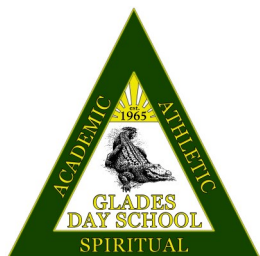


# Year In Review 2019-2020



## Glades Day School

Dear **GDS** Family and Friends,

We are pleased to present to you the 2019-2020 “Year in Review”. This publication portrays our mission— how we **COMMIT, INSPIRE and LEAD**, academically, athletically and spiritually! Our happy students are blessed to be supported by our faculty, staff, Board, parents, grandparents, community and alumni. As you browse this publication, I hope you feel as proud as I do to be a part of this exceptional school. Although the Coronavirus shut down and disrupted our year on campus, we pivoted quickly and efficiently by continuing our academic year remotely. I sincerely thank each of you, the GATOR family, who surrounds this school with love and provides a firm foundation that truly makes GDS a special place where children can thrive and discover their futures! Stay safe and healthy!

Warmest Regards,  
Amie L. Pitts  
Head of School

**COMMIT ♦ INSPIRE ♦ LEAD**



As my time at Glades Day School draws to a close and I reflect on my time spent here, there are a few moments that stick out in my mind more than others. I’ve attended GDS for 14 years so it is easy to say that I have spent more time inside the gates of GDS than anywhere else. In my younger years, I remember meeting everyone for the first time and making friends, having no idea that I would be spending the next 14 years of my life with some of these people that I met in K4. **At Glades Day, those kinds of relationships are a guarantee.** When I moved to the “other side” in middle school, I was given **opportunities** to play sports and participate in drama club. I believe these experiences helped shape who I am. There are some things that are better learned outside of the classroom, and sports and drama club helped me learn leadership skills and how to work as a team, as well as perseverance and many other things. A moment that stands out is the first time I sang a solo in one of our drama club performances. I was so nervous, but I got up there and did it. Or the first time I did a halftime performance at a varsity football game. Again, I was nervous but knowing I was part of a team gave me the confidence to perform. Many of the things that I learned outside the classroom, like **leadership, teamwork**, and how to speak or perform in front of others, helped me succeed inside the classroom. Luckily, I was in a place where they offered both. While I may forget my locker combination in the years to come, I will never forget the memories made at Glades Day School.

*Senior Spotlight - Valedictorian*

**Joy Sweet**  
**Moody Bible Institute**



### BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Board Members from left to right: Back Row: Willie Bueno (‘87), Billy Sanchez (‘80), Jake Davis (‘99-Chairman), David Lively (‘96-Treasurer), Matt Weeks (‘88-Vice-Chairman). Front Row: Scott DesRochers, Deena Perryman (‘86), Deanna Young (Secretary), and Scott Wilkins



## Educating the Educators

At GDS, we take professional development seriously. With the recent spike in mental health issues globally, we committed to train our faculty and staff in **Mental Health First Aid** this year. This evidence based program was designed to help trained individuals assist someone who is experiencing a mental health or substance related crisis. During this training, we learned about signs, symptoms and risk factors of mental illnesses and addictions and ways to identify multiple types of professional and self-help resources for our students. Our students safety and well-being is important to us!



**Unique** is the word I would use to describe Glades Day School and its uniqueness is what make us a family. From the time you step foot on campus, your identity is no longer a number. Coming from public school, I truly saw the difference in the level of care and attention. Being involved at GDS, I was able to really connect with students and teachers on and off campus. From the time I entered high school, April Maria pointed me in the direction to prepare for college. She offered hours after school to guide and prepare us for tests outside of school. Glades Day School is the place I found my voice. **Endless opportunities from sports to honor society**, I felt like a kid in a candy store. I ran for presidencies, held class meetings, spoke in front of leadership teams, pep rallies and led homecoming activities. GDS prepared and provided these **opportunities**. Memories of battling up and down the football field to bring home that win under the Friday night lights are like no other, and Coach Pitts, Seider and Threlkeld encouraged us to fight to the end. When you attend a sporting event, you don't just see GDS, you see the town of Belle Glade there to show support, like a family. Moving to the next chapter will truly be hard. Leaving the place I love so much and heading into the world unknown will not be easy, but I am beyond prepared. Actually, Glades Day is not **unique**, it is **original** and nowhere else can compare. Thank you Glades Day School, teachers, staff and coaches for the best eight years of my life.

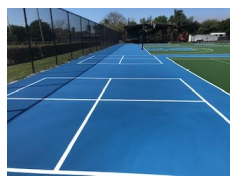


**Brady Wilkins**  
Tallahassee Community College

**It's great to be a  
Glades Day Gator!**

## Senior Spotlight

## New Outdoor Athletic Courts



**GDS** students, faculty and staff are very excited with the newly renovated outdoor athletic complex. PE classes as well as various sports can enjoy the outdoors even more on our newly designed basketball, volleyball, tennis and 4-square courts!

