The Seventh Annual Rotary Rising Achievers Program

Seminole County South Rotary Club
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Orlando Marriott at Lake Mary
# Seventh Annual Rising Achievers Program

The Seminole County South Rotary Club is in its seventh year of sponsoring the Rotary Rising Achievers Program.

This program, held annually in the spring, is designed to honor two outstanding students from each of Seminole County’s eight high schools. These students are selected for consideration by their school faculty and submitted to a group of Rotarians who chose two from each school. These are students who have had to face many challenges and adversity, and who have handled many unusual situations and are exercising great effort and intellect to pursue their dreams for the future.

Other events held in conjunction with the awards are designed to raise funds that enable the Seminole County South Rotary Club to help fund deserving charities throughout the year. We also award college scholarship funds to high school students throughout the year.

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Evening Schedule

Cocktails
6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Emcee
Dudley Bates

Welcome
President, Errol Greene

Invocation
Michael Martone

Dinner

Introduction of Speaker
Paul Sills

Keynote Speaker
Elizabeth Steger, Ph.D.

Student Recognition & Awards
Dede Schaffner
Joe Williams

Ticket Raffle
Dennis Sobik

Closing Remarks
Joe Williams

Dinner Menu

Salad
Spinach Salad

Entree
Roasted Breast of Chicken or Grilled Atlantic Salmon or Vegetarian
Garlic Mashed Potatoes & Vegetable Medley
Coffee, Decaf, Herbal Teas and Iced Tea
Fresh Rolls & Butter

Dessert
Chocolate Bourbon Pecan Pie
Rotary is a worldwide organization of business and professional leaders that provides humanitarian service, encourages high ethical standards in all vocations, and helps build goodwill and peace in the world. Approximately 1.2 million Rotarians belong to more than 32,000 clubs in more than 200 countries and geographical areas.

Rotary club membership represents a cross-section of the community’s business and professional men and women. The world’s Rotary clubs meet weekly and are nonpolitical, nonreligious, and open to all cultures, races, and creeds.

The main objective of Rotary is service — in the community, in the workplace, and throughout the world. Rotarians develop community service projects that address many of today’s most critical issues, such as children at risk, poverty and hunger, the environment, illiteracy, and violence. They also support programs for youth, educational opportunities and international exchanges for students, teachers, and other professionals, and vocational and career development. The Rotary motto is:

*Service Above Self.*

Although Rotary clubs develop autonomous service programs, all Rotarians worldwide are united in a campaign for the global eradication of polio. In the 1980s, Rotarians raised $240 million to immunize the children of the world; by 2005, Rotary’s centenary year and the target date for the certification of a polio-free world, the PolioPlus program will have contributed $500 million to this cause. In addition, Rotary has provided an army of volunteers to promote and assist at national immunization days in polio-endemic countries around the world.

The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International is a not-for-profit corporation that promotes world understanding through international humanitarian service programs and educational and cultural exchanges. It is supported solely by voluntary contributions from Rotarians and others who share its vision of a better world. Since 1947, the Foundation has awarded more than $1.1 billion in humanitarian and educational grants, which are initiated and administered by local Rotary clubs and districts.
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MATTHEW DEBREW - CROOMS ACADEMY OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Finding out at the tender age of 11 that he was adopted, Matthew DeBrew struggled with the question, “Why would my biological mother give me away?” After a few rebellious years, he finally realized that there was nothing wrong with him but his biological mother loved him enough to realize he would have a better life if she gave him away. Now, at 17, he has come to grips with the entire situation and is able to give testimony about being adopted to other young people and let them know there is nothing wrong with being adopted. He has turned his grades around and looks forward to the future.

Matt has been a member of the Crooms Cross Country team for four years, serving as team captain the past two years. He holds numerous school records for cross country, placed in the top 20 in the State Championships, named to Second Team All Conference, as well as First Team All District and Region. Matt serves as team captain for the Track Team where he also holds several school records. He is ranked #1 in Seminole County in the one mile. Basketball is another love of Matt’s and he has played all four years at Crooms. He is Vice President of the Crusaders-4-Christ which is a Christian organization that provides community service. All this, and Matt is currently working at Publix 20 hours a week.

