





2022 Graduates from Orange Park High School from left, Josiah Sabino, plans to attend Jacksonville University playing basketball and majoring in Psychology, Maggie Colgan, attending Thomas University on a softball scholarship and majoring in Biology, plans to become a Physicians Assistant, Arron Bui, will go to the University of South Florida and study Biology and will become a Laboratory Technologist, Amani Brown, will be attending Florida State, majoring in Business and Psychology and Eddie Thompson, who is honored to attend the University of Central Florida and will become a Computer Engineer.



Dear Class of 2022,

eniors, your day has finally come! As Superintendent of Schools, I want to congratulate you on reaching this incredible milestone. Your graduation is a major accomplishment and I hope you feel a deep sense of pride in yourself. Whether you are going on to higher education, entering the workforce, or joining the military, it is important that you take the time to reflect on your days in Clay County District Schools and remember those who helped contribute to your success. Your parents, teachers, coaches, family, and friends share that same pride and are eager to celebrate with you on your graduation day.

This senior class in particular has had a unique high school experience due to the COVID-19 global pandemic. Due to this experience, you have quickly learned how to adjust and make the best out of any situation. That same flexibility and grit are needed after high school. Life will undoubtedly include roadblocks and detours to your goals. As Albert Einstein once said, "In the middle of every difficulty lies opportunity." It is your response and attitude to these difficulties that will determine your ultimate destination. I challenge you to always look at the opportunities that life presents and not the obstacles.



With the education you have received over the past 13 years, I am confident that you are well-prepared for the next chapter in your lives. I look forward to the future and learning more about the great accomplishments that will emerge from the class of 2022! On behalf of Clay County District Schools, we are so proud of you. Congratulations, seniors!

Respectfully,

David Broskie Superintendent of Schools



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A new scholarship was awarded this year. Amy Nicotra, former teen attorney / now practicing attorney, awarded 10th Grader Zion Bowen the **Full Circle Award**. It includes a two year mentorship and a \$1,000 college scholarship. Ms. Nicotra sees the importance of her Teen Court volunteer years in her law career. She gave the award in memory of her grandmother and plans to offer the award annually.





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2022 Teen Court Scholarship Winners Clay Bar Award: Nora Menon Clerk's Award: Joseph Stancil **Star Award: Jennifer Martocci**

We also recognize these additional 2022 Teen Court Senior Volunteers: Christana Joy Anderson, Ethan Cooper, Trinity Gill, Logan Myers, Victoria Pires, Hannah Rye, Devin Russell, Caroline Ware and Katherine Ware. Your time and talents are much appreciated. Thank you!

































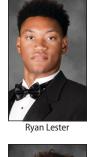




































































































































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A quality education is priceless. Lessons core subjects.

learned in the classroom are vital to students' long-term success, serving as a foundation as young adults transition from the role of student to professional.

An academic resume is a great vehicle for young people to illustrate how well-rounded their educational experiences have been. Such resumes also give college admissions departments a snapshot of students' accomplishments, hobbies and extracurricular activities. In fact, the National Society of High School Scholars says there are certain criteria that colleges and trade schools look for in students – and things graduate schools may look for in university students who hope to do postgraduate work. Recognizing these attributes can help students better prioritize their time as they look to build strong resumes.

Grade point average: The NSHSS says some colleges will recalculate students' GPAs based only on core subjects, such as math, language arts, social studies, science, and foreign

languages. It is essential to do well in these

Establishing a well-rounded school resume

Advanced placement classes: Many schools weigh honors or AP classes more heavily toward GPA or acceptance requirements due to their rigor. AP courses often translate directly into college credits, which can make them even