## FALL FESTIVAL

The Fall Festival is our biggest family event beginning with the costume parade, followed by games, food, raffles and more. Thank you to the families and companies who donated raffle items and sponsored game and food booths: **Royals Inc, Lake Hardware, Dr. & Mrs. Ahmed Barhoush, Everglades Equipment Group, Florida Crystals, Pope Farms, Grid One Electric, Reliant Fire and Security, C Los Barbershop, Stitchworks Plus, Cris's Tech Repair, Pioneer Growers, A&E Bobcat, Moss Towing, and TKM Bengard and McDonald's** for donating the drinks for the junior class drink booth. Thank you to the parents and staff that continue to contribute time and money to make this event possible and successful! Our raffle winners this year were **Wendy Davis**-purse, **Billy Sanchez**-gun, and **Vicky Euliss**-television. This year, **Alan Sullivan** and **Glades Roofing** split the "big money!" The Fall Festival raised just over \$11,000 this year!





## LOWER SCHOOL GARDEN CLUB

The Garden Club's biggest news is the Upper School Student Council bought a **rain barrel** for our vegetable garden. We are looking forward to having it installed in August! Garden club members made thank you cards for the Student Council!

Our **Butterfly Garden** is thriving, and the butterflies have arrived. We have butterflies galore! All the Lower School students watched as the butterflies went through their life cycle.

The Garden Club prepared the **three large planter boxes** on the east side of the Lower School building for a variety of plants. We began with the hot pepper plants and added tomatoes, cabbage and bell peppers!



# Green Schools Recognition Program

Glades Day School maintained its status as a 2020 **GREEN SCHOOL OF EXCELLENCE**. Mrs. Kujawski and Mrs. Maria led the school's initiative this year and submitted the school's application to Green Schools Recognition Program (GSRP). This program was founded by FAU Pine Jog Environmental Education Center to encourage schools to develop cultures of sustainability and environmental stewardship in the classrooms, school grounds and in the community. The GSRP recognizes schools that are making "green" strides in the following categories: school grounds enhancement, school sustainability, curriculum integration, community partnerships and administrative support.



## SAFETY PATROL

The primary goal of a safety patrol student is to foster qualities of **leadership** and **good citizenship**. This year, sixteen 5th grade students did just that. Their duties included: helping the lower school teachers in the morning, raising and lowering the flag in the courtyard, presenting daily morning announcements and helping out in the car drop off zone. As a culminating activity, students and parents traveled to Washington DC, Gettysburg and the Amish country. This year, the students and parents were lucky enough to go before the Coronavirus halted all trips. The students were able to see all monuments and sites in Washington and presented a wreath and prayer at The Vietnam Memorial to the ten local young heroes who made the ultimate sacrifice. Our trip this year ended with an extra side trip to Fort McHenry in Baltimore, Maryland, where Francis Scott Key wrote our National Anthem. Now as we salute our flag and sing the National Anthem, students will understand the true meaning of the words.



## 6th ANNUAL SKEET SHOOT

**Glades Day School** held its 6<sup>th</sup> annual Skeet Shoot on January 25th at OK Corral and Gun Club in Okeechobee, FL. It was great change of venue. Sixteen teams participated in the event. We raised \$10,197.00.



2nd place team-Reliant Fire and Securities

**\*\*Chris Anders hit 92/100 sporting clays.**



1<sup>st</sup> place team-Stein Sugar Farms

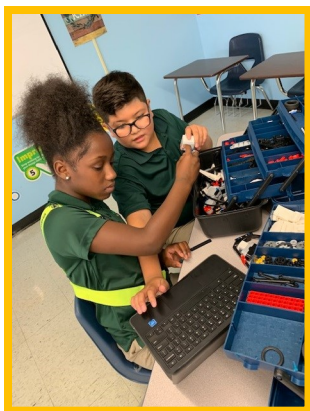
## MATH CLUB

The Math Club met weekly and was an opportunity for all fourth and fifth graders to relate to math in a new and inspiring way. Twelve students joined to learn how to play math equations, Sudoku and other challenging math games. This experience is getting students ready for higher math skills.



# Stem Lab

The Stem Lab is designed to strengthen foundational knowledge in science. Children learn engineering concepts, computer programming and how to work with other students to achieve a goal. The Stem Lab was incorporated into the 3rd-5th grades fine arts wheel.



## Lego Club

Under the direction of Miss Langmeyer and Mrs. Rodriguez, students in grades PreK-2nd grade participated in Lego Club. This club was designed to be a foundation for Robotics and teaches students to collaborate as a team as they build their masterpiece.



## Lower School Student Council

The Lower School Student Council is comprised of the entire 5<sup>th</sup> grade class and three 4<sup>th</sup> grade students. (Madison Baez - President, Bella Bueno-Vice President, Ramsey Rimes-Treasurer, Cecilia Marin-Secretary and Dominick Villanueva as Chaplain).

The Lower School Student Council prepares students for **leadership** roles on campus. They host family events on campus including Donuts with Dad in October, Grandparents Day in February and normally Muffins with Mom in May. Unfortunately, Muffins with Mom was cancelled due to the Coronavirus.

