



EVANS HIGH SCHOOL
A COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Connections

October 2016

Challenge Day

This year, freshman were paired with seniors to foster mentorship and cultivate leadership on campus during a recent Challenge Day.

Challenge Day is a 1-3 day program comprised of interactive workshops with a mission to demonstrate the possibility of love and connection through celebration of diversity, truth and full expression between teens, teachers and community members.

The day's goals are to offer a "judgement free" environment for students and adults to openly express their feelings and to create a school environment where students and staff feel safe, loved, respected and supported.

"Challenge Day showed me how strong I was."

-Sarai Antione, 11th grader



EVANS STUDENT SPOTLIGHT: Edna Ulysse

Our new Student Leadership Council president is Edna Ulysse. Looking forward to making a difference where she can, she is on a mission to empowering others as she has been empowered.

"Holding a position on the Student Leadership Council means that I am not just here for me anymore— I am here for the service of others," said Edna. "I am a member of a school that needs some change and I want to be one of the ones to implement that change."

In her role as president, Edna will encourage academic success by spreading awareness of community school services and events among students.



"I joined Student Leadership Council because I wanted to grow as a leader," said Edna. "I joined to get out of my comfort zone and take a risk and see where it'll take me."

Edna is a member of the junior class. Aside from Student Leadership Council, Edna is also involved in Beta Club, the Multi-Cultural Club and the National Honor Society. After high school, Edna plans on attending college, followed by the pursuit of a Doctorate degree.

MEET OUR NEW EVANS COMMUNITY SCHOOL TEAM MEMBERS

Thanh Nguyen

Community School Data Analyst

Thanh Nguyen is proud to fill the role of Data Analyst for the Community School. In her role, she will use data to analyze the school's impact.

Ms. Nguyen graduated from the University of Iowa and served as an AmeriCorps member for two years before joining the community school.



She was born in Vietnam, but grew up in Iowa. She has lived in Orlando for 3 years.

Stephanie Burke

After School Programs Coordinator



Stephanie Burke has joined the team as the After School Program Coordinator. An Evans High School alumna, she is glad to be back and is honored to be a part of the solution at Evans, helping students face the

challenges she once experienced.

In her role, Ms. Burke will bring in outside programs to bridge the gap between what is currently being offered and what the students need, coordinate after school tutoring, provide snack, as well as supper, after school for students and coordinate an activity bus so the students who are staying for additional support have a ride home.

Did you know?

-We provide FREE dinners to our freshman students and their families 3x a year.

-We offer GED and ESOL classes on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays at 5:30 p.m. in our portables.

-We have a food pantry on campus for students in need and their families

Contact the Hub for more details...

EVANS HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

LEADS

LEADS (*Leadership for Educational Attainment Developed through Service*) is a collaboration between the University of Central Florida's (UCF) Center for Community Partnerships and Evans High School. LEADS is a leadership program whereby high school students work with university students to develop and participate in service-projects important to the campus community.

The LEADS program is designed such that UCF students and staff, known as LEADS coordinators, will work with Evans High School LEADS students to cultivate leadership skills through a service-learning project that addresses a current social issue within the Evans community.

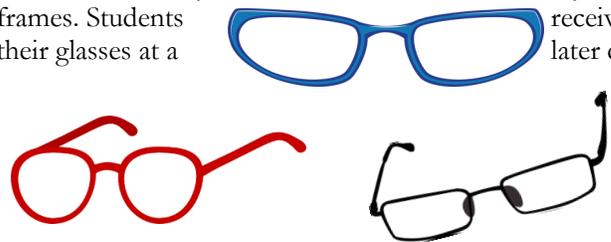
Specifically, the LEADS program is embedded within our Evans Student Government Association (SGA) class. Together, they will work to address the social issue of "respect" on campus through innovative student centered activities.

Freshmen Receive Vision Screening

On Friday September 30, 2016 over 500 ninth grade Evans High School students were screened through Florida Vision Quest. Another 220 ninth graders will be screened on Thursday October 20, 2016.

The ninth grade vision screening is an annual event which allows students who are in need of glasses and unable to afford them to receive complimentary vision services.

Once all students are screened, those who are identified as having a vision need are further evaluated. A "vision bus" is sent to the school where students' eyes are thoroughly examined and they are able to choose from a variety of frames. Students receive their glasses at a later date.



Round of Applause

We thank:

- PNC Bank for their donation to our food pantry.
- Experience Christian Center for their donation toward our vision services.
- Dave Bundy and Children's Home Society of Florida for donating toward Challenge Day.