“I plan to attend Webber International University in Babson Park where I have received a scholarship and I hope to become a professional runner.”

LATERICA COSBY – CROOMS ACADEMY OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

As a child, Laterica Cosby was the youngest of three sisters and a brother. She was raised in public housing in a single parent household. When her older sister got pregnant the household began to grow and currently there are ten living in her apartment. Laterica says that “coming from where I am, people don’t look forward to you succeeding.” That’s why she is determined to be the first in her family to attend college and be successful. She says “with the support and self determination I have, there’s no way I can fail. I work hard each day to prove to myself that I can do whatever I want to do in life.”

And, successful she already is! Carrying a 3.6 GPA at Crooms, she is a varsity cheerleader, National Honor Society, Vice President of Christians in Action, Leadership Student and in Beta Club. She has won over 30 awards, including Principal’s and Dean’s Honor Roll, Top Student in Spanish I, Top Student in Biology and the FCAT Achievement Award from President Bush. She recently completed a digital storytelling show for Black History Month.

“I aspire to be a registered nurse and have applied to SCC. I also volunteer at the Sanford Housing Authority and the Central Florida Dream Center.”
JESSICA DUDLEY – LAKE BRANTLEY HIGH SCHOOL

As a child, Jessica Dudley lived with her father and younger brother. Her father struggled with alcoholism and depression for so long that Jessica, at the tender age of eight, fell into the role of taking care of both her brother and her father. Through these rough times, she discovered her passion for writing. It became her consolation and helped her cope with her troubled family life. At the age of 13, she moved to Florida to live with her biological mother and her new family. Unfortunately that situation didn’t work out and she began hanging out with a rebellious crowd. After many years of fighting depression and being influenced in the worst ways imaginable, with the help of one special counselor she fought her way back to the top. In the midst of all this, school has always been an important factor in her life and she somehow has managed to keep a 3.85 GPA.

She is working at Manny’s Pizza to support herself and, once again, has found her relief in writing. She is living with a loving, accepting family who cares for her and she has found the happiness she has been seeking all her life. Jessica sees a bright future for herself.

While at Lake Brantley Jessica has been involved in the Photography Club, Junior Varsity softball, Beta Club, Business Professionals of America and the Environmental Club where she serves as Vice President. She also volunteers at her church.

“I am planning to attend Seminole Community College to seek a degree in journalism.”

ASHLEE ROGERS – LAKE BRANTLEY HIGH SCHOOL

In December, 2004 when Ashlee and her mother were evicted from their home, they moved to a hotel where Ashlee rode her bike 4 miles to school each day. When her mother was arrested and went to jail, Ashlee moved in with a friend and his parents and has lived with them since. In May, 2006, her mother was released from prison, moved to Virginia with a boyfriend and Ashlee was completely on her own. She was devastated, felt so alone but she made the resolve she would graduate from high school, go to college and become self sufficient. When she turned 16, she got a job at Red Lobster and has been working 35+ hours per week ever since. She says her friends stood by her and teachers have been her role model. Ashlee is carrying a 3.5 GPA at Lake Brantley High School; yes, you heard that right – a 3.5 GPA.

On top of that high GPA and working full time at Red Lobster, Ashlee is a star member of the Lake Brantley Cross Country and Track and Field Teams. She also assists the Teague Middle School Physical Education Teachers with their running programs and after school activities.

“I want to become a physical education teacher. My P.E. teachers since middle school
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have taught me how to reach goals while giving back to the community. I will be attending Seminole Community College to begin my journey!