Some of the field trips LS Student Council attended this year were the historical Flagler Museum where they learned about Flagler's contributions to the development of Florida through his companies and railroad. Next they visited Lakeside Medical Center where students were hands on in the lab as they viewed blood and other specimens under the microscope. They learned that working in healthcare means so much more than doctors and nurses.

New this year, was the trip to **Florida Crystals** for a hands-on, interactive, educational presentation at their facility. They toured and explored equipment used in the farm industry and visited the highly advanced laboratory in which they are experimenting and studying the growth of sugar cane in a new way. Students were shown how drone pilots are employed by the company to fly over crops with high resolution lens and cameras, as well as specific filters to look for disease, pests, etc. In the greenhouse, students transplanted very small plants into larger containers. Thank you Florida Crystals!







# Glades Day School Service to Others



Love. Grow. Serve.



NJHS & NHS  
Gave Christmas Buddies  
21 years and going!



American Youth Soccer Organization  
Volunteers



FFA Farmer's Market in conjunction with  
The United Way



Glades Day School  
continues to SAVE LIVES  
by donating blood



Lower School Safety Patrol



30 Hour Famine  
FCA & Students serving breakfast  
at the Lighthouse Cafe



Lower School Student Council  
Ella's Closet Diaper Drive



Thanksgiving Food Drive by  
Lower School and Upper School

Hebrews 13:16 MSG  
Make sure you don't take things for granted and go slack in working for the common good; share what you have with others. God takes particular pleasure in acts of worship—a different kind of "sacrifice"—that take place in kitchen and workplace and on the streets.



# Gator Life



Home of the Fighting Gators!



Caught Ya Lunch



FFA Day



Gatorettes at  
Gator Growl



9-11 Assembly



Just finished ('20)  
Just started ('32)



Forum Club  
of the Palm Beaches



Honoring Melanie Austin



Powder Puff Football Game during Homecoming Week

*Class  
of 2020*

**GRADUATION**

**CEREMONY**

**July 31, 2020**

**7:00 p.m.**





I would like to begin by thanking our coaches for all your time, effort, and dedication to our student-athletes. To the **parents**, thank you for your continuous support in making our athletic programs as successful as possible. Finally, to the **student-athletes**, thank you for your commitment to each program in which you participated.

I have always believed athletics is a significant part of the educational process and one of the best educators of life. **The true value of athletics lies in the process. The development, trials, experiences, and relationships that shape our student-athletes into men and women of character is invaluable.** My hope is that they hold tightly to these lessons and apply them later in life.

Once again, I am so proud of our coaches and student-athletes for all their efforts and sacrifices during this athletic season. We leave this 2019-2020 year with high expectations and look forward to another competitive and successful upcoming season.

**Zach Threlkeld**  
Athletic Director



# GATOR ATHLETICS

## Player Recognition:

- **Anthony McPhee:** ESPN Top 63 Prospect for PBC, *Palm Beach Post* 1st Team All Area, *Sun Sentinel* 2nd Team Offense, Nominated for the Lou Groza Player of the Year (Football)
- **Lorenzo Powe:** *Sun Sentinel* Honorable Mention, *Palm Beach Post* Honorable Mention (Football)
- **Lane Collins:** *Sun Sentinel* Honorable Mention, (Football)
- **Ruth Anne Lively:** *Sun Sentinel* Honorable Mention (Volleyball)
- **Audrey Ascheman:** *Sun Sentinel* Honorable Mention (Volleyball)
- **Hana Lohmann:** *Sun Sentinel* 1st Team, (Soccer)
- **Hana Lohmann:** *Palm Beach Post* 1st Team, (Soccer)
- **Jenna Smith:** *Sun Sentinel* Honorable Mention, (Soccer)
- **Nicki Ruiz:** *Sun Sentinel* Honorable Mention, (Soccer)
- **Sophie Stroud:** *Sun Sentinel* Honorable Mention, (Soccer)



Season Record: 3-2-1

## VARSITY BASEBALL

Our record was 6-2 and we were playing very good baseball! We had fun and were in serious contention for a District Championship run.

- **Lane Collins**, (16 strikeouts in 12 innings pitched), and **Marquis Clarke** (11 strikeouts in 7 innings pitched)
- **Lorenzo Powe, Kolton DesRochers, Dante Marquez, and Marquis Clarke** were all in the top 20 in the county in batting statistics.
- **Koda Ivey**, and **Dylan Wilkins** were recognized as some of the top defensive players in the county.
- **Lane Collins** hit a grand slam against Atlantic Christian.
- **Trevor Robb** and **Brayden Browder** combined to pitch a one-hitter with 9 strikeouts against Pahokee.



## GATOR VARSITY SOFTBALL

The Lady Gators were #1 in the district and having a great time out on the field until Covid-19 brought their season to an end for the year.







# GATOR ATHLETICS



I had the pleasure of coaching this years Varsity Volleyball Team. We experienced some highs and lows throughout the season and ended up with an 11-12 record. This year was a bit challenging for us as we were moved into a more competitive district as well as played several 4-6A schools. However, these student-athletes fought hard all season long!

