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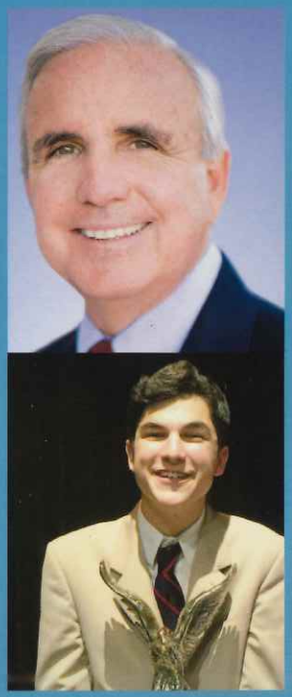
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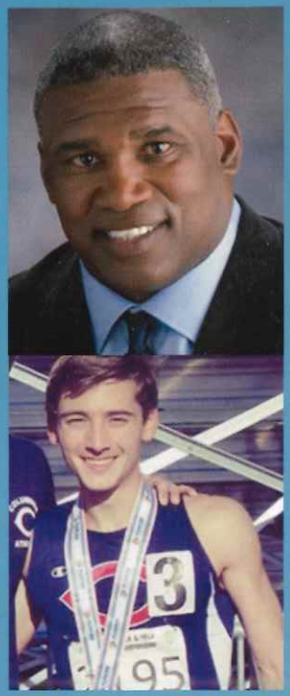
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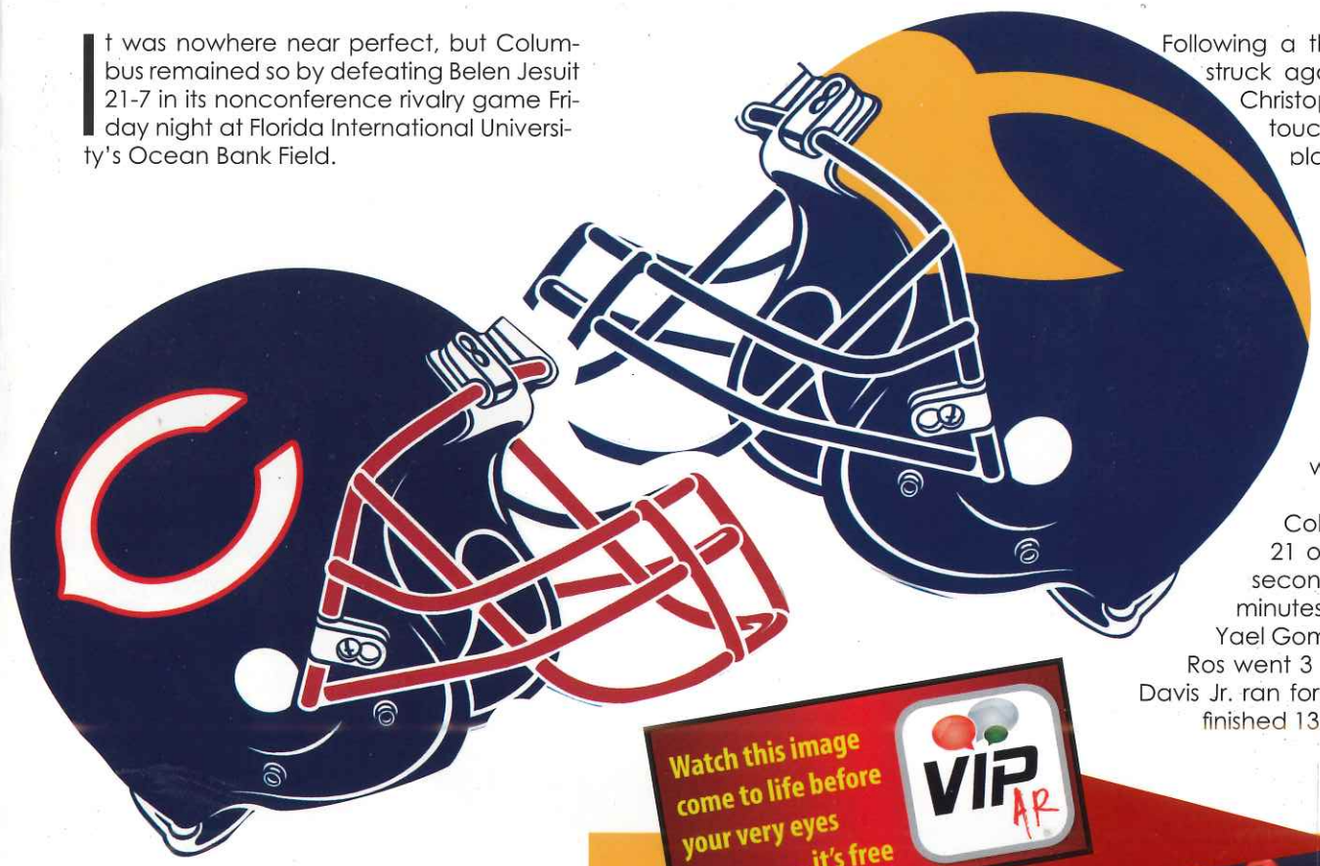
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BELEN vs. COLUMBUS

