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Looking beyond grades to succeed

School district offers variety of paths for students to excel

By Peter Willott

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As the 2024-2025 school year draws to a close, Superintendent Rick Surrency has a message for the community: the Putnam County School District is no longer defined by limitations but by opportunity, achievement and forward-thinking innovation.

"This has been one of the most exciting and impactful school years I've experienced as superintendent," Surrency said in an interview at the district's headquarters earlier this month. "From national recognition to individual student success stories, our district is showing what's possible when you believe in your students and prepare them for the real world."

Putnam County's accomplishments didn't go unnoticed. The district was named Cambridge District of the Year in the small district category, a distinction awarded by Cambridge University Press & Assessment. Putnam was one of only three districts nationwide to receive the honor, which recognizes a deep and consistent commitment to academic excellence, innovation and access to college-level curriculum.

"This is the first time our district has received this level of national recognition," Surrency said. "It's a testament to our teachers, students and staff who have worked to raise the bar."

Among the most celebrated achievements this school year were two students – Anahi Lugo of Crescent City Junior-Senior High School and D'Montay Barnes of Palatka Junior-Senior High School – receiving the prestigious Gates Scholarship. The highly selective, full cost-of-attendance award is given to just 750 high-achieving minority students nationwide out of more than 48,000 applicants.

The district also celebrated over 70 students earning Cambridge Advanced International Certificate of Ed-

ucation diplomas, which qualify them for full state of Florida Bright Futures Scholarships. Fourteen seniors earned their associate degrees from St. Johns River State College through dual enrollment, and 21 seniors in the Take Stock in Children program were awarded 60-credit scholarships for post-secondary education.

"This year's senior class has more college and career opportunities than any group before them," Surrency said. "And it's not just about college, we're also preparing them to enter high-demand, high-wage careers."

Under Surrency's leadership, the district has prioritized career readiness. Through its career and technical education offerings, students can access numerous career pathways, including aerospace, building construction, welding, emergency medical technician and firefighter training, health sciences, agri-science, advanced manufacturing, robotics and computer science.

"We're giving students more than just a diploma," Surrency said. "We're giving them certifications that lead to real careers."

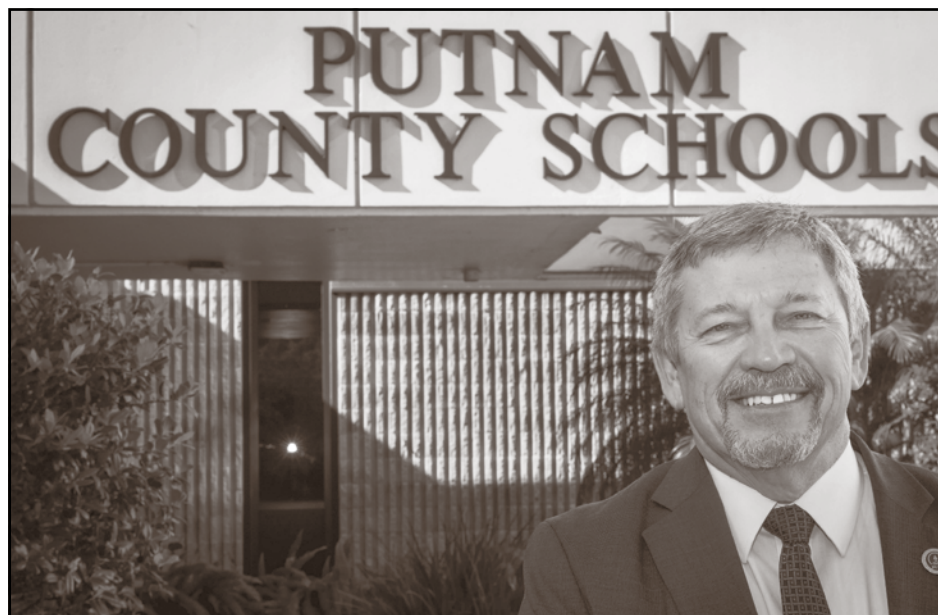
The aerospace program, which this year saw numerous students complete their first solo flights, thanks to partnerships with Embry-Rid-

dle Aeronautical University and airports in Palatka and Keystone Heights.