Ruthanne Lively & Peyton Pelham led the team in kills, Audrey Ascherman led us in assists and finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in assists for our district. Olivia Sanford was on top for most blocks. Kendall Kennedy, Olivia Esquivel & Allison Deaton were key to our success on Defense. Lastly, Lively and Ascherman received Honorable Mention in the Sun Sentinel All-County Awards.

Next season we will be bringing back 9 returners along with a few stand outs from Junior Varsity to round out the team. I am extremely excited to see what this group will do this upcoming season! We will surely miss our four seniors, Allison, Olivia, Kendall and Morgan, next year and wish them all the best in their future endeavors.



**Middle School Volleyball**



Lorenzo Powe will be attending Beloit College in Beloit, Wisconsin and AJ McPhee will be attending Muskingum University in New Concord, Ohio. Both players will be playing football! Good Luck Boys!!



**Middle School Basketball**



**Senior Fall Athletes**



**JV Volleyball**



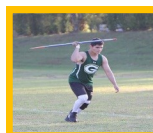
**Varsity Girls Soccer**



**Middle School Cheerleaders**



The Gator cheerleaders were impressive twelve, member squad that lead spirit all through campus! The senior leaders were Joy Sweet, Ashlyn Bifolk, Chloe Wilson and Julie Mineo. senior Chloe Wilson, junior Arielle Harvey and freshman Hana Lohmann made the UCA All American squad and were invited to perform at Disney and a New Year's Day bowl game. They did an awesome job leading pep rallies and football games! Way to go girls!



**Track: Javelin**





# Glades Day School Athletic Awards



FOOTBALL (V)	AWARD
Brady Wilkins	Offensive Line
Lorenzo Powe	Line Backer
Miguel Gonzalez	Defensive Line
Lane Collins	Special Teams
Jorge Navarro	Top Newcomer
Jose Cabrera	Gator Award
AJ McPhee	MVP
FOOTBALL (MS)	AWARD
Jyron Hughley	Offense
McKinley Holman	Offense
Isaiah Hinojosa	Defense
Julian Ramos	Defense
Ethan Vidal	Coaches Award
Hardley Gilmore	MVP
VOLLEYBALL (V)	AWARD
Audrey Ascherman	Offense
Kendall Kennedy	Defense
Olivia Sanford	Most Improved
Allison Deaton	Coaches Award
Ruth Anne Lively	Best All Around
VOLLEYBALL (JV)	AWARD
Sumaya Brown	Offense
Rhian Willis	Offense
Kinley Seider	Defense
Armani Powe	Most Improved
Carla Brown	Coaches Award
VOLLEYBALL (MS)	AWARD
Jayden Ramos	Offense
Sumaya Cunningham	Defense
Skylar Maria	Most Improved
Jazmine Valdez	Coaches Award

SOCCER, BOYS (V)	AWARD
Jay Castaneda	Offense
Dante Marquez	Defense
Lane Collins	Defense
JT Ocanas	Rookie of the Year
Carlos Contreras	Coaches Award
Peyton Pitts	Most Improved
Noah Deaton	Gator Award
Kolton DesRochers	MVP
SOCCER, GIRLS (V)	AWARD
Hana Lohmann	Offense
Nicki Ruiz	Defense
Sydney Poole	Rookie of the Year
Sophie Stroud	Coaches Award
Sumaya Cunningham	Gator Award
Linda Gonzalez	Most Improved
BASKETBALL, BOYS (V)	AWARD
Jeremiah Williams	Offense
Dylan Wilkins	Defense
Bryce Davis	Most Improved
Tyler Tamanini	Gator Award
AJ McPhee	MVP
Adrian Espinoza	MVP
BASKETBALL, BOYS (MS)	AWARD
Hardley Gilmore	All Star
Marquis Clarke	All Star
Trevor Robb (JV)	All Star
Jyron Hughley	All Star
BASKETBALL, GIRLS (V)	AWARD
Arielle Harvey	Offense
Carolina Rodriguez	Defense
Brielle George	Most Improved



# Glades Day School Athletic Awards



BASKETBALL, GIRLS (V)	AWARD
Ashlyn Bifolck	Coaches Award
Joy Sweet	Gator Award
Sumaya Brown	MVP
BASKETBALL, GIRLS (MS)	AWARD
Timaya Clark	Offense
Brielle George	Defense
Cheyenne Hosang	Coaches Award
BASEBALL (V)	AWARD
Kolton DesRochers	All Star
Dante Marquez	All Star
Marques Clarke	All Star
Koda Ivey	Gold Glove
Dylan Wilkins	Gold Glove
Lane Collins	Gator Award
Lorenzo Powe	MVP
BASEBALL (MS)	AWARD
Julian Ramos	Coaches Award
Peyton Pitts	Coaches Award
Kyler Burch	Coaches Award
Payton Garcia	Coaches Award
Jyron Hughley	Coaches Award
SOFTBALL (V)	AWARD
Morgan McNeill	Offense
Allison Deaton	Defense
Ashlyn Bifolck	Coaches Award
Olivia Esquivel	MVP
SOFTBALL (JV)	AWARD
Maria Alcala	Offense
Linda Gonzalez	Defense
Kaley Deaton	Rookie of the Year

TRACK, BOYS	AWARD
Miguel Gonzalez	Best Performance Field Events
Jeremiah Williams	Best Performance Sprints
Hardley Gilmore	Best Performance Distance
AJ McPhee	Best All Around
TRACK, GIRLS (V)	AWARD
Sydney Poole	Rookie of the Year
Joy Sweet	Best Performance Field Events
Rhian Willis	Best Performance Sprints
Sumaya Brown	Best All Around

## Go Gators!





# VETERANS DAY



Lower School students celebrated **Veterans Day** by inviting veterans for a luncheon and presentation. The Veterans enjoyed their time on campus.

