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# TAKE the Mic!

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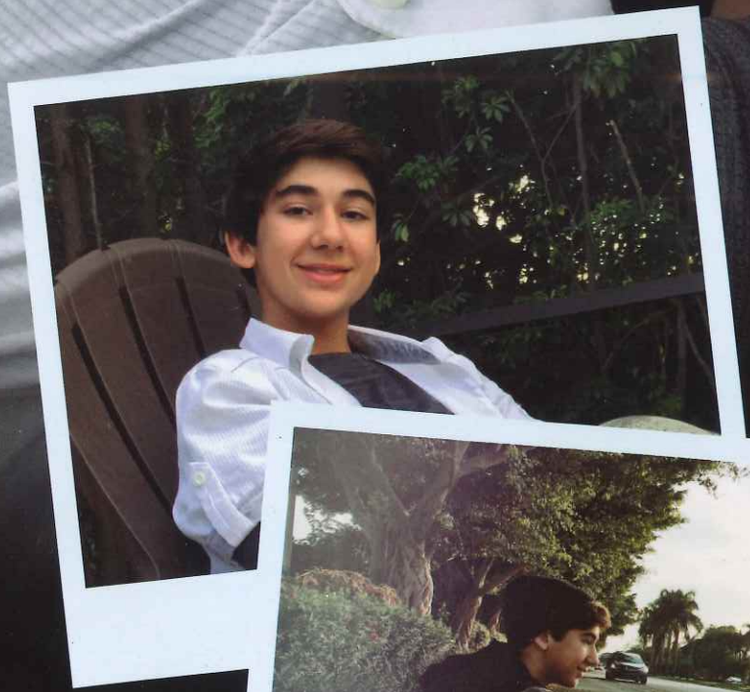
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# Who is Alan Matheus

## and what's going on with him after La Banda !!!

Alan Gabriel Matheus was born in Weston, Florida, USA on June 7, 2001. His parents are originally from Venezuela and they have lived in Florida since 1985.

Alan started playing the guitar and singing since he was 6 years old. He also plays a little bit of bass, drums, clarinet and saxophone. Recently he participated in Univision's LA BANDA TV series in Miami, Florida, which is a singing competition created by Simon Cowell and produced by Ricky Martin.







There are so many things that we want to know about him. So we asked his fans to ask him questions....

**Melanie Ninethe**

1- I would like to know your hobbies?

I like to play tennis, skateboarding, editing photos and videos, and camping

**Claudia María**

2- is being a judge as nerve wracking as auditioning at La Banda ?

I don't know yet but I'll find out soon. This is my first time being a judge.

**Jemily**

3- what is the youngest Alan will ever date ?

To me, age is not that important as long as the girl is fun to be with and has similar interests as me.

**Leslie**

4- if you have the chance to say only one sentence, but everyone in the world would listen, what would you say ?

Do your best and God will take care of the rest

**Allison**

5- what is one thing you would like to accomplish in this journey with the music ?

Write many successful original songs honoring God with each one.

**Sophia**

6- Are you planning to go to Puerto Rico ?

Unfortunately, I don't have any plans to go yet. But I'd love to sometime.

**Jac**

7- if you weren't involved in music in any way, what career would you go ?

Engineering

**Mari**

8- who is your role model in life ?

I have a few... Ed Sheeran and Casey Neistat

**Alma**

9- if you were stranded on an island but could bring 3 things with you, what would they be ?

A Guitar, my iPhone and lots of orange juice

**Karina**

10-What is your favorite Mexican food ?

Sizzling steak fajitas

**Alma**

11- how did you first realize that you wanted to be a singer ?

After playing in many family reunions I realized that I enjoy singing in front of people

**Esme**

12- what is your biggest fear ?

Angry wasps

**Emely**

13- how did you learn to play so many instruments?

Guitar is my main instrument. I only know the basics for other instruments such as drums, bass, piano, clarinet and saxophone. I learned a little bit of drums, bass and piano at home and I learned a little bit of clarinet and saxophone at school.

**Cynthia**

14- what are your plans for college ?

I don't know yet

**Cynthia**

15- do you plan on moving out your parents' house after high school ?v

Yes

**Daniela**

16- are you planning to tour ?

No, I'm really busy with school right now

**Yelitza**

17- when are you planning to release music?

