

Institutional Advancement Department

Clark Advanced Learning Center Graduation Ceremony - Saturday, May 30, starting at 10 a.m., Jensen Beach High School Wellness Center, 2875 NW Goldenrod Road, Jensen Beach

## CLARK ADVANCED LEARNING CENTER STUDENTS GRADUATE WITH HEAD START ON COLLEGE AND CAREERS



L to R: Top graduates of the Clark Advanced Learning Center, the Co-salutatorian Taylor Lopreto; Valedictorian Madiha Ali and Co-salutatorian Krista Smith will be honored at the school's Graduation Ceremony May 30

STUART, FL – With a head start on college, expertise in the latest technology and real-world experience gained in business internships, 91 high school seniors will graduate from Clark Advanced Learning Center. The A-rated high school for sophomores, juniors and seniors is located at the Chastain Campus of Indian River State College in Stuart. The Graduation Ceremony will be held on May 30 at 10 a.m. at the Jensen Beach High School Wellness Center/Gymnasium at 2875 Northwest Goldenrod Road in Jensen Beach.

A public charter high school, the Clark Advanced Learning Center has earned the highest scores on the Treasure Coast on Florida's school grading system and is among the top ten high schools in Florida. The Clark affords students with the opportunity to earn high school and college

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credits tuition free through dual enrollment with the convenience and resources of a college campus. As a result, students graduate with their high school diploma and a year or more of college completed.

Sixty-four percent of the senior class, 58 students, will graduate from Clark with an Associate Degree awarded by Indian River State College. Fifty-seven of the students have earned an Associate in Arts degree, enabling them to continue their studies as juniors at the college or university level. One student, Dalton Mollatierre, completed an Associate in Science degree in Digital Media.

Madiha Ali will be honored as the Valedictorian for her top achievement. Ali will attend the University of Florida, majoring in psychology. She plans to pursue a career as a dentist or orthodontist. The co-salutatorians are Taylor Lopreto and Krista Smith. Lopreto will attend the University of Miami, majoring in biology. She wants to become a surgeon, specializing in neurology. Smith plans to attend the University of Florida, majoring in psychology, with plans to earn a Ph.D. in Psychology. All three honorees will graduate with their Associate in Arts Degree as well as their high school diploma.

Dana Diffee, a graduate of the Clark class of 2009, will give the Commencement Address. She is a 2012 graduate of the Rosen College of Hospitality Management at the University of Central Florida and is the Guest Services Supervisor at the Sheraton Birmingham Hotel in Alabama.

Congratulatory remarks will be extended by Dr. Edwin R. Massey, IRSC President, and Laurie Gaylord, Martin County Superintendent of Schools,

The Clark Advanced Learning Center is a public charter high school offering academic and technology programs that meet the requirements for a high school diploma from the Martin County School District. Students attend free of charge for high school and college courses and books. Graduates are ready to transfer to Indian River State College, move directly into the workforce with high-tech skills or transfer to a university.

For more information about Clark Advanced Learning Center, visit <u>www.clarkadvancedlearningcenter.org</u> or call (772) 419-5750.