

## SCHOOL NEWS AND UPDATES



### Sweet Sounds of Spring

Last week's PK and JK Spring Concert brought sweet voices, dancing, and plenty of smiles to all. Our youngest Raiders were so excited to perform their end of the year show and dress up in their spring time attire!



### National Merit Scholarship Winners

Gulliver Preparatory School is proud to announce that Joao Carvalho '21 and Jordan Schmidt '21 have been selected as National Merit Scholarship winners. With this prestigious honor, both students will receive a National Merit \$2,500 Scholarship. To learn more about Joao and Jordan, and the National Merit Scholarship Program, click on the button.

[Learn More](#)



### Middle School's *The Muse*

Alice Araujo de Abreu '26 was one of only 13 students in all of Miami-Dade County to earn a Judges' Award for her poem "Queen Bee" in the 2021 Miami-Dade County Youth Fair Creative Writing competition. Her work is featured in the Middle School's literary magazine, *The Muse*. For 21 years, *The Muse* has served as the Middle School's historical record of the student body's award-winning writing and artwork. The selections are arranged by grade level to highlight the growth of young writers on their journey through Middle School. To browse the publication, click on the button.

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### Varsity Spring Sports Recap

Our student-athletes are resilient, dedicated, and go beyond in everything they do. Together, our varsity spring teams tallied a cumulative 3.51 GPA, and achieved great accomplishments on the field, in the water, and on the court. Highlights include a state championship for the boys' water polo team, a state runner-up finish for the girls' water polo squad, and several district championships, including the first in school history for boys' weightlifting. To learn more about all of our spring teams, click on the button.

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### Grade 4 Florida Day

Florida Day is a culminating celebration where fourth graders get to show off what they have learned about our state. The school year kicked off with identity projects and transitioned to the history of the Sunshine State's earliest beginnings. Students then had the opportunity to write about one of their favorite places to visit or spend time in Florida. Even though this year's presentations looked a little different, the fun and learning remained the same for in-person and at-home learners, as students acquired knowledge through technology, reading, social studies, science, and even art.

**Florida Is Sense-ational!**

**SMELL** the flaming hot fire in the gym games, the ball clattering, basketball players shooting the balls into the hoop, and all the fans cheering and shouting.

**HEAR** the players' shoes squeaking loudly on the court, all the players screaming for the game, and all the fans roaring for their team.

**TASTE** the sweet mint chocolate chip ice cream, the butter of the popcorn melting on my tongue, and the tangy flavor Park Kiosk.

**FEEL** my chair vibrating from all the rambling fans, the soft heat of the lounge with the juicy party in between, and the glow in front of me as I hit in when I jump up on the team screen.

**SMELL** the flaming hot buffalo sauce on my wings, the salty greasy french fries, and the ice cold sweet Coca Cola.

**KNOW** I'm at a Miami Heat game.

By: Nina Schmitt

DESIGNER: ANNA SILBERWASSER  
QUALIFIER ARCHITECTURE  
PROJECT: SHIPPING CONTAINER PROJECT  
FLORIDA STATE PARK

FIRST FLOOR PLAN

5000 CAR BOULEVARD  
SCALE: 1/8" = 1'-0"

## Architecture Students Excel at Florida State Fair

For the third year in a row, Gulliver Prep architecture students won more than 20 awards in the category of Architecture and Design at the Florida State Fair. This year, students won top honors in all 10 categories, winning a total of 27 prizes in the High School Division, and four prizes in the Middle School Division. Click on the button to view student work and all our 2021 winners.

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## Middle School Orchestra Presents Virtual Project

The Middle School Chamber Orchestra invites you to experience the diverse cultures of Singapore in a whirlwind of sonorities by seventh and eighth grade musicians. The orchestra held its first live performance since December 2019 on May 5 in front of a limited, social-distanced audience, and created this virtual project to share with the entire Gulliver community. Click on the button to watch "Lion City."

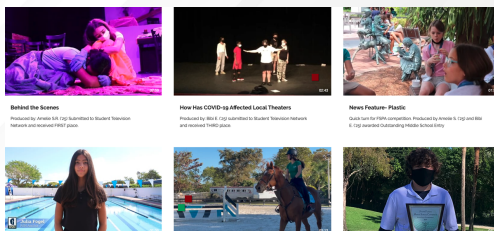
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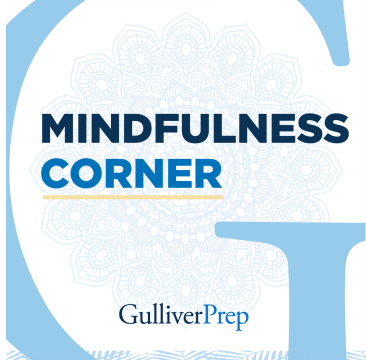


## Digital Mass Media Showcase

The third annual Pixel Digital Mass Media Showcase is live via a virtual gallery! Built by Digital Mass Media Department faculty members Cristina Salup, Cori Basulto-Fraga, Tatiana Patrone, and Patricia Wyszowski, the web gallery showcases broadcasting, journalism, and digital design student work. On the broadcasting side, viewers can browse recipe videos, Raider Student Network news packages, commentaries, and more, while the journalism section features *The Raider Flash* news site and Instagram account, and a discussion on choosing a yearbook theme. Digital design students share their work on branding, product graphics, iconography, and much more. Click on the button to browse the gallery, and [click here](#) to view all of the accolades the Middle School Mass Media Department has amassed this year.

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## A 5-Minute Writing Practice to Help You Express Gratitude

Courtesy of [mindful.org](http://mindful.org)

Sometimes we can be grateful for people or things in our lives without really appreciating them. In this practice, Jennifer R. Wolkin, PhD, offers a way to slow down and appreciate what's around you. Click on the button to learn more.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **Tuesday, May 18**

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

Middle School Baseball SFMSC Championship vs. Florida Christian, 4:00 p.m., PK-8 Campus

The Middle School Dance Department presents *Intentions*, 7:00 p.m., [gulliver.life/intentions](http://gulliver.life/intentions)

### **Wednesday, May 19**

Upper School Miller Campus Awards Ceremony, 6:30 p.m., Virtual

### **Thursday, May 20**

The Upper School Music Department presents *Back Together Again*, 6:30 p.m., [gulliver.life/backtogetheragain](http://gulliver.life/backtogetheragain)

Silver Knights Awards Ceremony, 7:00 p.m., [miamiherald.com/silverknight](http://miamiherald.com/silverknight)

### **Friday, May 21 - Monday, May 30**

Streaming available: The Upper School Theatre Department presents *The Servant of Two Masters*, [gulliver.life/twomasters](http://gulliver.life/twomasters)

### **Saturday, May 22**

The Upper School Dance Department presents *Constellations: The Story of Us*, 6:00 p.m., [gulliver.life/constellations](http://gulliver.life/constellations)

### **Monday, May 24**

Grade 8 Aloha Breakfast (PK-8 Campus) and Promotion Ceremony Rehearsal (Upper School Campus) - Grade 8 student dismissal from Upper School Campus at 1:00 p.m.

IB Senior Medallion Ceremony, 6:30 p.m., Virtual

*All events are subject to change.*

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