I'm working on some songs right now but I'm not sure when I'll be able to finish and release them

**Bri**

18- are you exited for the future ahead of you?

Yes, every day I'm learning something new in the music industry and it's very exciting.

**Sonia**

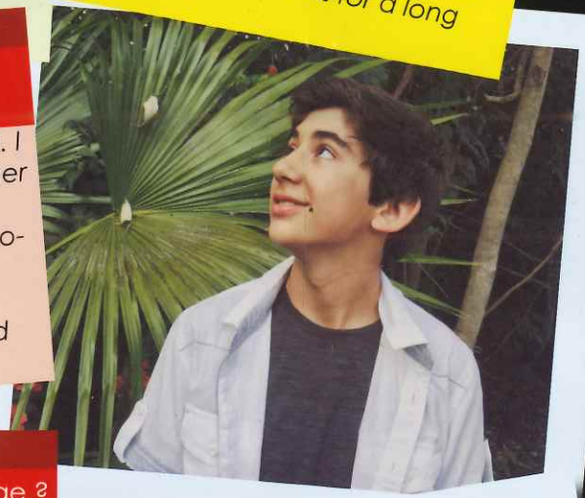
19- how was your experience in La Banda

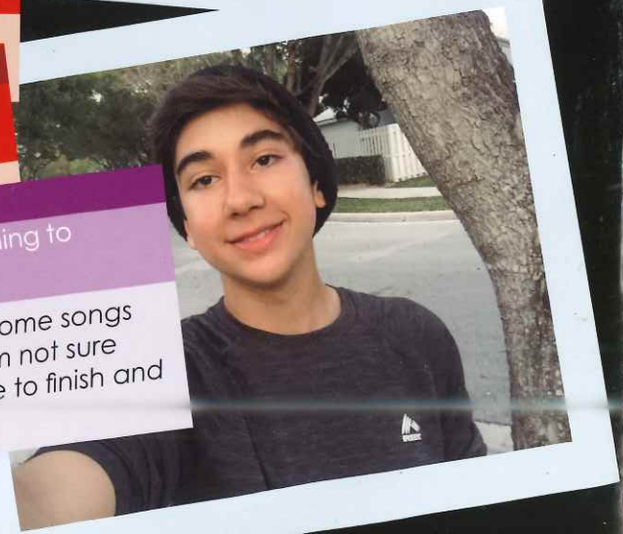
It was really fun, I learned a lot and made some great friends. Many times I felt intimidated among so much talent but other times I felt confident. Most of the days were exhausting because of all the hard work rehearsing. But at the end it was definitely worth it and I would do it again if I had the choice.

**Hany**

20- are you planning on create a duo with your brother?

Right now my priority is to do well in school. On the meantime, I love to play music with my brother at home, making new covers and writing songs. Hopefully, we will be able to continue to do this for a long time.





TAKE the Mic!

# Meet our TOP 11 contestants



## Valeria Guzman:

**School Name:** Ronald W. Reagan Senior High
**Hobbies:** Guitar, singing, acting
**Favorite Music Genre:** Pop
**Favorite Artist:** Fifth Harmony, Tori Kelly, Beyonce, Shawn Mendes, Justin Bieber
**Comments:** I have a feeling I would make a positive experience out of this, and I could not be more excited to take this chance and participate.



## Juliette Medina

**School:** TERRA environmental institute
**Hobbies:** Singing at church, dancing/ cheerleading.
**Favorite Music Genre:** Pop
**Favorite Artist:** Adele

## Bryan Caro

**School Name:** Miami Arts Charter School
**Hobbies:** Hanging out with friends, singing, TAEKWONDO
**Favorite Music Genre:** Pop
**Favorite Artist:** Sam Smith







## Nicholas Pérez

**School:** Immaculate La SALLE Highschool
**Hobbies:** Fishing, kayaking, lacrosse
**Favorite Music Genre:** Singer/songwriter
**Favorite Artist:** Ed Sheeran, John Mayer

## Ximena Dergal

**School:** Design and Architecture Senior High (DASH)
**Hobbies:** Singing, reading, drawing, painting, video production
**Favorite Music Genre:** pop/indie
**Favorite Artist:** Camila Cabello







## Nina Vizcaino

**School:** Epiphany Catholic School
**Hobbies:** Singing, Drawing, Cheering, Designing Clothes, Acting
**Favorite Music Genre:** Pop/Electric
**Favorite Artist:** Rihanna