CHRISTINA BOWERS – LAKE HOWELL HIGH SCHOOL

While the diagnosis of childhood cancer is always a cruel twist of fate, it is especially difficult to deliver the news to a 12-year-old girl who is beginning the delicate time of adolescence. Christina Bowers’ treatment for acute lymphoblastic leukemia (ALL) required lengthy hospital admissions for chemotherapy and many unplanned admissions for fever and other complications. Her compromised immune system during treatment served to further restrict her activities as did the stroke she suffered during treatment and the surgery she had to remove her gallbladder. However, through all she endured, she remained determined, strong-willed and positive. For two years, this young lady endured a personal struggle with cancer but never complained.

Christina says “The medicine I received only wounded my body; I had a soul well nourished with hugs, chocolates, and laughter.” Despite the numerous days of school missed, she managed to keep her grades up due to her strong determination, even receiving an award for the best math scores in her school on the CTBS and was named a Disney Dreamer and Doer.

Fast forward from 2002 to 2007 and here is the current Christina: she works at Panera Bread, was a top finalist for Lake Howell Homecoming Queen, is an athlete playing on the water polo, varsity lacrosse and cross country track teams, is in Art Club, National Art Honor Society as well as volunteers with Give Kids the World. She is an accomplished, award-winning Advanced Placement Art Student.

“I plan to attend the University of South Florida, to study either psychology or architecture. I plan to become a camp counselor at Boggy Creek Gang Camp where I want to help people understand they can be the one to make a difference in this world.”

GINA LAUDANO – LAKE HOWELL HIGH SCHOOL

Gina Laudano will be very successful in life because she has shown great strength and character throughout extremely difficult circumstances. When Gina was 10 years old her mom, sister and two brothers moved to Casselberry from Boston. Dad stayed behind to support the family. It was hoped that moving to Florida would help Gina’s sister start her life over after being involved with drugs. During this time, Gina was diagnosed with Juvenile Arthritis and was in a wheel chair for six months. Doctors were able to help her walk again. Three years later her mom was diagnosed with small cell lung cancer. They all moved back to Boston until 2005 when her mother passed away. Eventually Gina came back to Florida for her senior year.

When Gina returned to Lake Howell, she began to put her life back together again. Her goal right now is to graduate from high school as she feels it will be the best thing she can do for herself. Friends, family and teachers have helped her pull through a tough time.
Gina has been involved in Latin Club, chorus, Varsity Club, Best Buddies, Cheerleading and tennis. She has also worked at Jeremiah’s and has done community service work including helping with a bone marrow drive.

“I believe that although there have been many bumps in the road, everything happens for a reason and this has made me the person that I am today. My goal is to attend Paul Mitchell Hair School to become a hairdresser.”

Zeleen Robinson was born with sickle cell disease which causes her to be constantly absent from school for weeks at a time due to hospitalizations and numerous doctor visits. She has struggled to keep up with her schoolwork while trying to prevent another crisis from happening healthwise. Her joints and sometimes lack of oxygen leave her in terrible pain the majority of the time. But, Zeleen is motivated by challenges. In spite of missing so much school, she is taking Honors level courses and is serving as a mentor, a Peer connector, to younger students in their first year of high school. Zeleen has worked part-time as a child care provider and as a volunteer at Arnold Palmer’s Children’s Hospital.

Zeleen has been a loyal member of the Pre-Collegiate Minority Association at Lake Mary and has been an active participant in community projects including an event in a nearby community where she practically finished a painting job by herself. She is also a dedicated member of the Law Club as well as Interact.

“My goal is to become a criminal trial lawyer and I plan to attend Florida Atlantic University where I have already been accepted. I’ve learned to deal with my health issues and I know it is part of what makes me.”

Chelsea Curtis’ life got off to a bad start and when she was 11 she was put in foster care. She began to run away, skip school, break the law, was placed in a juvenile detention center several times before she ended up in a 6-month rehab program. While she was waiting to go into the program, she was able to meet her biological father for the first time and the courts decided he would become her guardian on her release. Chelsea says: “Being in the rehab program gave me a lot of time to think about how I wanted my life to be. Looking back at how my mother left her five children for drug addiction, I decided I didn’t want to live that kind of life.” December 15, 2005, is a day Chelsea will never forget because it is the day she moved in with her father and the first day of her new life. Since then she has found a church with members who care about her, a school where she is dedicated to her studies and to the activities she is involved with.