"Imagine being a high school student and flying a plane by yourself," Surrency said. "It's incredible, and we're one of the only districts in Florida providing this opportunity."

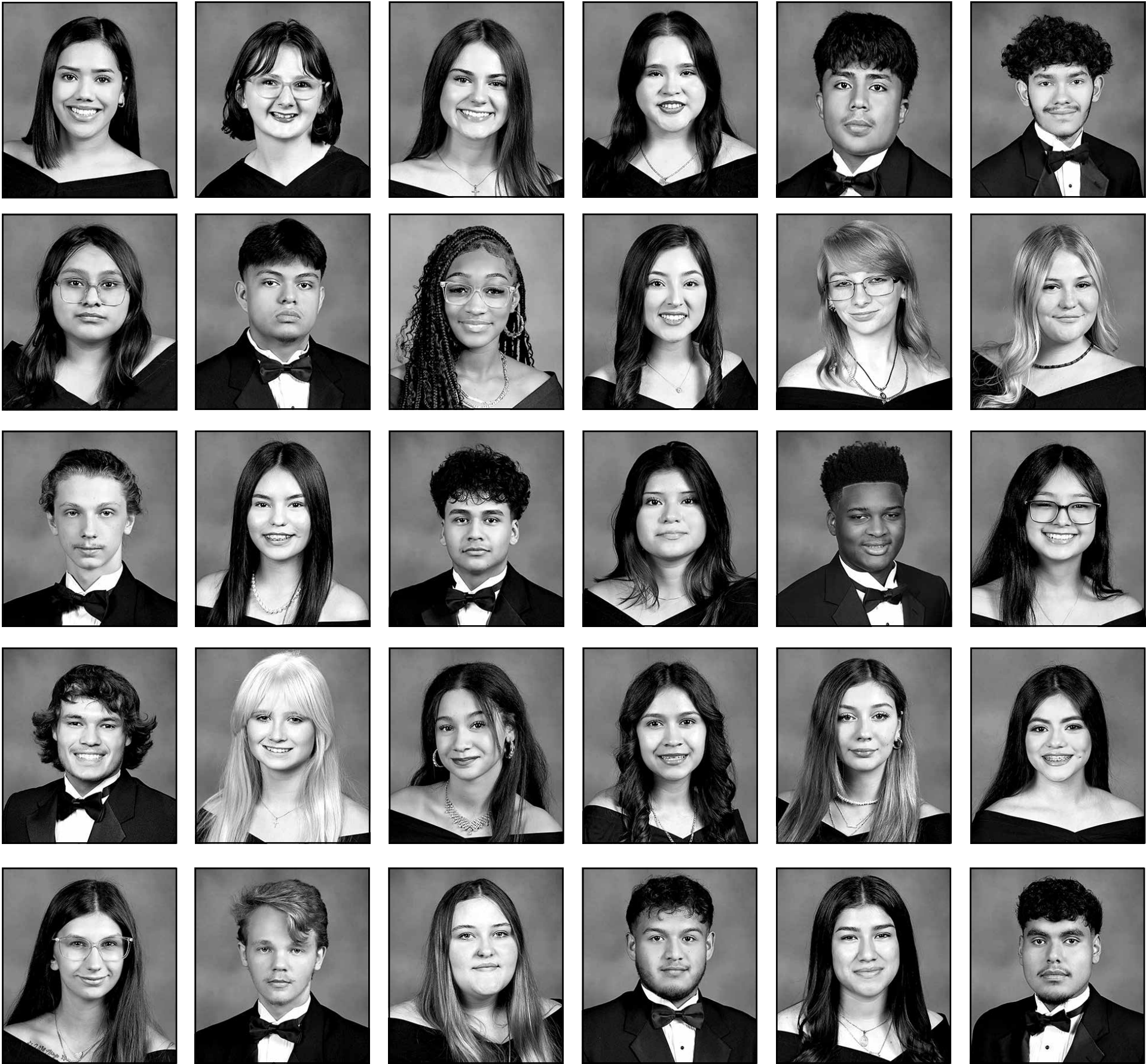
Students at Q.I. Roberts Junior-Senior High won a national Esports championship, defeating high school and

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Superintendent Rick Surrency stands outside the Putnam County School District headquarters in Palatka earlier this month.