## Yairo Rincon

**School:** Marjory Stoneman Douglas
**Hobbies:** I love to play guitar and piano all the tie! I love to compose songs and listen to music.
**Favorite Music Genre:** I actually have many favorites like: indie rock, rock, bachata, salsa, reggae-ton, rap...etc.
**Favorite Artist:** Personalmente me encanta el estilo de John Mayer y de latinos me encanta Nicky Jam

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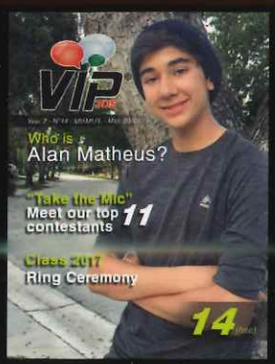
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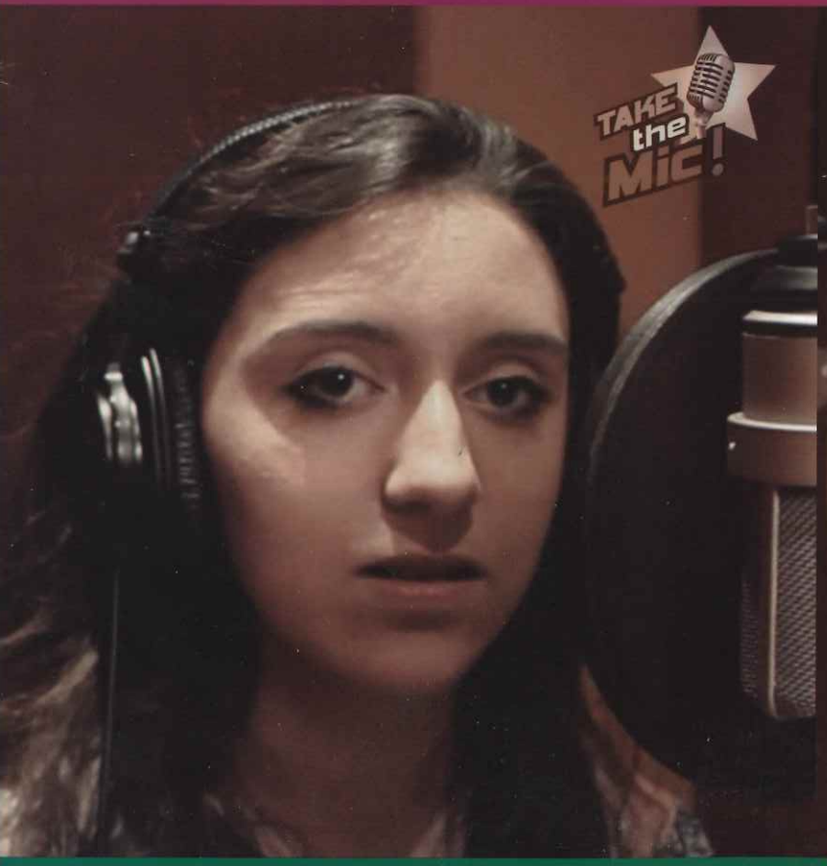

## Ana Oceguera

*School:* **Florida Christian School**
*Hobbies:* **Writing songs, piano, learning, photography**
*Favorite Music Genre:* **R&B Soul / Pop**
*Favorite Artist:* **Michael Jackson, Whitney Houston, Imogen Heap**
*Comments:* **Music is everything to me and I'm so excited to participate in this competition! :).**




## Mia Posada

*School:* **Name:Somerset Academy SoMi**
*Hobbies:* **singing, dancing**
*Favorite Music Genre:* **Pop**
*Favorite Artist:* **Troye Sivan**




## Valeria Vega

*School:* **Bridgeprep Academy of Arts and Minds**
*Hobbies:* **Musical theater, singing, acting, writing,drawing**
*Favorite Music Genre:* **Classical, Musical Theater, Alternative**