Chelsea is working hard to make up credits she is lacking cause of her previous history but she is one determined young lady! In addition to taking a full load at Lyman, she has already earned 2 additional credits thru the Florida Virtual School and is working on
two more so that she can graduate with her class.

At Lyman Chelsea is an active member of DECA, an organization for marketing students, and has taken some lead role responsibilities including managing and operating the DECA lunch cart and competing in district competition. She is also on the track team, a member of Fellowship of Christian Athletes, and on the varsity cheerleading squad. She volunteers Saturday mornings at a local Alzheimer’s Assisted Living Center, and has had several jobs, including her current position at the Finish Line.

“I plan to begin my college career at Seminole Community College and then transfer to a university where I want to study to be a top-rated lawyer and continue on to Congress, where I want to change the laws and be a voice for foster children around the nation.”

CASSANDRA WHITE – LYMAN HIGH SCHOOL

Cassandra White’s colleagues and teachers see her as a young lady who has a learning disability, was “Daddy’s little girl” until Daddy didn’t come back to his family and a young lady who has learned to survive in a neighborhood where there is crime, robberies, shootings and drug dealers. In 2002 her brother with two children returned to the home so Cassandra became a full-time babysitter. The brother offered other challenges as well. A short time later the family was in a terrible car accident and Cassandra was literally cut out of the car. She broke her hip and had challenges learning to walk again.

But, through it all, Cassandra has concentrated on doing well in school and has kept her Christian principles in her school and home life. At Lyman she has been involved with the Central Florida Chapter of the National Museum Women in the Arts, and, as an accomplished Advanced Placement Art Student, has participated in the Sanford Annual Historic Art Contest, Lake Mary Heathrow Festival of the Arts, as well as the Casselberry, Sanford and Seminole Town Center art shows. She also excels in Drafting Classes at Lyman as well.

Cassandra has been an active member of the Boys and Girls Clubs of West Sanford as a volunteer art teacher, has done mission work in Namibia, Africa (two years) where she taught art school and started an art store; and has helped with the Northland Church Helping Hands Program when they installed lights in the black community and helped rebuild homes.

“I hope to attend the Art Institute of Tampa to become a free lance artist, architectural drafter, graphic designer or civil engineering technician.”

KADI CALLOWAY – OVIEDO HIGH SCHOOL

The very first day of her freshman year in high school, Kadi Calloway’s mother was diagnosed with breast cancer. While her Mom underwent rounds of chemo and eventually radiation over two years, Kati somehow managed to juggle lacrosse practice, Beta
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Club meetings, and Student Government Association meetings while taxiing her younger siblings to their after school activities. Kadi was soon to be a strong role model for her little brother and sister while trying to keep her mom’s spirits up. She took over most of the household chores like cooking dinners, fixing lunches, cleaning and keeping up with everyone’s sport practices and piano lessons. Kadi says she has learned what strength and perseverance really mean and how important these two factors are to any challenges life may throw at her. Overall, she realizes that doing what she loves and supporting the people she loves are the only fuel she needs in order to reach her goals.

At Oviedo High School, Kadi excels by earning high marks in challenging courses, she is a talented news commentator, has superior writing talent, is an athlete and is a creative event planner. She has also distinguished herself by being part of a group that put together a film version of the last scene of Othello. Says one of her teachers: “She is clearly a young literary critic in the making.”

In addition to being on the lacrosse team, in Student Government, Beta Club, Spanish Honor Society, Kadi has worked as a Teacher’s Aide at Carillon Elementary, helped in a 5-week reading camp to help struggling readers, and got friends involved in raising money for breast cancer by participating for 3 years in a five K race for a cure.

