

BrACE Office

Your complete, “What am I ‘gonna do after high school?” resource!

Mrs. Creary - BrACE Advisor

Room 166

(across from 500 bldg, between corridor 160 and Health & Wellness bldg)

BrACE Advisor

- I am a 1984 graduate of Boyd Anderson and
- I have been teaching since 1987.
- I have worked at Boyd Anderson since 2015.

- BrACE is an acronym for **B**roward **A**dvisor of **C**ontinuing **E**ducation and each high school has one. Here's what we do:

BrACE Office Availability - 7:40 am - 3:10 pm

• REMIND

- Bahsco21 - for seniors
- Bahsco22 - for juniors
- Bahsco23 - for sophomores

• CANVAS BrACE Course

• <https://browardschools.instructure.com/enroll/DP6BYJ> (click the blue, "enroll" box)

• Email: lydia.cox-creary@browardschools.com

ASVAB

- It is a U.S. military entrance exam.
- The Marines, Navy, and Army require a minimum score of 33.
- The Air Force requires a 55 or better.
- This free test is only for 16 year-old students and older.

NAVIANCE

- NAVIANCE is a software program we use for college and career readiness accessed via CLEVER, single-sign-on.
- Find and click on the green NAVIANCE icon.
 - Click the ABOUT ME tab (at the top right side of page) then on MY ACCOUNT and update yours and your parent's email addresses. Save.
 - Click on: MY PLANNER, TASKS, then look in the box that says TASKS I NEED TO WORK ON and complete the first one. That task will be our first-ever NAVIANCE TASK OF THE MONTH!

FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)

- Applying for this aid is the **ONLY WAY** to get **FREE**, government help to pay for college. Most B.A. students are entitled to about \$6 **k** each year toward their college expenses like tuition, room/board, and books.
- This amount **will cover ALL OF YOUR EXPENSES** at any community college like **BROWARD COLLEGE, MIAMI-DADE COLLEGE**, or any of the **TECHNICAL COLLEGES**.
- **It is NOT ENOUGH** to cover other colleges because of their higher costs. Therefore, you must apply for multiple **SCHOLARSHIPS** to help.
- **You must create an FSA I.D. (a S.S. # is required) to begin the application. We will virtually do together as a class.**
- **Please have your parents call the school to add your SS# to your school data.**
- Both you and your biological parent **MUST APPLY TOGETHER** to complete their half.
- **If you DO NOT LIVE with either of your birth parents please let me know in a text or email.**
- The window to apply for FAFSA opens on **OCTOBER 1** of every year.

SCHOLARSHIPS

- Scholarships are sources of FREE MONEY to go to college. They can be found on NAVIANCE, in my emails, in my office binders, and various other sources.
- You can apply for scholarships as early as 9th grade on NAVIANCE.
- BRIGHT FUTURES (BF) is a Florida-based scholarship based on your good grades, high ACT/SAT scores, and high-amount of volunteer hours and is open only to graduating seniors.
- UPDATE YOUR SHOT RE
- The BROWARD EDUCATION FOUNDATION scholarship is another local scholarship that is mainly based on essay submission.
- Having a social security number is required for these last 2 scholarships.
- I will help you apply for BF in OCTOBER and BEF in DECEMBER.
- RAISEME.COM
- MYSCHOLLY.COM

NCAA (National Collegiate Athletic Association)

- This association is a non-profit organization that regulates many American college athletes and programs.
- All 10th to 12th grade, high-school athletes **MUST JOIN** this association if they want to play college NCAA sports.

• **www.ncaaeligibilitycenter.org**

- The cost is \$80 to join but if you receive free or reduced lunch, I can give you a waiver.
- **YOU MUST CLICK THE Fee Waiver Information LINK in your registration to activate the waiver.**

ACT and SAT Exams

- These exams are required to graduate from high school if you have NOT MET your reading requirement via FSA.
- They are given 5-6 times a year at other high schools on a Saturday. B.A. is never a testing site.
- Seven-Day Adventist students may register for Sunday exam.
- \$25 late fee if you miss the registration deadline. DO NOT PROCRASTINATE!
- During registration, always sign-up for the **STUDENT SEARCH** and **EDUCATION OPPORTUNITY SERVICES** as well as FREE ONLINE TUTORING for your scores to be attractive to college recruiters.
- ALWAYS HAVE THESE TESTS sent to your top 5 colleges NOW; it's free. Later, it will cost \$12.
- All ESE and ESOL students must respond YES to WILL YOU NEED ACCOMMODATIONS.

ACT and SAT Exams, continued

- **WAIVERS available to students who have free or reduced lunch.**
- You must have a FL driver's permit or license or high school I.D. to take these exams.
- These scores are also used as a college-entry requirement. Different colleges require different scores.
- Scores in the mid-20's are very favorable.
- Download SAT Daily Practice, College Go, ACT prep, and/or ACT photo apps.
- Study Algebra 1 hard; 38 algebra questions are on SAT.
- SIGNUP FOR SAT AND ACT NOW!
- [Act.org/academy](https://act.org/academy)
- [Khanacademy.org](https://khanacademy.org)

VOLUNTEERING

- All seniors must earn a minimum of 40 volunteer hours to graduate. **DO NOT WAIT UNTIL SENIOR YEAR TO VOLUNTEER YOUR TIME!**
- **Broward.org/volunteers**
- Those who earn 250 or more, earn the very desirable graduation cord.
- I often have volunteering opps and will publish them in my emails, on NAVIANCE and REMIND, and on bulletin boards around campus.

COLLEGE VISITS and YOUR PORTFOLIO

- Your portfolio should include a current resume with job history and education:
 - an UN-official **transcript** downloaded from VIRTUAL COUNSELOR with all of your academic history from 9th grade to now,
 - a completed, on-line, college application for the school you want to be accepted to (and a copy of the page that states YOU SUCCESSFULLY APPLIED),
 - copies of your ACT and/or SAT **scores**,
 - and **letters of recommendation** from those who have good things to say about you: teachers, pastors, employers, etc.
- Put all of these in an attractive portfolio or folder then **make multiple copies of the documents.**

COLLEGE APPLYING

- Seniors will be applying to **at least 3 colleges** via college websites (BROWARD COLLEGE, one of the TECHNICAL COLLEGES, and your choice for the rest).
- Some FL schools don't want a transcript but an SSAR (see CANVAS for list).
- The requirements for college admission depend on ACT/SAT exam results and a completion of high school credits.
- **TRANSCRIPTS**: won't be sent on your behalf until you prove you've applied to college. **Screen-shot** me your new college student ID or the final submission page in the application.
- Send transcript requests via NAVIANCE.

HIGH DEMAND JOBS

- **AVIATION**
 - Airplane or drone pilots
 - Airplane mechanics
 - Avionics specialists
- **INFORMATIONAL TECHNOLOGY**
 - Coding
 - Animation
 - Artificial intelligence
- **HEALTHCARE (because the population is aging)**
 - Medical equipment technician
 - Physical therapist
 - Nurse practitioner
 - physician's assistant
 - EMT