## Ernesto Sanchoyerto

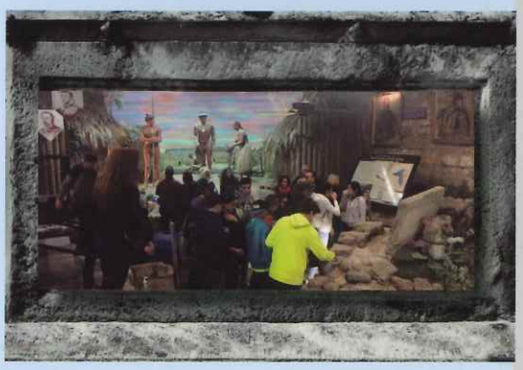
*School:* **Southwest Miami High**
*Hobbies:* **Football, basketball, singing**
*Favorite Music Genre:* **EDM, Rap, R&B**
*Favorito Artist:* **Logic, Childish, Gambino and Sam Smith**
*Comments:* **I am excited about this contest because it gave me the oppor-**

# St. Brendan Elementary's
# Trip to St. Augustine



Last Friday, on March 4th, the members of the National Junior Honor Society of St. Brendan Elementary School went on a field trip to St. Augustine, the oldest city in America. This event was made possible thanks to Mrs. Julissa Fals, the teacher in charge of our organization.

As soon as we arrived in St. Augustine, we were enchanted by the small town's fascinating history and rich culture. St. Augustine was first inhabited by the Timucua Indians; we were able to visit the site where their village once stood and watched a reenactment of tribal life. The Indians were the sole inhabitants of St. Augustine until the arrival of the Spaniards, and the two peoples got along with each other at first. Then, the Spanish settlers in St. Augustine began to make forts. Their first successful fort, made of coquina, was called the Castillo de San Marcos, which still stands today. The Spanish built many other forts in and around St. Augustine, which all went through many battles. We had the opportunity to visit Castillo de San Marcos for ourselves, and we were able to see the cells and soldiers' quarters, among other rooms. During our trip, we were also fortunate enough to learn about Henry Flagler. Originally a business man from the North, Flagler travelled to the South for the weather, believing it could cure his ill wife. Flagler found Florida to be a great tourist destination, but it had one flaw: there was no way to get to Florida. This is why Flagler began extending the railroad all the way down to Florida and built hotels in Saint Augustine. He owned three hotels in total: two he built and one he bought from a competitor. Our wonderful tour guide, Tammy, even showed us around Hotel Alcazar, which was one of the hotels that was built by Mr. Flagler.





One of the highlights of our tour was visiting the Great Cross. The Great Cross is a two hundred eight foot cross made of stainless steel. It is one of the largest crosses in the world, and it was truly a sight to see. As we toured around the site of the Great Cross, we visited a chapel dedicated to Our Lady of La Leche, where I offered a quick prayer. The chapel, which is named the Shrine of Our Lady of La Leche, was a beautiful place and helped me feel at peace.

In conclusion, this entire journey was a once-in-a-lifetime experience. My friends and I enjoyed ourselves very much throughout the entire trip. I feel honored and privileged, both as a Catholic student and as an NJHS member, to participate in this trip, which was organized by none other than Mrs. Julissa Fals. I cannot wait to travel to St. Augustine again!





# BLUE MISSIONS GROUP

## Every Drop Counts Newsletter: 2016 Spring Projects

Through out February and March, BLUE Missions facilitated 4 service trips for specific universities across the US. Four communities through out the Dominican Republic now have access to clean water and adequate sanitation. For more information on these projects, read below.

## Stetson University

In February, a group of 16 students worked together to construct a gravity driven water system in the community of Cruce de Yaroa, DR. Thirty families now have clean running water in their homes. Click the image below to see a photo gallery from this trip.




## VCU Medical School

In early March, a group of 6 medical students worked together to construct 17 sanitation projects in the community of Vereda al Medio, DR. This trip was also special in that our volunteers were able to go house to house and offer a basic medical check up to the locals. Click the image below to see a photo gallery from this trip.

## Florida State University

In early March, a group of 11 volunteers worked together to construct 16 sanitation projects in the community of Rio Piedra, DR. This was a special project for BLUE as we returned to the community in which we constructed our first water project back in 2011. Click the image below to see a photo gallery from this trip.



## Florida International University

In March, a group of 14 volunteers worked together to construct 16 sanitation projects in the community of Tres Ceibas, DR. A water project was completed in Tres Ceibas by BLUE in 2013. Click the image below to see a photo gallery from this trip.



## 2016 BLUE Missions Cocktail

Have you purchased your tickets for our 2016 BLUE Missions Cocktail yet? Tickets are selling fast for our May 7th event.