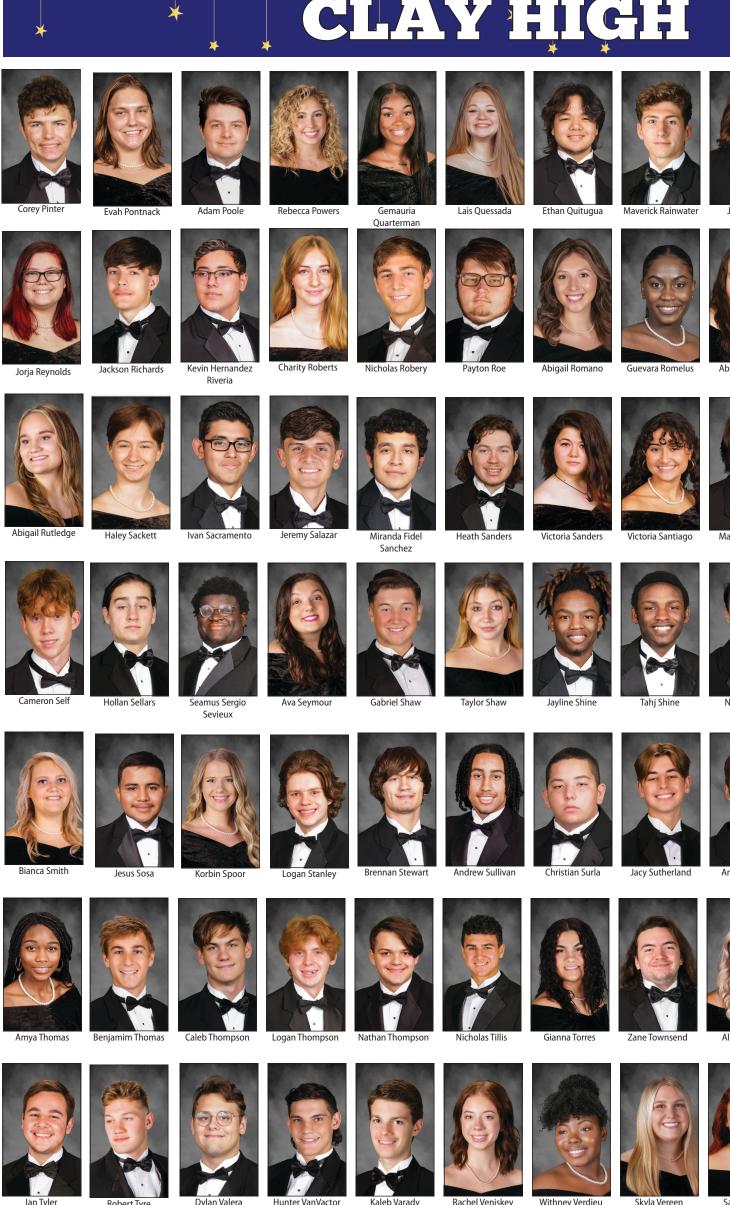
more valuable to high school students. **Extracurricular activities:** Schools and even future employers look at more than just test scores and GPAs. In a competitive admissions climate, colleges will weigh the entire picture of a student. Someone who was heavily involved in sports, clubs and peer-run groups like scouting organizations may find that such participation is what sets them apart from other applicants. Pick extracurricular activities that align with passions rather than just ones that will look good on a resume. According to Christine Chu, a premier college counselor at IvyWise, a New York-based education consulting company, students who demonstrate grit, authenticity and integrity stand out.

Well-crafted essay writing: Essays give students an opportunity to tell their unique stories in ways a resume cannot.

An essay should be highly personal and thoughtful, and also present students as a real person. Students should write essays even when they are optional, as the essay can be a window into what makes applicants tick. It is important for students to continually hone their essay-writing skills, which they can ultimately utilize to make a strong impression with university admissions departments.

Depth, not breadth, of experience: Students should focus their passions on a few select activities over widespread participation in many different ones. Activities that carry over into academic focus and a future major may be especially valuable.

It's never too early for students to start building their school resumes. Achievements in and out of the classroom can lay the groundwork for both short- and long-term success.







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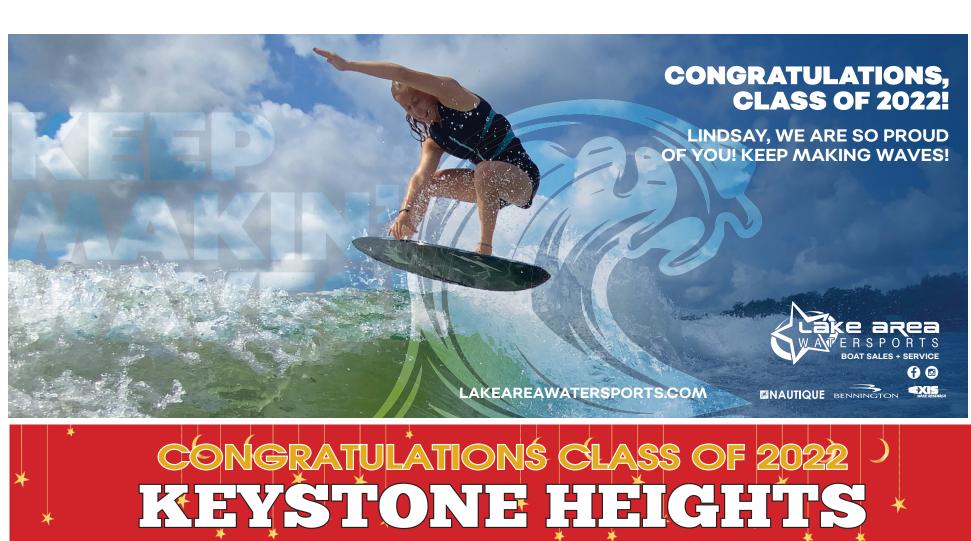
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Great gifts for today's grads

many have taken hundreds of tests, written scores of essays, worked through thousands of

By the time students reach graduation day,

way. Such realities only underscore the notion that graduation is worthy of celebration. Though not everyone may be able to pencils, and made dozens of friends along the gather this year for a blow-out graduation





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party, thoughtful gifts can show graduates their accomplishments have not gone unnoticed.

