
- **Danica Aten** – Women's Swimming, United States Naval Academy
- **Clare Custer** – Women's Swimming, Harvard University

Together, these students represent an extraordinary class of athletes, earning opportunities at some of the nation's most respected universities and athletic programs. Their commitments include Ivy League institutions, a United States Service Academy, and nationally recognized programs known for excellence both in academics and athletics.

The reception marked a meaningful milestone for Pine View's growing athletic program. It provided an opportunity for families, coaches, teachers, and classmates to celebrate the hard work that has brought these students to this moment. As they prepare for the next chapter, these seniors leave behind a legacy of excellence in the classroom, in competition, and throughout the Pine View community. We congratulate each of them on this well-deserved achievement and look forward to following their continued success at the collegiate level.



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PINE VIEW OM TEAMS TAKE THE WORLD STAGE

Two Pine View Odyssey of the Mind teams proudly represented Florida and Pine View School at the 2026 Odyssey of the Mind World Finals in Ames, Iowa, after outstanding performances at the state competition in Orlando.

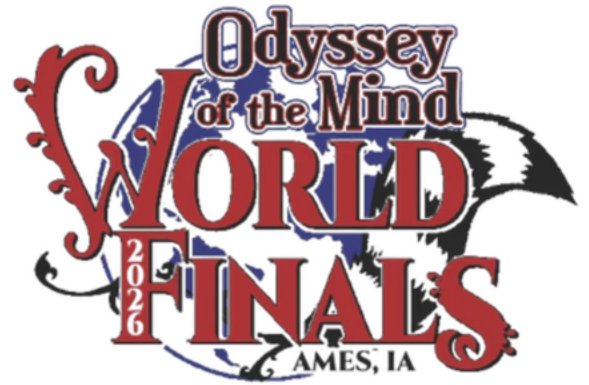
The Pine View Division II team captured First Place in Problem 3 at the Florida State Finals, earning a trip to World Finals. Team members included **Bryce Ferrer, Saniyah Sheikh, Sayhan Sheikh, Mikhail Sultan, Ellis Frandsen, Lily Murphy, and Lev Altshul**. Competing against more than 60 teams from around the world, the team earned an impressive 9th-place finish in their problem.

The Pine View Division III team earned Second Place in Problem 5 at the state competition. Team members included **Dina Altshul, Aashima Goswami, Adalee Heath, Isabel Lopez, Jessie Ochsendorf, and Camille Wright**. The team also delivered an outstanding performance at World Finals, earning a Top 10 finish in their division.

At World Finals, students joined thousands of participants from around the globe to present their long-term problem solutions and compete in spontaneous problem-solving challenges that reward creativity, teamwork, and innovation. Beyond the competition, students enjoyed the World Finals tradition of pin trading, exchanging pins, and building friendships with teams from different states and countries.

Odyssey of the Mind encourages students to think creatively, collaborate effectively, and tackle challenges in unexpected ways. Pine View's teams represented their school with imagination, perseverance, and teamwork, showcasing the very best of creative problem-solving on the world stage.

Interested in joining the fun? Be sure to learn more next fall about Odyssey of the Mind and how you can stretch your creative thinking, teamwork, and problem-solving skills!



Congratulations to both teams, their coaches, and families on an incredible season and two outstanding Top 10 finishes at Odyssey of the Mind World Finals! Special thanks to the Pine View Association, faculty sponsors Mr. Vitkus and Ms. Novack, and everyone who helped make Odyssey of the Mind such a meaningful and unforgettable experience for Pine View students.



Teams spent the week at Iowa State University competing alongside more than 800 teams from 25 countries at Odyssey of the Mind World Finals, the largest creative problem-solving competition in the world.



A SENIOR REFLECTION

Excerpt from World Finals Senior Ceremony Remarks by Aashima Goswami, Pine View Class of 2026

For a while, I had no clue what to write this speech about. By now, we've all sat through our respective graduations and heard the same speech in different fonts. But after taking two minutes to think and five minutes to respond, it hit me: what Odyssey gave us cannot be measured in rankings.

We are all at the top of our game. We've advanced to the World Finals, making us the best of the best. As graduating seniors, we've poured our blood, sweat, and creative juices into making sure we've placed at the regional and state levels. But let's face it: OM was never about those medals in the first place.

