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FIREBIRD GAZETTE

FEELING LUCKY



come back stronger than ever despite the possibility of not being able to compete. This year, Doran Academy will be pushed to be stronger and better than ever.

MARCH INTRO

BY: GABRIELLA BEHAR

Luck was definitely on our side as the Firebirds triumphed through this month. March was a month full of surprises, but we stayed relentless, nonetheless. Navigating through Covid-19 we still managed to pursue our passions whether it be academically or athletically. We can't wait to see what else our Firebirds have left to achieve.

CALENDAR



MARCH 8TH

- GIRLS & BOYS MIDDLE SCHOOL BASKETBALL INFORMATIONAL MEETING

MARCH 16TH

- MAKEUP PICTURE DAY
- MIDDLE SCHOOL SOCCER TRYOUTS

MARCH 24TH

- JUNIOR RING CEREMONY

MARCH 26TH

- END OF QUARTER


MARCH 29TH-APRIL 2ND

- SPRING BREAK



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Band Triumphs

By: Marian Navarro

Recently, our Doral Academy Band competed at the Florida Bandmasters Association (FBA) Solo and Ensemble festival. I can proudly reveal that they brought home amazing results and achievements. Their astounding results include 39 Superior Ratings, 13 Excellent Ratings, and 1 Good Rating. This is a major goal they have reached and one of the many they have accomplished since the

start of the schooyear. In the 2020-2021 school year alone, the Doral Academy Band has reached great heights. They have brought home 85 Superior Ratings, 25 Excellent Ratings, and 2 Good Ratings with only 17 comments. The talented members of the school's band should be beaming with pride at their hardwork's pay off. With results like these, Doral Academy could expect many similar victories in the time to come.

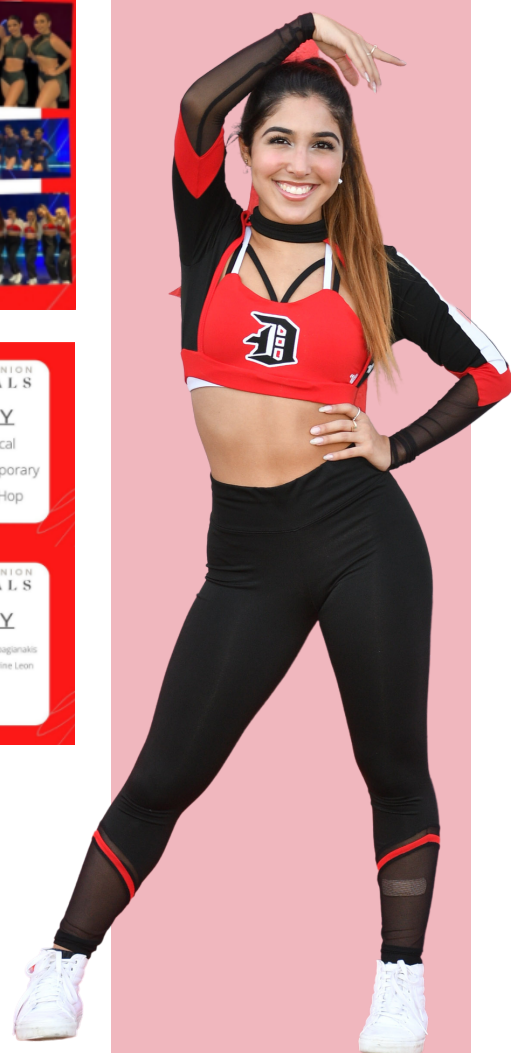
Dance Competition

By: Victor Giraldo

On Sunday, March 21st, our very own Firebird Rubies competed at their first regionals!! They competed with 21 solos and 6 group dances. It was a successful competition given all the turmoil that has happened this year. Here is a gallery of the competition weekend:



DANCE TEAM UNION REGIONALS MIDDLE SCHOOL 1st Place Contemporary	DANCE TEAM UNION REGIONALS JUNIOR VARSITY 1st Place Hip Hop 3rd Place Jazz	DANCE TEAM UNION REGIONALS VARSITY 3rd Place Lyrical 4th Place Contemporary 4th Place Hip Hop
DANCE TEAM UNION REGIONALS MIDDLE SCHOOL <ul style="list-style-type: none">1st Place Solo - Vivian Borjas2nd Place Solo - Natalia Vegas3rd Place Solo - Laura Vera4th Place Solo - Nicole Inbarren	DANCE TEAM UNION REGIONALS JUNIOR VARSITY <ul style="list-style-type: none">4th Place Solo - Ariana Gonzalez6th Place Solo - Scarlet Rodriguez7th Place Solo - Ashley Hernandez12th Place Solo - Isabella Diagnoriti13th Place Solo - Kaitlyn Santos18th Place Solo - Camila Senese	DANCE TEAM UNION REGIONALS VARSITY <ul style="list-style-type: none">4th Place Solo - Eleni Pappaganakis16th Place Solo - Katherine Leon



International Women's Day

By: Kassadra Mirabal

International women's day is a day dedicated to honor all the powerful and brave women in our lives that have impacted us in some way or another. Whether it be a family member or a celebrity, take time to honor a woman you look up to and who inspires you to be the best version of yourself everyday. Here at Doral Academy we're surrounded by amazing women that dedicate their lives to better ours. Our teachers and their many restless nights spent grading papers are here to benefit us and help us grow into the adults we are destined to become. Without the aid of these incredible women, there would be no future to count on.

Doral Academy is the home of the strongest and most passionate women dedicated to teach you and aid you in every aspect of your life. Administration is there to help with whatever it is you need whenever you need it whether it be life coaching or school coaching. Our amazing all women team of counselors are the best support system anyone could ask for while going through such stressful times like these. They're the best people to talk to about anything that's going on in your life and will listen with open ears. Seeing how far women have come, it's exciting to say Doral Academy does not lack in the girl power department!

The fact that International Women's day exists is a perfect example of how much a nation can evolve their beliefs. From going from not having a voice, to having an entire day dedicated to them, women have slowly gained the

and equality they've always deserved. March 8th is now the day we honor every woman and the struggles faced to be where they are now. We honor all of their sacrifices made for the hope of a better life for their offspring. We celebrate those who have been liberated to be themselves and marry who they please.



Thespians State Festival

By: Lauren Cordero

The Florida State Thespian Festival is a statewide festival held in Tampa, Florida, and is held to celebrate the phenomenal work done by Florida's theatre students and their troupes. Before this festival, students compete in individual events at regional competitions including solo, duet/group pieces involving state theatre or musical theatre performances, or tech pieces such as directing and/or costume design.

Following those competitions, thespians receive their scores and the top pieces are taken to states.

Being able to go to this festival means a great deal to our Firebird Thespians, as it is the highest of the highest. By making it to this festival, they are able to perform for children, teachers, and various judges around the state of Florida. Once a year, thousands of thespians flood the Tampa Convention Center and celebrate the art of theatre, and all aspects involved in the production process. From the technology behind the stage, to the

performance itself, thespians are able to enjoy themselves and celebrate doing what they love.



DAMUN Wins Again!

By: Gabriella Behar

Doral Academy's Model United Nations (UN) team takes home a big win at FIMUN, Florida International University's Model United Nations, conference. To win a best large delegation award is an honor. It means they were the best team in the conference beating big names in Model UN like Belen, Pineview, and Mast @ FIU. Doral Academy Model UN has built a name for itself in South Miami. They also took home a best delegation award in the University of Florida's GatorMUN in January.

Doral Academy has proven that it is not only strong enough in its athletics and academics, but in its special programs such as Model UN. The team hopes to grow the program as they are able to talk about important issues such as the Yemeni Civil War, the world hunger crisis, and more. Model UN is a great way to delve into world issues that are usually ignored in our world. The team hopes to travel to more conferences following its success in Georgetown's NAIMUN, one of the biggest conferences in the world, that they attended virtually this year. Wishing the best to these Firebirds as they enjoy their success. Special congratulations to Carmen Ordonez, Gabriella Behar, Veronica Alvarez, Mariathe Fuenmayor, and Mikele Mancuso for receiving Best Delegate (1st place). Miriam

Trujillo and Elizabeth Buduen for Outstanding Delegate (2nd place). Javier Vazquez for Honorable Mention (3rd place). Lastly to Beatriz Milian, Laura Alcalá, Brianna Paliz, Grace Martinez, Diego Faria, and Luca Alberti for Verbal Commendation (4th place)



Best Large Delegation



Sports Update

By: Nicole Suarez

As we approach the end of this school year here's an update on our school sports:

Our softball players had their Senior Night a bit ago against Somerset Academy with an amazing final score of 11-2 and continued on their victories with a 10-0 against Coral Reef. Keep up the great work ladies. Once again Congratulations to our Boys Varsity team for winning States for the first time as they will continue on their winning streak for the upcoming year. In regards to our Middle School Soccer team they've officially announced their two teams for this upcoming school year, Teams A and B. We wish you the very best boys in these upcoming games.