The following are nine graduation gift ideas. **Keepsake blanket:** A blanket featuring school colors that's woven with photos or data about the graduate and graduating class makes

a great keepsake. **Engraved compass:** Finding one's new direction will take time, and a symbolic compass with inspirational words can help guide graduates on their future quests.

Jewelry: Gift-givers may want to offer to pay for a school ring or can opt for different jewelry. For example, a necklace with the infinity symbol can represent infinite possibilities ahead. Those who collect charms for bracelets or necklaces can be gifted a graduation-

themed charm. Dorm room essentials: Graduates going on to college will need a starter pack of essentials. A personalized tote bag filled with toiletries, linens and more will help graduates outfit their dorm rooms in style.

Inspirational art: Graduates may want to revamp their bedrooms or decorate new dorm rooms. Framed inspirational verses, sayings or images can make ideal gifts.

Blue-blocking eyeglasses: Blue-blocking lenses protect eyes from the harsh effects of blue light emitted from screens, a big benefit in an era when students and professionals spend ample time with their devices.

Meal subscription service: In addition to



gifting a cooking appliance like a slow cooker or air fryer, giving grads a subscription to a meal delivery service may help them transition to life without mom's cooking or the dining hall.

Streaming service: Graduates can benefit from any number of streaming television and movie services to stay entertained while commuting or relaxing around the dorm with

Luggage: Whether students intend to take a gap year before college or enjoy a summer break before looking for their first job out of school, young adults will always get use out of



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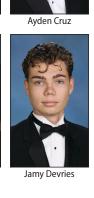






















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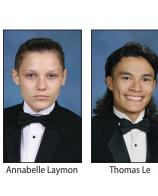








































































































































































































































































































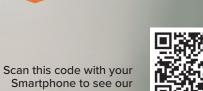




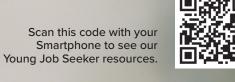


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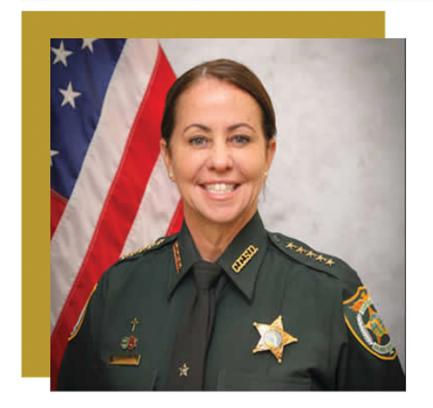
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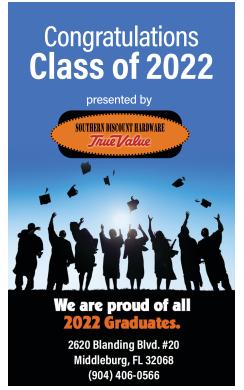




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Diploma display ideas

Graduation day is one of the proudest moments in students' academic careers. Diplomas are symbolic of hours spent honing skills and working on assignments and, ultimately, success in the classroom. High school diplomas represent an opportunity to go on to higher learning or a trade, while college degrees indicate young people are ready to begin their professional lives.

Many graduates are excited about the prospect of receiving their diplomas. Once in hand, the document can be put on display. The following are some unique ways to showcase diplomas at home or at work.

Framino

One of the classic ways to display a diploma is in a frame. Many businesses offer customized framing where the frame material and the matting can be chosen. Some grads may want to include a photograph of the school or a picture of the graduate above the diploma. Graduates also may want to select a frame and mat that coordinates with school colors.

Create a shadow box

Consider displaying the diploma with other mementos from school. A shadow box is a large, deep display frame that can house items that are thicker than photographs or papers. Items such as a graduation tassel, medal or other award, a varsity jacket patch, or a

program from a school performance or awards ceremony can be placed in the shadow box.

Create a photo wall

Display the diploma among other framed photos from school activities. This can elicit a trip down memory lane every time the wall is viewed. Some families may want to display their diplomas together, especially if multiple family members attended the same school.

