

Goleman SwampshifTERS win national STEM title



The Swampshifter Club at Barbara Goleman Senior High School aced the National Ten80 Racing STEM Competition held April 28-29 at the Miami Springs Recreation Center. Teams underwent challenges that tested skills in science, technology, engineering and math with student-made race cars. Grand Champions The SwampshifTERS took first place overall and also won first place for graphics; second place in enterprise and placed third in racing, according to student Angie Mesa.

Shown in the photo above, front row, from left: Keilly Monteagudo; Isabella Figueredo; Manuel Matalobos; Michael Kumprey; Rangel Valiente (laying down); David Barragan, Raul Perez, Adrian Figueredo; Alex Rodriguez and Rolando Perez.

In the back row from left are: Rafael Macedo; Mauricio Gongora; Carla Dorneval; Genises Macias; Fabiola Lafonte; Ashley Hernandez; Christopher Cortes; Stephen Crowe; Kathya Samaniego; Sergio Roque; Jason Kumprey; Nicholas Ewing; Daryan Perez; Ramiro Rojas; Gabriel Balanco; Anderson Ortega and Orlando Barreda.

Photo courtesy of Angie Mesa.

Scholarships available for technical college students



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Class of 2023 high school graduates who are enrolling in one of the 21 Miami-Dade County Public Schools Technical Colleges may apply for scholarships.

Suncoast Credit Union Foundation, The Educa-

tion Fund, based in Miami Lakes, and the Consortium of Florida Education Foundations in Gainesville are partnering to offer 40 scholarships.

Applications will be accepted through Aug. 31.

To get an application and for more information contact Yessenia Lambo, ylambo@dadeschools.net or call 305-557-1100, x2454.

--Linda Trischitta
Artwork courtesy of The Education Fund.

State announces two summer tax holidays

The state of Florida has scheduled two tax holidays for this year's hurricane season.

The first one began May 27 and lasts through June 9; the second will be held Aug. 26 to Sept. 8.

Residents can purchase essential disaster supplies without paying sales tax. Some of the eligible items are:

- Flashlights and lanterns costing \$40 or less;
- Reusable ice that is \$20 or less;
- Radios \$50 or less;
- Tarps and ground anchors or tie-down kits, up to \$100;

- Coolers and portable power banks that cost up to \$60;
- Batteries and fuel tanks worth \$50 or less;
- Smoke detectors, fires extinguishers and carbon monoxide detectors costing \$70 or less;
- Generators that cost \$3,000 or less.

Items for safe pet evacuations and common household cleaners are also tax free.

Hurricane season runs from June 1 - Nov. 30.

For the county hurricane guide go to: <https://bit.ly/43luq44>.

--Alexandra Herrera