## KIDS HEART CHALLENGE

This year's American Heart Association Kids Heart Challenge event happened remotely due to the Coronavirus Pandemic. Kindergarten through 5th grade students participated and raised \$6100 online. We look forward to raising and helping the American Heart Association each year! Pictured, last year's top fundraisers: Kai Hall, Paylyn Poole and Alyssa Brewer.



The most accurate way to describe my experience at Glades Day School is becoming **part of a family**. This was my first year attending Glades Day School, and I can say with honesty that I have never felt more welcomed and so quickly. This school creates a **one of a kind environment** and it has given me so many **opportunities** that I would not have found at any other school. It was a wonderful feeling going from a school of almost 3,000 students who barely knew each other to one where all of the students are friends and look out for one another. The reason I chose to come to Glades Day School for my senior year was to experience that **community feeling** where teachers and staff see you as an individual, take pride in helping each student, and everyone is known to one another as family. I was given the opportunity to participate on the Varsity Cheerleading team, be a member of National Honor Society, and be a member of the Yearbook Staff. Lucky for me, participating in all of those activities helped me to meet some of my best friends and make unforgettable memories. Although my time spent at Glades Day School was limited, it was exactly what I envisioned and more. I am forever thankful to have been able to be a part of the Gator family.

**Julie Mineo**  
Florida State University

## Senior Spotlight



Glades Day School is different from any other school. Throughout my 14 years attending Glades Day, I've come to learn the atmosphere and the attitudes of everyone here is unique. From the time I started school in Pre-K to becoming a senior, I have been taught that no matter where you come from or how big your town is, you can find huge **opportunities**. Belle Glade is a perfect example of that. The **support** and the **family** that you receive at Glades Day is like no other. I've been lucky enough to make unforgettable memories being a part of the varsity softball team, varsity volleyball team, the National Honor Society, the Yearbook Staff, the Journalism Staff and as the senior class vice-president. If you know me, you know softball has been a major part of my life since I was four years old. I am proud to say I am the only girl in Glades Day School history to go to state three times on the varsity softball team. This sport has taught me many lessons in life, never giving up is the biggest. I became a part of the varsity softball team in 8th grade. I worked hard every season, on and off the field, to be the best. The memories and friends I made being a part of this team all these years are so special to me, and I wouldn't want it any other way. No matter how far away the game may be, there will always be fans there to support you and the **legacy** you're representing. That is another reason Glades Day is so special. **I'm so proud to be a Glades Day Gator!** This school has given me something that I couldn't have found anywhere else. Glades Day is so much more than a school; it is a **family**.

**Olivia Esquivel**  
Florida Atlantic University

## Senior Spotlight - Salutatorian



*Moya*

## HAVANA Nights

The Gala Chair, Deena Lee Perryman ('86), and the gala committee planned a *Havana Nights* theme to celebrate **Glades Day School's 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Gala**. While guests showed up to enjoy an evening of bidding, mingling and dancing, they didn't forget to dress the part! Thank you to all who supported this event. With your help, we raised over **\$262,118**. **We hope you'll join us next year on March 6, 2021 to celebrate our 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Gala!**



## HOMEcoming

Homecoming, sponsored by Student Council, is always a fun, exciting and special time at **GDS**. Our students enjoy the traditions of dressing up for spirit week and competing in different games each afternoon throughout the week. Our families and friends come together on Wednesday night for **Gator Growl** to cheer on our fighting **Gators** and the introduction of the homecoming court. This year's court included Ashlyn Bifolck, Olivia Esquivel, Kendall Kennedy, Anabel Martinez, Joy Sweet, Chloe Wilson and our 2020 Queen, Allison Deaton. Our Homecoming Princess, Addison Young, assisted 2019 Queen, Lauren Nichols, with the crowning.



## Pathfinder Nominees



The following students were the 2020 **Pathfinder Nominees**:

**Anabel Martinez**-Community Involvement

**Joy Sweet**-Academic Excellence

**Olivia Esquivel**-Sports

**Lane Collins**-Technical/Vocational/ Agricultural

Glades Day School has had a huge impact on my life. The school and the students have given me such **rich memories**. During my six years at Glades Day, I became part of a **family**, who have been there to **cheer me on** during my successes and **comfort me** in my hardest times. They have even inspired me to keep pushing forward. I will forever treasure my memories from Drama, National Honor Society, Student Council and Track. I learned to become a great leader and a stronger **independent** person through my volunteer work at AYSO and other school functions. I am sadly leaving behind my friends and family at Glades Day to go to Palm Beach State College where I will pursue a double major in Film and Business.