Make a work of art

Various online art vendors can turn the diploma into different works of art. For example, engravers can laser engrave the diploma onto a wooden plaque. Then the diploma can be displayed in one location and the wood plaque in another.

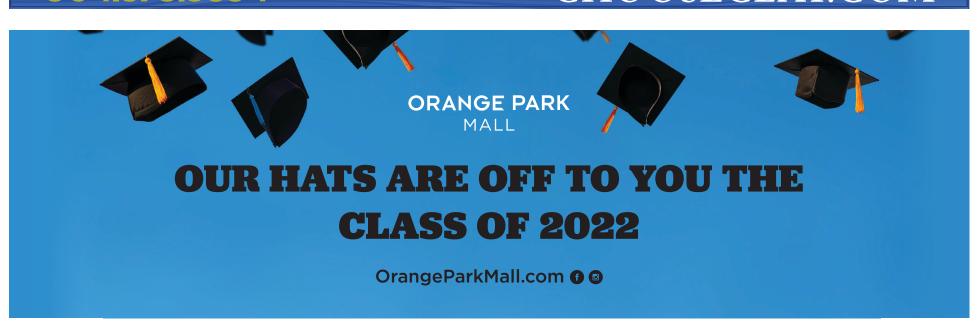
Place it under glass

Display the diploma beneath the glass top of a coffee table. When entertaining guests, the diploma can make for a unique conversation

A school diploma is worthy of recognition.

There are various creative ways to display these documents that reflect the hard work and success of their recipients.







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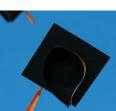




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With an abundance of residents looking to us for their water and wastewater service needs, CCUA offers programs to help promote our water conservation efforts. Some of these include water conservation assessments and pool credits for newly installed pools to name a few. Whatever the need may be, our staff of over 180 employees is ready to answer questions and help at any moment.



(L-R) Clay County Manager Howard Wanamaker, Representative Sam Garrison, CCUA Board Member Darin Roark, CCUA Executive Director Jeremy Johnston, Lisa Kelley, SJRWMD Governing Board Chairman Rob Bradley.

AN EXCITING HIGH SCHOOL INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITY

Our partnership with the Clay County District Schools is one that we are most proud of. This collaborative effort provides us an avenue to reach out to high school students with an internship opportunity that provides a hands-on learning environment with real world experience. This program allowed us to engage the interest of those who might be interested in a career in environmental sciences, engineering sciences, water supply, wastewater treatment, geographical informational systems, or general business.

CCUA's High School Internship Program will allow interns to gain an understanding of the operations of a public utility, water treatment, and protection of environmental resources. CCUA intends for the high school interns to apply the knowledge of gained and skills learned either in future careers in the utility industry, or advanced education at the college level.

During this eight-month internship program (October to August) interns will gain a fundamental understanding of the utility industry, with valuable, and practical experience. High School student interns will hone their leadership and communication skills as well as make professional connections while under the supervision of an experienced CCUA staff member.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

To be considered eligible for our High School Internship Program applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Must be entering their Junior or Senior year at a Clay County High School and in good standing
- Must maintain 2.5 minimum GPA or higher for Water or Wastewater Treatment operations intern positions and 3.0 minimum GPA or higher for Executive, Engineering, GIS, or IT intern positions
- Age 16-18 years old
- Must be legally authorized to work in the United States

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CCUA's presence can be felt throughout the community in a positive way. Every year our staff teams up with various non-profit and charitable organizations in Clay County. Active involvement in both the Clay Chamber of Commerce and the Clay County Economic Development Corporation ensures that we remain engaged with community business leaders that help drive the economic future of our county.

The rate of growth we are experiencing in our community requires continuous improvements to our systems. In many areas you may see CCUA employees performing maintenance on our infrastructure to help meet our community needs. As we look toward the future, our includes groundbreaking initiatives and dedicated individuals who want to make a difference.



