Recognizing outstanding students and teachers in science, technology, engineering and mathematics.

MARCH 31 - APRIL 1, 2022
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Thank you to our generous partners in education
Congratulations to this year’s Sunshine State Scholars. We are proud to celebrate your successes!

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Giving is Believing
Dear Sunshine State Scholars and Honored Guests:

On behalf of the Florida Department of Education and the Florida Education Foundation, it is my pleasure to welcome you to the 2022 Sunshine State Scholars conference. The Sunshine State Scholars program has celebrated outstanding student achievement in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) for 25 years. The tradition continues through your hard work and dedication to academic excellence – and your potential for the future of Florida.

The 2022 Sunshine State Scholars conference recognizes Florida’s highest-performing STEM students and provides them with an opportunity to engage each other and interact with employers from STEM fields. Also in attendance are representatives from Florida’s renowned state college and university system, ranked #1 in the country for the fifth consecutive year.

During the full-day event, student scholars will participate in problem-solving activities, attend presentations from industry experts and hear compelling speeches from inspirational leaders. Fifteen students will also receive a one-year scholarship award to attend a Florida college or university, based on their future goals and intentions to pursue higher education in our state.

As the Florida Commissioner of Education, I have always championed education as the great equalizer. I believe an educated citizenry is critical for prosperity and for the preservation of our constitutional republic for future generations. In the words of Frederick Douglass, “Education… means emancipation. It means light and liberty. It means the uplifting of the soul of man into the glorious light of truth, the light only by which men can be free.”

It is an honor to recognize the 2022 Class of Sunshine State Scholars. I stand with teachers, parents, sponsors and partners from across Florida in welcoming you to this year’s Sunshine State Scholars conference. Congratulations on a job well done!

Sincerely,

Commissioner Richard Corcoran
At Lockheed Martin, when we envision the future, we see a world of never-ending possibility. But that future will never be realized unless we prepare today’s students for tomorrow’s challenges. That’s why it is vitally important for young people to study science, technology, engineering and math. It is our hope and our mission to inspire the next generation of innovators to dream big. And make big things happen.

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Lockheed Martin. Your Mission is Ours.
The Sunshine State Scholars program began in 1997, and was designed to recognize students, teachers and schools that achieved excellence in mathematics and science. High school seniors participated in a statewide competition that used their basic knowledge of mathematics, statistics, physics, chemistry and biology to solve interdisciplinary problems requiring independent and creative thinking. Students competed and were recognized at district and regional levels. The ten Regional Scholars completed a challenging written exam and presented a research paper on a single topic and, from this group, a Statewide Scholar was named. The Regional Scholars and the Statewide Scholar were recognized at a ceremony where each Scholar formally paid tribute to his/her outstanding teacher.

Mathematics and science experts from education, business and government served on the all-volunteer steering committee, overseeing the development of the assessment tools and monitoring and executing the competitions. For many years, Dr. William H. Caldwell from the Florida Institute of Education at the University of North Florida was the driving force and inspiration behind Sunshine State Scholars. Dr. Caldwell worked diligently to secure annual funding. When other sources were no longer available, Senator Stephen R. Wise, Education Commissioner Eric J. Smith and the Florida Education Foundation championed the program, continuing its service and recognizing our best and brightest.

Today, the program has grown from its original format. Each school district throughout Florida selects its top 11th grade student(s) in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) based on established criteria. These Scholars, along with their parents, convene to receive recognition for their achievements. They also have opportunities to meet with representatives from Florida’s colleges and universities, learn about STEM-related programs of study and internships, and reinforce why Florida is the best state to learn and pursue an exciting career.
Congratulations to Florida’s Sunshine State Scholars! Your achievements in the areas of Science, Technology, Engineering, or Mathematics (STEM) are exceptional.

Helios Education Foundation believes education changes lives and strengthens communities. Founded on the fundamental beliefs of Community, Equity, Investment, and Partnership, we strive to create opportunities for individuals in Florida and Arizona to succeed in postsecondary education. We are proud to partner with the Florida Education Foundation and the Florida Department of Education to ensure more students benefit from a high-quality education and are prepared to succeed in college and career.

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– Paul J. Luna, President and CEO, Helios Education Foundation

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CONGRATULATIONS
ON YOUR ACADEMIC SUCCESS!

Your hard work and passion in STEM is truly an accomplishment. As a digital transformation leader for government, we applaud your dedication to innovation and education. Well done, 2022 Sunshine State Scholars!
THURSDAY, MARCH 31

4:00 – 11:00 p.m. HOTEL CHECK IN
6:00 – 7:30 p.m. SCHOLAR REGISTRATION
   Pick up event materials in hotel’s convention center
7:00 – 9:00 p.m. SCHOLAR DESSERT SOCIAL
   Scholar networking activity. Parents pick up scholars at 9:00 p.m.

FRIDAY, APRIL 1

7:45 – 8:30 a.m. CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST
8:30 – 9:00 a.m. GENERAL SESSION & OPENING REMARKS
9:00 – 12:15 p.m. WORKSHOPS & RECRUITMENT FAIR

ALACHUA-HARDEE SCHOLARS
9:00 a.m.  Career Panel
10:05 a.m. Recruitment Fair
11:10 a.m. Financial Aid

HENDRY-ORANGE SCHOLARS
9:00 a.m.  Financial Aid
10:05 a.m. Career Panel
11:10 a.m. Recruitment Fair

OSCEOLA-WASHINGTON SCHOLARS
9:00 a.m.  Recruitment Fair
10:05 a.m. Financial Aid
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HIGHER ED RECRUITMENT FAIR
Scholars and their parents meet with representatives from Florida higher education institutions to learn about programs of study, internships and career opportunities throughout Florida.