### Senior Spotlight

**Anabel Marie Martinez**  
**Palm Beach State College**



## STUDENT REPRESENTATION AT VARIOUS CONFERENCES ORGANIZATIONS

Leadership GROW: Kolton DesRochers (11)

Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) Landry Pitts (10) and Rhian Willis (9)

ACE Leadership: (Athletics, Community and Education): Hana Lohmann (9),

Landry Pitts (10) and Jenna Smith (10)



## NEW FACULTY MEMBERS



**Jessica Radcliffe McGee**, born and raised in Clewiston, FL. Jessica is a 2014 Clewiston High School

graduate. In high school, she was a multisport athlete, 4H and FFA member. She went on to study at the University of Florida and graduated with a degree in Agriculture Education and Communication in 2018. Jessica always knew she would come back to South Florida to teach agriculture, thus landing her first job in Moore Haven, FL. There she taught Agriscience to grades K-5th. Although she was teaching the subject she loved, the FFA part was still missing. Glades Day School has filled that part of her heart and she feels blessed to teach here. Jessica recently married Justin McGee, who is employed at US Sugar and has become quite a helping hand in her Ag Mechanics class.

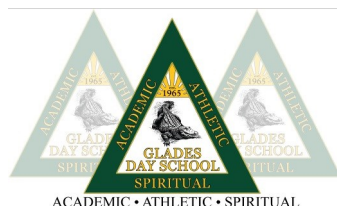
Born and raised in Belle Glade, **Andrea Nichols Landing** graduated from GDS in 2014. Upon graduation, she attended Florida State University where she earned a degree in Family and Child Sciences. Mrs. Landing is currently teaching English, Bible/Personal Finance and is working in our Guidance Department. Mrs. Landing shared, "It is such a privilege to be teaching at the school that helped shape me into the person I am today. GO GATORS!"



## Buddy Sizemore

### Award Recipients

1999-2000: Cindy Baez  
2000-2001: Kay Hall  
2001-2002: Joan Sardone  
2002-2003: Dorinda Shutts  
2003-2004: Carolyn Carter  
2004-2005: Fred Stevens  
2005-2006: Karen Rohde  
2006-2007: Aimee Sweet  
2007-2008: Kelli Garcia  
2008-2009: Armando Perez  
2009-2010: Joe Guethle  
2010-2011: Shelly Burch  
2011-2012: Karen McDermott  
2012-2013: Rita Schoenfeld  
2013-2014: Kerry DesRochers  
2014-2015: April Maria  
2015-2016: Amanda Bedsole  
2016-2017: Lynn Davis  
2017-2018: Amy Wilkins  
2018-2019: Eric Pitts  
2019-2020: Betty Ruiz



Our first grade teacher, **Karen Rodriguez** is a 1989 graduate of Glades Day School. After graduating from Glades Day School, she attended Tallahassee Community College and was a majorette for Florida State University. She completed her education at Florida Atlantic University where she graduated with a degree in Elementary Education and Early Childhood Education. Karen is married to Carlos "Tudo" Rodriguez ('88). They have one daughter, Paige Rodriguez. Mrs. Rodriguez enjoys boating and going to the family ranch. After 24 years of teaching, Mrs. Rodriguez is retiring.



## Years of Service

5 years - Shelli Bair  
Steve Elizarde  
Pat Kujawski

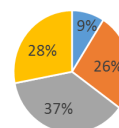
15 years - Mayra Perez Ruiz  
Shelia Sanchez  
Carmen Sanford

20 years - Craig Dobson

25 years - Nizi Hernandez

### SCHOLASTIC READING INVENTORY (SRI)

SRI is a reading assessment program which provides immediate and actionable data on the reading performance of all students within a school or grade. SRI helps teachers differentiate instruction, implement meaningful interventions, forecast growth toward grade-level proficiency, and sustain accountability.



■ Advanced (20 students)  
■ Below Basic (58 students)  
■ Proficient (81 students)  
■ Basic (60 students)

History teacher, **Shane Suttle**, lived in Belle Glade and attended Glades Day School through fourth grade. Mr. Suttle graduated from Wellington High School in 1994. He went to Palm Beach Community College and received his Bachelor's degree in Political Science from Florida Atlantic University. Mr. Suttle received his master's degree in 2008. Mr. Suttle states, "I have been teaching several years and consider it a true calling. I am proud to be a part of the GDS family!"



# FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA



FFA/Ag Program: The Agriscience Education program has been extremely busy this year developing skills for leadership, personal growth, and career success! While exploring agriscience based curriculum, students are learning principles of plant and animal science, carpentry, metal working, and leadership. Students are constantly exposed to the Agribusiness in our area which creates real world learning and interest in the agriculture industry. Our FFA chapters have competed in multiple career development events, community service events, local activities, and leadership development events this year. Due to a lot of hard work over the past years, **Glades Day School** is now known and respected state wide for our talented and competitive students! Follow us on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/GladesDayFFA/>) or Instagram ([gladesdayffa](https://www.instagram.com/gladesdayffa)) now!