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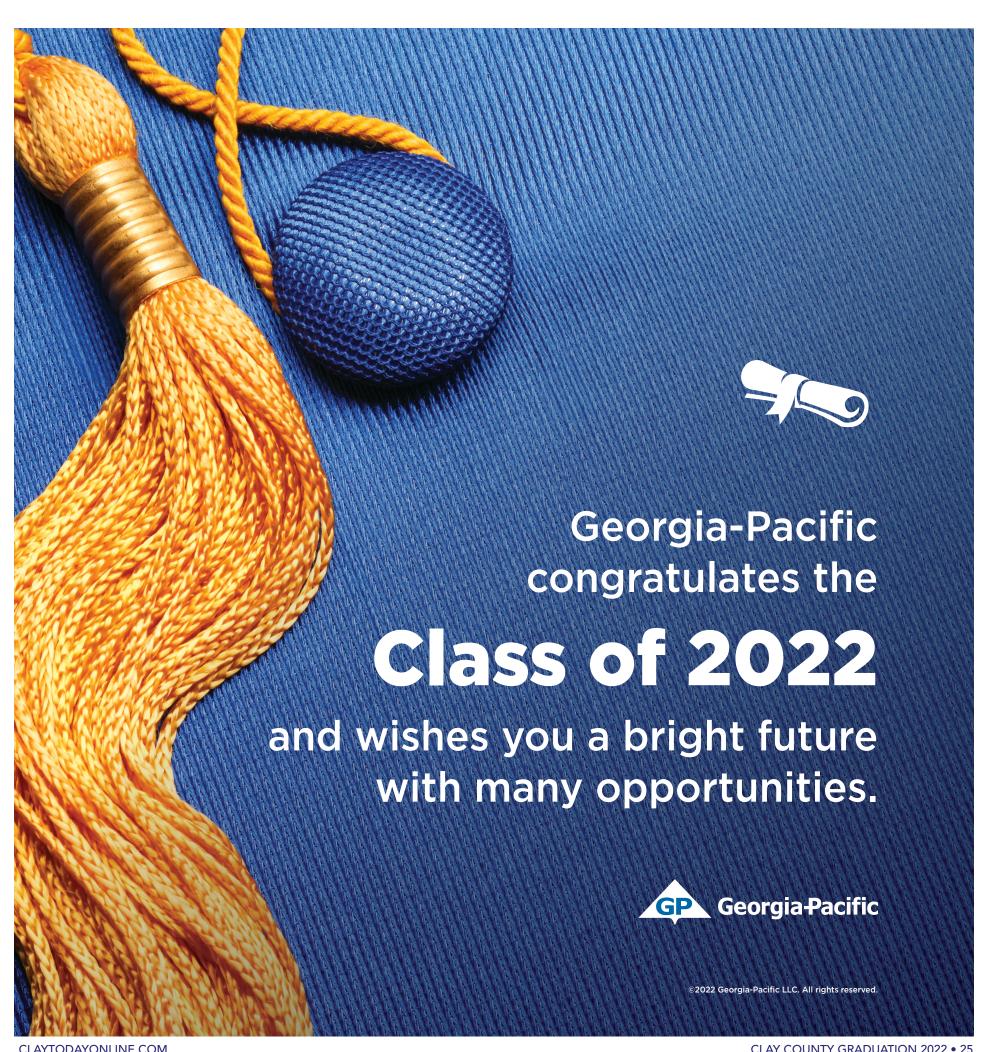
CCUA is committed to developing a workforce that knows how to collaborate on a team driven effort addressing our future water supply needs. We also know that there is no better place to look for these individuals than in Clay County. Our part-time internship program will give those who apply an opportunity to learn a skillset that will give them a competitive career advantage for years to come.

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Graduation guest etiquette

Graduation ceremonies celebrate the accomplishments of students who worked hard to earn their diplomas and degrees. As significant as these ceremonies can be, they also tend to be lengthy, which can make guests

uncomfortable and antsy. Etiquette is important at graduation ceremonies, and that goes for graduates as well as their guests. Everyone receiving a degree during a graduation ceremony worked hard to do so, and it's important that guests adhere to proper etiquette so every graduate can enjoy their well-deserved moment in the sun.

RSVP as soon as possible

Graduates are typically alloted a predetermined number of tickets to their graduation ceremonies. Some may wish to invite more people than their allotment allows, so RSVP as soon as possible after receiving an invitation. If you can't make it, this will open up a spot for grads to invite another loved one in your place.

Arrive early

Guests should aim to arrive to the ceremony early, as traffic tends to increase the closer it gets to the start of the ceremony. Arriving early ensures guests will find parking, and it saves them the trouble of asking guests who have already arrived to stand up so they can get to their seats. In addition, late arrivals may make it difficult for fellow guests to hear their loved one's named called.

Don' celebrate too loudly

Graduates' names tend to be read aloud rather quickly, so guests should not celebrate too loudly when their loved one's name is called. Doing so decreases the likelihood that families whose loved one's named is being called immediately after your loved one will hear that name called. Save the loud, lengthy celebrations for after the ceremony.

