

THE ARGONAUT

A LAKE MARY HIGH SCHOOL YOUNG MEN OF EXCELLENCE PUBLICATION



BROTHERHOOD | LEADERSHIP | WISDOM | CHIVALRY | STRENGTH



HONOR OVER EVERYTHING

Honor is the one virtue that embodies all of our five pillars. It is a matter of deliberately living out the values of respect, duty, loyalty, selfless service, integrity and personal courage in every area of your life. This may be an extreme approach for most, but for us, it is a way of life. Because we know, "excellence is not an act, but a habit, We are what we repeatedly do." - Aristotle

As members of YMOE we feel honor when we serve others. We show honor by recognizing the contributions made by others. We honor ourselves, our program and our school by rising to the standard of excellence, each and every day. Whether in uniform or regular clothes, our actions and the way we present ourselves always align with our obligation to bring honor to each other, our family and the YMOE Program. Therefore, we demonstrate honor by doing what is right even when no one is around to witness our actions. And in doing so we lead by example, representing what we stand for and who we are in a positive manner.

When you are viewed as honorable, people trust the information you are providing and the actions you are taking. Honor helps define who you are as a person while serving as a guiding light for your growth and character. Honor is a commitment to stand behind your words and actions and choosing to do the right thing with no expectation of reward or praise in return. By committing to the practice of doing all things with honor and excellence, a reputation of sound character is established, making it easier for the people around you to trust and have confidence in *you* and your consistent behavior. Without honor, there is nothing; no honor, no nothing.

ABOUT US

Young Men of Excellence is an innovative program designed in developing young men into great men.

Our program empowers its members through established mentorship opportunities, team building projects and helping every young man cultivate interpersonal skills, hard and soft skills, as well as, strategies to achieve their short and long-term goals.

The Lake Mary Chapter of Young Men of Excellence focuses on five key virtues (Brotherhood, Leadership, Wisdom, Chivalry and Strength) in developing its members into successful leaders, while also promoting a way of life that exemplifies excellence and noble manhood.

"How you do small things is how you'll do all things."

- Joel Ortiz



3RD ANNUAL YMOE CHESS TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONS

FINAL: LMHS 34 | SHS 13.5 | LHS 7 | LBHS 2.5



I enjoy chess because it's an intense mind game that is easy to learn, yet challenging to master. Also, it is a great equalizer, no matter your level of experience, you can be losing one moment or through proper planning and execution find yourself winning the next. Chess promotes personal growth, forward thinking, paying attention to detail, analytical thinking, and always developing a plan.

- **Dominic Bellamy (Junior)**



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Chess is cool because it kind of allows me to "read" my opponent's thoughts. The concept of forward thinking or "reading" my opponent helps me with being able to view a situation from more than one perspective. The game teaches me to be wise with the resources I have available to accomplish my goal and the in-game time restraints have helped me identify areas of improvement with my time management skills.

- **Nelson De Los Santos (Junior)**



Final Match: Wilmer vs Dillon



Wilmer Juarez Tournament Champion



Final Match: Checkmate!

This year I have come to understand that chess is more than a game, it's a way of life. I enjoy chess because it has opened my mind to new possibilities. I appreciate how chess has taught me to weigh out my option, think twice before I make a quick decision, be prepared for the unexpected and most importantly being flexible to ever changing scenarios.

- **Edwin Adames (Junior)**



The lessons learned through the game of chess can also be applied ones life. In chess, it is always wise to think before you move, and in life, it is very important to always think through your actions and words prior to reacting, because both carry positive and negative consequences. Chess teaches how to be more proactive and less reactive.

- **Angel Billini (Freshman)**

Chess has taught me the important of appreciating the things in life you have been given and how to use those resources or strengths to your advantage to accomplish any goal you may set your mind to. Furthermore, chess has helped me develop strategic thinking, in that you never want to move without analyzing/calculating each scenario and when things go wrong, as they often do, you must adapt quickly, improvise, and redirect your plan of attack. #KeepComposure

- **Jameson Jean (Freshman)**

Chess is more than just a game, because I can apply chess principles to almost every area in life. One of the most important principles is the concept of thinking before you move.