OM has always been about the people we meet and the connections we've made. The coaches who host late-night practice sessions, coordinate every minute detail, and believe in us when we don't believe in ourselves. The parents who save cardboard boxes, transport props, and somehow support every crazy idea we bring home. The teammates who become family. Or even our fellow competitors: teams from other schools, regions, states, and countries, all united by our love of creativity, problem-solving, and the occasional hot-glue burn.

Over the past few years, I've gone from being the youngest on my team, looking up to my "older sisters," to suddenly having younger sisters of my own: Izzy, Jessie, Adalee, Dina, and my soul sister Camille. Somewhere between failed prop drop-offs and post-practice dinners, they went from teammates to family.

I think that's the funny thing about being a senior: finally getting good at the thing you have to leave behind. But someone else gave it to you first, so maybe the whole point was to pass it on.

—Aashima





THE NEXT CHAPTER *Begins*



PINE VIEW SCHOOL CLASS OF 2026

On May 17, Pine View School for the Gifted celebrated the graduation of 182 seniors at the Van Wezel Performing Arts Hall, with approximately 1,200 family members and guests in attendance.

The ceremony marked the culmination of years of academic achievement, artistic expression, athletic competition, scientific discovery, and lasting friendships. As graduates crossed the stage and turned their tassels, they joined a growing network of Pine View alums making their mark around the world.

Class President Joe Calleja addressed his classmates, describing the role as "the greatest privilege of my life to date." His remarks focused on gratitude, pursuing dreams, and remaining true to the friendships formed during their years at Pine View.

The ceremony featured performances by Senior Chorale, Band, and Orchestra students, highlighting the talent and dedication that have long been hallmarks of the Pine View experience. A senior class video provided a look back at memorable moments, bringing laughter, nostalgia, and more than a few tears as students reflected on their journey together.

The Class of 2026 leaves behind an impressive legacy. Students earned recognition in academics, the arts, athletics, research, and community service while balancing rigorous coursework with leadership roles and extracurricular involvement.



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Whether staying close to home or traveling across the globe, the members of the Class of 2026 are prepared to lead, to innovate, and to make a difference.

***Congratulations,
Class of 2026!
We can't wait to see the
incredible things you will do.***

PYTHON RUN

RUNNING TOGETHER AS A COMMUNITY



Nearly 300 runners came together to support Pine View at the 2026 Python Run.

BEFORE SUNRISE, *the Community Showed Up*

Before the sun was fully up on March 28, nearly 300 runners gathered on Pine View's campus for one of the school's favorite traditions: the annual Python Run.

Participants of all ages and abilities laced up their shoes and took part in the 10K, 5K, and 1-Mile Fun Run. The course wound through the neighboring Rivendell community before bringing runners back to campus for a memorable finish around the Pine View track.

From first-time runners to seasoned racers, participants were greeted with enthusiastic cheers, ringing cowbells, and encouragement from volunteers, families, students, and community supporters lining the course.

Following the race, runners and spectators gathered for a community breakfast, awards ceremony, and celebration of another successful event. The Python Run continues to be more than a race. It is a tradition that brings together Pine View families, alums, faculty, staff, and community members in support of health, school spirit, and connection.

The Pine View Association extends its sincere thanks to the race directors, volunteers, sponsors, and participants who made this year's event possible.

Interested in helping continue this tradition? The Python Run is seeking new race directors and planning committee members for next year. Contact president@yourpva.org to learn more.

“The Python Run brought together students, families, alumni, and community members for a morning of fitness and fun.”



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per grade is recognized each time.

These outstanding students are proudly featured on the 212
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We are so proud of these students for leading by example
and inspiring the entire Pine View community.

“ THE 212 PHILOSOPHY



At 211 degrees, water is hot.

At 212 degrees, it boils.

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THE EXTRA DEGREE

MARCH 212 AWARD RECIPIENTS

*At 211 degrees, water is hot.
At 212 degrees, it boils.
One degree can make all the difference*



LOREN DEATHERIDGE | 2ND GRADE

Loren is a wonderful example of what the 212 Award represents. She is creative, enthusiastic, and always ready to learn. She stays on task, participates often, and puts real effort into everything she does. Loren is highly motivated, takes pride in her work, and consistently makes good choices in and out of the classroom. She is also involved in many extracurricular activities, balancing them while continuing to give her best at school.



OLIVIA HUANG | 3RD GRADE

Olivia Huang displays the extra degree in the classroom by being hardworking and responsible. She completes her classwork with great attention to detail and is never afraid to go the extra mile. She shows kindness to everyone, naturally takes on leadership roles, and sets a wonderful example for her classmates. Olivia is also a talented violinist, showing the same dedication and passion in her music as she does in the classroom.



