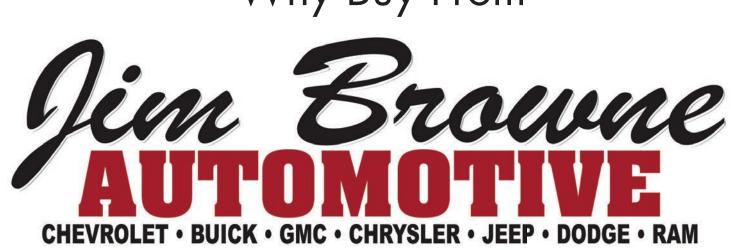


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The two top GPAs at the school are separated by just five-thousandths of a point

> By ANDY WARRENER News Reporter

It might seem as though Zephyrhills Valedictorian Alyssa Perez and Salutatorian Madison Poe have been duking it out since they first set foot in Zephyrhills High School as freshmen. Just the opposite is true. Neither of them really paid much attention to the race to the top of the class, until they were notified, just recently, of the honors.

"I never really thought about it (being first in her class), never thought it would be this close," Poe said. "I always tried to get straight A's in middle and high school."

Perez held it in similar regard.

"I thought about it (valedictorian) growing up but I figured if I worked hard that was good enough," Perez said. "Madison and I have a good relationship. We are happy for each other."

Chasing grades for Perez, was more a product of the environment she placed herself in than anything. Perez has been dual enrolled at Pas-co Hernando State College (PHSC) since her sophomore year. She already has her Associate's degree. Perez enjoys the college setting and the format of the college courses.

"I went through a rough patch in high school and college classes helped me grow more as a person," Perez said. "In college classes, there are less assignments and your grade basically relies on five tests." For Poe, it was the promise of a new Jeep by her father that kept the

fire going for achieving straight A's. Poe darn near did it. Through middle school at Centennial and high school at Zephyrhills, Poe received all A's excepting a single B in AP Psychology. It was Poe's first true collegelevel class and the B came in just the first quarter of the year. Adding a small dose of jealousy to the frustration of the new Jeep slipping away, Poe's father in 2021, bought himself a new Jeep.

Perez also had just one B on her high school record, that in dual-enrolled Microeconomics. Perez said she struggled with it, largely because it was during the height of the Covid-19 Pandemic and was all online, using Zoom calls. Perez said both she and the instructors were not used to the technology when she took the class.

That is how the race finished out. Perez stamps a 3.9833 unweighted GPA into her transcripts. Poe finishes with a 3.9828 unweighted GPA. The razor-thin margin, with identical grades, can only be attributed to Perez taking an additional class. The additional class diminished the drag of the lone B, just enough to post a 0.0005 difference. Otherwise, their grades would have been identical.

Perez is headed to USF on both a Bright Futures and a scholarship from the school, where she will study medicine and said she'd like to pursue a degree in Cell Molecular Biology. She will jump on the premed track and possibly end up as a physician or medical researcher. Perez's life experience has led to these important decisions. She remembers a state science fair from when she was in middle school. Perez brought a project that used fiber optics to transfer light to lower panels of a system of stacked solar panels. What really caught her imagination was talking with then-USF interns and how smart she thought they were and maybe she could be like them some day. Well, mission accomplished there. The draw to the medical field occurred at a young age as Perez watched her parents struggle with then-undiagnosed cases of Lyme Disease.

It hurt, watching them go through years of pain with no answers," Perez said. "There's so much research left to be done."

Perez herself spent a lot of time in and out of doctors' offices, as a child and always enjoyed looking at X-rays, even if she didn't know exactly what she was looking at.

Poe will attend UF in the Fall, also on a Bright Futures Scholarship, and also on a pre-med track with a focus on dermatology. Poe had an anecdotal experience that fed her college track choice as well. Poe underwent skin surgery as a baby and has been fascinated by the show 'Doctor Pimple Popper' ever since. Poe is a letter athlete in: track, cross country, soccer, volleyball and tennis. She says soccer was her favorite sport in high school and she said she'd try and continue to play recreationally at UF.

Both students were able to pin down their favorite high school classes. For Poe, it was her AP Environmental Studies class.

"The teacher was great, just their overall personality and how it was conducive to the students," Poe said. "The class was hands-on, we planted and watered a garden - tomatoes, bell peppers, lettuce, flow-ers."

For Perez, it was her dual-enrolled Biology II class.