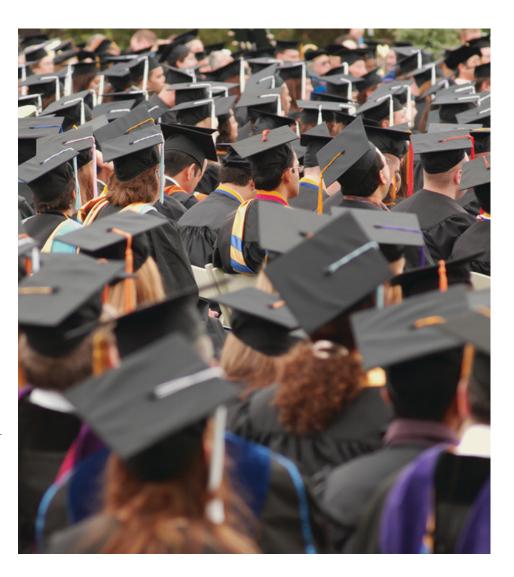
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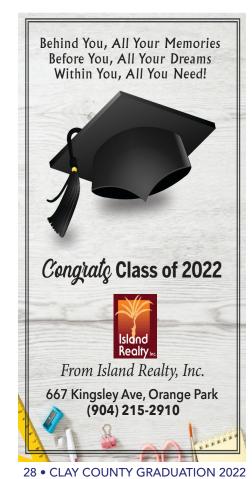
Guests want to see the stage where the graduates are given their degrees, so they should avoid standing during the ceremony. Doing so blocks the views of those behind you. If you want to take photos during the ceremony, find a spot where you can do so without blocking anyone else's view.

Speak quietly

Graduation ceremonies can last several hours, so it's alright to speak with fellow guests during the ceremony. But do so quietly and in a way that respects other guests.

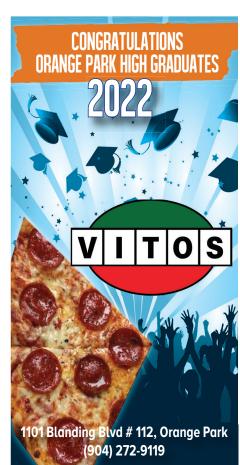
Guests who adhere to certain etiquette during graduation ceremonies can make sure everyone enjoys the festivities and shows respect for the graduates and their families.



































































































































The history of the graudation cap

Graduation ceremonies are a tradition that dates back to the first high schools and universities. While many aspects of graduation ceremonies have evolved over the years, the graduation cap has remained a hallmark of

such ceremonies. Graduation caps are one of the most visible aspects of graduation dress. Many scholars believe the mortarboard style cap graduates don was developed from the biretta, a similarlooking Italian hat worn by Roman Catholic clergy. In the 12th and 13th centuries, students and teachers typically wore clerical clothing because the church was highly influential at this time. Medieval universities helped inspire academic dress, including the familiar gradua-

Mortarboards are shaped like a square, perhaps to give them a scholarly appearance like a book or to represent the shape of a quad on the campus of EnglandÕs Oxford University, where many graduation dress customs are believed to have originated. Others theorize that the mortarboard, which is named after the flat board used by bricklayers and masons,

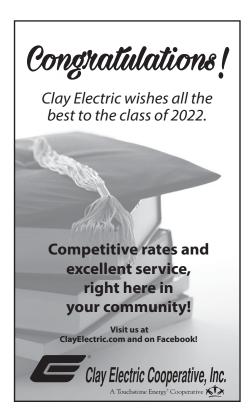
represents the skill of a master workman. Many graduation caps were initially black or gray. According to the graduation information site Graduation Source, when color photography became the norm in the 20th century, schools began to use gowns and caps in

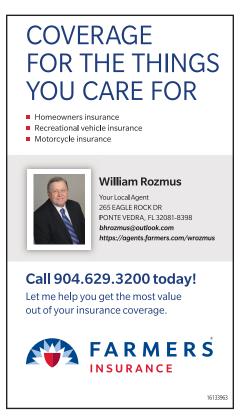


different shades because they would show up in photographs. Schools often coordinate caps and gowns so their colors reflect their official

While certain degrees warrant different styles of gown, cowls and hoods, mortarboard caps are relatively standard. In addition to the cap, there is a single button at the top. Tassels hang from these buttons. At commencement, tassels are traditionally worn on the right side of the cap and then moved to the left once graduates receive their diplomas.

Graduation caps are part of the larger scope of academic dress that comprises school traditions. Millions of graduates across the globe will don their caps and toss them into the air later in celebration of their hard work.































































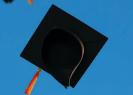








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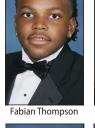




















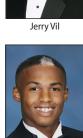








































How to throw and enjoy a graduation party

students that marks an end to many years of dedication to studies. Most people look back fondly on the day they received their degrees



commemorated the event.