Interested in becoming a 2016 BLUE Sponsor? Contact us today! Visit our website for more information.




## I'll Drink to That

Our second "I'll Drink to That" happy hour of the year will take place on April 14 at The Globe Cafe starting at 6:30 pm. Join us and raise a drink to clean water and sanitation. All are welcome!



## CGI: University Conference

Two members of our BLUE family, Alejandra Sanchez and Camila Rodriguez, are traveling to UC Berkeley today to participate in the Clinton Global Initiative University Conference. They will be presenting their Power of She Proposal. A big THANK YOU to everyone who donated to their crowdrise fundraising page. The money will be used to develop a Women's Health & Hygiene Program in the Dominican Republic this summer.



# Congratulations

to the Belen Jesuit Varsity Lightweight 8 Crew Team which took first place in the San Diego Regatta on April 3 and now gives the crew team a number 1 seed in the USA.

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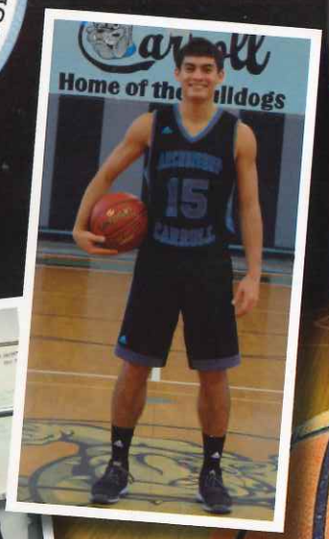


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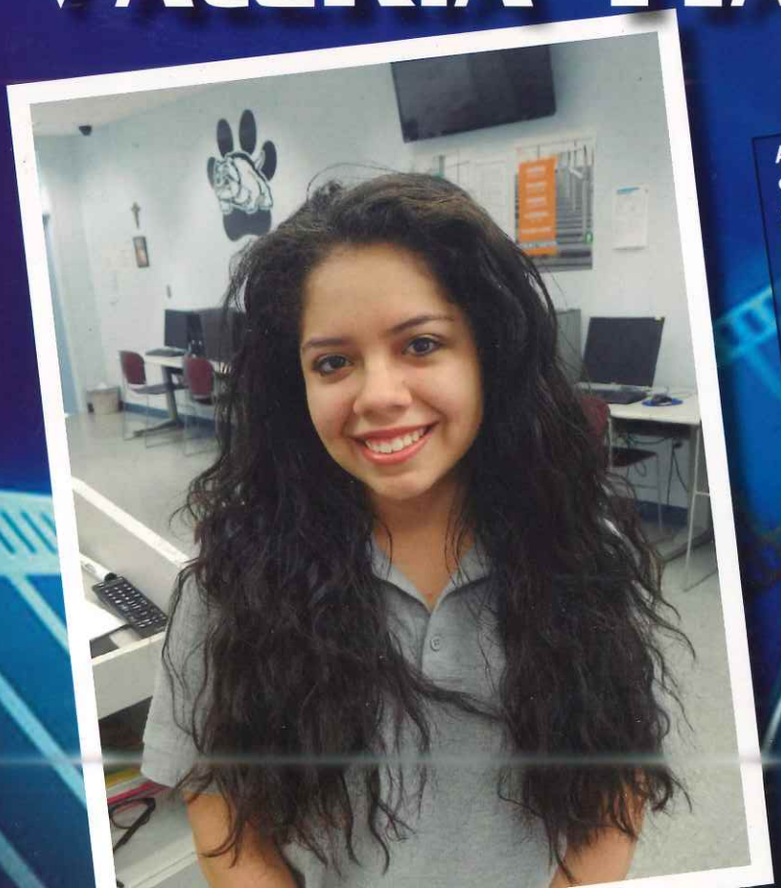


Picture this: it's Tuesday night, the gym is full of screaming fans, the scoreboard is counting down the final seconds. That was the night that the bulldogs became Regional Champions! This season was definitely a successful one for the Archbishop Carroll Bulldogs. ACC Senior, Christian Anglada led the basketball team with an average of 15 points, 5 rebounds, 4 assists, and 4 steals per game. And his accomplishments don't stop there... He made 1st team All-Dade! ACC Junior, Christian Silva made 2nd team All-Dade with an average of 14 points, 7 rebounds, 3 assists, and 3 steals per game.

