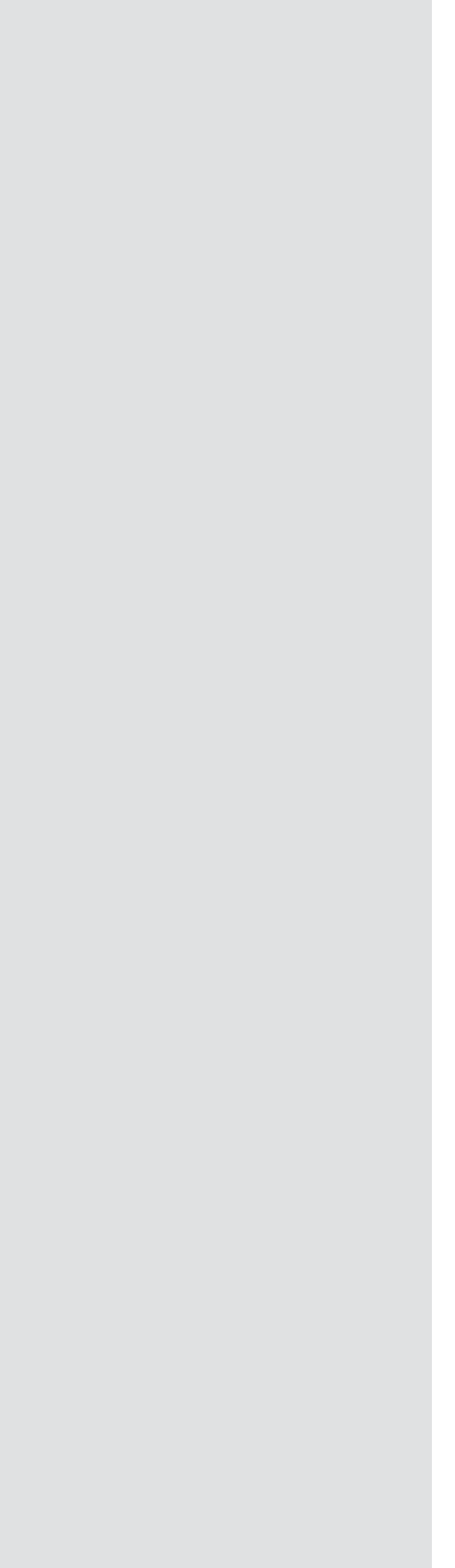


# THE TALKING POINTS



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# Eagle 411

Graduation Practice – June 7, 2016  
@ UNF

Graduation – June 7th @ UNF

Seniors who would like to purchase individual activities, need to make payments by the deadline below, no extensions.

Grad Bash – Jan. 8th - \$138

Prom – (Purchase from Junior sponsors) \$60

Wild Adventures – April 25th - \$45

Rebounderz – April 25th - \$40

St. Augustine – April 25th - \$50

Senior Trip – Jan. 8th - \$138

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By *Alicia Sloan*

Journalism is hosting Adventure Landing fundraiser. The tickets are only \$15. This event includes unlimited laser tag, miniature golf, go-kart and 60 tokens for hours of fun.

Mark your calendar for Thursday, April 7th from 6-9 p.m. at 4825 Blanding Blvd. If you would like to purchase a ticket, please see Mrs. Yazdiya in room F-110 or a journalism student. Tickets may not be purchased at Adventure Landing.

Also, the tickets can and family as this is a public venue.

By *Trixie Mae T. Ramos*

April 7th - Senior Tailgate (3rd period)

April 7th - Parent Night – 6 p.m.  
Wright Place

Grad Bash – April 15th

Senior Awards/Luau – May 25th D406  
& Field

Rebounderz – May 26th

Senior Trip – May 27th Busch Gardens

Senior Take-over day – May 31

St. Augustine – June 1st

Wild Adventures – June 2nd

Baccalaureate – June 5th

Compiled by *Jacen Kimbrough*

3/16 - ASVAB (Media Center)

3/17 – Academy Shirts Day

3/17 - Field Day with soccer game

3/17 - PTSA Blood Drive (Field) 1-7  
p.m.

3/18-28 – Spring Break

3/29 – Early Release

3/29 - Auditions for Talent Show  
(D406) 3:35 - 5 p.m.

3/30 – FCAT Retakes

4/1 – Superhero Shirt Day

4/1 – April Fool's Day

4/5 - SkillsUSA Parent Night 6 p.m.

4/7 – Peterson Fun Night 6-9 p.m.

4/7 - Senior Tailgate (Field) 3rd  
period

4/7 - Senior Parent Night (Wright  
Place) 6 p.m.

