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Club Happenings



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Fresh Start

Club Esteem kicks off another school year with new students and exciting activities!

A new school year brings new faces and new experiences and Club Esteem is full of both this fall! After a busy summer program which included exciting enrichment workshops for 60 students and college trips, Club Esteem welcomes over 150 students to the 2017-2018 after-school program. An additional 25 students are slated to take part in our tutorial program at our 2 expansion sites in October.

The Club Esteem Sensational Summer

Program included alot more than just fun and games. Participants enjoyed eight weeks of exciting STEM activities and workshops including financial literacy classes facilitated by PNC bank, health and fitness, and basic employment training sponsored by the Brevard County Board of Commisioners.

Students also participated in reading enrichment programs to help lessen the summer slide, like Feed and Read spon-

sored by the United Way. Every summer participant received a nutritious lunch thanks to the generosity of our community partners at Second Harvest of Central Florida.

The summer may be over, but for the students enrolled in our programs, learning never ends! The Club Esteem staff, Board, and volunteer network look forward to supporting our students as the achieve and excel this school year.



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Student Spotlight: Marissa Jordan

There are some individuals that are born for the moment. Those that are gifted beyond measure and destined to impact the world in a tremendous way. Meet Marissa Jordan.

The 2017 Palm Bay High School graduate exudes a maturity and poise beyond her years that helped punctuate the finale of her high school career with a weighted GPA of 4.2 and an Associate's degree from Eastern Florida State College.

Marissa attends Florida Institute of Technology and is majoring in biomedical engineering but her academic success has manifested many opportunities over the years. As a high school freshman, she placed 2nd in the Regional Science Fair and was awarded \$40,000 from Florida Institute of Technology.

During her senior year, she placed 1st in the Biomedical and Health division and runner up for Best of Show at the Regional Science Fair.



As a busy student, Marissa found her extracurricular balance by participating in softball and National Honor Society in addition to her science research. Being a member of Club Esteem (CE) for the last six years has helped keep Marissa grounded and connected to a loving and supportive community. The Club Esteem-sponsored college field trips, tutoring, and community service enriched Marissa's development as an exemplary student and model citizen.

The young scientist expressed her gratitude for the dedication of CE's staff and network of volunteers and reflects that the most enjoyable experience of being a member is meeting so many diverse and positive people.

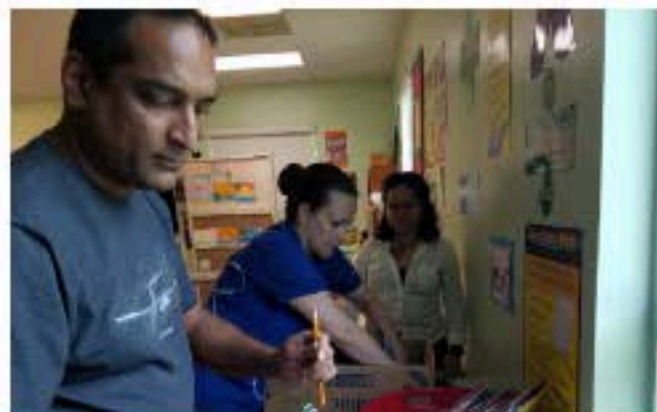
Take a bow, Ms. Jordan. The Club Esteem family is so excited for your future!



Club Esteem alumni visit over the summer

A Tradition of Excellence

In the past nine years, Club Esteem has had 82 graduating seniors. Among those students, 72 have enrolled in college, 3 chose post-high school employment and 7 are serving in the United States Military! Two of our Club Esteem alumni obtained their Masters degrees, two are enrolled in doctoral programs (psychology and chemical engineering), and three are enrolled in Masters degree programs (educational leadership, global health, and biomedical engineering). We are so proud of our CE alumni. Many are attending outstanding academic institutions such as University of Florida, Georgia Tech, Florida State University, Clark University, Florida Atlantic University, Florida International University, University of South Florida, Florida Institute of Technology, Bethune-Cookman University, Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University, University of Tampa and Eastern Florida State College.



Employees from Embraer volunteer their time to setup for CE's Open House.



Students are all smiles after receiving school supplies donated by Bank of America partners. Seen here with Peter Mannino of Merrill Lynch.



Club Esteem students pose for a group photo during a college visit at UCF.



CE students enjoy a visit to Kennedy Space Center during the summer.



Palm Bay Elementary Principal Michael Mahl and Assistant Principal Janene Jost join CE parent, and CE's Executive Director Ellena Little at CE's Open House.



GAME CHANGER

Club Esteem Alumna Sets Sights on a Bright Future

CE Alumna Kayrol Leslie is ready to make a profound impact on the world. An ambitious student, she graduated from the University of South Florida in August 2017 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Industrial and Systems Management Engineering and a minor in Leadership Studies.

During her time at USF, Kayrol was very involved in student activities and community affairs, serving as a resident assistant, President of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc., lead fellow, and engineering expo vice president within her last three years of college. Kayrol says that she appreciates the diversity at USF, and how many student lead-

ers there are as it makes it easy for other students to want to be successful, and allows for students to help each other learn and grow in various ways.

Additionally, Kayrol believes that a lot of her success in college can be attributed to how Club Esteem molded and shaped her before she even stepped onto campus four years ago. She credits the lessons she learned at Club Esteem as helping her navigate successfully through college and says those lessons will stay with her as she steps into the real world.