STELLA CIRKA | 4TH GRADE

Stella consistently goes above and beyond both academically and personally, setting a shining example for her peers. She approaches every task with determination and a genuine desire to grow, always welcoming constructive feedback and using it to elevate her work. Her kindness, caring nature, and thoughtful consideration for others make her not only a strong student but also a valued contributor to our classroom community. Stella's work ethic, positive attitude, and compassion truly set her apart, and she continues to impress her teachers with her dedication and character.



PHOEBE LIU | 5TH GRADE

Phoebe Liu is a dedicated, responsible, and confident student who consistently excels in all academic areas while demonstrating integrity, leadership, and a genuine love for learning. She is always prepared for class and attentive during instruction while supporting her peers with kindness and encouragement. Phoebe sets a high standard through her commitment to excellence and the 212 Philosophy of “going the extra degree.” At school, she is an active member of the Student Council and Safety Patrol. In addition, she participated in Odyssey of the Mind and the Sarasota County STEM Fair, where her creativity, problem-solving skills, and leadership qualities truly stood out. Beyond the classroom, Phoebe practices with her competitive artistic swim team and takes piano lessons, demonstrating the rewards of discipline, teamwork, and perseverance. Her positive attitude, strong work ethic, and willingness to go above and beyond make her a true role model here at Pine View School.



EVIE ANDERSON | 6TH GRADE

We are proud to recognize **Evie Anderson** as Pine View's 6th Grade “212” Student of the Month! Evie is truly an exceptional student and a wonderful presence in the classroom. She approaches learning with a remarkable work ethic, consistently going above and beyond to deepen her understanding and tackle challenging problems with determination and curiosity. Evie is thoughtful, conscientious, and always fully engaged in the learning process. While she may be a quiet leader, Evie's impact is powerful. She listens carefully, thinks deeply, and often surprises us with her creativity and brilliance. Her calm confidence shines through in everything she does. Evie works well with everyone and supports her classmates in subtle, respectful ways - often helping her tablemates succeed while never seeking the spotlight for herself. Beyond the classroom, Evie has also shown her passion for science. She participated in the Sarasota STEM Fair with her partner and advanced to the second round - an exciting accomplishment that reflects her curiosity and dedication as a young scientist. Most importantly, Evie is humble, kind, and genuinely thoughtful toward others. She helps create a positive and encouraging classroom environment each day, and she is truly a beautiful person inside and out. Congratulations, Evie! We are so proud of you and look forward to seeing all the incredible things you will accomplish in the future.



HUNTER SORBINO | 7TH GRADE

Hunter is a responsible and thoughtful student who consistently sets a strong example for his peers. He approaches each day with focus and determination, always attentive and eager to get the most out of his learning. In class, Hunter is kind and supportive, willingly helping classmates with questions and encouraging them to stay on task. His academic excellence is matched by his collaborative spirit—he quickly grasps new concepts, recognizes patterns, and thoughtfully identifies errors, particularly in language studies. Beyond academics, Hunter brings a joyful and positive energy to the classroom. He is a passionate artist who has grown tremendously this year, and his enthusiasm and friendliness make him a valued member of every class community. Hunter's dedication, curiosity, and kindness allow him to consistently exceed expectations, making him a truly deserving candidate for the 212 Award.



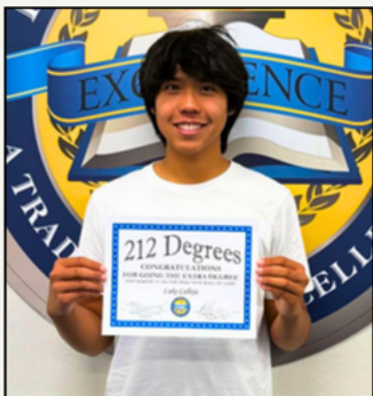
ISLA MATASH | 8TH GRADE

Isla is a proactive and engaged student. She embodies the 212 ethos with her perseverance and resilience, both in the classroom and on the volleyball court. She wants to succeed and makes sure she understands concepts and skills fully. Her peers enjoy working with her and see her as a leader. Her attention to detail and commitment to getting a job done well are very mature for her young age. Isla consistently goes above and beyond without needing reminders. She puts forth exceptional effort on all assignments, particularly in her writing. Her contributions to class discussions are thoughtful and insightful.