BY CHRISTINA DE NICOLA / Special to the Miami Herald

It was nowhere near perfect, but Columbus remained so by defeating Belen Jesuit 21-7 in its nonconference rivalry game Friday night at Florida International University's Ocean Bank Field.



In front of an estimated crowd of 10,000, the Explorers (5-0) beat the Wolverines (3-3) for the 11th consecutive time in the series between Miami-Dade's all-boys' private schools.

"This is a pitfall game for us," Columbus coach Chris Merritt said. "We're in a deal where a lot of tim es the rankings and all that stuff is out the window. It's a rival game and anything can happen in rival games. The same problem for us offensively is we're having an ability to score in the red zone. We're making too many mistakes in the red zone. Came out and got us again [Friday]. Again, we left points on the board. Turnovers also cost us, too."

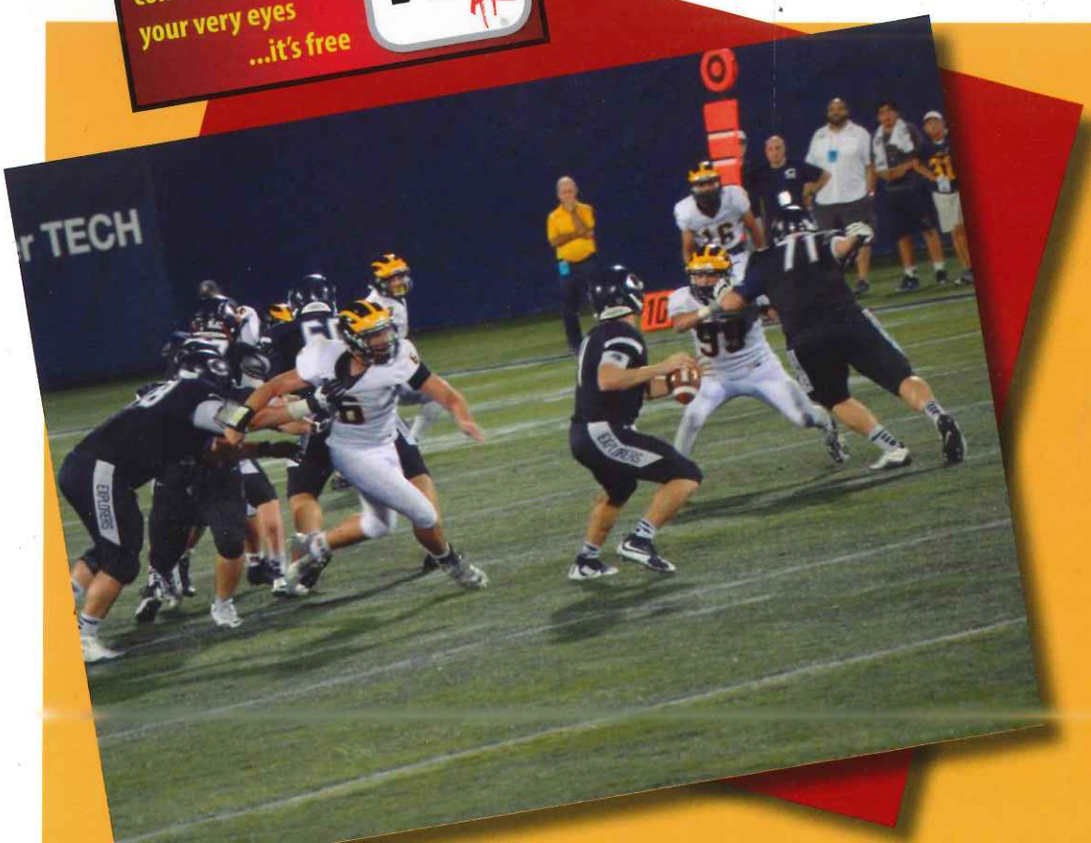
After a shanked punt, Columbus orchestrated an 11-play, 66-yard drive that culminated on senior quarterback Alejandro Ros' 17-yard touchdown to senior wideout Daniel Courtney on third-and-8 with 53 seconds remaining in the first.

