

## Meet our New Principal



Mr. Rolando Bailey is excited to return to Evans High School • A Community Partnership School as our new principal. He hopes to be a supportive and involved role model at Evans and in the Pine Hills community.

When speaking of how he first got into education, Mr. Bailey says it was by chance. Originally planning to go into business administration, he was inspired by a childhood role model to go into education. Beginning as a middle school math teacher, Mr. Bailey always wanted to lead an organization, something that led to his career in educational leadership.

Mr. Bailey's vision and mission for Evans High School is to create a college-like environment on the Trojan campus, where all students are driven to succeed academically. The Trojan mission and vision is driven by the pillars of success: Pride, Determination, and Perseverance.

"Expect more of yourself" is the one thing that Mr. Bailey plans to instill in Trojan students. "Expect more not only for yourself, but also of yourself."

*Interviewers: Edna Ulysse, 12th grade SLC President and Daphnica Pierre, 10th grade SLC Council Member*

## EVANS STUDENT SPOTLIGHT Marlon Poteat

Marlon Poteat, current Senior Class Council Member and SLC Council Member, is a very studious and astute student.

Marlon has been an influential role model for Evans High School • A Community Partnership School and even his community.

He enjoys giving back and being there for those in need because everyone has their weaknesses, including him he shares.

He lives by this quote "Live by faith and not by sight" because it has helped him overcome the very obstacles that blocked his path for quite some time.

Marlon's desire to be a positive influence and part of bettering the school and community makes him a great leader.

He plans to major in Criminal Justice and minor in Business while attending Florida Atlantic University.

Marlon wants students in the school to ALWAYS believe in themselves and never forget the good in things!

*Interviewer: Kalana Francois, 12th grade SLC Council Member*



## Pizza with a cop?



"Pizza with a cop" is an annual event at Evans High School sponsored in part by the Hub, Pizza Hut and Orange County Sheriff's department. It wasn't easy getting the program going, but with hard work and dedication, it has come together! The goal is to help students, especially underclassmen, in our community and schools to build trusting relationships with law enforcement. This year, the event took place in freshman success teacher Ms. Blakeney's classroom. Since there is heightened awareness around law enforcement and crime, the event works to create an environment where trust and understanding is central. I think ALL students should experience this because it is a great way of bettering oneself and meeting new people.

*Interviewer: Laila Muhammad, 11th grade SLC Council Member*

## Scholarship Pledge Night



As college-bound students continue to immerse themselves in the life-changing process of college admissions, Evans High School • A Community Partnership School continues to facilitate the future development of its youth.

Evans High School worked with various supporters and college representatives to collect donations for students as they go off to college. Created by Mr. Rolando Bailey, this initiative aims to identify and reward high-achieving Evans High School students who have demonstrated leadership and civic commitment.

Parent Resource Coordinator Mrs. Richardson has high hopes the money and support garnered from Scholarship Pledge Night will allow students to pursue a wide-range of opportunities without the burden of college loans and personal debt.

Along with other members of the Hub, she encourages students to ask many questions about scholarship opportunities and to keep a close ear out for Mrs. Bohn in regards to those scholarships. Parents and students have been enthusiastically contacting the Hub regarding the potential scholarship opportunities.

Using one word to explain the night, Mrs. Richardson said “Community.” Indeed, what a fitting word seeing that it was the people of the community of Pine Hills who came together to give back and give Pine Hills students more opportunities.

*Interviewers: Silencia Delivrance, 12th grade SLC Council Member and Evon Thompson, 10th grade SLC Council Member*

### DID YOU KNOW?

- The Evans Health and Wellness Center, formerly known as the Wellness Cottage, now operated by Orange Blossom Family Health will have Dental services coming soon!
- We have over 100 student and community members ready to mentor our Freshman Success students.
- We provide over 1,900 afterschool snacks to students.

Contact the HUB for more details!

## New Position Greater Impact

*Mr. Jarvis Wheeler, Regional Director, Community Partnership Schools*

Mr. Wheeler is now responsible for expanding the capacity for Community Partnership Schools for Central Florida and working with the current schools in the region.

“I love it. It’s great for me to have new challenges,” Mr. Wheeler says. He discussed the importance of community involvement and resources needed to support schools. With experience from Evans, he is able to support more schools with additional resources.

Although the experience is different than his previous role at Evans, he says he enjoys it. At Evans he was responsible for establishing programs for students and engaging with the community. Now, he is expanding Community Partnership Schools and bringing resources for different schools throughout Central Florida. Both positions share the ultimate goal of increasing availability of resources that will benefit both students and the community.

This new position will allow him to expand upon the work he did at Evans and bring it to other Community Partnership Schools. For Mr. Wheeler, Evans is home. He shares, “I went to Evans, so did my family members and friends, so I have a personal connection with Evans. Since my new position holds a larger capacity, it’s not as personal, but I still have to keep a personal mindset because it could’ve easily been me or my students.” Despite not working at Evans anymore, he still plans to remain active and engaged in community activities. “I am not going anywhere,” he says.

Regardless of job location, Mr. Wheeler still remains motivated and passionate that his position is not only changing his life but impacting schools, one student at a time!

*Interviewer: Rebecca Boreland, 12th grade SLC Council Member*

### A ROUND OF APPLAUSE

Pammy’s Cool Stuff  
Southside Church of Christ  
Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority  
Bohn Stars  
Orange Blossom Family Health  
Pine Hills Press  
Pine Hills Community Council  
The Giving Back Evans Alumni Class of 80, 89, 90 & 91 & others  
Seeds To Encourage  
J L Wilson Concrete Inc.  
Evans BETA CLUB  
The Experience Christian Center  
6001 Silver Star Partners  
Target Performance Systems, Inc.  
Perform Specialty  
United Foundation of Central Florida  
Alumni and Friends  
SVF Insurance Agency

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SCHOLARSHIPS FOR EVANS’ SENIORS