"We had to write research papers for the class," Perez said. "It taught me how to read and write research papers."

Both students will graduate with honors in a few weeks and no doubt make their school and their families proud. And maybe, just maybe, Poe's dad will give up the Jeep before she heads off to Gainesville.



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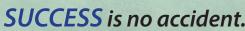
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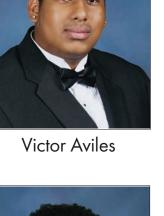




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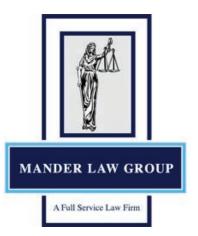
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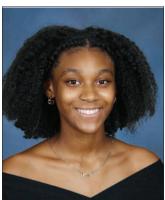
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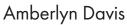


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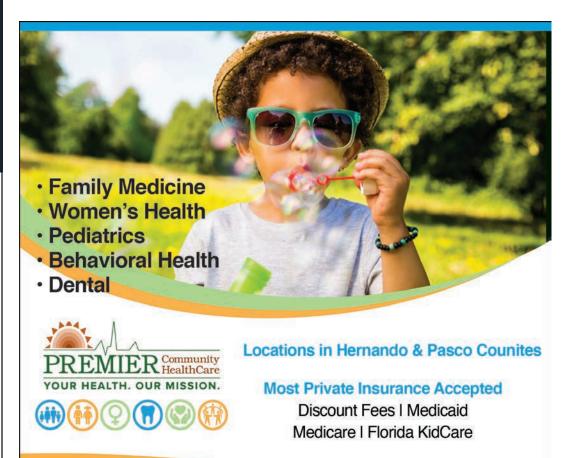
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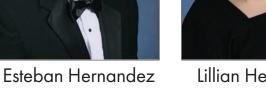
















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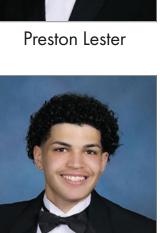
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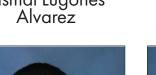
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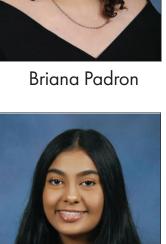


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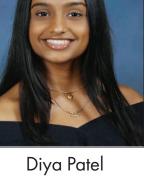
















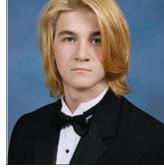


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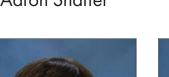
















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Demonstration Centers are qualified to host showcase events for teachers, school administrators, and district leaders from around the nation who are interested in learning about Cambridge International. A small number of schools are authorized as Demonstration Centers following a rigorous application process in which the schools must describe how they meet the criteria in five key areas, such as educational values, inclusive teaching and learning, and exemplary leadership and management.

"This is a huge honor for San Antonio Elementary School and for our entire school district," said Kurt Browning, Pasco Superintendent of Schools. "This speaks volumes about the quality of our teachers and the leadership here. The opportunity this provides our students is incredible."

The San Antonio Elementary School staff

was joined by Browning, board member Allen Altman, district staff, and parents to celebrate the announcement that San Antonio Elementary had been honored as a Demonstration Center.

Pasco Middle School also has been honored as a Demonstration Center.

Cambridge International is dedicated to helping schools deliver the best education possible by providing comprehensive support, including teacher professional development and training, classroom resources, and membership of a global learning community. More than 10,000 schools in over 160 countries offer the Cambridge Pathway program to their students.

"We are excited that San Antonio Elementary School is becoming one of the first Demonstration Centers in the United States, and look forward to showcasing the exemplary work of the school leaders, educators, and students," said Mark Cavone, regional director for Cambridge International, North America. "San Antonio Elementary has a long history of successfully implementing the Cambridge Pathway, resulting in strong results for students."

## Pasco County students honored with Anne Frank Humanitarian Award

High school students throughout Pasco County recently were honored during the Florida Holocaust Museum's 2022 Anne Frank Humanitarian Award event. The award recognizes the outstanding humanitarian actions of high school juniors who have worked to better the lives of others at their schools and in their communities.

"Congratulations to all the Pasco students who have been honored with this prestigious award," said Kurt Browning, Superintendent of Pasco County Schools, who attended the event. "These students are already leaders, being honored for their acts of kindness and for making a difference in our community."