CAREER PANEL
Industry experts share their thoughts on careers in their workplace with time for the scholars to ask questions.

FINANCIAL AID WORKSHOP
Learn the process for securing financial aid.

12:30 – 1:45 p.m. SCHOLAR LUNCH – LIMBITLESS SOLUTIONS
   Parents are on their own. Return at 4:00 p.m. to pick up scholars.
2:00 – 4:00 p.m. SCHOLAR ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITY
   Limbitless Solutions & College of Optics and Photonics, University of Central Florida. Scholars will participate in two hands-on STEAM based activities.
4:00 – 5:00 p.m. SCHOLAR PERSONAL TIME
   Parents and scholars are able to dress and relax before awards ceremony.
5:00 – 6:30 p.m. DINNER
6:30 – 8:00 p.m. AWARDS CEREMONY
   Welcome
   Keynote
   Formal Recognition of Scholars and Awards Presentations
   Scholarship Presentation
   Group Photos

SATURDAY, APRIL 2

All Day SCHOLARS ENJOY ORLANDO
Alachua
Rishi Krishna Gadikota
Buchholz High School

Baker
Ashley Lauren Williams
Baker County High School

Bay
Sierra AnnaMarie Czubaj
Rutherford High School

Bradford
Huishan He
Bradford High School

Brevard
Melanie Joy Allen
Merritt Island High School

Brevard
Matthew William Krininger
West Shore Jr/Sr High School

Broward
Samantha Carozzi
Cooper City High School

Broward
Khushi Desai
Deerfield Beach High School

Broward
Kun A. Park
Miramar High School

Calhoun
Avery Brooke Layne
Blountstown High School

Charlotte
Skylar Robbins
Charlotte High School

Citrus
Carson A. Edwards
Crystal River High School

Clay
Nha Thanh Duong
Ridgeview High School

Collier
Hailey Lynn Hinchcliffe
Palmetto Ridge High School

Collier
Giulia Moreira Nelson
Barron Collier High School

Columbia
Nicholas Rahim Chowdhury
Columbia High School

DeSoto
Faith Morgan Iverson
DeSoto County High School

Dixie
Camden James Dahm
Dixie County High School

Duval
Charlotte Hsieh Caccam
Samuel Wolfson School for Advanced Studies and Leadership

Duval
Dorothy Kowkabany
Sandalwood High School

Duval
Nyla Theresa Searl
Stanton College Preparatory High School

Escambia
Jack Blanton
West Florida High School of Advanced Technology

Escambia
Ryan Zhang
Pensacola High School

FAMU Lab School
Miles Davis Johnson
FAMU DRS High School

FAU Lab School
Mallory Isabelle Thomas
Florida Atlantic University High School

Flagler
Shawn Zhudro
Flagler Palm Coast High School

FLVS
Joseph Evan Goodman
FLVS Full Time

Franklin
John River Sheridan
Franklin County School

FSDB
Tristan Dean Kamuela Brennan
Florida School for the Blind

FSU Lab School
Elspeth Ann Abbott
Florida State University Schools

Gadsden
Treyvius La’Jordan Copeland
Gadsden County High School

Gilchrist
Vicki Lin
Bell High School

Gulf
Luke Wesley Lentz
Port St. Joe High School

Hamilton
Morgan Matthew Griffin
Hamilton County High School

Hardee
Drew Elise Beattie
Hardee Senior High School

Hendry
Miguel Almaraz-Argueta
Clewiston High School

Hernando
Zander Thieryung
Hernando High School

Highlands
Angela Huang
Sebring High School

Hillsborough
Pranav Venu Kulkarni
Middleton High School

Hillsborough
Sofia Murrin
Freedom High School

Hillsborough
Anna Savchuk
King High School

Holmes
Kaden Jase Lemieux
Bethlehem High School

Indian River
Kenyan Paschall
Sebastian River High School

Jackson
Daniel Chase Bethea
Jackson Alternative School

Lafayette
Taryn Lily Maund
Lafayette High School

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Mattias Peroni
East Ridge High School

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- Secure AV Storage (Thursday-Friday)
- Thursday Evening Scholar Check In & Friday Information Desk
- Thursday Reception and Friday Meal Events & General Sessions
- Friday Morning Workshops
- Friday Morning Recruitment Fair
- Friday Afternoon Scholar Activity

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Convention Center Parking

To Major Blvd

Convention Center Parking Gate

To Kirkman Rd

Pool Bar

Children's Pool

Pool

Stage

Seminole Ballroom

Seminole A

Seminole B

Seminole C

Seminole D

Seminole E

Registration

Seminole Office

Convention Center Entrance

Friday Afternoon Scholar Activity

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Universal Center

Gold Coast I

Gold Coast II

Gold Coast III

Gold Coast IV

Space Coast I

Space Coast II

Space Coast III

Space Coast IV

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