## Career Development Events- CDEs (Competitions) & Awards

### Team Accomplishments

- Opening and Closing Ceremonies - (2019) Placed 3rd in the State
- Opening and Closing Ceremonies-(2020) 1st in Sub Districts and Districts, competing for State this summer
- Vegetable Identification and Evaluation- (Top 20 move on to State) MS placed 42nd in state prelims and the US placed 21st in state preliminaries

### Individual Accomplishments

- **Camber Pope**– 2nd in Sub-Districts for Prepared Public Speaking for High School
- **Peyton Pitts**-4th in Sub-Districts for Prepared Public Speaking for Middle School
- **Lane Collins**-3rd in Sub Districts for Safe Tractor Operations and Maintenance

### Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE)

- **Mason Matos**-Grand Champion Steer/Heifer
- **Addison Ascherman**-Reserve Grand Champion Steer/Heifer
- **Julian Ramos**-1st place South Florida Fair Hog Carcass Judging
- **Aiden Lakatos**-1st Place South Florida Fair Record Book Judging

## Local Activities/Community Service/Leadership Development

- Officer Retreat and Interviews
- Ag Safety Day
- South Florida Fair: Hog and Steer Exhibitors and fair booth
- Elementary Day: Equine Unit, UF/IFAS: 4H Presentation and FFA themed games
- Faculty/ Member Luncheons
- Donated picnic tables to various fundraiser auctions
- Senior Legacy Projects, Raised Bed Garden donated to Senior Citizen Center of Western Palm Beach County, and Landscaping the front of the Ag Building
- State FFA Officer Leadership Workshop
- Recycling Program
- Chapter Officer's Leadership Training in Haines City, FL
- District 11 RODEO Leadership Conference
- Turkey Shoot concessions with FFA Alumni



Opening & Closing  
Ceremonies 2018-2019  
1st in Sub Districts and Districts  
Third in State



Hana Lohmann, Addison Ascherman, Kelsey Kennedy, Olivia Sanford, Peyton Pelham, Kinley Seider, and Peyton Pitts

Opening & Closing  
Ceremonies 2019-2020  
1st in Sub Districts and Districts  
Competing for State this summer



Jayden Ramos, Reilly Baltazar, Kelsey Kennedy, Olivia Sanford, Kinley Seider, Peyton Pitts, & Logan Wilkins





# Glades Day School Senior Honor Roll



President's List	Honor's List	Lifetime Gator Awards
Jonathan Bolanos	Cade Congleton	Cade Congleton
Olivia Esquivel	Bryce Jordan	Olivia Esquivel
Julie Mineo	Kendall Kennedy	Alejandro Garza
Joy Sweet	Anabel Martinez	Kendall Kennedy
Brady Wilkins	Morgan McNeill	Brandon Schoenfeld
	Brandon Schoenfeld	Joy Sweet
	Chloe Wilson	

## Scholarship Recipients

Pahokee Rotary Club Scholarship	Joy Sweet
Southeast Produce Council Scholarship	Brady Wilkins
James Courson Memorial Scholarship	Olivia Esquivel
JPC Memorial Scholarship	Allison Deaton
JPC Memorial Scholarship	Olivia Esquivel
Jimmy McMillan Memorial Scholarship	Allison Deaton
Jimmy McMillan Memorial Scholarship	Anabel Martinez
Jimmy McMillan Memorial Scholarship	Joy Sweet
Jimmy McMillan Memorial Scholarship	Brady Wilkins
Rotary Club of Belle Glade Scholarship	Joy Sweet
Glades Ministerial Scholarship	Joy Sweet
The Lions Club Scholarship	Brady Wilkins

## Valedictorian

Joy Sweet

## Salutatorian

Olivia Esquivel

## Pathfinder Nominees

Lane Collins	Technical, Vocational and Agricultural
Olivia Esquivel	Sports
Anabel Martinez	Community Involvement
Joy Sweet	Academic Excellence

## Thiebaud Award

Joy Sweet
Brady Wilkins



Congratulations to the Class of 2020!



Take pride in how far you have come and have faith in how far you can go!



*Ashlyn Bifolck*



*Johnathan Bolanos*



*Lane Collins*



*Cade Congleton*



*Bryce Davis*



*Allison Deaton*



*Olivia Esquivel*



*Alejandro Garza*



*Bryce Jordan*



*Scott Kane*



*Kendall Kennedy*



*Annie Martinez*



*Congratulations to the Class of 2020*



*Morgan McNeill*



*Anthony McPhee*



*Julie Mineo*



*Victor Perez*



*Lorenzo Powe*



*Brandon Schoenfeld*



*Joy Sweet*



*Tyler Tamanini*



*Roman Thompson*



*Brady Wilkins*



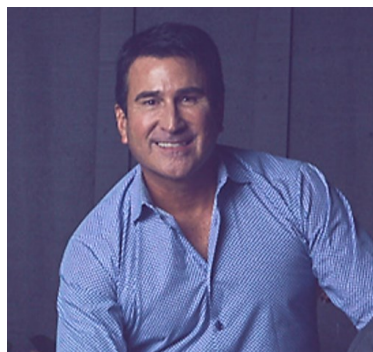
*Chloe Wilson*



*Anaya Brown*  
2002-2019

*"The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams." - Eleanor Roosevelt*