Following a three-and-out, the Explorers struck again on junior running back Christopher Henderson's 74-yard touchdown run with 10:36 to play in the second quarter.

"I saw it open before the play and I read it and just hit it," said Henderson, who recorded 119 total yards. "I thought it was a big game, great atmosphere. We got weapons all across the field. We show it when we play."

Columbus extended its lead to 21 on the opening drive of the second half that took nearly six minutes off the clock on junior back Yael Gomez's 1-yard touchdown run. Ros went 3 for 4, and freshman Darren Davis Jr. ran for 31 yards on the series. Ros finished 13 for 17 with 137 yards.

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But the Explorers, last year's state runner-up in Class 8A, also missed out on opportunities by leaving points on the field.

They committed 11 penalties for 120 yards and missed two field goals, though one got blocked from 52 yards out. In Wolverine territory with a minute to go before halftime, a bad handoff turned into a fumble — one of three in the game.

"This is one of those games again where because of the emotions ... you have kids and you have emotional kids and dumb mistakes," Merritt said. "We had too many penalties [Friday] that were because of that."

Belen managed two first downs on its opening drive but finished with just four more over the next three-plus quarters. The offense collected 95 total yards and turned the ball over twice.

The Wolverines avoided the shutout when Columbus' backup quarterback fumbled on a draw play with 22 seconds remaining.

len took over from the 3-yard line, and backup quarterback Daniel Hondal, who replaced junior Lucas Pola in the third quarter, found senior wide receiver Richard Perez for a touchdown.

Columbus senior wideout Jerron Rollins, who is undecided on his choice of college, caught three passes for 57 yards.





With 7:30 left in the first quarter, Columbus junior defensive back Marlin Brooks was taken out on a stretcher because of a neck injury. He pumped his arm as he left the field with paramedics.

"We're going to find out right now," Merritt said of the player's status after the game. "We're in a hurry to go over and see him. I don't know anything right now. I just know he was starting to move his arms in the ambulance, and we're pretty concerned about him right now.

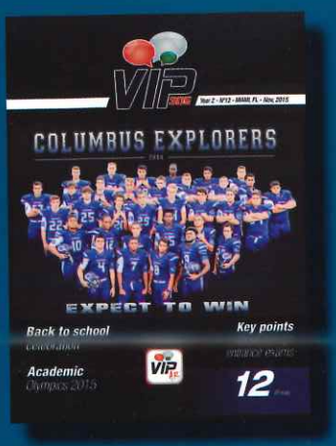
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Congratulations to our 8th graders who competed in St. Brendan High School's 4th Annual Academic Olympics! Michael Quesada earned a Gold medal in Art and our STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, & Math) Team: Lucas Santiesteban, Alyssa Hendry, Manuela Jaramillo, & Isabel Brime earned a Bronze medal. Also receiving medals were: Andrick Gonzalez-Chacon, Silver: PE, Sofia Hadwen, Bronze: Science, Marcos Garcia, Bronze: English, and Julia Campos, Bronze: Religio. We're so proud of you!



