



EVANS HIGH SCHOOL
A COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Connections

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UCF Takeover Week



UCF and Evans High School • *A Community School* teamed up for UCF Takeover Week recently.

UCF students, faculty, administrators and volunteers spent time at Evans helping students envision college as part of their future and showed them the tools and roadmaps to get there. UCF admissions and financial aid officers shared tips for getting ready for college, navigating the admissions process and paying for school.

Organizers also delivered another message: *College can be fun.*

Knightro (UCF's mascot), UCF cheerleaders and the band performed and 30+ student organizations talked to students about clubs and activities they can pursue, from dance to engineering.

EVANS STUDENT SPOTLIGHT: Kiesha Meus

Our new Student Leadership Council president is Kiesha Meus. Seeking to make a positive impact at Evans High School, she'd like to help her peers become further involved in school organizations and activities.

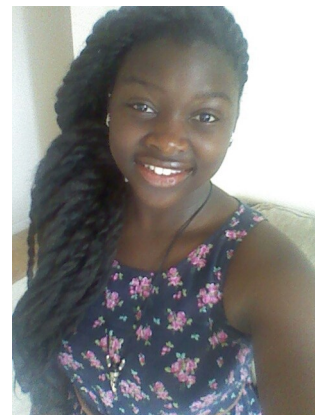
"When I first came to Evans, I wasn't sure where I fit in and I didn't enjoy school very much. A friend introduced me to the Student Leadership Council and things changed for the better," Kiesha said. "I truly believe that once you find where you belong, you wholeheartedly become a Trojan."

Kiesha previously served as Council secretary. As president, Kiesha will encourage academic success by spreading awareness of community school services among students.

Kiesha is involved in an array of school organizations. She is a member of the girls' weightlifting and track teams, the National Honor Society and the Health Ambassadors Club, and she serves as Treasurer of Evans Bible Club.

A member of the class of 2016, Kiesha plans on attending FAMU or FSU in the fall. Her career goals include becoming an ADR lawyer or defense attorney. She'd eventually like to become a judge, as well as an author.

"In the future, I plan on traveling the world and exploring the many cultures and traditions of different countries and nations," Kiesha said. "Through my career and travels, I'll strive to give back to those who helped me to become a successful individual, including Evans High School."



MEET OUR NEW EVANS COMMUNITY SCHOOL TEAM MEMBERS

Patricia Fleurant

School Health Programs Coordinator

Patricia Fleurant is thrilled to join the Evans Community School team as the School Health Programs Coordinator. In her role, she processes SAFE/HUB referral forms and meets with students one-on-one to discuss concerns such as academics, health and wellness, or their behavior.

Ms. Fleurant received a graduate degree in public health from the University of South Florida concentrating in behavioral health and an undergraduate degree in anthropology from Temple University. Originally from Queens, NY, she's resided in Central Florida for the past three years.



Erika Moore

Volunteer Coordinator

Erika Moore is excited to join the Evans team as a volunteer coordinator. A second year AmeriCorps VISTA, she will recruit volunteers to provide support for the school's programs.



Originally from Miami, Ms. Moore earned B.S. degrees in education and community engagement and is currently pursuing a graduate degree in educational leadership from the University of Central Florida.

Did you know?

-Students can schedule a medical or dental appointment during lunch on Mondays and Thursdays in the PBS Store.

-We have an anger management after-school program on Tuesdays in room 6-101.

-The Wellness Cottage is available on Wednesdays and Fridays to assist individuals with enrollment for public assistance needs. Contact the HUB for more details.

EVANS HIGH SCHOOL NEWS



Mollie Ray Fall Festival

On October 30, Evans partnered with City Year, AmeriCorps and Elevate to host Trunk of Treat, a service event at Mollie Ray Elementary. The event was an opportunity for Evans students to serve their community, as well for Mollie Ray students to attend a safe fall festival.

The event was made possible through the support of City Year, Heart of Florida United Way, AmeriCorps members, Elevate Orlando, Mollie Ray Elementary and the faculty and staff of Evans High School.

171 Evans students participated in the event, providing 427.5 hours of community service.

Counseling Services

This school year, the Community School Partnership continued to grow as we added counseling services at the Evans Wellness Cottage. Counseling sessions are offered at no cost to all Pine Hills residents, with current participants ranging in age from 4-64. Sessions address a variety of topics including depression, anxiety, PTSD and ADHD on an individual or family basis.

Community members may access these services by calling 407-896-2323.

Round of Applause

We thank:

- Orlando Health for donating over \$5,000 to provide eyeglasses to our students.
- United Foundation of Central Florida for providing meals to our football team and freshman success program.
- Alpha Delta Kappa for donating jackets to our students for the winter months.