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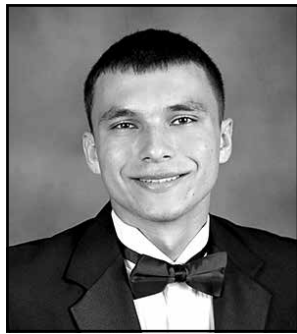
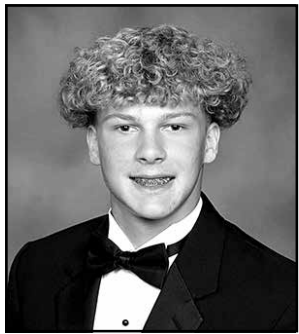
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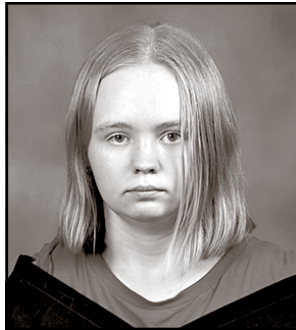


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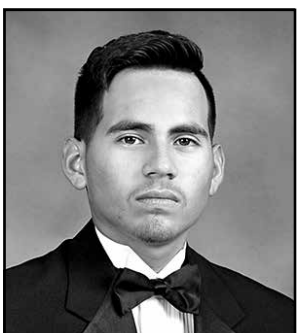
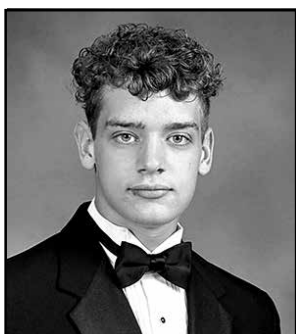
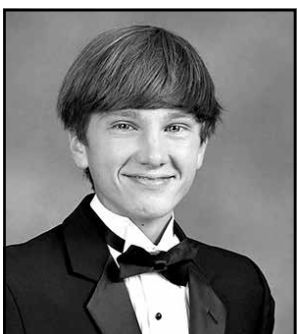
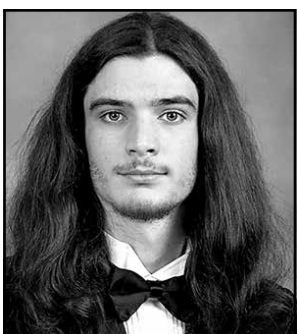
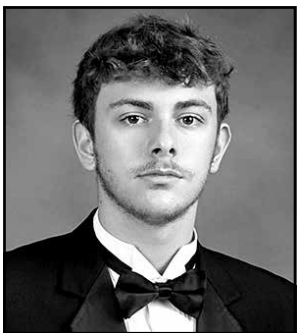
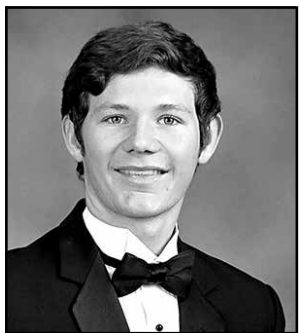
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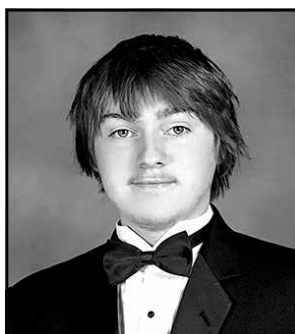
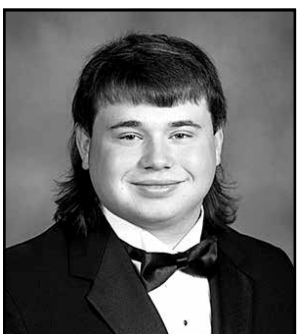
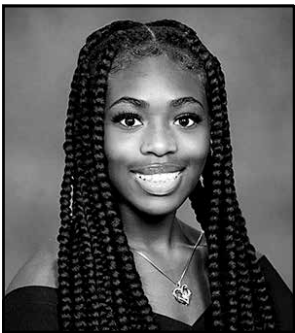
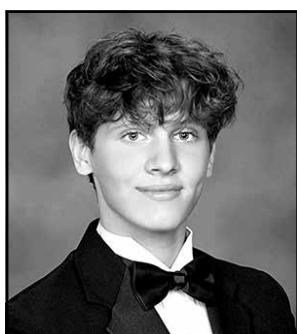
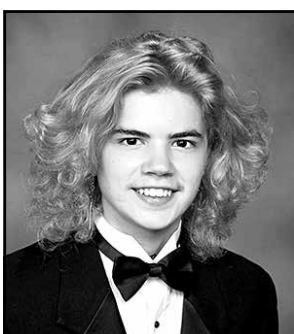
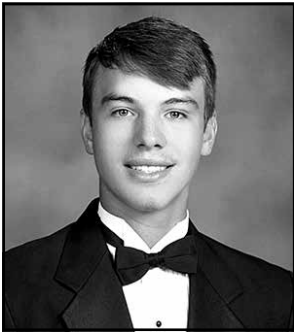
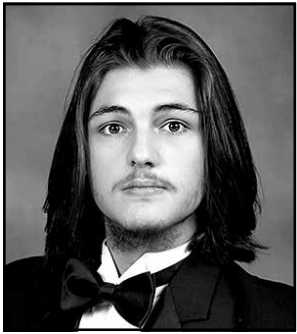
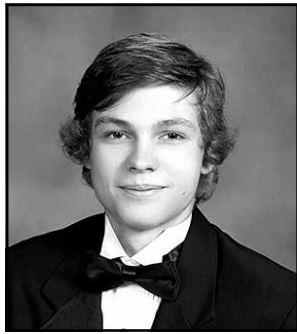
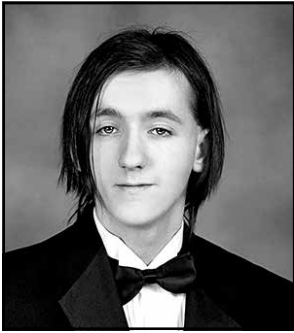
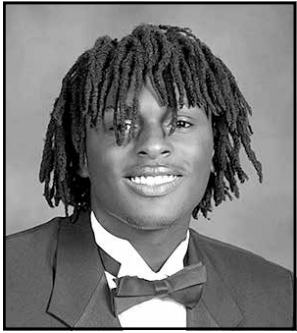


