# Okeechobee County



Honoring Okeechobee High School, **Okeechobee Christian Academy, and Home Schooled Graduates** 

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#### To the Okeechobee Christian Academy Graduating Class of 2023,

It has been a great privilege to have been given the opportunity by God's grace to invest in each of you intellectually and spiritually. We are thankful for each of you, and we love you all very much. You are all carefully crafted in His image. As we watch you prepare for the next chapter of your lives, whether it be college, work, or anything else you choose to endeavor, we want you to know, as a staff, we are praying for you and over you.

#### Lord,

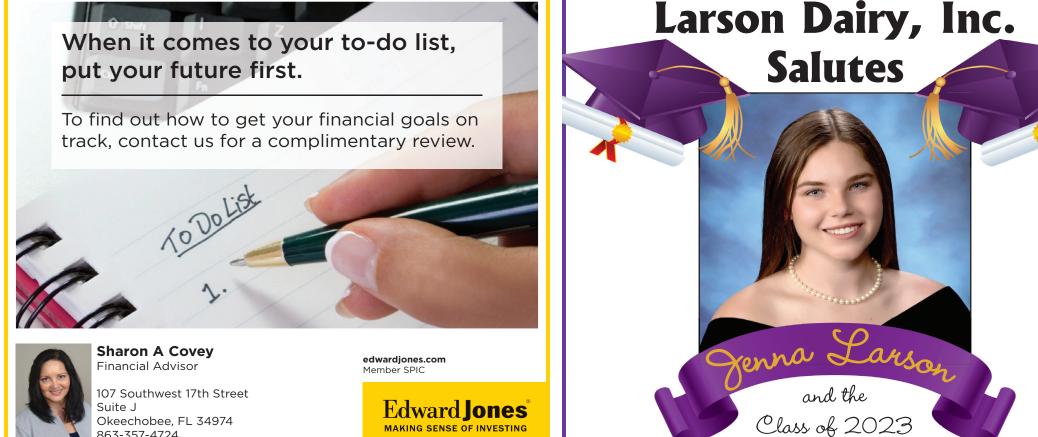
We are grateful for these seven young men. May this graduating class live lives that long to rest close to your presence and trust in your goodness. We ask that they seek first your kingdom and your righteousness in whatever they do. Please allow your Word and the joy brought by your salvation to be their greatest treasures as they embark on this next step in their lives. May they never lean on their own understanding, but trust in You with all their hearts to make straight their paths. Give them boldness that will allow them to serve You as biblical men who will answer the call to set the pace for those behind them. Remind them to lead with humility, wisdom, patience, and perseverance. Sustain them by Your grace all of their days.

> In Jesus' name, Amen

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## Okeechobee Home Schooled Graduates



**Callie Phillips** 



MiaDonn

Callie DeAnne Phillips, daughter of Eric and Mandy Phillips, has been homeschooled since kindergarten. The only daughter in an athletic family, Callie has played varsity basketball all four years, track for four years, cross country for three years and flag football one year with Okeechobee High School. Callie received the Treasure Coast Scholar Athlete Award in 2023 for maintaining a 4.0 in her high school classes. She also dual enrolled at IRSC and graduated with her AA. While diligently studying, Callie also babysat for income and volunteered at Open Hands Health Center. Callie plans to attend nursing school and be a medical missionary wherever God sends her.

MiaDonna Ruth Pasquarella graduates High School this year, she has been homeschooled since the 5th grade. She enjoys writing fiction and poetry and is an avid reader. She hopes to work with children and in her spare time will finish writing her novel. Mia has a growing love for the Lord. Anyone who knows her knows that whenever they see her they will be met with her sweet smile and leave feeling encouraged.



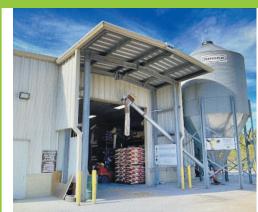
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#### Pasquarella



Starr Elizabeth Ozolins-Hajen is the daughter of Bobbi Sue and Michael Hajen. She graduates as part of the Class of 2023, and has graduated two years early with a 4.0 GPA. She plans on attending cosmetology classes in the fall, followed by a SFX school of theatrical makeup in Miami.





