

They are so alike and so different all at the same time. No, this is not a riddle to solve. This is a description of our students of the month! Intelligent and driven, they all embody the student who works hard and dreams big. And yet, what they are doing and what they want to do, are all so very different. Let' meet-

*From Inverness Middle School:* **Emmaclaire Isrow** – with a 4.0 gpa and a membership in JNHS, she volunteers with her church and the library and enjoys studying history. Her goal is to attend Harvard with law and politics in her sites. **Derrick Slusser, Jr** is also a 4.0 gpa and a member of JNHS, and also enjoys studying history. However, he is in FFA and holds a black belt in Jiu Jitsu. He aspires to join the Marine Corp. and work in the military.

*From Citrus High School:* **Robert Mullins** – he is enrolled in the Computer Science Academy holding multiple certificates and has taken 3 AP courses. He also has lettered in three sports: cross country, track and soccer. He has been a member of several clubs, including Link and Christian Prayer. All the while, he is working part-time for a kayak rental company and refereeing. His vision for his near future is to get a degree in Kinesiology/sports Medicine and has been accepted to FSU, but really wants to go to UF. The good news is, he is a 100% Bright Futures recipient. **Stephanie Cain** is fairly new to this high school, having only been here for 2 years. She moved from Brazil when she was 14 years old to live in the U.S. with a relative to get a better educational opportunity. She eventually moved here. Stephanie has taken honors, dual enrollment and AP classes and has a 3.9 gpa. Also active in sports, she has participated in soccer, cross country, weightlifting and track. And if that is not enough, she spends some of her time as a secretarial assistant in student services; that is if she is not participating in NHS, Link, Key or working with a mental health focus group! Stephanie wants to get a degree in civil engineering and has had an opportunity to work at Central Testing where she tests soil and water samples. We wish you all the best!

#### Other News:

100 club - \$10 to Greg Hamilton, \$20 to Tom Slaymaker (uh huh), \$30 to Derrick Buettner  
Jan 20 – Relief Share Medical Supplies, 1<sup>st</sup> Pres Church, 9am  
Jan 24 – CWOW Food Distribution, Citrus Co Fairgrounds, 8am  
Jan 31 – Deadline for Silent Auction Donations

#### What you Missed

John Marmish entered our club meeting in FULL Scottish attire. Yes, the dude had on a skirt!!! (ok, well actually, a kilt) It so happens that John had traveled to Scotland and went to a rotary club in Inverness, Scotland. He returned home with their club flag, the Scotland flag, and a complete formal outfit. So, he decided to share all this with us! Thanks John.

#### Update

The CART grant recipient, Dr. Thinakaran, will be speaking on March 22, 2024 at Central Florida at 6pm. Details to follow.

5 Weeks Until Brewfest! Need I say More.....