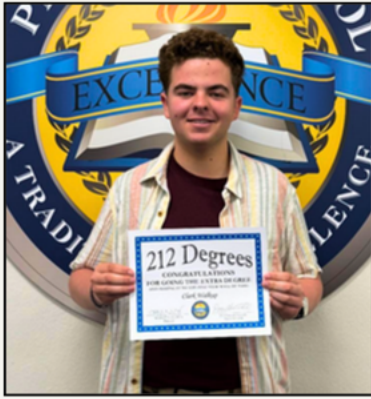
ALAKH BHATT | 9TH GRADE

Alakh exemplifies what it means to go the extra degree. She arrives at class every day fully prepared, focused, and ready to give her best effort. Her engagement in learning is genuine; she consistently pushes herself to do a little better every day and to do so joyfully. Beyond her strong academic commitment, Alakh is a responsible, enthusiastic, and hardworking presence in the PV community. For example, in Journalism, she frequently volunteers for additional tasks and approaches each responsibility with dedication and positivity. Alakh's willingness to put in extra time and effort, combined with her good character and commitment to helping others, makes her a truly deserving recipient of the 212 Award. Congratulations!



LUKE CALLEJA | 10TH GRADE

Consistently demonstrating what it means to go the extra degree, **Luke Calleja** exemplifies the spirit of the 212 Award through both achievement and character. A high performer across a demanding academic schedule, he approaches each class with curiosity and a genuine desire to learn. Luke is always prepared, engaged, and ready to contribute. Beyond academics, Luke stands out as a natural leader. With a strong ability to understand others' perspectives, he maintains respect for classmates and teachers while remaining steadfast to his own beliefs. Honest, decisive, and confident, Luke makes a meaningful and positive impact across campus. His drive to be his best is matched by his desire to help others be their best, making him exceptionally deserving of this recognition. Congratulations to Luke, this month's 212 Award Recipient.



CLARK WALKUP | 11TH GRADE

Clark exemplifies the spirit of the 212 Award through his leadership, intellectual curiosity, and consistent commitment to excellence. As a student leader on campus, Clark sets a powerful example for his peers through his punctuality, reliability, and the consistently high quality of his work. He approaches every challenge with determination and a genuine desire to understand concepts deeply, prioritizing thoughtful research, meaningful design choices, and well-reasoned solutions over what might simply be easiest. In the classroom, Clark is an engaged and active participant who contributes ideas that elevate discussions and encourage others to think more critically. He is an excellent writer and a confident public speaker, able to communicate complex ideas with clarity and purpose. Just as importantly, Clark leads with kindness and compassion, frequently volunteering his time and supporting those around him. Grounded in a strong sense of who he is and what he values, Clark consistently goes the extra degree, demonstrating the character, curiosity, and leadership that make him a truly deserving recipient of this recognition.



NATASHA ANTONIUK | 12TH GRADE

Natasha truly exemplifies the spirit of the 212 Award through her extraordinary work ethic, leadership, and quiet consistency. As a student, teaching assistant, and leader across campus and in the community, Natasha consistently goes far beyond what is expected. Whether thoughtfully grading lab reports, helping ensure classrooms and labs run smoothly, or patiently supporting her peers, she approaches every responsibility with care and reliability. In the classroom, Natasha brings a thoughtful presence and calm confidence to every discussion and lab. She is always fully prepared, asks insightful questions, and encourages deeper thinking through her strong speaking and writing skills. Her keen emotional intelligence and ability to thoughtfully observe her environment allow her to collaborate effectively and uplift those around her. Even in the final months of her senior year, she continues to model dedication and engagement, raising the level of every class she is part of. Through her kindness, reliability, and commitment to excellence, Natasha truly goes the extra degree and embodies the very best of the Pine View community.



MARY KING | STAFF

Mary King is truly a ray of sunshine! She consistently goes above and beyond to ensure her work is efficient, effective, and seamless. Mary is an excellent communicator and is incredibly detail-oriented. This year, she took on the responsibility of processing field trip paperwork and has been a true champion in this role. Mary has helped streamline the process and has been a tremendous support to staff members as they navigate the approval steps. She is always receptive to feedback and recently went the extra degree by adding an additional level of communication to help ensure everything runs as smoothly as possible.



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APRIL 212 AWARD RECIPIENTS

The 212 Award recognizes students who go the extra degree — demonstrating excellence, leadership, and a positive impact on our school community.