4/8 – Planning Day

4/8 – SAT Registration Deadline

4/9 – ACT Test Date

4/13 – Early Release

4/14 - CIS Meeting (during lunch  
only)

4/15 – Class Colors

4/15-16 – Grad Bash @ Universal  
Studios

4/18 – Tax Day

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Summer Phillips  
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Alicia Sloan  
Destiny Soto  
Eugene Toliver  
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# Nest Notes

By Mary Crosby

During breaks and holidays, your peers go on trips around the country and world. They learn about the culture, food, and music. Going around the world can be an enlightening experience that one would remember for the rest of their life.

Sophomore Destiny Soto traveled to Manhattan, New York for the Puerto Rican Day parade. The parade was 40 blocks long, and it was crowded with lots of music, food trucks, and different floats. She went because she wanted to participate in the parade and to visit family. Destiny



was there from June 14 to August 14. Destiny spends summers and Christmas holidays in New York every year. She went on the plane by herself and stayed with her stepmom and younger brother. Her favorite part of the trip was being able to participate in the parade, and she would love to go again.

While Destiny stayed in the United States, Sophomore Jeanelly Carrero traveled to Paris, France. Jeanelly went with her mom, brother, and school. She went to the Louvre (a famous museum in Paris), the Notre Dame, the Eiffel Tower, and Mini France (a scaled down version of France).

She was in Paris for four days during her Spring Break because it was a school trip. On the metro, there were bands and people who played good music. While she was there, she didn't have many French delicacies, but she did



have bread and Nutella. She said the McDonalds in Paris is "fantabulous."

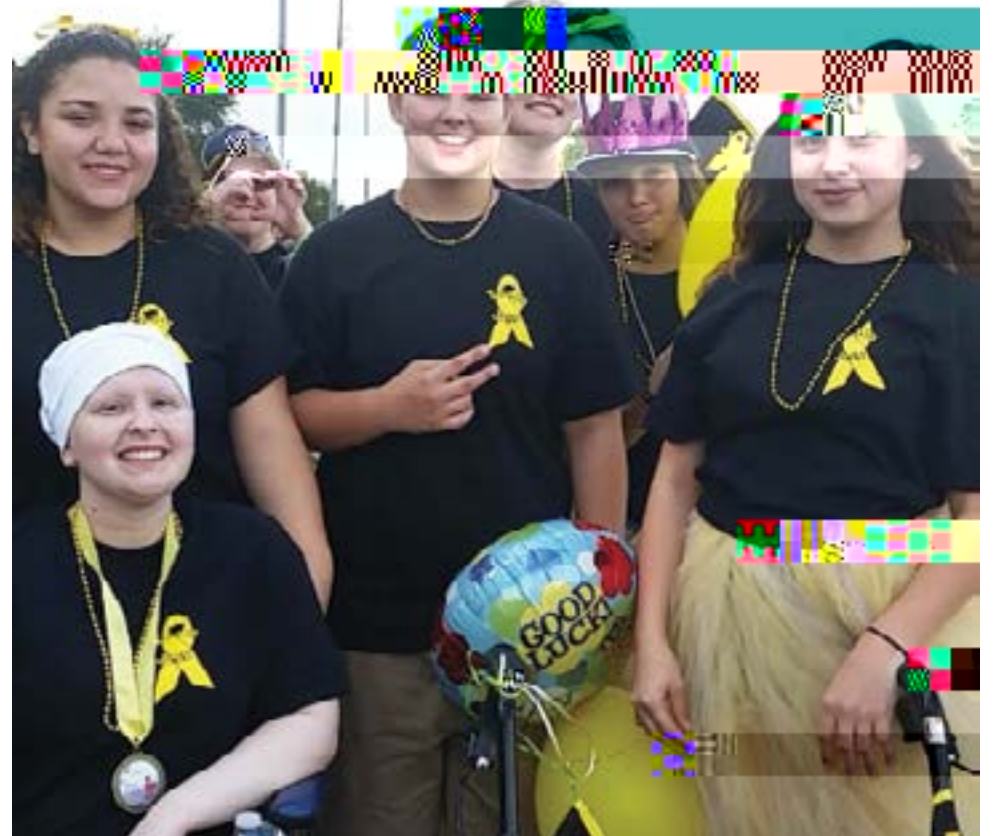
Her favorite part was the open tours, being on top of the double decker busses, and climbing the Eiffel tower. The funniest part of her trip was when a man cussed them out in French and tried to fight one of the teachers. She said that she would love to go again.

was over. I felt and still to this day say that the world is against me and for some reason hates me."

Jessica Mauch was now living on the edge of uncertainty, having to go through the hardest chemo protocols, she claims. She was put on morphine because the pain was excruciating. Some of the medicine she was given had effects of hallucination and often made her forget previous moments. One of the hardest parts of going through her struggle was the mental toll it took on her, mainly with the reality of life and death, and how people handle the possibility of fatality.

