Scheck Hillel students score in 2018 State Solo and Ensemble performances

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Joi Alon and Jayme Podgorowiez of Scheck Hillel Community School received superior ratings for their performances in the 2018 State Solo and Ensemble, held at the John Leonard Community High School in Greenacres.

Joi played the saxophone and was judged by Jonathan Helton, professor of saxophone at the University of Florida’s School of Music; and Jayme played the clarinet and was judged by Lynn Musco, professor of clarinet, coordinator of woodwind studies, and chair of students for the School of Music at Stetson University.

This year marks the first time that Scheck Hillel has received the superior rating at the state level.

“We are incredibly proud of Joi, Jayme and Band Director Matt Villa,” said Ezra Levy, Head of School for Scheck Hillel. “Seeing their talent and dedication earn recognition from such distinguished musicians reinforces the tremendous value of Scheck Hillel’s commitment to arts education through our Jordan Alexander Arts Program.”

PALMER TRINITY SCHOOL

Students and faculty of Palmer Trinity School recently held their 18th annual International Festival, which was created to celebrate South Florida’s multicultural community.

The festival is open to the community and includes games, creative art activities, live music, dance performances, and food. About 2,000 people attended this year’s festival and helped to raise $25,000 to support global sustainability and environment-friendly initiatives.

MIAMI-DADE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

The Miami-Dade County School Board approved an item proposed by School Board member Lubby Navarro to endorse the 2018 Miami International Agriculture, Horse, and Cattle Show, which takes place April 13-15 at Tropical Park’s Ronald Reagan Equestrian Center, 7900 SW 40 St., Miami.

Miami-Dade County Commissioner Javier Soueto, who has served District 10 since 1993, created the show in 2008 and the event attracts about 50,000 annual visitors from the Caribbean, Latin America, Europe, Asia and Australia. The show also gives local students an opportunity to showcase their agricultural programs and products. Programs that will be featured this year are housed at William H. Turner Technical Arts High School, Hialeah Gardens Middle School, Felix Valera High School, South Dade High School and Redland Middle School.

MIAMI LAKES EDUCATION CENTER

Select journalism students of Miami Lakes Educational Center participated in the 2018 C-SPAN Student Cam Documentary Contest and earned distinctions for their projects featuring the importance of the first amendment.

Alexandra Reboreda, Daylin Delgado, and Diana Rodriguez interviewed local and national journalists, politicians, students, teachers and professors, including Jose Diaz-Balart, Nicholas Nehamas, and Darryl Forges, to explore the importance of a free press and free speech in the documentary, The First Amendment: Know Your Rights.

Valeria Bula, Sarah Lemos, and Dru Barcelo interviewed the Miami Herald’s Alexandra Villoch, along with other journalists, professors and attorneys to highlight the importance of the first amendment in the documentary, The Cornerstone of Democracy.

Both groups were two out of three winners for this year’s competition.