

SCHOOL NEWS AND UPDATES



We Love Our Seniors!

Let the countdown begin! This past Friday marked the last day of high school classes for our seniors. A pair of celebrations were held to close out the week and honor the Class of 2021, starting with Thursday's Senior Sunset. The event was hosted by the Parents' Association, as seniors were able to enjoy a DJ, their favorite foods, and giveaways. The following evening, the Class of 2021 gathered at Pérez Art Museum Miami for a Black Tie Prom Dinner. Seniors, we are so excited for the bright opportunities you have ahead, and look forward to seeing you at graduation!



Learning Through Exploration

PK students have been studying the process of metamorphosis during Science en Español with Professora Romanach. As part



Creative Writing Contest Finalist

Taylor "Ellie" Whalen '25 was recently named a top 10 finalist in the 2021 Junior Orange Bowl 33rd Annual Creative Writing

of their lesson, they created a habitat for Painted Lady and Monarch caterpillars and used magnifying glasses to watch them build their cocoons and become a chrysalis. Last week, the butterflies emerged from their cocoons! Together, PK students released four of the seven butterflies and watched as they explored their new environment outdoors.

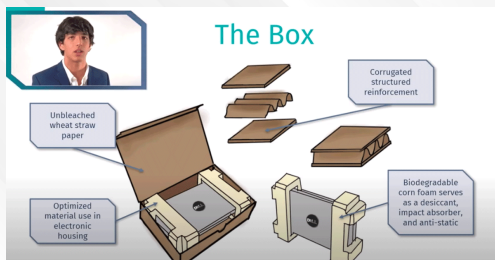
Contest. Students entering this year's contest were to answer the prompt, "how has nature helped me in this time of pandemic?" After a week-long deliberation by three tiers of judging panels who reviewed 271 essays from more than 30 schools, 10 finalists and their teachers were selected. Ellie received a finalist certificate following a virtual event streamed live from the Coral Gables Museum earlier this month. To read Ellie's essay, click on the button.

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Championship Innovators

Over the last seven months, hundreds of students across the globe put their STEM knowledge to work to benefit humanity by competing in the 2021 Conrad Challenge. After a multi-faceted, rigorous process during a year unlike any other, Gulliver's team of Alejandro Antorcha '22, Porter Bowen '21, Daniel Hagenlocker '24, Victoria Hagenlocker '22, and Sabrina Sharma '21 persevered, becoming the 2021 Pete Conrad Scholar in the Energy and Environment (Dell Technologies Sustainable Packaging) category for their innovation, [Inside the Box](#). To learn more, click on the button.



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Faculty Spotlight:

Ms. Maruchi (Rodriguez-Feo) P '27

Each week through our Faculty/Staff Spotlight series, we invite our community members to get to know Gulliver Prep teachers and staff members across every division. This week, our Spotlight features Ms. Maruchi (Rodriguez-Feo) P '27, Primary School Faculty member. Click on the button to learn about her proudest moments, a favorite Gulliver memory, and much more.

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Middle School Jazz Band Wins Third-Straight Downbeat Award

For the third-straight year, the Middle School Jazz Band has won a Downbeat Award in the category of Outstanding Performance for a Junior High School Large Jazz Ensemble. Established in 1976, the DownBeat Student Music Awards are considered the most prestigious awards in jazz education. Under the direction of Mr. Robert Keating, the Jazz Band is a nationally-recognized group of student musicians that participate in as many as 14 main performances during the year, including community concerts and judged performances. The ensemble scored Superior Ratings at Florida's Music Performance Assessments 11 years in a row, performed at the 71st Midwest Clinic, and was invited to perform at the Jazz Education Network (JEN) Annual Conference.



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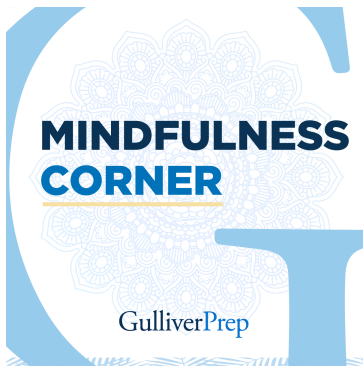
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AATF Outstanding Senior in French

As announced by the American Association of Teachers of French (AATF), Isabel Cuellar '21 has been named the recipient of a 2021 AATF Outstanding Senior in French Award. Each year, a student is nominated by his or her teacher on the basis of academic excellence and an exceptional commitment to the study of French. Under the direction of Mrs. Veronique Sumbu, Upper School



World Languages Faculty member, Isabel has completed more than three years of French study. She has studied abroad, competed in the National French Contest, participated in National French Week, and is a member of the French Honor Society.



Mindfulness: Why it Matters

Courtesy of Boston University

Mindfulness introduces intention and awareness to otherwise mundane activities and sensations. Things as simple as noting the texture of the keyboard underneath your fingertips or paying attention to the cadence of your steps as you walk qualify as practicing mindfulness. Click on the button to discover ways to incorporate the practice of mindfulness into your life.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday, May 11

Grades 5-6 Academic Awards Ceremony, 7:00 p.m., Virtual

Wednesday, May 12

Middle School Baseball SFMSC Semifinal, 3:30 p.m., Baseball Field, PK-8 Campus

Middle School Varsity Volleyball SFMSC Semifinal vs. Miami Country Day, 4:00 p.m., at Miami Country Day

Middle School Band and Chorus Concert, 5:15 p.m., Courtyard, PK-8 Campus

Middle School Softball SFMSC Semifinal vs. Carrollton, 6:30 p.m., at Florida Christian

Thursday, May 13

Grade 12 Cap and Gown/Graduation Ticket Distribution, 4:00-7:00 p.m., Clock Area, Upper School Campus

Grades 7-8 Academic Awards Ceremony, 7:00 p.m., Virtual

Middle School Baseball SFMSC Final, Tentative

Middle School Varsity Volleyball SFMSC Final, Tentative

Middle School Softball SFMSC Final, Tentative

Monday, May 17

Tri-M Music Honor Society Induction Ceremony, 6:30 p.m., Virtual

Tuesday, May 18

The Middle School Dance Department presents Intentions, 7:00 p.m., gulliver.life/intentions

All events are subject to change.

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