Kayrol has accepted a full time position as a

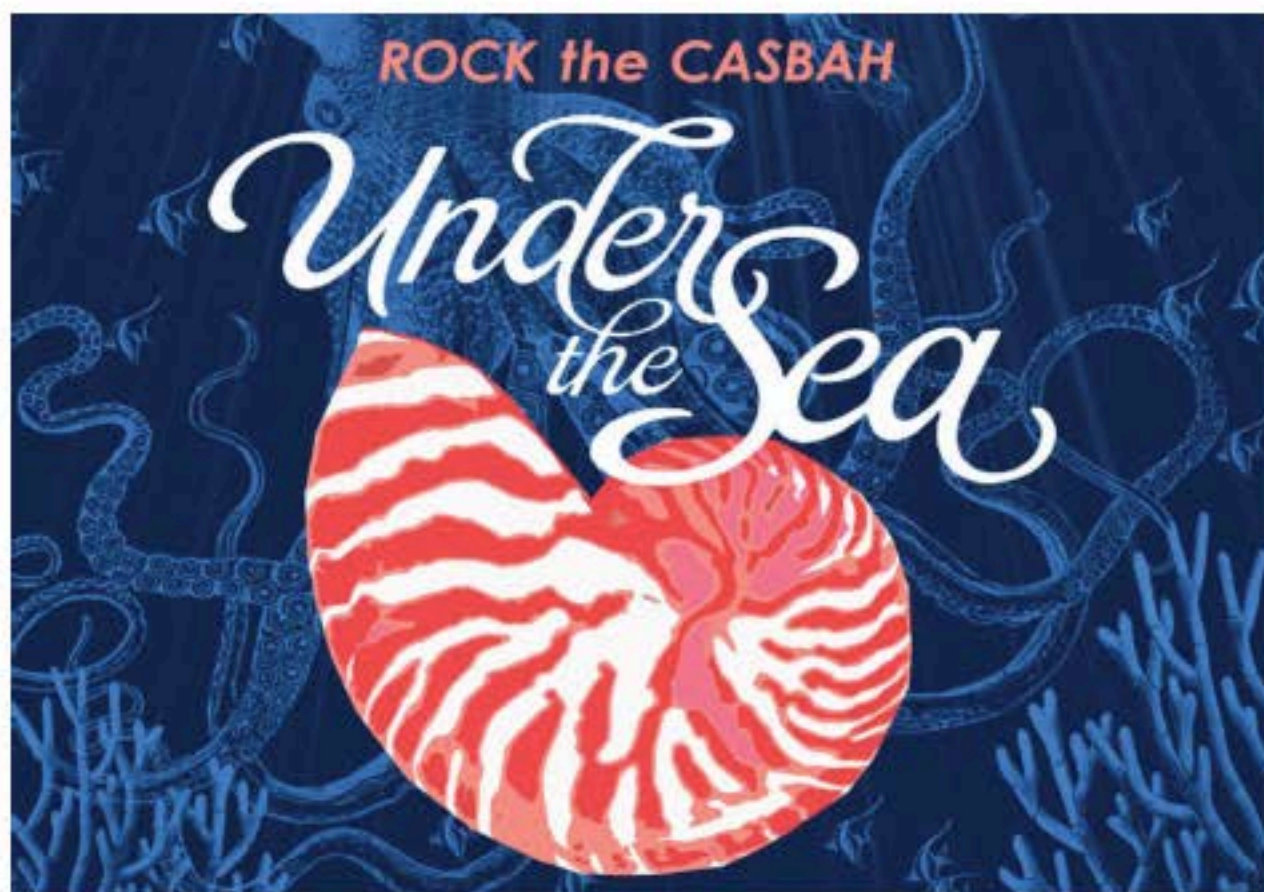
Success Outcomes

- » Over 190 students served during the school year
- » 84% of our students made Honor Roll
- » 93% of our high school students had a 3.0 GPA or higher
- » 84% of our students were at or above grade level in reading (compared to the state of Florida average of 50% for low-income students)
- » 86% were at or above grade level in math (compared to the state of Florida average of 37% for low-income students)
- » 100% of our students advanced to the next grade level
- » 100% of our 2017 seniors (11) graduated high school (compared to the state of Florida graduation rate of 60% for low-income students)
- » 100% of CE students who enrolled in college are graduating within 4-6 years and are working in their field (compared to the national average college graduation rate of 14%)



Consulting Analyst with Accenture, and will be moving to the West Coast in September to begin her new journey. Kayrol's life motto is "if you want to make the world a better place, take a look at yourself and then make a change" and she hopes to one day start her own business that will be dedicated to community service and helping those less fortunate.





Rock The Casbah Returns!

Rock the Casbah "Under the Sea" will be held at Matt's Casbah on September 23, 2017! A night of fun – featuring a delicious dinner and decadent desserts, open bar, live music by Blue Stone Circle, dancing, live & silent auctions, and much more. Rock the Casbah is a great party for a great cause, benefiting Club Esteem's free after-school programming.

When: Saturday, September 23, 2017 - 6:30 to 11:30 pm

Where: Matt's Casbah in Downtown Melbourne

Attire: Cocktail Attire / Black Tie Optional

Tickets: \$150 each (limited quantity)

Visit www.clubesteem.org to purchase tickets

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