"Having children die in a room next to you, that's painful. One time two kids died in one night," she said while in her stay at Wolfson Children's Hospital.

Jessica used to have many friends from school, but since the start of fighting cancer, she realized she only had a support of about a few friends. Many she thought were her friends only recognized her as "a dead-girl walking,"



leading to a lot of them giving up on her, even though they showed sympathy when she came to school.

"... I go along with it and say I miss them too because I don't want to be a rude person and hurt anyone's feelings, but part of the reason I'm on so much anxiety and depression medicine is that I don't have the support. Even family members showed their true colors during this journey; not calling us back, ignoring texts, making other little things seem big so they didn't have to deal with me... I am very thankful for the little bit of those who stuck around, they really are special people."

With the pain, hospital stays, and frustration, Jessica could have chosen home schooling or a hospital-home bound program. However, but she really wanted to stay in school, to be involved in her Advance Placement, and honors classes. She planned to get certified in her Early Childhood Academy. Jessica also focused on graduation, college, expanding her wall of friendships, and living her normal life without cancer. "...I enjoy learning and working hard on

assignments and seeing it reflect when I get good grade back on it."

Jessica's combat with cancer was never a lone journey and she had grown in optimism and had encouragement from others battling cancer. With help from her social worker, she met fellow cancer patients who had and they formed a support group.



# Talon Talk



By Taylor Williams

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By Jacen Kimbrough

Congratulations to the students below who passed the *ServSafe* certification test! They were given a lunch in The Wright Place on Wednesday, January 13th made and served by the administration to reward their excellence in food safety and sanitation! *ServSafe* is the certification from the culinary academy that will allow them to get

# Screaming Eagle

"I met two girls who were both 17 and made good relationships with them. A five-year-old who has the same cancer as me was sad about losing her hair and they asked me if I would go and talk to her and so [I] went and we got the bald Barbies and we played with them and now she's like my little sister... Friends can help those going through cancer by just simply being there for them... Friends can even just stop by your house for a surprise visit. Just call their parents and make sure they don't feel too sick or anything."

For nearly a year, hospitalization, chemotherapy, and medicine became a part of her life. Jessica did not let this crush her spirit. She went to her junior prom, was on the homecoming court and went to homecoming her senior year. Even so, she still went to school in a wheelchair or with a walker, and she lost her hair and eyebrows. Her pain could only be eased with fast-acting doctors, pain-killers, and support of true friends and family. With the beginning of the new year, the disease was nearly non-existent from her system, and Jessica could not be more optimistic about life. Finally, in February of 2016, Jessica Mauch learned that she defeated cancer and was headed for remission. She beamed, "There is a CAN in cancer because you CAN do this."

Agriscience received a grant for \$25,000 from FFA to build a bigger and newer coop for the chickens to provide more eggs for the community. Mr. Kline, an Agriscience cohort teacher, he said that he thought that the FFA competitions are a great idea and they will provide some real-life situations for these students and that it will prepare these students for a career in the Agriscience field. In regards to the new chicken coop he said, "It provides a good habitat for the chickens and the ducks so that they can produce eggs that can be sold to the community and to reproduce offspring."



# Peterson Pride



*By Summer Phillips*

Christopher Durham is a twelfth grade aviation student, who plays center for the Robert E. Lee High Generals basketball team. He has played on Lee High's team for two years and his interest in the sport came from his dad introducing him to the sport at a young age and his interest in basketball continued from there.

Durham loves playing in front of his home crowd and he likes basketball because it helps him bond with people that have the same interests as himself. He likes to constantly challenge himself on the court, and he says that playing basketball gives him the chance to achieve his goal of playing basketball for



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*By Desiree Lee*

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# Raving Reviews

As students reach their final year in high school, students are exposed to scholarship opportunities. Basically, a scholarship (a grant or a fellowship) is a sum of money awarded to a student in order to help him or her further his or her education. College tuition and future living expenses can be very high, but with the help of scholarships, students are able to afford their college tuitions and climb further in their future career. To get scholarships, one must work hard for them. Excelling in academic

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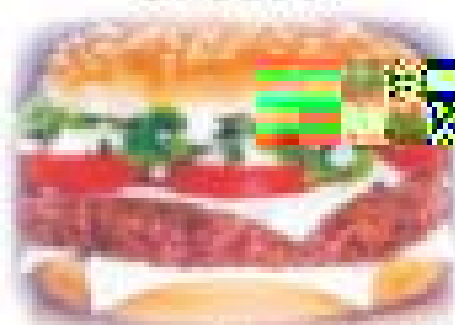
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