Javier Torres William Miller

Rosa Vargas

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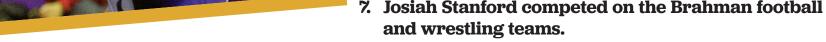
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## Class of 2023 Graduating Athletes



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## Magna Cum Laude



**Payton Collins** 



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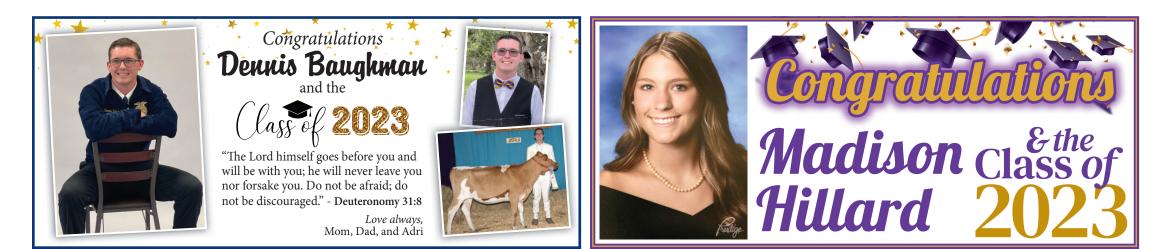
**Savannah Moreno** 



Conner Rucks

**Judy Sienes** 





Congratulations, Sydney, on your incredible achievement of graduating from High School! This momentous occasion marks the culmination of your hard work, dedication, and unwavering commitment to excellence.

Congratulations,

Sydney

and the

Class of 2023

Throughout your high school journey, you have demonstrated a remarkable thirst for knowledge, an insatiable curiosity, and a genuine passion for learning. Your academic achievements have been nothing short of exceptional, and they serve as a testament to your perseverance and intellectual prowess.

But it's not just your academic accomplishments that make you shine; it's your compassionate spirit and infectious enthusiasm that have touched the lives of those around you. Your ability to uplift and inspire others is a true gift, and it sets you apart as a remarkable individual.

And let's not forget about your beloved companion, Arlo. Your dog has been a constant source of comfort, joy, and unwavering support throughout your high school journey. Arlo's wagging tail and unconditional love have undoubtedly been a vital source of strength and encouragement for you, reminding you to always embrace life's joyful moments.

As you embark on the next chapter of your life, Sydney, remember to hold onto the invaluable lessons you've learned, the friendships you've cultivated, and the memories you've created. Embrace new challenges with the same tenacity and determination that have brought you this far, knowing that you have the power to make a profound impact on the world.

The future holds endless possibilities for you, Sydney Lawrence, and we have no doubt that you will continue to shine brightly in all your endeavors. May your journey be filled with boundless success, happiness, and fulfillment. Congratulations once again on your well-deserved graduation, and here's to the incredible adventures that lie ahead!

With love and admiration, Grandpa and Grandma, Dad, Zack, Katlynn and Josh



Cum Laude Graduating "With Honors"





Natalie Ramirez-Espinoza

**Brett Shockley** 



**Joshua Viray** 



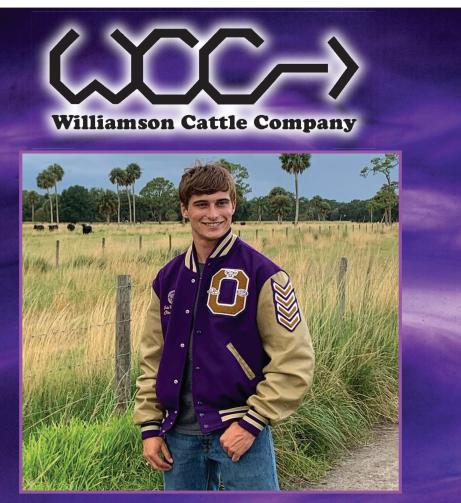
#### Diana Rodriguez-Gomez, Hannah Lewis, Jolina Moreno, Daria Kinchen and Aubrey Furse

We are very proud of you and excited for your future plans. Jaclyn Pearce



Love, Dad, Mom, Cali, Jared, Chloe & Korki





Congratulations John Wesley Williamson Class of 2023 We are so proud of you! Love, Your Family







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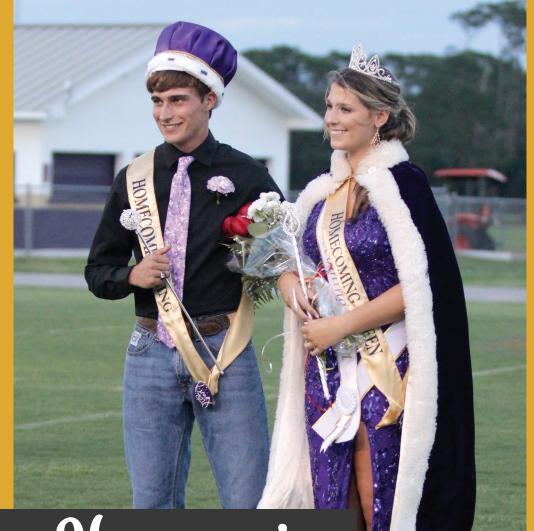
## **Homecoming 2023**











### Homecoming King & Queen

John Williamson II and Madison Hilliard

Photo by Jacob Smith

## Mr. & Miss 09tS



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# **CLASS OF 2023!**







#### Congratulations to Jenna Scholle and all of the 2023 Graduates



Trust in the LORD with all your heart; and lean not on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him and He shall direct your paths **Proverbs 3:5 & 6** 



