

Falconidae

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No Goal's Too High Where Falcons Fly!

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John A. Ferguson Senior High, Miami, FL

Dr. Lisa Robertson, Principal

Falcon Sportsmanship Honored



Our Ferguson athletic teams were singled out for their extraordinary sportsmanship by the Florida High School Athletic Association and awarded the 2012-2013 FHSAA/Fred E. Rozelle Sportsmanship Award. The \$3000 prize was awarded by Mr. James Colzie, a member of the Board of Directors of the FHSAA. Accepting the award were Dr. Lisa Robertson, Principal, Mr. Kelvin Justice, Athletics Director, and team captains Katrina Santiago, Annika Reczek, Joey Rubio, and Alex Pace. Ferguson was one of only eight schools in the state selected for this honor!

Cross Country Wins Big at Youth Fair!



Ferguson's Cross Country team had a fantastic showing at the Dade County Youth Fair Championship! Out of over 40 schools that were participating, our teams brought home trophies in three of the four races. The Boys Varsity team finished in 4th place overall, the Boys JV was the runner-up team, and both Girls Varsity and JV teams brought home championships. Individually, senior Katrina Santiago brought home her second consecutive Youth Fair championship.

Business Sense

Giselle Gallardo, a sophomore in the Business Academy, is competing nationally by showcasing her business video on NFTE Elevator Pitch in order to garner votes. She started her business at the age of 12 when she was in the seventh grade. She will represent Ferguson in New York City if she wins. You can vote for Giselle at:

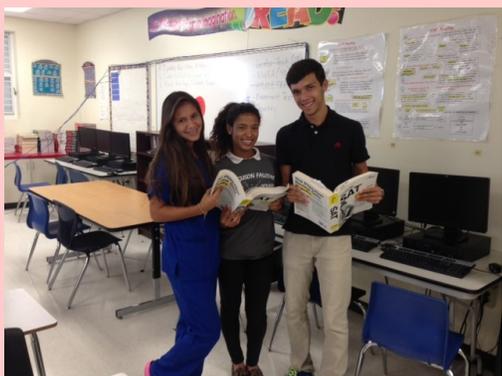
<http://www.elevatorpitch2013.com/nominees/entry/giselle-g>

All you need to do is enter your e-mail and zip code then confirm that you are 13 years of age. Voters can only vote once with the same e-mail address in a 24-hour period. Voting in the Elevator Pitch challenge runs until midnight on October 3rd.



Proud Posse

Congratulations to **Celine Murton, Alyssa Hernandez, Constance Thurmond, Santiago Saiki, and Stephanie De La Guardia** for making it to the second round of the Posse Scholarship. The Miami Posse Foundation is partnered with four top schools: Hamilton University, Franklin and Marshall, Syracuse University and Mt. Holyoke. To receive the Posse Scholarship, students have to first qualify and then interview in three different interviews to be matched up with one of these prestigious schools. Once a student has been accepted, the Posse Foundation and the school pay for full tuition and fees at the matched school. Please wish these five students good luck when you see them as they make their way through this challenging scholarship process!



Stephanie De La Guardia, Constance Thurmond, and Santiago Saiki

Judging for Themselves



Mr. Maldonado and Mr. Owen had the privilege of taking their students to attend the James Otis Lecture Series at Miami-Dade College. The topic of the lecture centered on the judicial system.

Saturday Tutoring Takes the Prize

Robert Ramos attended the Algebra I Boot Camp on Saturday, September 14th and won a TV in the process!

"Boot camps" are tutoring sessions held here at Ferguson before major exams such as the FCAT, EOC's, and A.P. exams. Due to the generous contributions of many local businesses, students who attend these sessions have the opportunity to win different prizes, like the 26-inch television set pictured above. Stay tuned for future boot camp dates and your chance to participate and win!



President Bhattacharjee is in the House

Senior Sanchit Bhattacharjee was elected NATIONAL president of the Mu Alpha Theta math honor society! His job duties include organizing the organization's national convention and listening to various ideas given by fellow students. He also needs to update the national newsletter which informs the Mu Alpha Theta members of any informational events occurring and many other responsibilities. Sanchit has many goals he hopes to accomplish during his year in office. "My goals for this year are, as always, to have a convention where students, interested in mathematics, can come together to both compete and have fun. However, I would specifically be interested in trying to make the convention inviting to all schools, both the reputed, big ones, and the smaller schools," he explained.

