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Clark Advanced Learning Center Graduation Ceremony - Saturday, May 25, 10 a.m., Jensen Beach High School Performing Arts Center, 2875 NW Goldenrod Road, Jensen Beach

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

STUART, FL – With a head start on college, expertise in the latest technology and real-world experience gained in business internships 76 high school seniors will graduate from Clark Advanced Learning Center. The Graduation Ceremony held on Saturday, May 25 at 10 a.m. represents the 9th graduating class for the national model high school for sophomores, juniors and seniors at the Chastain Campus of Indian River State College in Stuart.

A public charter high school, the Clark Advanced Learning Center has been named the 7th best high school in Florida and Florida's third best charter high school. . The Clark affords students with the opportunity to earn high school and college 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.

Fifty-three percent of the senior class will graduate from Clark with an Associate Degree awarded by Indian River State College, enabling them to continue their studies as juniors at the university level.

The Associate in Arts (A.A.) Degree graduates are:

Marijose Alvarado, Marissa Baker, Barrington Bishop, Amisha Budhdeo, Lauren Carroll, Frank Clair, Sydney Colon, Jillian Desrosier, Jordynn Fors, Alexander Fowler, Jordon Garman, Erik Gitlen, Michael Helinski, Tyler Howard, Charlotte Idas, Alicia Kianes, Amanda Lowe, Oscar Macias, Rachel Maib, Steven McEwen III, Kelly McMahon, McKenzie Merritt, Sarahi Monjaras, Kyle Mulligan, Elizabeth Noe, Amanda Perry, Isabella Pino, Katherine Podulka, Kaitlyn Reed, Giovanni Sancho, Christina Sloan, James Steiert, Kristine Stiles, Parker Tirrell, Rachel Van Kirk, Brianna White, Kelsey Williams, Diana Yanez, and Ashley Youngblood.

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The Associate in Science (A.S.) Degree graduates include Christian Birkett, and Oscar Macias and Alexander Fowler who earned both A.S. and A.A. degrees

A wide variety of scholarships, including Bright Futures, is awarded to Clark graduating seniors each year.

McKenzie Merritt will be honored as the Valedictorian for her top achievement. Merritt will attend Florida Atlantic University Honors College and major in Biomedicine.

The co-salutatorians are Lauren Carroll and Oscar Macias. Carroll will attend Stetson University and major in finance. Macias will attend the University of South Florida and major in Mechanical Engineering.

Chris Mennuto, a graduate of Clark Advanced Learning Center in 2009, will give the graduation address.

The Graduation Ceremony will be held at the Jensen Beach High School Performing Arts Center at 2875 Northwest Goldenrod Road in Jensen Beach. Congratulatory remarks will be extended by Dr. Edwin R. Massey, IRSC President, and Laurie Gaylord, Martin County Superintendent of Schools, Martin County School District

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 www.clarkadvancedlearningcenter.org or call (772) 419-5750.

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