- **Ronald Graham (Freshman)**

I like chess because it's a challenge and puts my mind to the test. Chess is actually fun and can be used to teach various life lessons. I have learned that weighing out my options is key to success. Chess has allowed me to be more observant when making decisions and understand that every decision I make has a consequence.

- **Emiril Gant (Freshman)**



THANK YOU TO ALL WHO ATTENDED AND MADE THIS EVENT A SUCCESS!



SEMINOLE HIGH SCHOOL CHESS CLUB



LYMAN HIGH SCHOOL CHESS CLUB



LAKE BRANTLEY HIGH SCHOOL CHESS CLUB



Left to Right: Congratulations to Dillion Peterson (2nd), Serapio Alicea (3rd), Wilmer Juarez (1st) for placing Top 3 in the YMOE Chess Tournament.



LAKE MARY HIGH SCHOOL CHESS ARBITERS



SCPS BOARD MEMBERS, COACHES & CLUBS

Standard of Excellence

So far we've covered three of our five pillars. This month we will cover Chivalry.

Within our program we teach our students that a gentleman is someone who does, not what he wants to do, but what he must do. It is a matter of self-control, making the right choice, respect and duty. It is about putting others before self and honoring ones obligations. Chivalry's not dead,

Scholarship Opportunities

Below you will find a few scholarship opportunities! Click the links below to check them out and apply before the deadline. Check your student email for more opportunities.

- March 3-4: [HBCU Real Talk Forum](#)
- April 2: [SCPS Senior Scholarship](#)
- April 16: [University Behavioral Center Scholarship](#)

March Challenge

Join us as we drink at least one gallon of water or meditate 15 minutes per day.

The human body is made up of 60% water. Staying hydrated is very important, as it helps maximize physical performance, improves energy levels, brain function, and aids in weight loss. Meditation can help with focus, redirecting thoughts, improved concentration, increased self awareness, stress reduction, developing a positive outlook, self-discipline, and healthy sleeping patterns.

Member Highlights

We would like to introduce our newest members and celebrate birthdays!

Newest Members

- Neveric Edwards

Happy Birthday!

- March 5: Dominic Bellamy
- March 6: Christian Vazquez
- March 12: Christopher Ross
- March 17: Ronald Graham

Important Dates

Did you know these national and international days?

March 1
World Compliment Day

March 2
Dr. Suess' Birthday



March 3
National Anthem Day

March 5
National Unplug Day



March 4
YMOE Interest Meeting

March 9-12
3rd Quarter Exams

March 10
Super Mario Day



March 14
National π Day

March 14-19
Spring Break

March 15
National Napping Day

March 17
St. Patrick's Day



March 21
World Poetry Day

March 24
YMOE Meeting, 1:30pm-4pm

March 26
Nike Air Max Day

RAM OF THE MONTH

Jameson Jean



As a first-year in the program, Jameson has shown great promise and sound leadership amongst his peers. Jameson takes ownership, encourages others, asks the right questions, and puts in the work needed to master his role as a student-leader. We are excited to have such a quality freshman who trust the process, embraces the program, provides quality work, while maintaining a positive outlook in any situation. We look forward to your growth these coming years. Keep up the great work! #Ramstrong

YOUNG MEN AND WOMEN OF EXCELLENCE PRESENT

The Royal Banquet

END OF YEAR DINNER AND AWARDS CEREMONY

SATURDAY, MAY 1 | 5PM - 8PM

LAKE MARY HIGH SCHOOL

\$10 PER PERSON, UNTIL APRIL 16

\$15 PER PERSON, APRIL 16 - MAY 1

DUE TO LIMITED CAPACITY, EACH STUDENT HAS 4 GUESTS

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