SAMSON WEISS 2ND GRADE

Samson is an outgoing second grader who shares his talents not only in the classroom but is also becoming a "Star on Stage" as he demonstrates the excellence of 212! His positive energy, gifts of drama and song, incredible gift of knowledge, and shining personality inspire each student every day. He has been performing these talents with the Sarasota Community, as he portrayed Michael in the Players Theater production of "Peter Pan" as well as Simba in "Dare to Dream," where he offers his special gifts to others. He also played multiple parts in "School House Rock, Jr." in a Broadway musical in the second grade. While working through extended evening rehearsals and performances, Samson exemplified excellence in the classroom and managed to keep up with all of his studies at Pine View! His dedication deserves this 212-degree award! We love you, Samson!

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 3RD GRADE RECIPIENT

EMMA MAGNES 4TH GRADE

We are proud to recognize **Emma Magnes** for the 212 Award. Emma is a helping hand, a quiet leader, and someone who always goes the extra degree in the classroom. She has an incredible work ethic and always stays on top of her assignments. Emma's positivity and willingness to help others shine bright across Pine View's campus. Emma leads not by seeking attention, but by setting an example for others to follow. Through her role as Student Council Representative, she looks out for her classmates and always speaks up for what is right. Whether it's tackling a challenging assignment with determination, offering encouragement to a classmate, or stepping up without being asked, Emma consistently shows us what it means to be responsible, kind, and dedicated. Emma, we are so proud of you and all your hard work. Congratulations on this well-deserved award!





CARA CARLSON

5TH GRADE

At Pine View, not only are the students fabulous in the classroom, but they truly extend themselves going 212 degrees outside the classroom as well. This month's 212 winner for 5th grade just closed 'La Boheme' at the Sarasota Opera House. Plus, she was cast as a lead in the Sarasota Youth Opera's Hans Krása's Brundibár earlier this school year. Currently, she is getting ready to try out for another Sarasota Opera role for a production in November. In addition to Opera and the arts, **Cara Carlson** also takes tennis lessons, plays golf, and takes horseback riding lessons. More importantly, Cara is a thoughtful, respectful, and positive presence in the classroom. She leads by example, supports her peers, and approaches every challenge with maturity and determination. The fifth-grade teachers have no doubt that she will continue to excel in middle school and in her extracurricular activities. Because of this, we give her our highest endorsement for this quarter's 212 winner.

EMANUELLE COOK

6TH GRADE

We are proud to celebrate **Emanuelle (Manna) Cook** as Pine View's 6th Grade "212" Student of the Month - a recognition that honors not only academic excellence, but character, leadership, and the ability to uplift others. Manna is truly an extraordinary young person whose presence makes every space brighter. Her positive spirit is contagious, creating an environment where others feel encouraged, supported, and inspired. She is courteous, kind, and brings a natural sense of humor that gives joy to those around her. What makes Manna especially remarkable is her dedication to learning. She embraces challenges with determination and curiosity, and when she encounters something difficult, she doesn't give up - she digs deeper, asks questions, and ensures she truly understands. Her perseverance and thoughtful approach reflect a wisdom well beyond her years. Across all of her classes, Manna consistently demonstrates excellence. She is not only committed to her own success but is also always willing to lend a helping hand to others. Her kindness, respect, and positive attitude make her a standout role model and a valued member of our school community. Congratulations on this well-deserved honor - we are incredibly proud of you and excited to see the amazing things your future holds!



JOHN KOENIG

7TH GRADE

John Koenig is a standout student who consistently demonstrates what it means to go above and beyond. Among his peers, John emerges as a mature and dependable leader who does what is right and what is expected without ever needing reminders. His teachers and classmates rely on him for his kindness, politeness, and ability to navigate challenging peer situations with integrity and grace. In the classroom, John produces thoughtful and high-quality work, often contributing clever and insightful ideas during discussions. He holds himself to high standards, maintaining strong routines and a commitment to excellence in all that he does. His intrinsic motivation and sense of responsibility truly set him apart. His enthusiasm for learning and exploring new concepts makes him not only a successful student but also a role model for others. John's consistent "212" mindset makes him a joy to have in class. He is the kind of student every teacher hopes for.



