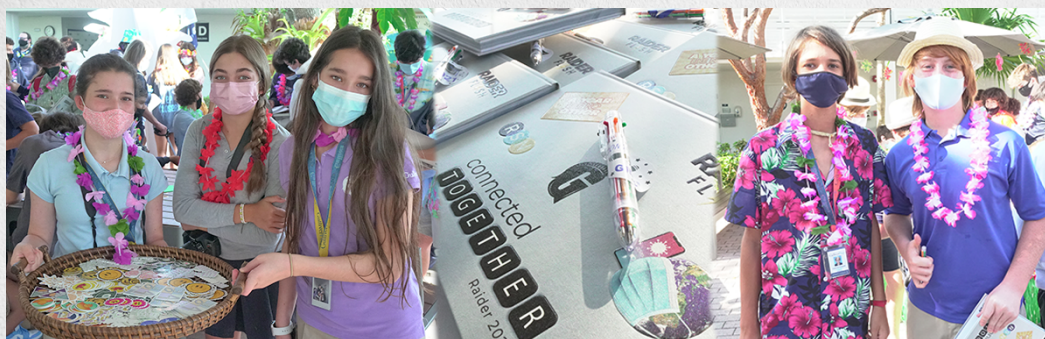


SCHOOL NEWS AND UPDATES

**Eighth Grade Says Aloha**

To celebrate their final week of Middle School, eighth graders enjoyed a special Aloha Breakfast sponsored by the Parents' Association. Along with sharing breakfast in the courtyard, students received and exchanged their 2021 yearbooks and reminisced over a year like no other, writing farewell messages for one another. We look forward to seeing the Class of 2025 at tonight's Eighth Grade Promotion Ceremony!

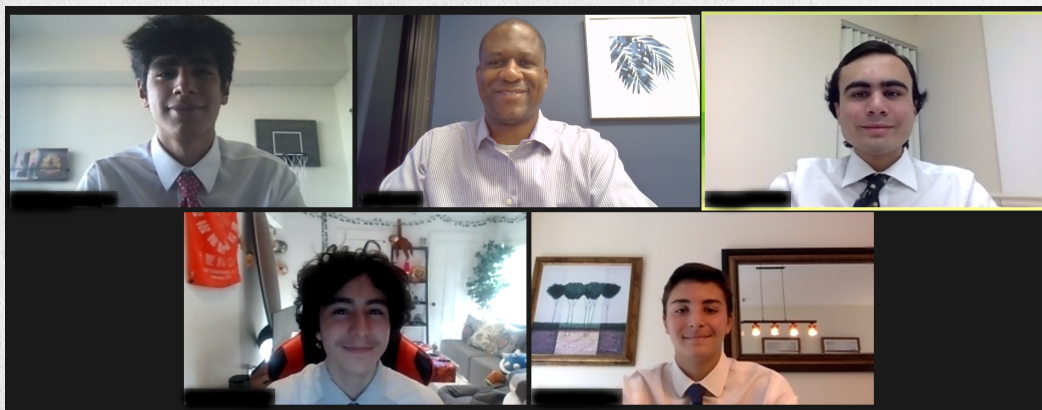
[View Photos](#)**2021 Silver Knight Awards**

Gulliver is proud to announce a record showing at last week's 63rd annual *Miami Herald/el Nuevo Herald* Silver Knight Awards, as Ingrid Gruener '21 was named winner of the Speech category, and three students earned Honorable Mention honors. Ingrid, along with Craig Cosentino '21 (Drama), Jessica Medwin '21 (Art), and Sabrina Sharma '21 (Science) were recognized for their academic excellence and community service in a virtual ceremony held on May 20. To learn more, click on the button.

[Learn More](#)**Season 3 Sports Recap**

Our Middle School sports teams have wrapped up Season 3, bringing home a Boys' Track & Field South Florida Middle School Championship and a pair of runner-up finishes. Congratulations to all of our student-athletes and coaches on a stellar season in competition and in the classroom, as the combined team grade point average for Season 3 teams was an outstanding 91.28. The top girls' team average was recorded by softball (92.29), while the top boys' team average was achieved by boys' track & field (91.57). To learn more about all of our Season 3 teams, click on the button.

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Euro Challenge Success

Under the direction of Mr. James for the last eight years, students in the International Business and Entrepreneurship Signature Academic Program won the school's fourth-straight Florida Euro Challenge this year, as the team of Samuel Lichtenberger '23, Miguel Murciano '23, Paulino Mercenari '23, and Leonardo De Paoli '23 advanced to compete at nationals. Gulliver earned one of five runner-up recognitions in this year's national competition, with each student receiving a special pin and letter of commendation. Organized by the European Union Delegation to the United States, this year's virtual contest marked the 16th edition of the Euro Challenge, an annual competition that provides high school students with an opportunity to learn about the global economy, policy-making in the EU and countries in the euro area, and EU-US economic relations.

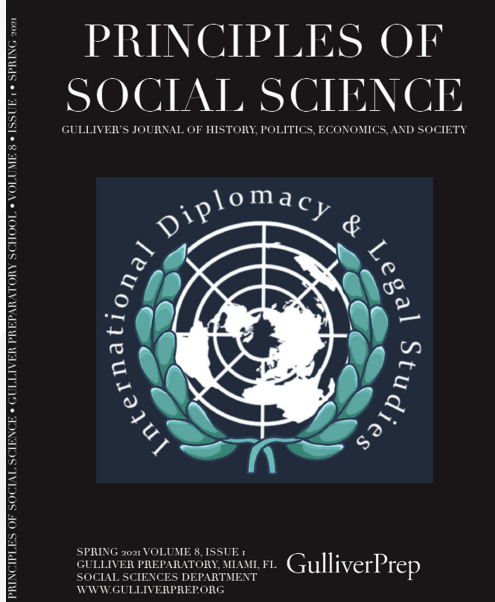


First Grade Virtual Roxaboxen

Roxaboxen is a treasured story about a magical town built entirely of crates, rocks, and an endless supply of imagination. Traditionally, each year first graders create their own structures such as stores, towns, offices, and city buildings, and present them to their classmates, teachers, and family members in person. This year, Roxaboxen went virtual as students created and recorded their projects at home, explaining their creations for a class-wide watch party. Each project was based on community helpers of goods and services like firehouses, police stations, and hospitals.