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# Heritage Arts Center Association gives 2022 Nereim Fine Arts Award

The 2022 winner of the Nereim Fine Arts Award was given to Erin Caffarelli who received a \$1,000 check from Heritage Arts Center Association. Caffarelli is a graduating senior at Zephyrhills High School, and was presented the certificate by Connie Frankel, the Visual Arts Chair of the H.A.C.A. Board of Directors.

Heritage Arts Center Association is a local non-profit volunteer organization dedicated to promoting and supporting the performing and visual arts in our community. They produce the "Spotlight on Talent" regional performing arts competition for young people through high school seniors, where they award \$4,000 in cash prizes and trophies in addition to the \$1,000 Pasco Heritage Scholarship.

This year that award went to

Faith Phaller, a Blackwood Studios dancer who was an annual finalist in "Spotlight on Talent." For many years H.A.C.A. has also given the Nereim Visual Arts Award to aspiring artists, in honor of the late Founding Board members Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Nereim.



Erin Caffarelli's mother was an artist and she grew up surrounded by examples from artists from many cultures. She began working with clay in the fifth grade and has been in love with the craft ever since. She believes art is one of the driving forces of the human experience, and it's meaning is unique to each person. She shared with the H.A.C.A Board her sculpture of a dramatic fox/like creature, appearing to be suspended by its tail – somewhat realistic but completely imaginary. Erin will be attending PHSC, with plans to study mechanical engineering and robotics at Florida Polytechnic

Erin was selected for this recognition from several other highly accomplished local artists via a rigorous process. Her work can be viewed on Heritage Art's facebook

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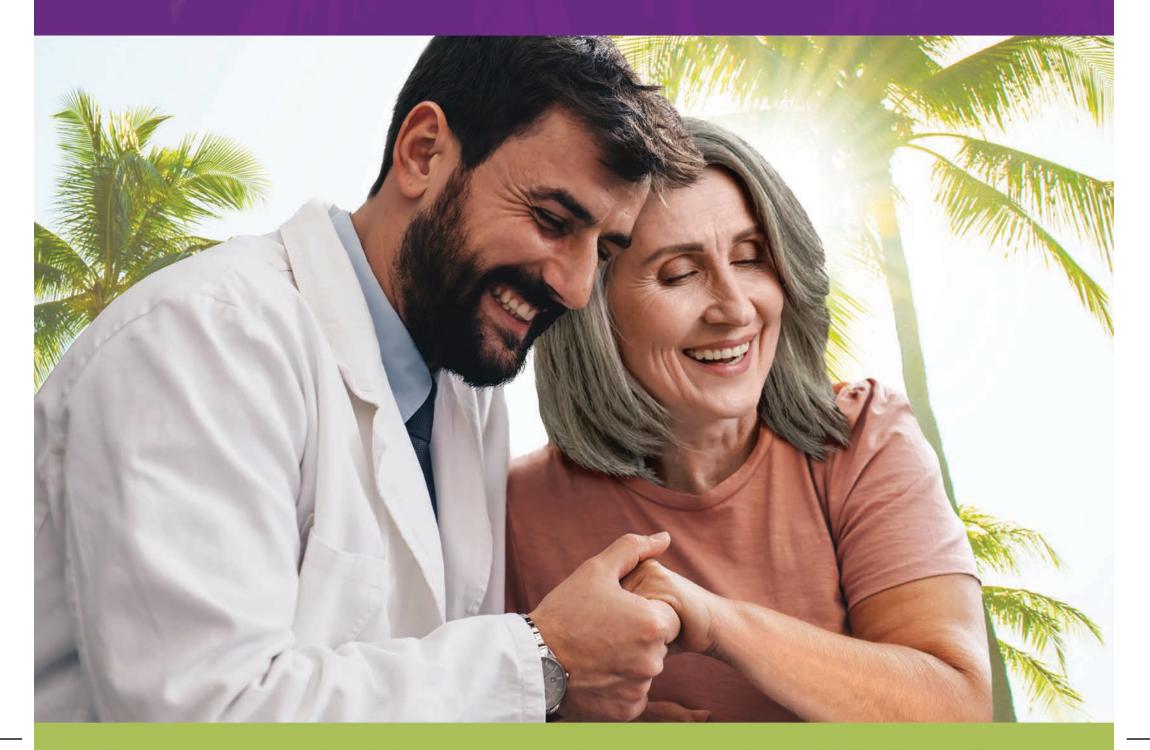
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