# WHERE ARE THEY NOW?



**Gus Blanchard** graduated from Glades Day School in 1981. A graduate of the University of Florida, Gus holds a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration-Management with Honors, with an emphasis on organizational communication/development and quantitative methods. Gus currently serves as the Senior Vice President for ADP Global Enterprise Sales. The GES organization consists of National Account Services, Compliance Solutions, Workforce Management (WFM)/DataCloud, Benefits, Talent/Recruitment Process Outsourcing (RPO), Business Process Outsourcing (BPO), Private Equity, Strategic Alliances and US Headquartered Multinational Companies (MNC). Gus is a veteran of ADP sales with a long history of sales success. Prior to his current role, he served as Senior Vice President for TotalSource Sales in which he was responsible for over 800 sales associates that delivered consistent strong double-digit growth over five consecutive years. Prior to this role, he held a number of leadership positions including DVP, Major Accounts Sales – Southeast Division.

Gus is a founding Executive Sponsor of the ADP National Hispanic Associate Resource Group at ADP. He is also a proud supporter and volunteers for Habitat for Humanity and the Girls and Boys Clubs of America of South Florida.

Gus married his wife, Charlene, in 1991. They have two boys, Evan and Cameron. Evan is Florida State University graduate and Cameron currently attends Florida Atlantic University. Gus enjoys golfing, listening to music, fine arts and exercising. Gus and Charlene have made their home in Parkland, FL with their sons and dog, Jett.



**Daniel Cavazos** graduated from Glades Day School in 2006. He went on to graduate from Florida Atlantic University with a degree in Business Administration. Daniel is the Director of Rice Farming with Florida Crystals Corporation. He is responsible for 20,000 acres of rice farming in rotation with sugar cane. Daniel began his career with R.C. Hatton back in high school working on the farm and in the packing house when he was on spring and summer breaks. He became a full time employee upon high school graduation. After a few years, Daniel was hired by Veg Pro International, a company out of Canada, as the farm manager in Belle Glade. He oversaw the growing of the specialty lettuces, spinach and arugula, as well as, carrots, onions and rice. He worked with Veg Pro until Florida Crystals hired him in 2018. Florida Crystal's is the state's largest rice grower in Florida and owns the only rice mill in Florida.

Daniel is married to his wife, Maria and has two children, Aislynn (10) and Daniel, Jr, (7). They reside in Wellington, Florida.





# WHERE ARE THEY NOW?



**Caleb Evans (1996)** and **Melissa Tucker Evans (1997)** graduated from Glades Day School. They both attended the University of Florida where they began dating. Caleb graduated with a degree in Environmental Horticulture with a specialization in Turf Grass Science in 2002. Caleb moved home and started TurfPro Services, a company that began as an innovative sod production and landscape maintenance company. The couple married on January 8, 2005 and Melissa joined the business two weeks later. Since, the duo have dropped the land maintenance and have expanded their sod production. They have doubled the size of the original farm and have several parcels rented or in partnerships. Caleb focuses on production and growth of the business while Melissa drives the sales and marketing. They hold their business meetings on the drive to and from work. The Evans share a belief in

promoting and supporting the industry. Melissa is currently Treasurer of TURFGRASS PRODUCERS of FLORIDA, which is one way they give back to the industry.

Caleb and Melissa live in Stuart, FL and spend their free time boating, traveling to concerts and UF football games with friends and family.



## **GLADES DAY SCHOOL** **1st Semester Calendar** **2020-2021 School Year**



Monday, August 3 - Friday, August 7	Leadership report for school
Monday, August 10	Teachers report
Thursday, August 13	Parent - Student Orientation
Monday, August 17	School Begins
<b>Monday, September 7</b>	<b>No School - Labor Day</b>
Friday, September 18	1st Quarter Mid-Term Reports
Saturday, September 26	<b>Alumni &amp; Friends Golf Tournament</b>
Friday, October 9	End of 1st Grading Period
<b>Monday, October 12</b>	<b>No School - Teacher Work Day-Parent Conference Day</b>
<b>Friday, October 16</b>	<b>Homecoming</b>
<b>Saturday, October 24</b>	<b>Fall Festival</b>
Friday, November 6	2nd Quarter Mid-Term Reports
<b>Wednesday, November 11</b>	<b>No School - Veterans' Day</b>
<b>Monday, November 23 - Friday, November 27</b>	<b>No School - Thanksgiving Break</b>
Monday, December 14 - Friday, December 18	1st Semester Exams - Dismissal 12:00 p.m. on December 18
<b>Monday, December 21 - Monday, January 4</b>	<b>No School - Christmas Break</b>
<b>Monday, January 4</b>	<b>No School - Professional Development Day</b>
Tuesday, January 5	School Resumes