LUCA MANZANO

8TH GRADE

Luca Manzano consistently goes above and beyond on his assignments, demonstrating exceptional effort and attention to detail. He not only strives for his personal best but also elevates those around him through his kindness, patience, and willingness to help classmates succeed. His positive attitude and thoughtful actions make him a valued and respected member of our classroom community. He can often be found studying for tests and taking notes during lunch instead of playing in the fields. His desire to succeed in everything he does is apparent in his approach to his studies.

EWAN ROBERTSON

9TH GRADE

Ewan Robertson's effort and positive presence make him a deserving recipient of the 212 Award this month. He actively participates in class, supports his peers, and remains focused and on task. In Spanish, for example, he consistently gives his best in speaking assignments and demonstrates respect and kindness toward both his classmates and his teacher. In mathematics, Ewan always comes ready to learn with 100% effort every day. His attitude and work ethic truly reflect the spirit of the 212 Award. Congratulations, Ewan!



ANNA ZHANG

10TH GRADE

Anna Zhang is a truly deserving recipient of the 212 Award, consistently going the extra degree in every aspect of school life. A passionate journalist and hard worker, Anna demonstrates excellent teamwork as the Assistant Match Editor-in-Chief, where she supports her peers and contributes creative design and layout ideas that elevate the publication. Her commitment to journalism is matched by her dedication as a student in other classes. For instance, in English, Anna is deeply engaged, producing exceptional annotations and detailed notes that reflect thoughtful reading and intellectual curiosity. This engagement translates into sophisticated writing and insightful literary analysis that captures subtle nuances in complex texts. Anna's drive to be "ever better," coupled with her creativity and her generosity of spirit, makes her an outstanding recipient of this month's 212 Award. Congratulations!



SELENA SHEN

11TH GRADE

Selena truly embodies the spirit of the 212 Award through her exceptional scholarship, leadership, and dedication to excellence. She is deeply engaged in all of her studies, consistently producing high-quality work and pushing herself to go beyond expectations. Known by her teachers for both her intelligence and strong work ethic, Selena approaches every challenge with focus and determination. She is an active member of the Neuroscience Club. Her passion for learning led her to earn first place at the State Brain Bee Competition, advancing to represent Pine View at the national level. Despite these impressive accomplishments, Selena remains kind, thoughtful, and grounded. By always going the extra degree, Selena inspires those around her and makes a lasting impact on her school community.

DIYA PATEL

12TH GRADE

Diya exemplifies the spirit of the 212 Award through her quiet excellence, unwavering work ethic, and genuine kindness. While she may present as unassuming, Diya is truly an intellectual powerhouse who consistently produces top-quality work across all areas of her studies. She arrives at class early, prepared, and ready to engage, setting a tone of reliability and dedication that elevates the learning environment for everyone around her. Diya approaches even the most challenging concepts with perseverance and positivity, always giving her full effort and going well beyond expectations. She is a supportive and thoughtful classmate, frequently helping peers and offering assistance without hesitation. Beyond the classroom, Diya demonstrates exceptional leadership as co-president of HOSA, earning first place in the state of Florida at the State Leadership Conference in Behavioral Health and placing in the top ten internationally. Despite these remarkable accomplishments, she remains humble, kind, and consistently focused on lifting others up. By always going the extra degree, Diya not only achieves excellence herself but also makes a lasting and meaningful impact on her school community.



LISSETH RACINI & MARCIA HILL

STAFF

In recognition of their outstanding dedication and service to Pine View School, we proudly present the "212 Award" to **Lisseth Racini** and **Marcia Hill** for consistently going above and beyond their assigned responsibilities. Like the extra degree that turns hot water into steam, you exemplify the power of going just one step further in all that you do. Your positive attitudes, friendly demeanor, and strong communication with administration contribute significantly to the smooth operation of our campus. Your proactive approach, efficiency in completing projects, and solution-oriented mindset set a standard of excellence that does not go unnoticed. The pride you take in your work and your commitment to supporting our school community make a meaningful and lasting impact. We are truly grateful for all that you do each day to help Pine View School thrive. Congratulations!

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Civics Bee State Finalists

Congratulations to **Orion Avery**, **Tristan Rainbow**, and **Zeke Comingore** for advancing to the Florida State Finals of the National Civics Bee after earning top honors at the Greater Sarasota Chamber of Commerce Regional Civics Bee.

The three students will represent Pine View School and Sarasota County in Tallahassee on June 30, 2026. We wish them the best of luck as they compete against top students from across Florida.