All this, plus, she works as a waitress at Donatos Pizza 20 hours a week and has worked other part time jobs as well.

“I am carrying a 4.15 GPA and will be attending University of Florida to become a producer of a motion picture movie, own my own production company and become a successful journalist.”

ALICIA GEORGE – OVIEDO HIGH SCHOOL

Most of our high school students attend high school and enjoy the educational and social activities with little concerns and lots of support. Alicia George had to deal with losing not only her father but her grandfather as well, both within eight days of each other. She has dealt with other issues that many other students would never imagine. But, she was determined to do her best in school, graduate and achieve her goals.

Before Alicia moved to Oviedo, she was on the swim team for two years at Merritt Island High School. When she moved here, she volunteered with the White Whale Monitoring Program which works with the Marine Resource Council. She is particularly interested in the Northern White Whales which are the most endangered whales in the world.

Alicia’s love of animals includes more than just whales, however! She has a horse, dog, and other animals that she cares for at home.

“I plan to apply to the Florida Institute of Technology to major in Marine Biology.”
CRYSTAL CAMPFIELD – SEMINOLE HIGH SCHOOL

Crystal Campfield was put in foster care at the tender age of five and, worse yet, was separated from her siblings. She remained in several different foster care situations until the age of 18. One teacher who has known Crystal for two years was shocked to find out she had been brought up in foster care because she has such determination, accepts challenges, and says “Crystal is destined for greatness, will go farther than most, and her star will continue to shine brighter and brighter.”

At Seminole High, Crystal has played varsity basketball, been named “Student of the Week” for her academics, been selected for the Tribe Council, a leadership team that is dedicated to helping the students and school. At church Crystal sings in the choir and is an assistant for the praise team. In her spare time, she works at Winn Dixie in customer service.

“My ultimate goal is to receive my degree in criminal justice. I would like to work with troubled youth as a social worker. I would like to instill in them that your circumstances cannot defeat you – you can only defeat yourself when you give up. I plan to attend Seminole Community College and University of Central Florida to pursue my dreams.”

MISTY HUNTER - SEMINOLE HIGH SCHOOL

Between living with all the members of her family except for her parents and in foster homes, Misty has had a tough childhood. Her mother’s alcoholism and no father was a hard situation but the death of her mother was the most devastating. Losing a loved one is always tough, but for a nine-year-old little girl, it’s a lot tougher. Misty has spent years moving around and switching guardians. She now lives on her own and takes care of herself. In spite of all the family challenges, she has tried her hardest to have perfect attendance in school and keep her grades up. Says Misty: “If I could go back in time, I would not change a thing. My past makes me who I am and at this point in my life, I am a normal 17-year-old high school senior awaiting graduation and enjoying life.”

While at Seminole High, Misty has been involved in softball, weight lifting, including a state competitor for three years and ranked 14th in the state as a 10th grader, was co-captain and 8th in the state her junior year and captain her senior year. She is also in National Honor Society, Academy of Health Careers Magnet Program, Seminole Community College Dual Enrollment EMT Program, mentors 5 hours per week, works at AmStar 20 – 30 hours a week, and currently works in the Areas of Health Education Careers Camp (AHEC) in Apopka. She also was a member of the Seminole High Marching Band playing drums in the drum line.

Keeping in mind that this young lady is entirely self supporting, including purchasing a car and paying for her insurance, you will be most surprised to hear she is carrying a 3.56 GPA while taking challenging Advanced Placement classes.
“I plan to attend the University of North Florida to begin my dream to become an anesthesiologist. Through my work in the Academy of Health Careers at Seminole, I will complete the clinical portion of the EMT program this summer and will be qualified to take the State of Florida EMT license exam. This will allow me to work in the health care industry as I pursue my dream of becoming a physician.”

EMILY MARINO – WINTER SPRINGS HIGH SCHOOL

Two weeks before she was to start her senior year in high school, Emily Marino’s mom passed away without any warning. She was not sick nor did she have any problems. As Emily says: “Not having my Mom here for all the things like applying to college, making good grades, and school activities has been extremely hard. Graduation will be another milestone without her mother. She is most fortunate, however, to have her Dad, sister and brother as a strong support system.