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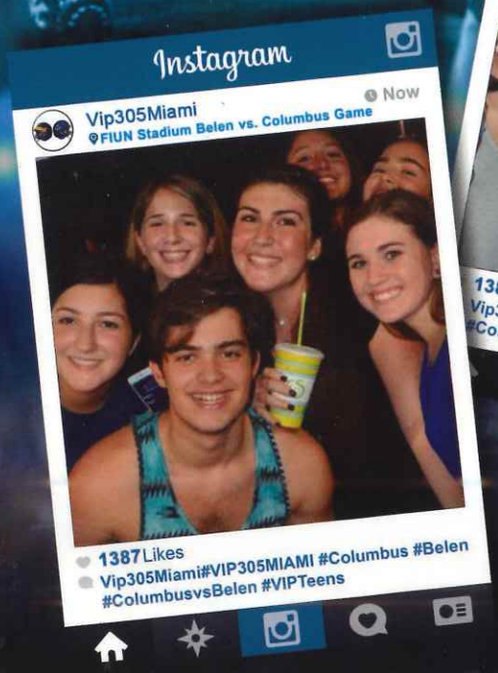
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Academic Olympics

By: Giovanni Molina and Andrea Morales
From Good Shepherd Catholic School



Academic Olympics. A place for schools all around the Miami area to compete in different subjects against each other. You get to be beside your friends in a competition that you will never forget. It is a great memory that you will keep knowing that this brought you all together. This brought you together to be one united Christian family. The gold, silver, or bronze medal prize at the end is not too bad either.

Studying for your tests can be long and rigorous, but it can all be worth it in the end. Day in and day out you are with your teachers studying to know the material. Preparation began towards the end of last year and has continued straight through until October. The teachers ask you what a coefficient is or what the word extol means, and you have to know this information like the back of your hand.

When you get to the competition site, you get butterflies in your stomach. You realize that what you are doing is no small and easy task. You were chosen, and you stood out from your peers in this subject. This is where you excel. You are representing your school and you are going up against the best of the best. There's nothing like the rush of stepping into the testing room knowing that you could be one of the victors. When you're preparing and studying for the competition, you don't even think that it's happening until you have that pencil in your hand. In those few minutes, before the test begins, a rush of nerves comes over you. It is intimidating to know that you're around the best students in all of the Catholic schools; however, once that test is in front of you all those nerves disappear. The only thing that matters is you and that test--nothing else.



Once you finish the test, the day is not over yet. There is one important factor that makes the whole process worthwhile: the awards. By the time the announcers get to your subject, you're just hoping and praying that your name gets called. The anguish and anxiety is so much that the hand you're squeezing probably loses circulation. It's amazing how all that goes away once your name is called. The feeling is indescribable knowing your whole school and family is cheering, knowing that you were in the top three and a medal goes along with it.

It feels surreal to know that all your hard work paid off. Yes, the whole time you're studying you hope for the best, but it doesn't really feel like it's happening until you get that medal. All those nights of late studying and countless sessions with your teachers were all worth it. Let's face it. You can get very used to the extra weight around your neck.

Msgr. Pace High students have "SOMETHING TO GIVE"

Student-created organization feeds the homeless and does a whole lot

MIAMI GARDENS | Daniel Labrousse and Sarina Muthiah, seniors at Msgr. Edward Pace High School, and their group, Something to Give, have been feeding the homeless every month in downtown Miami and giving back to the community for the past year.