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Aaron Davis



Ajanique Butcher



Alexander Randolph



Antoine Bailey



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Carlos Flores



Casey Felton



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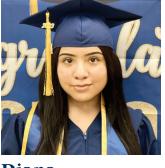
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Diana Hernandez



Jennifer Sesena



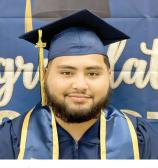
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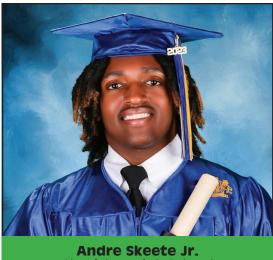
Fernando Matos Falcon **Clewiston High School** 



Joshua Ramos **Clewiston High School** 

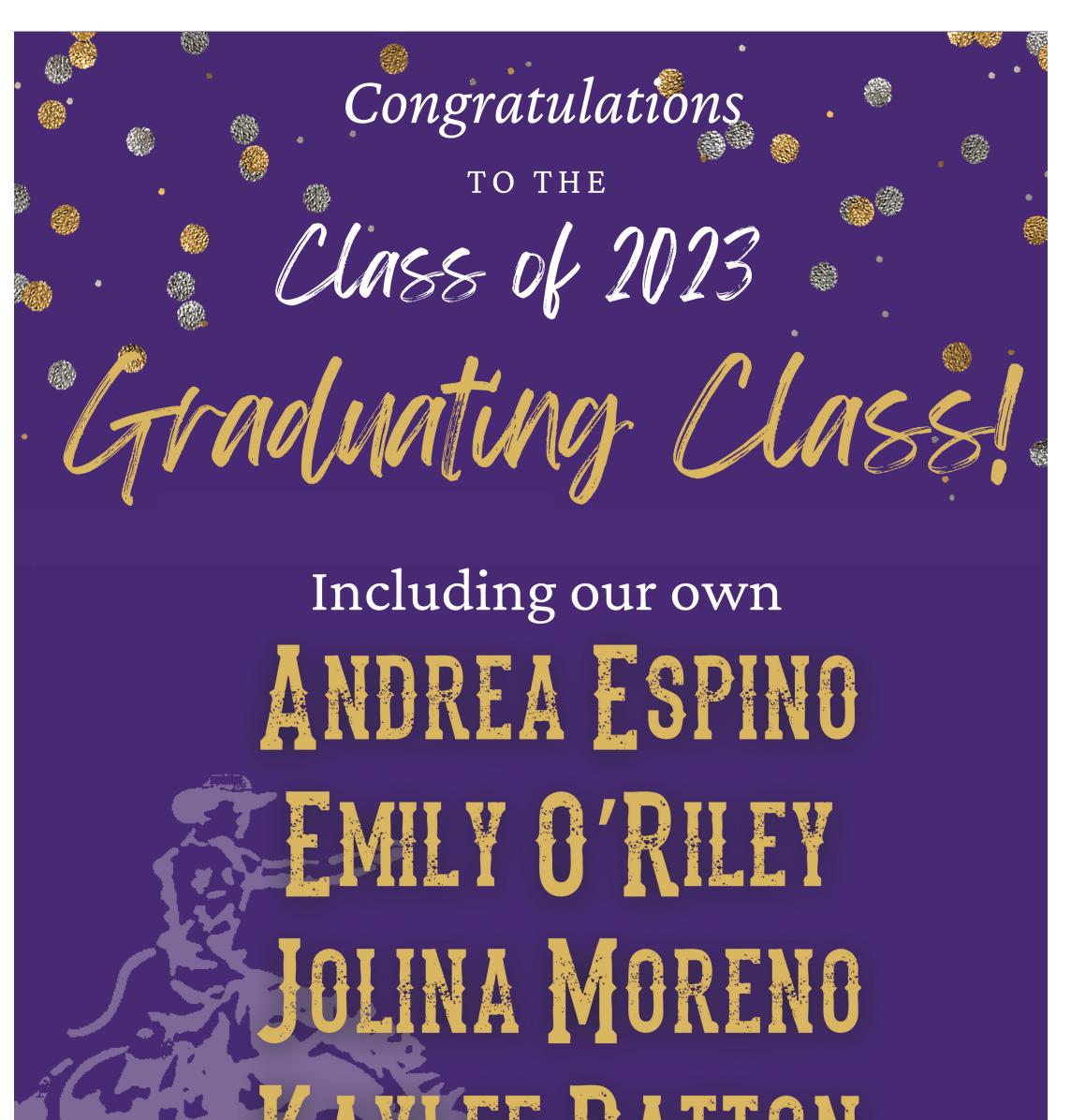


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