A few of our Bulldogs earned Honorable Mention. Congratulations to Carlos Villamil, Chris Garcia, Daniel Cordero, and Luis Fred.

Victoria Silvera

# Valeria Hansenv



Almost every young girl had a fascination of being a ballerina or being on stage. However, we never really saw the importance of what happens behind the scenes. But, Valeria did. She always had a passion for writing and for the arts, so she decided to combine them both.

The Disney Dreamers Academy is a partnership between Disney, Steve Harvey, and Essence Magazine that helps young adults decide what they want to do and what kind of differences they want to make through the arts. Thousands upon thousands of students apply and only one hundred are chosen to embark on an all-expense paid adventure for the arts. Our very own senior, Valeria Hansen, was fortunate enough to have attended. She fostered her love for acting and directing and even co-wrote and directed a film at the Florida Film Institute Intensive Summer Camp. It is a true honor to have such a talented young woman as an ACC Bulldog!

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# Silver Knight ...

Meet our Silver Knight nominees! Such a powerhouse group of young adults...art speaks showcase, tutoring for foster and at-risk children, robotics mentor, girls who code organizer/teacher, addiction prevention programs, mobile library for Hispanic children to learn the English language, creation of home maintenance magnets for Habitat for Humanity homeowners, creation of Susie's Knees to raise funds for medical supplies for hospitals that serve the underprivileged, and so many more projects that better our community!




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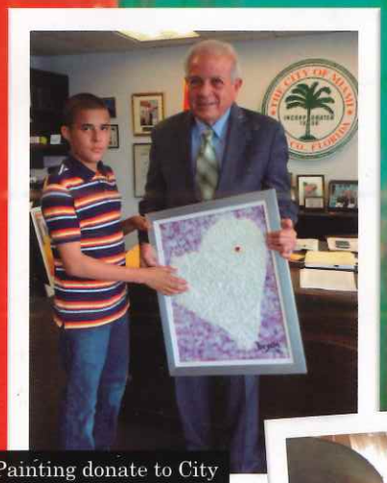
Bryan Fernandez Cornejo (15 years old ) is a teenage boy diagnosed with autism who has an unsurpassed talent for painting; Recently, he sent Jeb Bush, one of his beautiful painting.

Bryan hopes that his painting will be recognized and admired by many people.

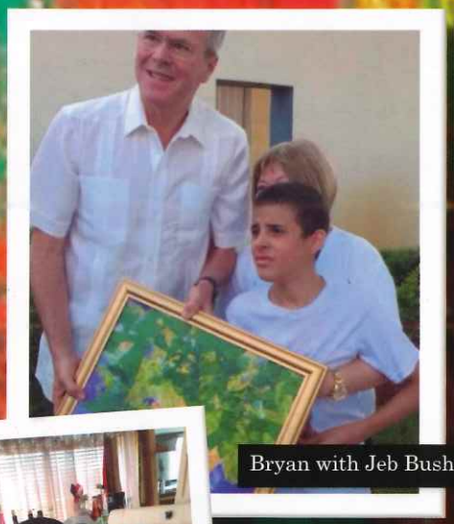
It is especially important to Bryan that the painting serve as an inspiration for many like him,who are fulfill their purpose in life, and develop their potential to feel free and independent by using their skills. Bryan is not verbal but is a happy being and very loved by all around him, he goes to a private school and her teacher Sophie Cordova been helpful to improve and lead a better quality of life has classes ABA (Denia Balmaseda)and help permanent home of people who are friends and allies to overcome autism, a much improved thanks to art classes and different activities after school.

Andy Lopez fencing champion is their PE instructor he helps him in his classes soccer, and swimming activities that keeps him busy and helps you stay relaxed during the day, Bryans art to delivered to different cities his paintings already received several awards, Romero Britto sent autographed his book 2016 with his book works saved as a treasure and come in many media telling his story to help inspire other parents intheir struggle to overcome autism To learn more about Bryan and support him in his work,we invite you to visit their website, www.bryansart.com



Painting donate to City of Miami ,Mayor Tomas Regalado



Bryan with Jeb Bush



Roxana Corcuera ( mom Bryan ) and commissioner district 12 and Jose Pepe Diaz.