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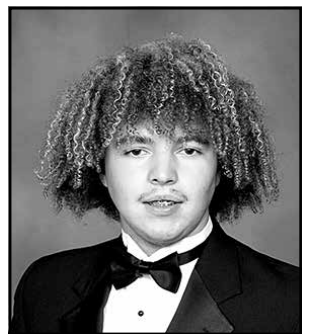
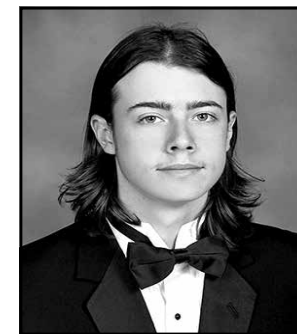
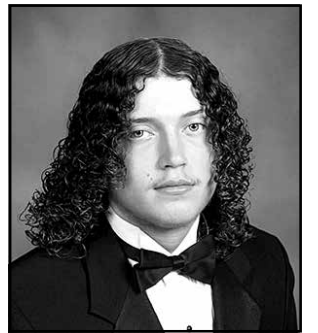
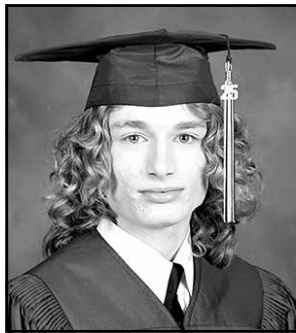
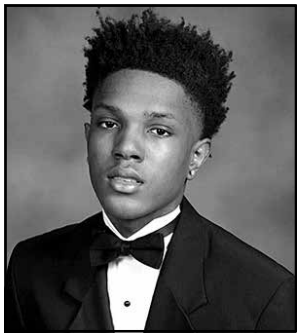
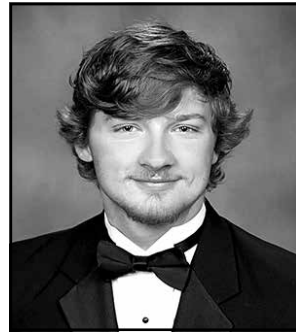
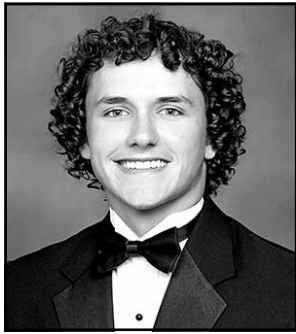
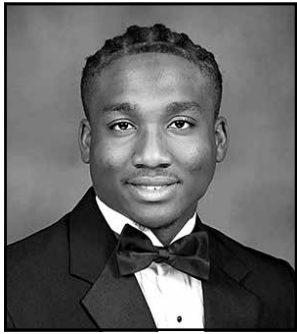
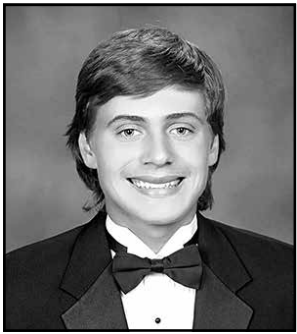
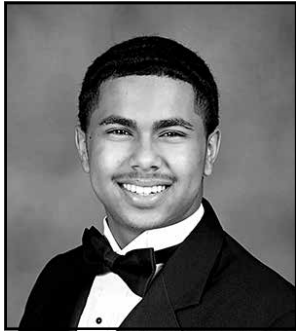
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Hats off to the Class of 2025 for a job well done! We wish you all the best as you begin the next chapter and work toward your future goals.

