

The post-solar eclipse flared over our club as we gathered to meet our Students of the Month. Hailing from Inverness Middle School, we met Olivia Hanssen and Sincere Brown. Olivia carries a 4.0 gpa and involves herself in the Unity Walk and NJHS among other extracurriculars. She is an 8th grader with lofty goals of being either a lawyer or an anesthesiologist. To achieve this, she would like to go to Harvard, Cambridge, or maybe UF. In high school, she will be involved with swimming and weightlifting. Sincere is an athlete. He plays football and basketball, and his dream is to go to Louisiana State to further his education and his football career. If he doesn't play ball, he wants to coach. He could do both!

Joining us from Citrus High School were Keira McCarrick(March recipient), Grayson Stokes, and Justin Poole. Keira enjoys helping where she can and is often making sure that other students get the support they need. She is highly motivated and actively involved in competitions. She is going to attend Florida Southern and pursue a degree in Business Admin. She is also interested in Psychology/School Counseling. Grayson is a very successful agriculture student who will receive a state FFA award in Orlando this year. With a 3.7 gpa, she is involved in 11 clubs and groups, volunteers at CASA and Pregnancy Crisis. The words dependable and always on task were used to describe her. She will attend Central Florida for her AA and then Florida State to get a degree in Political Science. She hopes to use her knowledge and skills to educate and support the world of agriculture. Justin weighs in with an unweighted 4.0 gpa and a weighed 5.0 gpa. Not too shabby! He has volunteered with The Blessings for four years, and for the last three years, he has been the manager of the football, basketball and baseball teams. After graduation, he will move to Ohio to work in his family's construction business and hopes to pursue a certificate in hospice care. Well, friends, these were a very diverse and interesting group of young people this month. All of them were determined and dedicated individuals that offered a good start to a very promising future. Put your sunglasses on!

Other News:

- *Our Fred Ohsiek turned 87!! Happy Birthday!
- *Maria Nunez just had shoulder surgery - well-wishes are sent by all
- *New Club Tee Shirts are being ordered. Contact Greg H – hamilton4495@gmail.com
- *Habitat Build with the 6 clubs – April 13
- *Rise Against Hunger with the 6 clubs – April 20
- *Upward Bound-April 25 (our club is the sponsor and John Murphy is the speaker)
- *CART cans – raised \$20
- *Downtown Club is asking for volunteers to help with the May 4 Bike Fun Ride

Happy/sad - \$218

50/50 - \$41 to Megan Carella, and the raffled TB hats go to Megan and Tito

Next Meeting: April 16th. Eloy will be presenting his "The First 30 Seconds" - educating young drivers about what to expect in the first 30 seconds after a traffic stop. What you say and do can make all the difference to how things will turn out.

See you next week!