Volunteers for Something to Give's monthly feeding of the homeless in downtown Miami Sept. 5 pose for a photo. From left: Norma Bonet, Natalie Bonet (Pace alumnus), Henry Villacorta (Pace senior), Cecilia Megie, Sarina Muthiah (Pace senior), Lorrine Labrousse, and Daniel Labrousse (Pace senior); in front: Nelson Bonet (Pace theology teacher), Maya Lora (Pace senior), Jim Bustetter, AnaÃ´ka Alezi (Pace senior), Amanda de Winter (Pace senior), Joseluiz Zarate (Pace senior), Nathan Bonet (Pace freshman), and Simon Bustetter.

"Our mission statement is 'Supporting our community. Feeding our people,'" said Daniel. "This project is about feeding the homeless in our community and giving them a chance at a better life."

The group, which was created in the summer of 2014, relies on donations and volunteers from Pace and other high schools, along with parishioners and students from St. Rose of Lima Church and School in Miam Shores, to serve as many people in need as possible.

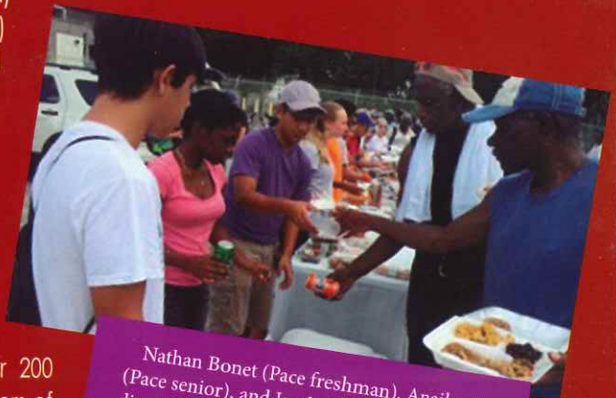
Pace High School has been a big part of the organization through its student and teacher volunteers.

"We have received a lot help from Pace, especially Mr. (Nelson) Bonet, Mr. (David) Masters, Mrs. (Elvita) Reigosa, Ms. (Alina) Fernandez, and the student body," said Daniel.

Nathan Bonet (Pace freshman), Anaika Alezi (Pace senior), and Joseluiz Zarate (Pace senior) distribute food to the homeless as volunteers of Something to Give. The organization feeds the homeless once a month.

Something to Give also aids the needy in other ways. Volunteers collected over 200 blankets from Pace's Future Business Leaders of America organization and St. Rose of Lima last December, and gave away hygienic kits with toothbrushes, wash cloths, and soap during the spring. This summer, Something To Give members helped out with the Share Your Sole Drive by collecting donations for children's shoes through June and July. They also helped the Miami Rescue Mission with their annual Christmas In July event, by volunteering at the clothing giveaway and doing activities with the children.

Recently, Something to Give became an official ministry of St. Rose of Lima Church. The group will be doing their next feeding Oct. 17 with a Halloween theme, followed by helping the Miami Rescue Mission with their annual Thanksgiving Banquet in November.