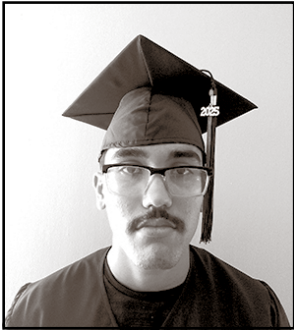
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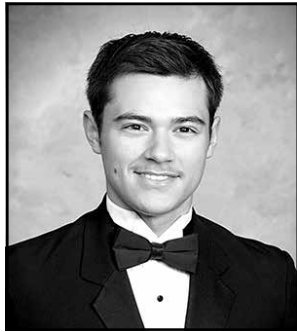
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college teams from around the country.

"It's another example of how we're meeting students where they are and helping them turn their passions into success," he said.

The district's career and technical education programs are structured as career pathways, offering a more flexible and inclusive model than traditional academies. Students take core classes alongside their peers while also progressing through specialized courses to earn industry certifications in their field of choice.

"We've built this over the last eight or nine years," Surrency said. "And now this year's graduating class is reaping the benefits."

Student success isn't just measured in test scores. The district has prioritized mental and physical health, expanding services and embracing a proactive approach to student wellness.

This year, through the Who We Play For initiative, the district offered electrocardiogram heart screenings to more than 500 students. The screenings are available to any student who wants one.

Mental health services have also expanded significantly, with counselors embedded in schools and serving hundreds of students.

"We're addressing student wellness head-on," Surrency said. "Because if they're not OK emotionally, they can't be successful academically."

The district's wellness work has garnered national attention. In June, representatives from Putnam County will present at a national education conference in Savannah, Georgia, to highlight the district's mental health strategies.

One unique tool in the toolbox: Jazzy, a Goldendoodle therapy dog who visits schools to help comfort students.

Putnam County is also physically transforming. As part of its multi-phase school revitalization plan, the district is currently building or renovating nine schools. This year, construction began on an elementary and junior-senior high school in Crescent City, while work is ongoing on a new school where E.H. Miller School once stood.

