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FFHS 21st Century Stars In Education



Left To Right: (front row) Cellists Sydney Harrison, Cameron Lewis, Claire Thomas (second row) Violinists Mabel Soe, Anna Buchanan, Violist Kate Talafero, Violinist Samantha Drumm (back row) Bassist Morgan Leatherwood, Violinist Katie O'Dell, Violist Patrick Heisse, Violinist Susan Pizzuti

Demonstrating the 21st Century skills of creativity and innovation and the life skills of accountability, adaptability, self-direction, and personal and social responsibility, eleven students at First Flight High School in grades 9-12 and one from First Flight Middle in grade 8 make up the Seaside Strings, a newly formed string orchestra sponsored by the Dare County Youth Orchestra and Dare County Schools. The seeds of this project actually grew from a grant provided by the Dare Education Foundation in partnership with the Outer Banks Community Foundation which enabled the creation of a strings "feeder" program at First Flight Middle School. The orchestra will be playing at several community performances throughout the year.

21st Century Skills go beyond rote memorization. Thinking, planning, collaborating, communicating and being creative are IN. Students are learning that knowledge is power, but it's how knowledge is used that really makes the difference.

Stay tuned for more 21st Century Stars in Education, celebrated by the Dare Education Foundation.

The Dare Education Foundation (DEF) puts “Schools First.” DEF is an IRS-qualified non-profit organization that raises funds to help every student and every teacher in every public school in Dare County. DEF is funded by private donations large and small, grants, sponsorships, and special events. Funds are used to advance teacher training, create access to new educational opportunities for students, and provide support for innovative programs in our schools. DEF's efforts in putting "Schools First" enrich education for all our students and encourage community involvement in education, which we believe provides the foundation for a strong and vibrant quality of life in Dare County.

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