Principles of Social Science, Vol. 8

In conjunction with the International Diplomacy and Legal Studies Signature Academic Program, the Upper School Social Science Department has released *Principles of Social Science, Volume 8* -- a journal of history, politics, economics, and society. Student editors Isabel Cuellar '21 and



Juliana Vair '21 worked with Dr. Calvo to select student articles for the yearly publication. Students wrote about topics that interested them, including The Great Fire of 1666, The Fall of the Raj, and more. Mr. Santelices, International Diplomacy and Legal Studies Program Director, contributed with a special section on international politics, while Antonio Jimenez-Cala '23 created this year's cover art, and Kathleen Lewis '22 designed the cover. To browse the publication, click on the button.

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Recognizing AAPI Heritage Month and Jewish Heritage Month

This month, students and faculty recognized Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month, and Jewish American Heritage Month. Primary and Lower School teachers shared texts, such as *Watercress* by Andrea Wang and *Emma's Poem* by Linda Glaser, with their classes, facilitating follow-up conversations and activities. Ms. Isgut's class read *Eyes That Kiss in the Corners* by Joanna Ho, and based on a part of the book that talked about seeing someone's heart, the class discussed what that meant. Students then talked about people they love, what their eyes tell us, and what our eyes tell them. At the Upper School, Dr. Burnett's students conducted their last "Close and Upfront" interview of the year with Ms. Wajidi Qureshi, a high school science educator and department chair. Click on the button to watch.

[Watch Here](#)



Upper School Digital Mass Media Accolades

The Digital Mass Media Signature Academic Program didn't skip a beat this year, as students worked through various challenges brought on by the pandemic to produce award-winning work. *The Raider Voice* earned five Distinguished Site badges through School Newspapers Online (SNO), and several student stories have been featured in the "Best of SNO" online publication. TheRaiderVoice.com also earned the Blue and Gold Multimedia Excellence Award from Quill and Scroll International Journalism Honor Society, as well as an All-Florida rating from the Florida Scholastic Press Association (FSPA). In addition, the 2020 *Reflections Literary & Arts Magazine*, "Rise," received a Silver Crown from the Columbia Scholastic Press Association (CSPA), and the 2020 *Raider Yearbook*, "Truth," earned CSPA Gold Medalist, National Scholastic Press Association (NSPA) All American, and FSPA All Florida recognition. To view all of this year's Upper School Digital Mass Media accolades, click on the button.

For more news, as told by students, for students, follow @theraidervoice on Twitter and Instagram.

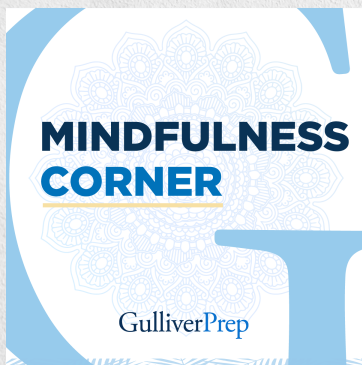
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Family-Owned Business Directory

We are updating our Gulliver family-owned business directory that was created last spring. This directory will live on our [Parents' Association web page](#). To include your business, please click on the button and complete the form.

[Submit Here](#)



What is the Mind-Gratitude-Heart Connection?

Courtesy of psychologytoday.com

The benefits of positive thinking - including optimism, acknowledging our various feelings, and gratitude - are beginning to be grounded and reframed in the light of mind-body medicine that dates from the time of Hippocrates in the 4th and 5th centuries B.C. As a result, one of the central, universal, and cross-cultural feelings of human beings - gratitude - can be reframed or thought of as the mind-gratitude-heart connection, or the MGH connection. Click on the button to learn more.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday, May 25

Grade 8 Promotion Ceremony, 6:00 p.m., Sean Taylor '01 Memorial Field, Upper School Campus, Live stream: gulliver.life/grade8

Wednesday, May 26

Class of 2021 Commencement Ceremony, 2:00 p.m., Watsco Center, University of Miami

(Rain Date) Grade 8 Promotion Ceremony, 6:00 p.m., Sean Taylor '01 Memorial Field, Upper School Campus

Miami Herald Athletic Awards, 6:00 p.m., Virtual, gulliver.life/mh-athletic-awards

Thursday, May 27

Last Day of School, Grades PK-SK
PK & JK dismissal, 1:30 p.m.

SK dismissal and car parade, 2:00 p.m., Montgomery Campus

SK Graduation Ceremony, 6:00 p.m., Crossbridge Church, next to Upper School Campus, Live stream: gulliver.life/skgrad

Friday, May 28

Last Day of School, Grades 1-12

Grades 1-4 dismissal, 11:15 a.m.

Grades 1-4 dismissal: students with Middle School siblings, 11:40 a.m.

Grades 5-8 dismissal, 12:00 p.m.

Grades 9-11 dismissal, 12:05 p.m.

Final Lower School Assembly, 8:45 a.m., Virtual

Grade 4 "Clap Out" to Middle School, 9:15 a.m., PK-8 Campus

All events are subject to change.

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