Bryan and Mayor Miami Spring Zavier Garcia



Bryan painting



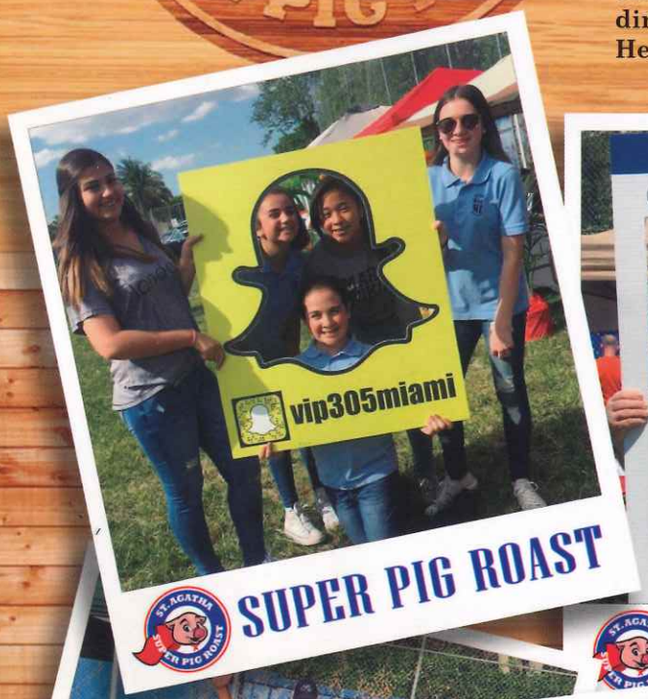

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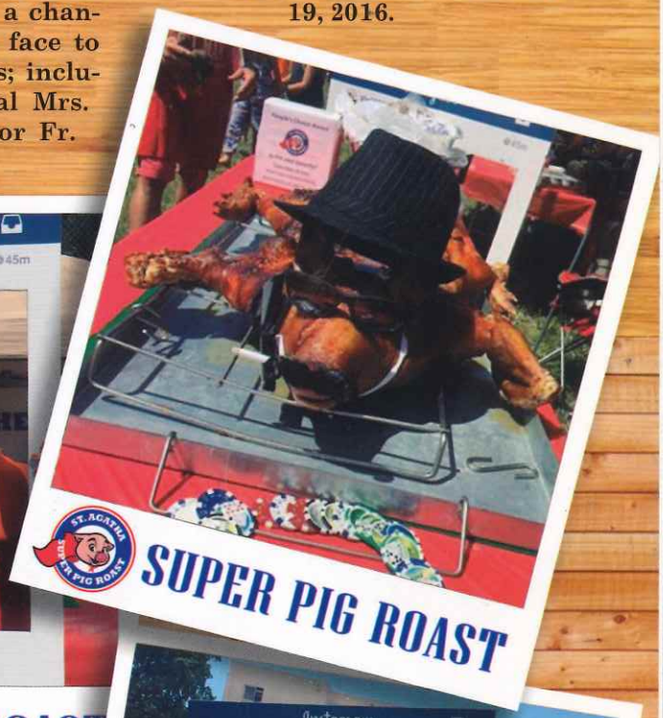

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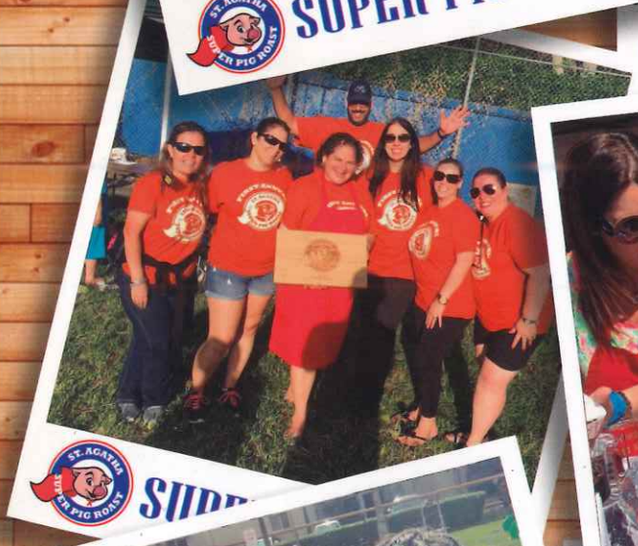
On Saturday, April 9th, the Parish of St. Agatha Catholic Church and School, held its 1st Annual Supper Pig Roast. It was a wonderful event in which the Parish came together for a fun filled family day. Over 150 people attended the event which included bounce houses for the kids, Arts and Crafts and yes; even a chance to throw a pie in the face to one of the many teachers; including the School Principal Mrs. Hernandez and our Pastor Fr. Marcos. Once the judges viewed all the decorated booths and pigs, they went ahead to taste all of the different variations. Then all of the attendees were able to sample and vote for their favorite roasted pig. It was such a great event and everyone had such a good that our next Super Pig Roast will be held on Saturday, November 19, 2016.