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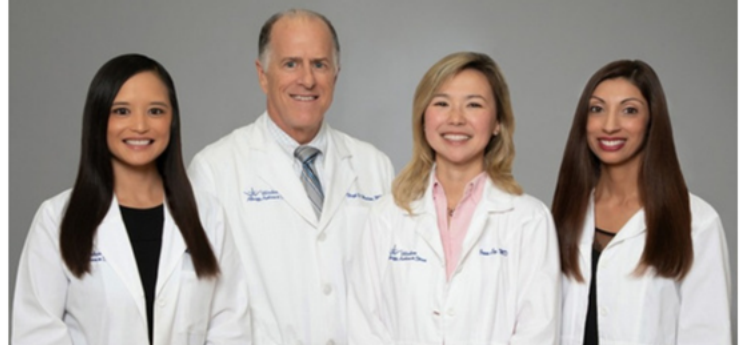
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If possible, visit college campuses and begin narrowing your list to schools you would genuinely be excited to attend. Review application requirements, scholarship opportunities, and important deadlines. Students should also create a checklist for essays, recommendations, test scores, financial aid forms, and application deadlines.

Have questions about your plans? Schedule an appointment with Mr. Bergman to review your transcript, test scores, extracurricular activities, and college goals. As applications open this fall, now is the time to begin preparing for a successful senior year.



Academic excellence continues at Pine View, where 67 juniors have been recognized as National Merit Semifinalists. The distinction places these students among the nation's top academic performers and reflects their outstanding achievement on the PSAT/NMSQT.



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PINE VIEW ORCHESTRA EARNS FIRST PLACE

Congratulations to the Pine View Orchestra on earning First Place at the Music USA Festival!

Under the direction of Audrey Naffe, students delivered an outstanding performance and were recognized for their musical excellence, dedication, and hard work.

This achievement reflects countless hours of practice, collaboration, and commitment to the arts. We are proud of these talented musicians for representing Pine View with excellence and bringing home a First Place finish.

Bravo, Pine View Orchestra!!!



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PINE VIEW STUDENTS REACH FOR THE STARS

STUDENT PROGRAM COULD SEND PINE VIEW RESEARCH TO THE INTERNATIONAL SPACE STATION

What if your science experiment didn't stay in the classroom? What if it traveled more than 250 miles above Earth, launched aboard a SpaceX Falcon 9 rocket, and was conducted by astronauts aboard the International Space Station?

That possibility may soon become a reality for Pine View students.

This year, Pine View is exploring participation in the Student Spaceflight Experiments Program (SSEP), a nationally recognized initiative that gives students the opportunity to design authentic scientific research experiments for possible flight aboard the International Space Station. Unlike a simulation or classroom exercise, SSEP places students directly into the scientific process, challenging them to think, research, write, and problem-solve like professional scientists and engineers.

Led by science teachers Dr. Dylan Bell and Marie Rosander, the program will immerse students in scientific inquiry, experiment design, proposal writing, and real-world research. Students will investigate how physical, chemical, or biological systems behave in microgravity and develop proposals explaining why their experiments should be selected for flight. Throughout the process, students will learn critical research skills, scientific communication, and responsible use of emerging technologies while connecting classroom learning to cutting-edge space science.



In 2022, approximately 350 Pine View students participated in SSEP Mission 17. From those efforts, a student team of Yash Kakkad, Felix Ratner, Ragan Suresh, and Rishik Yellu developed an experiment studying the ability of the microalga *Chlorella vulgaris* to remove nitrogen and phosphorus from wastewater in microgravity. Their proposal was selected by NASA's Johnson Space Center and became one of only 39 experiments chosen from more than 2,200 proposals submitted by over 12,800 students across the United States, Canada, and Ukraine.

Now, Pine View hopes to build on that success. With the International Space Station approaching the final years of its operational life, Mission 22 may represent one of the last opportunities for students to participate in this unique research experience aboard the orbiting laboratory.

The Pine View Association is proud to support this exciting initiative and help bring unique, real-world STEM opportunities to Pine View students as the program launches in Fall 2026.

A Lasting *Legacy*

Pine View students recently unveiled a stunning new mural celebrating Florida's native plants and animals. Led by National Art Honor Society President Ginger Kreithen, more than 20 students spent three months transforming the school's HVAC building into a vibrant work of art featuring more than 50 native animals and 30 native plant species.

*A permanent reminder
of the beautiful wildlife
all around us.*

– Ginger Kreithen

