



What's New at Chi Chi's

July 2020

Academy Alumni High School Graduation Rate and the New Wall of Fame



The Foundation's vision is to prepare our students for success in the game of life. To be successful in education and in life, graduating high school is one of the most important steps. Since we have been able to track our students, seven classes have gone through high school and 77% of our students have graduated! These students come to us typically with a below average grade level in reading, math and/or science and many have even been held back at least one year. We are so proud of our alumni who persevere through the challenges of high school and receive a diploma!



This summer, our Academy Director Josh Meurer decided it was time to showcase these alumni and started the "Wall of Fame". Each photo shares a picture of the student with their name, high school and year they graduated. This wall is located in the Nicklaus Family Center where Academy students spend a lot of time every day during the school year. We hope this inspires our current students to strive for success so they can end up on the Wall of Fame as well.

Photos of the 2016 8th grade graduates who were set to graduate high school this past May. Top: Elijah, Kenny, Attila, Keiontae, Gabriel and Austin; Bottom: Abrar, Christina, Asaiya and Gianna

Wall of Fame Spotlight: Shannon & Ta'miya

While checking on other classes that are currently attending high school, our team found out that TWO students graduated a year early! Congrats to Shannon who graduated from Largo High School and Ta'miya who graduated from Enterprise High School in just 3 years! We are so excited for your futures!

Right: the new Wall of Fame featuring students who have graduated high school, including Shannon & Ta'miya (pictured) who surprised us this year by graduating a year early from Largo & Enterprise High Schools respectively



Upcoming Events

Chi Chi Charity Classic
November 8th - 9th
Chi Chi Golf Club

All other events are currently postponed. We will update on future dates as we have them.

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Native Bird Boxes Wildlife Tour Video

Every spring, our 4th grade class goes on a wildlife tour with Native Bird Boxes Brian Beckner. With COVID-19 sending our students home to virtual school since March, Brian and the Chi Chi Team wanted to make sure the students were still able to experience the tour. Brian, joined by 3 of the Chi Chi Team's own children, did a social distance tour while filming all of the fun species they saw. As Brian and Superintendent Eric Dixon say in the video (link below), we look forward to taking multiple classes on this tour in 2021! Thank you Brian for all your hard work taking care of our bird boxes and providing such a fun experience for our students!



Top: Brian Beckner shares information on local habitats during the tour; Left: Brian getting a screech owl to show the kids; Bottom: Superintendent Eric Dixon and Brian shooting the video



Copy & paste the below link into your browser to watch the video:

<https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=883486155469625>



Congratulations Kiwanis Club of Safety Harbor Student of the Month: Johann (January) & Adrian (March)

Our 3rd and 4th Kiwanis Club of Safety Harbor Student of the Month recipients are Johann and Adrian. 5th grade teacher Mrs. Olson chose these two for how they represent the First Tee Core Values in and out of the classroom (i.e. honesty, respect, integrity, etc.).



Top: Johann with Josh Meurer, his mom and dad, and Mrs. Olson; Bottom: Adrian with Mrs. Olson, his mom and dad, and Josh Meurer

Johann attended the Kiwanis weekly meeting breakfast celebration in January and Adrian in March. Both were joined by their parents along with Mrs. Olson and Academy Director Josh Meurer. All student honorees are given a trophy and a plaque for their schools. Congrats to Johann and Adrian for this honor! We are so proud in how you represent the Academy!

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