While at Winter Springs High, Emily has been an anchor for WBER, the school news program for two years. Every morning she delivers the news to the rest of the school but also is excellent behind the camera, and writes creative public service announcements. She has also been active in Key Club, Spirit Club, Interact, Lacrosse, was a member of Homecoming Court, treasurer of Chef’s Club and played Powder Puff Football. In addition to her school workload, Emily works at Citizen’s Bank four hours a day as a teller. Last year she worked at Publix, starting as a bagger and working her way up to cashier. She also completed 75 hours of community service at Indian Trails Middle School.

“I am carrying a 3.49 GPA and plan to attend Valencia Community College to receive my AA degree.”

STACEY VALENTIK – WINTER SPRINGS HIGH SCHOOL

Being brought up in a single parent family with her brother, Stacey Valentik has had some challenges tossed her way but she views them as opportunities to succeed. She realizes her education is the most important thing she can do for herself and her future and she has focused on that at Winter Springs. She wants to be a role model for her younger brother and help him realize he needs to make the best of his life. She feels she has learned from the mistakes of her parents and as she says: “so far, so good!”

While attending Winter Springs, Stacey has been a member of Student Government for four years, and on the Leadership Team. She is serving as senior class treasurer this year and has previously been class officer and a member of the House of Representatives. She is a member of Interact, Key club, Environmental Club, and Young Life. She has even found the time and energy to participate on the cross country team and serve as a student trainer for the athletic department. She was selected to be on the Homecoming Court for two years.

“I have been accepted to Seminole Community College and look forward to pursuing a degree to become a teacher.”
Thirty-eight years ago, on March 8, 1969, Rotary International granted the Rotary Club of Seminole South its Charter. Officially a member of the Rotary Family, the club, under the leadership of the first president, Jack P. Toole, commenced its “Service Above Self” with 33 members. Plans were immediately formulated to raise funds for needy charities within the community. The first attempt at fund raising netted $315. From this modest beginning, the club increased its yearly fund raising through a variety of projects including white elephant auctions, raffles, bake sales, mulch sales, golf tournaments, the Rotary Bowl, our Calendar Ad Book, our Charity Raffle and now the Rising Achievers Program.

Through the years, the Rotary Club of Seminole County South has contributed much to local and international projects. Some highlights are:

- The club took the lead in construction, delivery and erection on site of a medical clinic on the Ile de la Gonave, Haiti.
- Repaired a school and administration building and contributed to her special projects such as ensuring water supply to La Amiable, Haiti.
- Sponsored several exchange students.
- Supported the R.Y.L.A. Program (Rotary Youth Leadership)
- Hosted several group study exchange teams: Germany 1999, Brazil 2000, Brazil 2005, Australia 2006, Russia 2006, Led a group study exchange in 2007 to Australia
- Sponsored three new Rotary Clubs in Seminole County; Casselberry, Forest City and Longwood.
- Was the prime mover in the planning and construction of the Sharing Concern for Seminole County Children’s Home.
- Pledged $30,500 to Polio Plus and met the goal in record time.
- Grants scholarships to students on an annual basis.
- Continues to serve “Coalition for the Homeless”
- Cleaned up the Little Wekiva River for the past several years.
- Sponsored the “Rotary Bowl” and the Annual Calendar to raise funds for charity.
- Hosted special Polish students for two year (1995-1996)
- Annual awards grants to many local charities.
- Completed construction on a Habitat for Humanity house in 2007.
- Built an orphanage in Santiago Chile.
- Sponsored Charity Go-Cart Races in 2007

These are but few of the club’s activities which are continually broadened each year through the selfless dedication of the club’s membership. The club does not rely on its past performances. The leadership and dedicated membership of the club continues to focus on contributing to the building of a better community.
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