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Digital Academy of Florida Students Embrace the Future

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JACKSONVILLE, Fla.--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- Digital Academy of Florida (DAOF) is proud to honor its first graduating class with an in-person commencement ceremony on Thursday, June 2nd. In its third year of existence, DAOF has become a powerhouse virtual learning program serving students across the state of Florida.

"We are exceptionally proud of all of our students, faculty, and staff. Our students have all had the benefit of exploring career, military, and post-secondary educational options through our rigorous and exciting Career Pathways Program," said Clark Berry, Executive Director. "With access to industry certifications, career guidance, and support from our entire faculty, DAOF graduating seniors are ready to embrace their futures!"

DAOF students in grades 7-12 choose one of 6 different career pathways including Business Management and Analysis, Digital Design, Computer Systems and Informational Technology, Web Development, Medical Laboratory Assisting/Phlebotomy, and Hospitality and Tourism. "Access to learn about different careers and opportunities serves to engage our students and prepare them for their own exciting future," said Laura Downes, Director of Instruction.

This year, DAOF will graduate approximately 246 students from all over the state. Collectively, the graduating class reports it has been accepted to colleges and universities across Florida and beyond, including University of Central Florida, Florida A&M, Georgia Tech, University of Miami, Ohio State University, University of North Florida, University of South Florida, Full Sail University, Flagler College, Syracuse University, and Palm Beach Atlantic University.

For the 2022 graduation, DAOF is highlighting their "Top Five Students," at the ceremony, including Gabriella Terry, Madison Strang, Renier Sanchez, Gwyneth Ringler, and Eman Omar. The students look forward to pursuing their

future career goals.

“Our students come to us from all over the state of Florida, and we are proud to serve each and every one of them,” said Dr. Marisa Martinez, DAOF High School Principal. “Our goal and commitment is to support each student so that they can reach their potential and inspire them to create their own path in this world.”

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About Digital Academy of Florida:

Digital Academy of Florida (DAOF) is a full-time online public-school program of the Hendry County District of Schools serving Florida students in grades K-12. As a public school, DAOF is tuition-free and provides families the choice to access the curriculum and tools provided by K12, a Stride Company. Stride offers learners of all ages a more effective way to learn and build skills for their future.

For more information about DAOF, visit <https://daof.k12.com/>

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