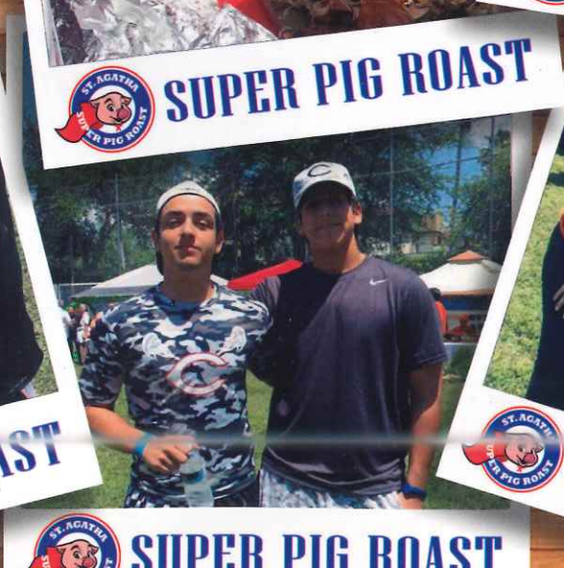














# CCNN Live - Back to Back National Champions!



CCNN Live has once again won the Student Television Network National Competition's most notable award - Broadcast Magazine Crazy 8, becoming national champions for a second year in a row. The competition was judged by professional journalists and media professionals from the world's leading news organization CNN. This is the first time in STN history that a team has won two Crazy 8 championships back to back, solidifying CCNN Live as the premiere high school broadcast journalism team in the country. Other 2016 STN Awards included 1st Place Commentary (Gonzalo Londono, Justin Jackson, Sebastian Planas), 1st Place National Package (David Perez, Phillip Bootsma, Anthony Martinez, Victor Prieto), 3rd Place Weather(Christopher Ahrendt, Christopher Vazquez, Javier Busto), and Tell the Story-Honorable Mention (Danyel DeVilliers, Javier Rodriguez). Congratulations to the entire team and to moderators Mr. Delgado, Mrs. Hidalgo, and Mr. Rodriguezvv

# DRAMA TROUPE SHINES AT STATES

**The The Columbus Drama Troupe shined amongst thousands of students at the state competition in March. They came home with the following awards:**

**Superior in Ensemble A**
- Juan Suarez, Daniel Sanchez, Giovanni Aprigliano, and Justin Rodriguez

**Superior in Ensemble B**
- Gonzalo Londono, Thomas Barrera, Ricardo Somarriba, Tomas Pereyra, Eugene Savitsky, William Lamey, and Daniel Legra

**Superior in Solo Musical A**
- Justin Rodriguez

**Superior in Solo Pantomime**
- Gonzalo Londono

**Excellent in Group Pantomime**
- Giovanni Aprigliano, Ricardo Somarriba, and Tomas Pereyra

We are extremely proud of all of these students and what they have accomplished for the program. Special thank to moderator Mrs. Erin McGrath.






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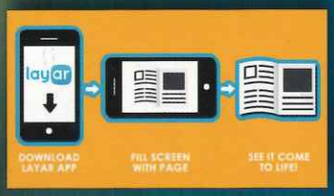
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## Last Call for 2016 Quinceañera Cruises!

## Congratulations to Amanda Gonzalez




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**hhtcruises** We are happy to announce that @aamandagonzalez_ (Amanda Gonzalez) will be coming out in the next issue of @vip305miami . Join our 2017 VIP list to get first choice for our 2017 sail dates! #carnivalvista dates coming soon! If you would like to come out in future publications please send us your best pictures at sm@hhtcruises.net #hht15 #vip305miami #quinceañera #happyholidaystravel

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