For parents planning graduation parties for their children, graduation season may be filled with nostalgia about their own childhoods and

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and now and what is important to the new grad. In fact, the guest of honor should be

Book early Most schools host commencement ceremonies in May or June. With so many people planning parties around the same time, venues and vendors will be snatched up quickly. As soon as you learn the graduation date, reserve a party space and contact caterers, florists,

entertainment, or other vendors who will be

While parents can borrow from what they

learned along the way, graduation parties for

their kids should definitely focus on the here

tapped to help create the party of his or her

used for the event.

Prevent the temptation Even if the party will feature a mix of students, friends and adult family, it may be safer to avoid serving alcohol. This way you do not run the risk of an underage guest sneaking an alcoholic beverage and leaving the party intoxicated. Remember, in some areas you can be legally prosecuted for permitting underage drinking to occur, so it's best to do whatever it takes to prevent such a scenario.

Pick a theme A theme can make a graduation party even personality or future plans or go with a classic, such as a Hawaiian luau, which is fitting for outdoor events.

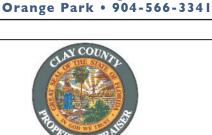
Host an open house party An open house party enables quests to arrive and depart freely according to their schedules so graduates can hop from one party to the next. This occurs over a long period of time (four to five hours is a good window) and

the party does not follow any strict schedule. An open house party requires having food and beverages available at all times, so it's important to have an array of options that can be served room temperature or kept safe over ice or heat. Chips and dips, sliced vegetables and small sandwiches are good options. Crocks and chafing dishes can be used to keep foods

strategies.

Hire a wait staff One way to enjoy the graduation party is to free up time to mingle. Hiring a wait staff means drink and food service as well as clean-

up can be handled by others. Graduation parties soon will be in full swing. Parents can make their youngsters' graduation bash more memorable by getting a head start and incorporating a few useful



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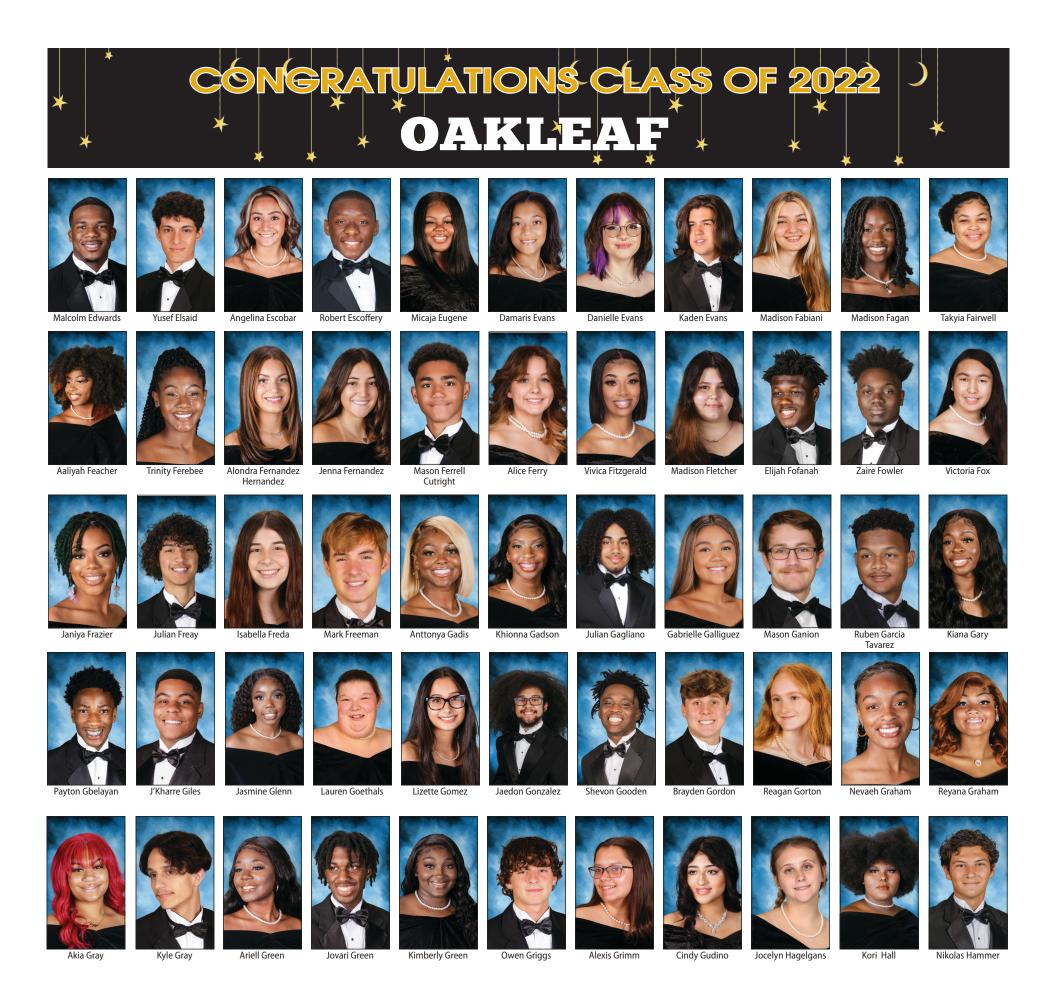
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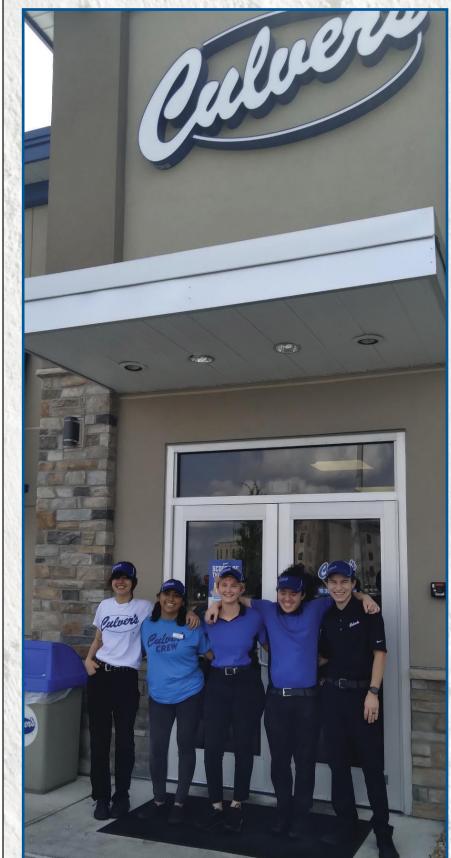