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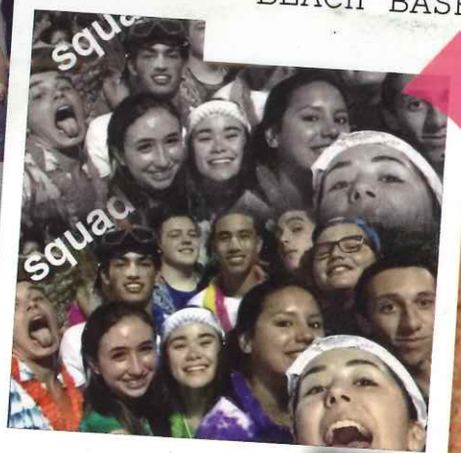
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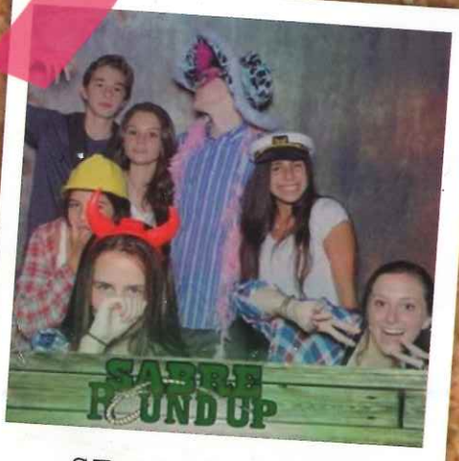
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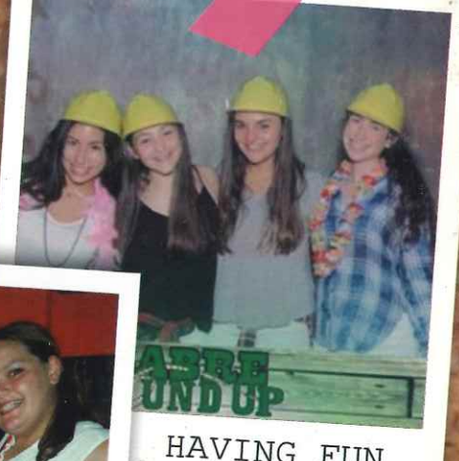
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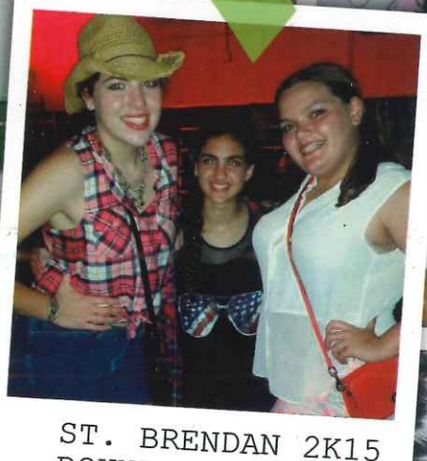
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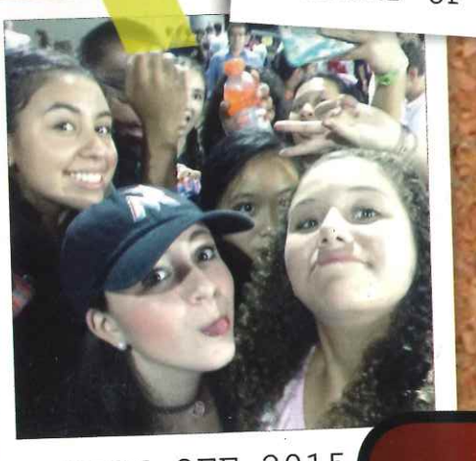
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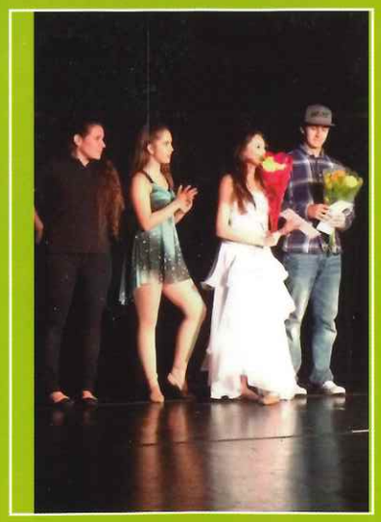
By: Brandon López

ACC's Got Talent was back this year and there was no shortage of talent! Several students from Archbishop Carroll High School took part in this year's talent show, and knocked the socks off of those who were in attendance. The event was judged by several teachers at the school, including: Ms. King, the school's dance teacher, Ms. Gonzalez, the school's Pax Christi director, and Ms. Mann, assistant dean of students. Many different talents were showcased at this year's event, including: singing, dancing, belly dancing, and more.