In regards to our Baseball players congratulations on their win against Calvary with a score of 5-4. Keep up the great work boys.

For our Football players the second round of signees have come around, Congratulations to Jose Vidal for committing to Concord University, Trevon Braggs for committing to Graceland University, and Edward Melvin for as well committing to Graceland University. As their season has come to an end anyone who's interested in joining our firebird Football players joins Coach Delgado's zoom on Thursday 15th for more information as their upcoming season will begin April 26th.

As for our Varsity Cheerleaders, they continue on with intense training for UCA Nationals on April 24th. Also, both our Varsity and JV cheerleaders will be performing in their Showcase on April 22nd in honor of their Senior Night. Keep up the great work ladies bring that National Title home.

We'd like to do a final congratulations to our Varsity

Boys Soccer Team as well as our Varsity Cheerleaders for winning a State title for the first time in Firebird History and for being recognized by the City of Doral for their great achievements. Amazing work to our amazing athletes, we hope to see more wins and titles soon, Go Firebirds!!



Budgeting as a College Freshman

By: *Frederico Alvarado*

Behind the excitement of High School Seniors after getting accepted to a university, lies the issue that they'll have to face once they enter this new stage in their life: budgeting. From the costs of leasing an apartment to deciding what your next meal is gonna be, being smart about your money is essential for every college student. This becomes even more so for the incoming freshmen that have no experience and will have to learn on their own.

Luckily, we at Firebird Digital had the pleasure of talking to Pamela Barrera, a Doral Academy alumni and freshman at Florida State University. She, like many others, has had to manage her money in order to cover the many costs of going away from home to a university.

During our conversation with Barrera, we discussed how the cost to attend universities can be pretty high. Based on this, we asked: "How would you recommend people prepare themselves beforehand to

deal with the expenses that await them once they enter this stage in life where reliance on having enough money is so important to everyone?" She responded: "I recommend that students allow themselves to be curious or confused about their finances and to seek guidance from their siblings, advisors, or peers who have gone to the university they are planning on attending. Asking someone who has been in your shoes before can inform you about the challenges that are ahead and how you can navigate through them. There's a lot of resources on campus that can help you be more financially literate in order to be more organized about your expenses."

Following that, we asked about what tips she thought are most important when budgeting the costs for universities. She told us: "As a freshman, it's important to test the waters as soon as you get the chance after settling in."

Junior Ring Ceremony

Speech given by:
Gabriella Behar

The chain is only as strong as its weakest link. The class ring, circular in form without beginning or end like the link, represents each individual member of the “class chain”. Each link bearing the Alma Mater’s name and graduation year date identifies its uniqueness amongst all other classes. It is said that to gain the strongest class chain possible, each individual link must be clasped at one precise moment in time to create and guarantee equality in strength and unity. The links will no longer be individuals instead for a chain known as the class of 2022. Tradition has the entire class place their rings on their fingers at the same time in the ceremony. It is said if one link is clasped earlier than the others, he or she will be the first to fall from the chain. If done together, the class of 2022 will have strength and unity from today to graduation, from graduation through life.



Senior Graduation

By: Samantha Alvarez

The end of the school year is fastly approaching and although for most that means summer has arrived, for the seniors it means they've reached the end of their highschool career. For most a high school graduation seems like one of the most important days of one's life. It's the feeling of reassurance for some.

However due to the unfortunate circumstances of COVID 19 it has been difficult to grant the seniors the graduation we all deem fair. There are guidelines and restrictions still implemented because of this deadly pandemic. Therefore, Doral Academy is doing their absolute best to make sure that even in the toughest times their seniors are recognized for their outstanding effort within these past years.



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