

# Polyglot

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## Honors Edition

### Students Excel at State Competitions

Congratulations to Lakewood High School Spanish students, who placed first in the state in class 5A at the Florida State Spanish Conference (FSSC) held in Orlando April 20-22. Participating students were Maria Vidal, Diana Sanclemente, Ina Hysi, Ljiljana Nedic, Raisa Kaludova, Melissa Balmer, Lisa Vlaming, Rachel Scherer, Casey Whaley, Luis Pena, Manuel Quintero and Tyler Baras. The students were led by Spanish teacher, **Darlene Lebo**. Two Lakewood students earned scholarships of \$500 in the senior scholarship competition. We are also very proud of St. Petersburg High School, who placed third in

division 4A at the French Congrès held March 16-18, in Orlando. Congratulations to **Nan Griffin** and her students on this exemplary achievement. Participating students were Celine Cerf, Dillon Wright, Jenny Lin, Jenna Sezionale, Danielle Rossbach, Paul Stanley, Nisarg Mehia, Carlos Pesantez, Isabelle Vandormael, Shelby Begany, Michelle Wang, Dayna Lazarus, Maria Keuken, Tom Frobisher, Chelsea Spudie, Jennilee Navalez, Katalina Millan, Satyan Greenath, and Lauren Kelley. Also participating in Congrès this year was the Seminole HS team. Congratulations to **Michelle Browett** and her students for their excellent results: Kevin Craig, Cath D'Anjou, Alex Feinman, Tricia Figueroa, Melissa Fisher, Brittany Fleming, Molly Niemiec, Kristen Stewart, Rob Teasdale, Jeremy Tischer. Also April 20-22, Bay Point Middle School German students participated in the Florida Association of Students of German (FASG) State *Konferenz* in Daytona Beach. As one of only two middle schools among 30 high schools, Bay Point attendees distinguished themselves by winning 17 awards. Congratulations to **Paul Maseman**, Bay Point Middle School German teacher, and his students. School awards earned included scrap book (4th place) and stammtisch (3-D sculpture) (3rd place). Participating students were Janel Robinson, Tyler Coad, Heather Mooren, Rinsha Prophete, Daniel Clarke, Alexandra Vargar-Valentin, Sean Lynch, Savannah Kadernoff, Kimberly Jordan, Joshua Moushon.



The German team from Lakewood High School won first place in the quiz bowl held as part of the state German Konferenz, April 20-22, 2006. Congratulations to their teacher, **Carol Marger**, and to members of the winning team: Eli Marger, Patryck Nowicki, Phillip Pope and William Kingdom, with alternate, Amada Prats. Other participants were Katie Harbin, and Rebecca Wright.

### Clearwater High School Honors WL Teachers

**Jill Rodriguez** and **Julie King** were selected by members of the Clearwater High School Future Educators of America Club for recognition at their annual celebration dinner May 1, 2006, in the CHS media center. Student members of the organization annually each select one teacher whom they feel to be

an excellent example of and certificate. District supervisors the teaching profession. were invited to enjoy the evening, Principal, Nick Grasso, which included an elegant dinner and school board mem- catered by Carraba's. This is the third year in a row that world ber, Mary Tyus Brown, languages teachers have been honored by Clearwater students. both spoke at the event.

Each nominating student

gave a tribute to the teacher selected before and Linda Santiago. They were selected by Commissioner Winn presenting him/her with a to serve on the state Instructional Materials committee. What a beautiful apple award huge honor to be so well represented for this important task.

#### Four to Serve on State Committee

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## NEHS Latin and German Students Excel in Competitions and National Exams

On Saturday, February 18, four students from Northeast HS joined 500 area students at Tampa Preparatory School for the Region VI Latin Forum. Participating students were Keylon Lovett (2nd in 100 meters, 5th in Mythology II) and Konstantin Kerekovski (along with Keylon, 2nd in the 3-legged race and 5th in Latin I derivatives) and Sable Mongold (1st in Latin II derivatives). During spring break, four NEHS students attended the state Latin Forum in Orlando. Konstantin Kerekovski placed 9th in Latin Vocabulary I, Eric Lentz placed

9th in Latin derivative I, and Keylon Lovett placed 8th in History of the Empire II. In March, eight students from NEHS joined 125,000 from around the world to participate in the 2006 National Latin Exam. In Latin I, Kristen Hoots earned magna cum laude and a certificate, while Konstantin Kerekovski and Troy Toon earned maxima cum laude with a certificate and a silver medal. Eric Lentz and Ljubisa Micic earned summa cum laude with a certificate and a gold medal. In Latin II, Sable Mongold earned magna cum laude with a certifi-

cate and Keylon Lovett earned summa cum laude with a certificate and a gold medal. Six students from NEHS joined 25,000 others from around the nation to participate in the 2006 National German Exam. Five students achieved a score that earned them certificates of achievement. In level II, these students are Katie Brown (83%) and Natase Kuposovic (83%). In level III, Vaiva Gustainyte (96%) and Samra Sejto (99%). In level IV, Dado Kalem achieved 91%. Students earning above 90% receive a silver medal. Congratulations to **Alan Blessing** and his students.

## Congratulations, PRIDE Award Winners

Bay Point MS—Dylan Germack

Carwise MS—Rahul Rege

Coachman Fundamental—Avery Fox

Dunedin MS—Kelcey Duggan

John Hopkins MS—Mary-Cathryn Zimmer

Kennedy MS—Marina Draga

Meadowlawn MS—Monica Reffner

Oak Grove MS—Jessica Liao

Osceola MS—Samantha Núñez

Palm Harbor MS—Catherine Brinkman

Pinellas Park MS—Jillian Harlan

Riviera MS—Alexandra Freeman

Southside Fundamental MS—Alexa Mucci,

Logan Manderscheid (French finalist)

Tarpons Springs MS—Denise Marton,

Kacy Seynders (Spanish finalist)

Tyrone MS—Iryna Nikitenko

### Bay Point Elementary's Central

#### American Connection

Third graders at BPEL exchanged letters this spring with Nicaraguan children. The letters were personally delivered by Bay



Point student who visited the country.

Spanish teachers, Nilsa Gómez and Cinthia McGill participated.

## We're So Proud...

Beth Marshner Scholarship - \$1,000-**Sara Kolhoff**, Palm Harbor University High School; alternate-**Kanita Beba**, St. Petersburg HS

Pam Silva Memorial Summer Immersion Scholarship-**Nicole Scholet**, Countryside HS

WLTA Senior Achievement Award-\$100-**Catherine Fowles**, Seminole HS

WLTA Summer Immersion Partial Scholarship Winners-**Dylan Germack** (Bay Point MS), **Kelly Marton** (Bay Point MS), **Kristin Rebescher** (Riviera MS), **Justin Sanak** (Seminole HS)

Campbell Park Elementary—recipient of the national Magnet School of Excellence Award ; the school was also recognized within the district at the annual multicultural banquet as *The Multicultural Program of Distinction*; congratulations **Sylvia Amaya** and the CP Elementary staff

Kennedy MS multi-cultural club held its first Latin dance; congratulations, **Renee Belvis**