The contestants battled it out for highly coveted prizes, and Fabiola Nuñez ended up winning the show with her belly dancing performance. Emily Gil came in second place with her performance of an original song while playing the ukulele. Nicolas Faundez came in third place with his hip-hop performance. Congratulations to all the winners and the participants for puttin





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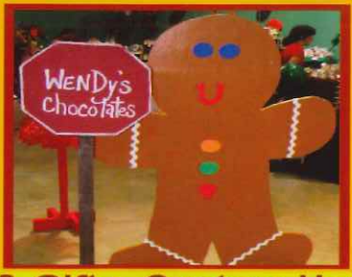
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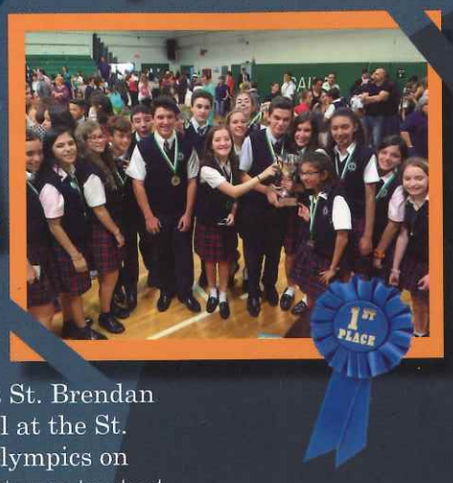


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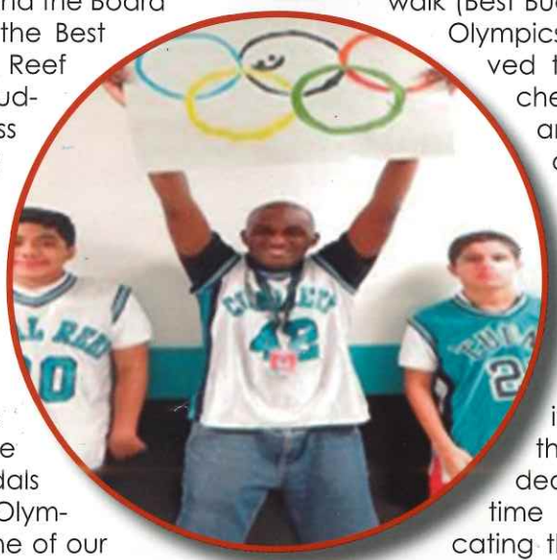
SPECIAL CORNER

By: Carolina Cerra

For the first time in Coral Reef Senior High School history, some of the special education students, most of whom are members of the Best Buddies club at Coral Reef, were allowed to walk in last week's Fall sports pep rally! The pep rally, held on Thursday, September 17, 2015, was a major success as the special education students and the Board of Officers from the Best Buddies Coral Reef chapter proudly walked across the gym holding handmade banners.



The first banner had "Special Olympics" written across it since many of the students compete in and win medals in the Special Olympics of Miami. One of our Special Olympics athletes, Isaac, said "I've won many gold medals over the years and I'm glad that I can showcase my athletics in front of my school along with the other athletes from the football team and golf team." The second banner said "Best Buddies" in order to represent one of the largest clubs at Coral Reef.



The students and teachers of Coral Reef were ecstatic to see the Buddies walking across the gym like everyone else and many students claimed that the final walk (Best Buddies/Special Olympics) received the loudest cheers out of any of the other sports teams. Making the banners and walking with the Buddies was completely worth it when we saw how happy it made them and their teachers, who dedicate a lot of time and effort to educating their students. Tears could be seen in some of the special education teachers' eyes because for that one moment, walking across the gym and representing Best Buddies meant the world to some of these students.











"Noticias de Raquel Regalado"

Raquel Regalado, quien dirige el Distrito 6 de las escuelas públicas de Miami-Dade, dió una charla motivacional el jueves, 24 de septiembre, a todas las alumnas de doceavo grado de la escuela Young Women´s Prep Academy. Regalado alentó a las estudiantes a luchar por sus sueños a nivel profesional y personal sin dejar que la negatividad de otras personas las desanimen y a que no prolonguen la lucha por alcanzar sus sueños esperando por un momento perfecto en la vida, si no que aprovechen el presente para trabajar en cumplir sus metas.