Major projects at Melrose Elementary and Kelly Smith Elementary are next, followed by a proposed rebuild of Interlachen Junior-Senior High School, pending state funding. The district is also planning a new Palatka Junior-Senior High School and renovations to Jenkins Elementary in Interlachen and Browning-Pearce Elementary in San Mateo.

"When this plan is complete, we'll have an entirely modernized school district," Surrency said. "It's a massive undertaking, but it's necessary."

With new schools and new families moving to the area, the district is preparing for an expected surge in population, especially as property values in neighboring counties climb and infrastructure improves.

Teacher recruitment and retention remain top priorities.

Thanks to the district's novice teacher mentoring program, retention has grown from 65% in 2018 to 93% in recent years.

The district is also preparing to open a free employee wellness center, offering basic health care services to all insured staff.

"We want Putnam County to be a place where educators come and stay," Surrency said. "When teachers feel supported, students succeed."

That message is resonating. The district actively recruits, attends job fairs and promotes its strengths, including small class sizes, modern facilities and a supportive community.

"We're seeing more and more people realize Putnam is a great place to live and work," Surrency said. "This isn't the donut hole of growth anymore. We're part of the movement."

What will the next decade bring? Surrency expects his current students to lead the way as adults, with the foundation of their success having been laid in Putnam schools.

"I see tremendous opportunity," said Surrency, who was named 2023 Florida Superintendent of the Year. "Our students today will be the leaders of tomorrow, engineers, pilots, health care workers, teachers. I believe Putnam County is on the rise."

Surrency, who began his career in the district as a teacher and coach in 1986, said he's proud of how far the district has come.

"Everything we're doing now, from academics to mental health, from construction to career prep, is setting us up for long-term success," he said. "It's about building a school system and a community our kids deserve. We may be a small district, but we're dreaming big and delivering."



L-R: Jazzy, the Goldendoodle therapy dog that visits local schools to cheer up students, enjoys a bit of rest at a Putnam County School Board meeting. Putnam County School District officials and animal trainers show off Jazzy, the Goldendoodle therapy dog that visits local schools to comfort students.



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Crescent City Junior-Senior High School senior Mithila "Mia" Paul stands with her family members and supporters after learning she won the Leaders 4 Life Fellowship as part of her participation in Take Stock in Children.



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Caelan Rhinehardt, the youth football coordinator for the Jacksonville Jaguars, honors Crescent City Junior-Senior High School student-athlete Paola Cruz-Ramos, center, alongside her flag football coaches.



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L-R: Middleton-Burney Elementary School students help break ground at the Crescent City location that will eventually house the city's new elementary school. Palatka Junior-Senior High School cheerleaders spread school spirit down St. Johns Avenue during the homecoming parade in September.



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TOP: Principal Tiffany Scranton welcomes students to Middleton-Burney Elementary School in Crescent City on the first day of the 2024-2025 academic year.
BOTTOM: Leah Howard, a senior at Interlachen Junior-Senior High School, holds the certificate she received at the Putnam County School District's Top Scholar ceremony in 2025.



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L-R: Cast members are dressed in character during rehearsal for the Palatka Junior-Senior High School Musical Theatre Department's production of "Disney Jr.'s The Little Mermaid" in December. Q.I. Roberts Junior-Senior High School esports team members show off some of the hardware they've won in previous competitions.

To graduates and families

The *Palatka Daily News* is impressed with Putnam County's class of 2025. We offer congratulations to the graduates, their parents and families for a great lifetime achievement. May this milestone be the first of many.

The newspaper has worked closely with Putnam County School District and Peniel Christian Academy in an attempt to ensure each graduate is represented in this special publication. For a few, photos were not available. We regret that. Students' names are printed as they were provided. For any whose names were left out, please know it was unintentional.

If your graduate is not listed and should be, please accept our apology and contact Publisher Jennifer Moates at 386-312-5200

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L-R: Palatka Junior-Senior High School students train as part of the career and technical education fire and emergency medical technician program. Palatka Junior-Senior High School seniors, from left, Aaleeyah Hill, Jeffrey Pauley, Aurorabelle Duck and Sierria Burl shared why they are eager to vote in the Nov. 5, 2024, general election.



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