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2024-2025 Executive Committee



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Thank You 2024-2025 EC Committee

As we close another impactful term, we extend our deepest gratitude to the outgoing Orange County Council PTA Executive Committee. Your leadership, dedication, and tireless efforts have made a lasting difference in the lives of students, families, and schools across our county. Through challenges and triumphs, you have exemplified the true spirit of advocacy, collaboration, and service. Thank you for your unwavering commitment to our mission and for leaving a legacy of progress and unity.

As we turn the page, we warmly welcome our incoming Executive Committee! The torch has been passed, and with it comes the opportunity to build upon the strong foundation that has been laid. We are excited to see how your energy, vision, and passion will continue to elevate our work and surpass new milestones. Together, we move forward—honoring the past, embracing the present, and shaping a stronger future for every child.

2025 Leadership Convention

This year's theme is all about reconnecting with the heart of PTA: leadership, advocacy, connection, and community. Whether you're a brand-new board member or a seasoned changemaker, this convention is packed with fresh opportunities to grow, engage, and lead with impact. Hope to see you there !



stay tuned for our whatsapp group chat invite

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2025 Reflections Awards

We want to thank all of our amazing student artists who participated in the 2024-2025 Reflections Program "Accepting Imperfections". Their works of art were truly inspiring. A special Congratulations to the Orange County School Students who advanced to State! Alisha Vozella, thank you for making it possible for our Orange County students



Congratulations!

We are beyond proud of the following students that have been advanced to National PTA for the final round of Reflections. National PTA Reflections Program will be announcing winners May 1, 2025. Good Luck to all our Florida Reflections Artists! For more information, visit www.pta.org.

FLPTA Award of Excellence Winners

Name	PTA Name	County	Division	Category
Dheemahi Ghattamaneni	Wilson Elementary School PTA	Seminole	Primary	Dance Choreography
Mia Severino	Palmetto Elementary School PTA	Miami-Dade	Intermediate	Dance Choreography
Aurelia Taylor Vozella	Innovation Middle School PTSA	Orange	Middle School	Dance Choreography
Izzabella Wilson	Paxon School for Advanced Studies	Duval	High School	Dance Choreography
Alijah Lewis	Midtown Academy PTA	Pinellas	Accessible Arts	Dance Choreography
Luccia Lopez	Palm City Elementary School PTA	Martin	Primary	Film Production
Kavya Pandit	Sunset Palms Elementary School PTA	Palm Beach	Intermediate	Film Production
Myraa Gupta	Sanford Middle School PTSA	Seminole	Middle School	Film Production
Benjamin Madrid Munoz	Cypress Bay High School PTSA	Broward	High School	Film Production
Sofia McPhillips	Hogerty High School PTSA	Seminole	Accessible Arts	Film Production
Amanda Nelson	Goldsbora Elementary School PTA	Seminole	Primary	Literature
Heidi Wang	Walker Elementary School PTA	Seminole	Intermediate	Literature
Ana Luiza Peluso	Falcom Cove Middle School PTSA	Broward	Middle School	Literature
Emon Das	Seminole High School PTSA	Seminole	High School	Literature
Darren Nguyen	Hogerty High School PTSA	Seminole	Accessible Arts	Literature
Al Zhang	Walker Elementary School PTA	Seminole	Primary	Music Composition
Aarav Ved	Del Prado Elementary School PTA	Palm Beach	Intermediate	Music Composition
William Yucheng Wang	Lawton Chiles Middle School PTSA	Seminole	Middle School	Music Composition
Cassy Carroll	Douglas Anderson SOTA PTSA	Duval	High School	Music Composition
Harrison Edwards	Chisholm Elementary School PTA	Volusia	Primary	Photography
Gabrielle DuBose	Pathways Elementary School PTA	Volusia	Intermediate	Photography
Sadie Kuhlman	Indian Trails Middle School PTSA	Seminole	Middle School	Photography
Aishwarya Vijayaraghavan	Stanton College Prep School PTSA	Duval	High School	Photography
Amina Willman	Hogerty High School PTSA	Seminole	Accessible Arts	Photography
Nate Jones	Geneva Elementary School PTA	Seminole	Primary	Visual Arts
Yimo Wu	Windy Ridge K-8 PTA	Orange	Intermediate	Visual Arts
Ying Huang	Indian Trails Middle School PTSA	Seminole	Middle School	Visual Arts
Angelina Slayton	West Boca High School PTSA	Palm Beach	High School	Visual Arts
Zander Buddle	Hogerty High School PTSA	Seminole	Accessible Arts	Visual Arts



Florida PTA Reflections Ceremony will be held on July 12, 2025 at our Leadership Convention in Orlando.

Purchase Tickets At:

FloridaPTA.org/Convention-Registration



Essential Pieces Awards 2025



Celebrating Our Local Units

What an absolutely stunning evening brought to us by Lauren Curlew and the entire Awards Committee. We celebrated our local units for all of their hard work and dedication. Thank you to all of our nominees and winners for setting the standard here in Orange County! Thank You to Larry Little - Schoolfundraising4Kids.com a sponsor for this event and

Seth Yamamoto



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Please Consider Volunteering On A Committee

We are seeking a dedicated team comprised of parents and guardians, teachers, students, and community partner volunteers to help support and enhance local PTA and PTSA units. With your unique gifts and talents, you can make a significant impact on our students here in Orange County.

- Advocacy/Legislation
- Communications
- Diversity, Equality, Inclusion & Justice
- Family and Community Engagement
- Local Unit Coaches
- Membership
- Reflections
- Scholarships
- Awards
- Student Involvement



AdHOC Committees

- Audit
- Resolutions
- Sponsorships
- Grants



For more information on our standing committees please visit our website at www.ocpta.org/executiveboard



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Summer is Here!

Why Summer Engagement Matters for Students
As summer begins, many students look forward to a break from school routines. But research shows that an idle summer can lead to the “summer slide”—a loss of academic skills, especially in reading and math. This can set students back months and widen achievement gaps, particularly for those without access to enriching opportunities. Physical activity also tends to drop during summer, which can affect children’s overall health and well-being. Staying active and mentally engaged helps students return to school more confident, focused, and ready to learn.



SUMMER BREAKSPOT
A PLACE WHERE
MEALS AND FUN MEET

For Florida Kids and Teens This Summer
No school? No problem! Summer BreakSpot offers a space where kids and teens **18 & under** can access meals at no cost, like breakfast, lunch and/or snacks.
3,000+ site locations are available in all counties across Florida—and no application necessary. All you have to do is show up!

RECEIVE MEALS AT NO COST THIS SUMMER:
Visit: SummerBreakSpot.org
Call: 850-617-7170

Scan To Find A Site In Your Neighborhood:


This institution is an equal opportunity provider.



The Orange County Library System hosts summer reading programs and creative workshops.

ocls.org/summer-at-your-library-2025



fullsaillabs.com

Fortunately, Orange County, Florida, offers a range of free and affordable options. Summer is the perfect time for students to explore, grow, and stay engaged. To find a more in depth list of summer programs please visit our site at: occpta.org



Planet Fitness offers free gym access to teens aged 14–19 through its Summer Pass.

planetfitness.com/summerpass



ucpcharter.org

Have a Wonderful Summer!