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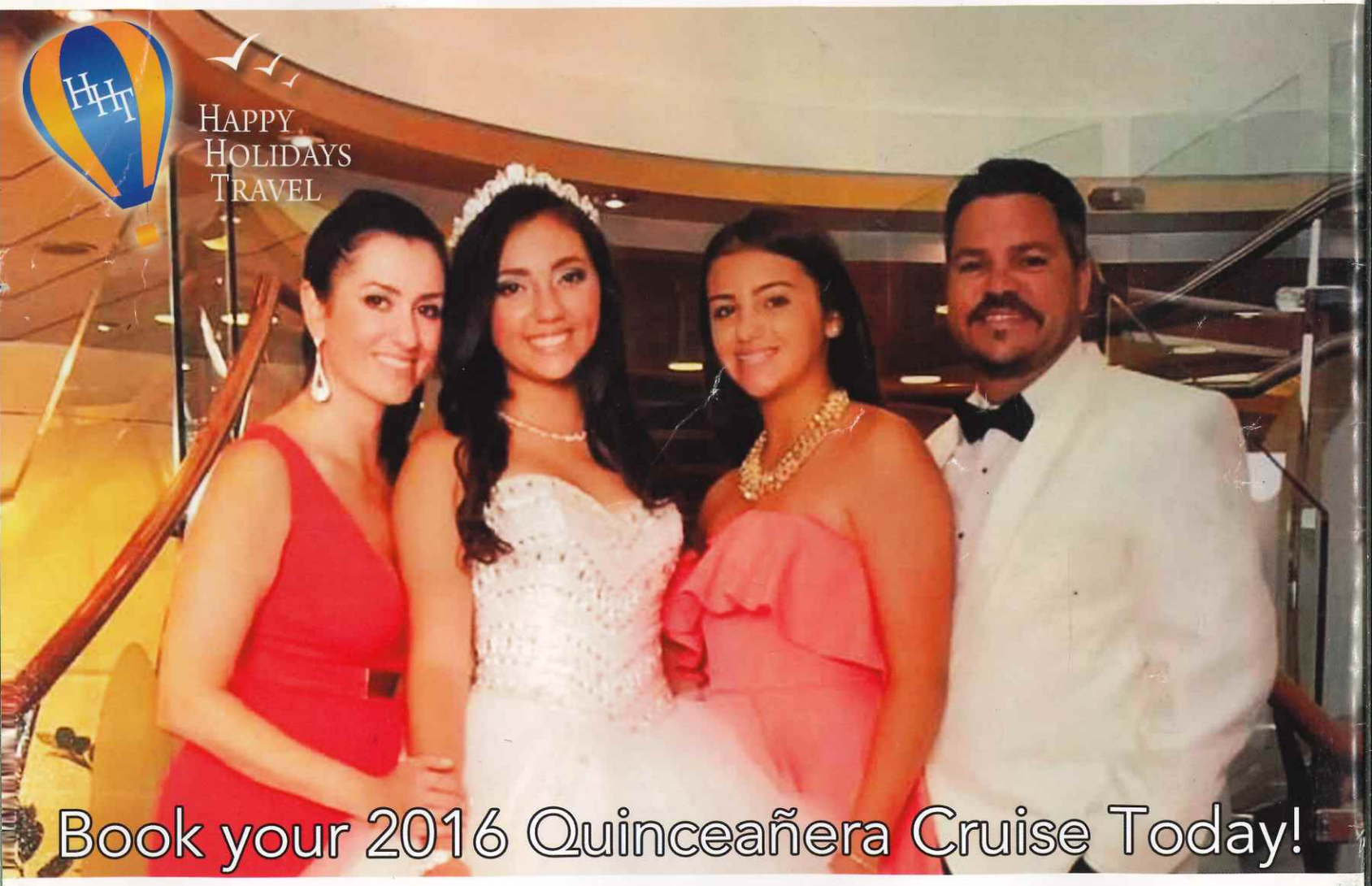


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