

# THE VANGUARD SCHOOL OF LAKE WALES

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## LEARNING MEANS OPPORTUNITY

The Vanguard School believes all students deserve the right to learn. Our community focuses on diversity of culture, learning styles, and opportunities, where our experiences bring us together and help students find their unique abilities.

Vanguard's diverse community produces resilient, empathetic, hard-working adults who aspire to lead significant lives.

As an all-gender neurodiverse boarding and day school, we work to help families find a learning environment where care, confidence, and community are central to the learning of each student.



**THE VANGUARD SCHOOL STATEMENT OF VALUES:  
THE VANGUARD SCHOOL IS AN INCLUSIVE PREPARATORY BOARDING/DAY SCHOOL  
DEDICATED TO EMPOWERING NEURODIVERSE LEARNERS. SPECIALIZING IN  
PROVIDING AN INDIVIDUALIZED ENVIRONMENT FOR STUDENTS TO CONNECT TO  
LEARNING, FIND A COMMUNITY, BUILD CONFIDENCE, AND SEEK TO IDENTIFY THE  
VALUE IN THEMSELVES AND OTHERS.**

## **Spring Renewal in the Vanguard Community**

As we welcome spring, we acknowledge the academic year will soon bring a new season of change for our community. This year has brought many learning experiences to our students, as well as our staff and faculty. Each year, we review and evaluate our effective delivery and outcomes for students, and where we can take more significant steps for growth.

Our students complete skill testing in the spring during the 3rd term of the year. This intuitive testing helps to identify the gains and gaps of learning for students to help target the pace and areas of success and opportunity for each student's learning plan. These plans include SEL learning, and academic skills. Together, we continue to learn together at Vanguard School.

Faculty and staff also continue to learn throughout their tenure at Vanguard School. Professional development opportunities, learning from current research, experts in specific fields, and applied programs are all areas explored and meshed into the Vanguard culture of learning. Delivering updated learning methods and techniques helps our diverse learners reach their potential.

For example, this spring, a group of our educators attended the LDA (Learning Disabilities Association of America) conference in Orlando. This conference included multiple learning sessions for educators, parents, and advocates. Our reading specialist, Sara Cristobal, brought current research, applied exercises, and details to better define the subtypes of dyslexia. The tools and techniques gained in this session alone are relevant across campus in activities students engage in for fun! Bringing learning opportunities to daily life for our students is life-changing and defines how students find success at Vanguard School.



# Learning Beyond the Classroom

## Weekend Adventure Learning

This year, the Vanguard School Weekend Adventures have taken our students across Central Florida. Each semester, students can attend preplanned adventure trips. These range from challenging escape rooms to barbeque jamboree dinner shows as we aim to provide our student body with new experiences.

In the Fall, our students visited Dave and Busters, Walt Disney World's Hoop-Dee-Do Dinner Show, Busch Garden's Howl-o-Scream, and Painting With a Twist. Painting With a Twist, where twenty-six students and three staff members painted an autumn evening with birch trees, the instructors were attentive and engaged. Some of our more artistically-adventurous students asked to paint "outside the box", which was warmly welcomed! This trip also included a Greek dinner where several students tried grilled octopus for the first time!

This spring, our students visited Walt Disney World's Magic Kingdom, Andretti's Indoor Go-Kart Track, and Lockbuster's Escape Room. We will soon splash about at Universal Studio's Volcano Bay. The Magic Kingdom trip also included trivia games, learning the stories behind the attractions, interactive queues, and fireworks!

Plans for next year's Weekend Adventures will be in the works soon and we plan to make as many wonderful memories in the future!

Thank you to Ms. Vanable, Ms. Pokhai, and our adventurous staff who make these experiences available to the Vanguard community!



## Our Gratitude...

Thank you to everyone who has donated to our Annual Fund!

**A very special thank you to**

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# Learning Beyond the Classroom

## The Pursuit of Success

### CHARLES D. BERRY HALL



Pictured above: Austin T., Ben K., Darrem O., Mr. Charles Berry, Alma T., Iyanna W.  
Pictured Right: Mr. L. Shannon Graves and Mr. Charles Berry



Vanguard School was honored to welcome former student and friend, Charles D. Berry to our campus for a day of celebration, memories, and gratitude. As a former student, Mr. Berry has been actively involved in The Vanguard School and shares his belief in the school culture from personal experience. We are truly grateful for his continued support. The Charles D. Berry Foundation sponsored community core value awards to students who are boarding and demonstrate leadership in our community.



## Congratulations, Anthony!

Anthony started aviation two years ago in Zephyrhills Municipal Airport on the weekends. He is now currently enrolled in Bartow Flying Services where he takes ground and flying lessons.

He recently accomplished all three of his required solo flights. He will soon be doing his first cross-country flight. Anthony is preparing for the FAA Knowledge Written Exam. He was recently awarded the James C. Ray Aviation scholarship.

His goal is to get his private pilot license in the next six months and then work on his Instrument license. Anthony is very passionate about aviation. Anthony's parents, Carmen and Rafael, are extremely proud of him, in seeing how hard he works towards his goal of becoming a pilot!

Your Vanguard Community is proud of you, too!



# Learning Beyond the Classroom

## Fiscal Life Lessons

Learning comes in many forms, and financial literacy is no exception at The Vanguard School.

This spring semester, Vanguard offers a class where learning new applied knowledge is designed to help students build their life-skills toolbox. In a class that often seems like practice for adulthood, students are adapting skills sequentially to include the following:

Resumes and Cover Letters

Employment Applications

Housing Applications

Credit and Debit Information

1040 form and Income Taxes

Automotive Selection and Purchase (With a Field Trip to a Car Dealership)

Compound and Simple Interest

Checking and Savings Accounts

Also a Money Management Plan



## Gearing up for Term 4!





# LEARN ABOUT OUR COMMUNITY

## The Vanguard School is now enrolling for Fall 2024-25

The Vanguard School is an inclusive preparatory boarding/day school dedicated to empowering **neurodiverse** learners. Specializing in providing an individualized environment for students to **connect** to learning, find a **community**, build **confidence**, and seek to identify the value in themselves and others. We strive to produce adults with the grit and skills to pursue personal interests and goals.



Contact our **Admission Team** to discuss more about our individualized approach for 6th through 12th-grade diverse learners



The Vanguard School  
Summer Camp



## Are you looking for a learning adventure this summer?

The Vanguard School offers an interactive summer experience for all learners. Campers **connect** to each other, and for those starting in the fall, feel better acquainted with our community!  
[admission@vanguardschool.org](mailto:admission@vanguardschool.org)

## Top Reasons Parents Shared for Enrolling their Child

- Small Class Size
- Small Campus Census
- Peer Relationship Guidance
- Mentors
- Core Values Focus
- Athletic Participation
- Financial Consideration

## What Support Does The Vanguard School Offer?

- Math and Language-Based Learning
- Healthy Peer Relationships
- Individual Leadership
- Independent Living Skills
- Social Skills and Confidence
- Dual Enrollment Options
- Post-Secondary Preparation
- Learning Accommodations for All

## Community Demographics

### Domestic and International Students

Bermuda, The Bahamas, Brazil, Canada, Cayman Islands, China, Dominican Republic, Germany, Puerto Rico, Turks & Caicos, Uganda, United Kingdom, Vietnam

California, Connecticut, Florida, Indiana, New Jersey, New York, North Dakota, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Tennessee, Texas

Contact us to learn more about our diverse learning community of 120 students in 6th-12th grades. We accept Florida State scholarships, and offer rolling admissions.