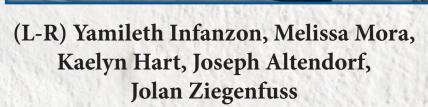




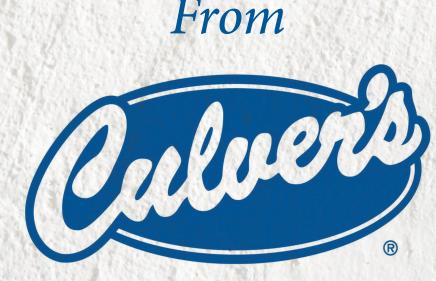












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Make graduation day comfortable

Graduation day will arrive before many students have a chance to pause and reflect on their time as students. The pomp and circumstance are deeply rooted traditions passed down through academia. If only comfort was automatically built into the graduation equa-

Most graduation ceremonies occur at the end of the school year when temperatures tend to be rather warm. For schools with large student bodies, the distribution of diplomas might take place outdoors on a football field or under a tent. Some ceremonies may take place in poorly ventilated auditoriums. That can make

conditions less than comfortable for graduates. Attire also can make grads uncomfortable. Graduation caps and gowns can be cumbersome, especially the heavily robed and layered

gowns that signify higher academia. Finally, graduation ceremonies tend to



be lengthy, which can only exacerbate any

discomfort grads may feel. Discomfort need not dominate come graduation day. In fact, students can take various steps to ensure graduation day is as

comfortable as possible. • Wear something lightweight. Layering a gown on top of heavy clothing can be a recipe for overheating. Dress accordingly for the weather that day and the venue. Remember, it's

always possible to add a layer. • Stick to sensible shoes. That short trek acrosss the stage to receive the diploma will be watched by hundreds in attendance and possibly recorded for posterity. Avoid slip-ups by wearing comfortable, flat shoes that are

 Bring some tissues along. Reactions and emotions can run high on graduation day. This day is a milestone, and a few tears may be shed. Have tissues handy to catch stray tears. • Leave ample time. Crowds will be de-

scending on the school for the festivities. Traffic and parking issues are to be expected. Early birds will get the best parking spaces and will be around to hear their names called. • Stay hydrated. Stuffy auditoriums or sun-baked bleachers can quickly make for an uncomfortable setting. While you shouldnÕt

seat to help you stay refreshed throughout the Focus on comfort during a graduation ceremony, as the entire experience should be

one to savor and enjoy.

bring along a bag, purse or too many acces-

sories, tuck a small water bottle under your





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