

# Junior Night

Spring 2021



# The Process

## In Your Control:

- Grades
- Test Scores
- Rigor
- Extracurriculars, Leadership, Community Service
- Essays
- Fit

## Out of Your Control:

- Diversity
- Students from underrepresented areas
- Legacy
- Athletes
- Male/Female ratios
- Class composition
- Desired majors



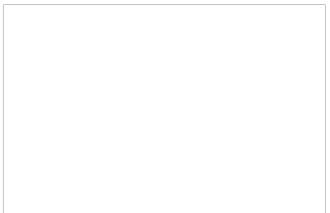
# 2021 Acceptances:



- Northwestern
- Northeastern
- University of Wisconsin
- Purdue University
- Tulane
- Embry Riddle
- Penn State University
- Georgia Tech
- Yale
- Cornell
- University of Michigan
- NYU
- University of Georgia
- University of Wisconsin
- SCAD
- Columbia
- Indiana University
- University of Miami
- Nova Southeastern
- Texas A&M
- Louisiana State University
- Ohio State
- University of Colorado – Boulder
- University of Chicago
- George Washington University
- UNC Chapel Hill

# Covid Changes

- Testing will continue to be optional for most out of state schools...still required for Florida public universities
  - Strong test scores should still be sent
  - Focusing more on other aspects of the application
  - Record breaking number of applications being submitted...over 5 million this year (10% increase)
- Students who had activities, internships or programs cancelled will not be penalized
- Common Application has a Covid essay prompt
- Colleges \$183 billion in debt
- Trends:
  - Authenticity and resiliency celebrated
  - Standardized test scores optional but preferred
  - More students will apply early
  - International students returning
  - More students taking a GAP year



# PREPARING COLLEGE APPLICATIONS

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# What Are Colleges Looking At?

- Number/Rigor of Academic Courses (don't make changes to senior year schedule)
- Academic Performance/Grades (blips-let them know)
- Test Scores (SAT, ACT, SAT Subject Tests)-- **last tests this year..**

**March 13<sup>th</sup>, May 8<sup>th</sup>, and June 5<sup>th</sup> (SAT) and April 17<sup>th</sup>, June 12<sup>th</sup> and July 17<sup>th</sup> (ACT)**

- Extracurriculars/Sports/Leadership/Volunteer Hours (provide context for achievements...colleges don't understand random names)
- Essay – This will serve as your interview
- Resume - I will send you a sample
- Letters of Recommendation (when applicable) from a core teacher 11<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup> grade
- Transcript

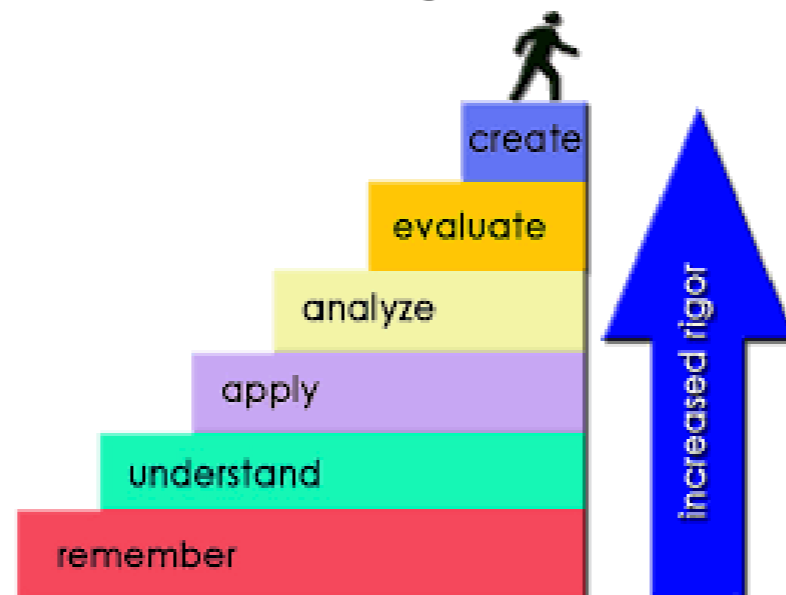
# GPA Scale

- Weighted -- Every subject with weight including 1 point for Honors, 2 points for AICE and AP classes (colleges will give .5 for Honors and 1.0 for AP/AICE...Florida schools)
- Academic core -- All the core subjects: math, science, English, history and foreign language with weight
- Unweighted -- Everything stripped down...an A is a 4.0, B is a 3.0, etc.
- **The colleges will focus on the academic core GPA**
- $1^{\text{st}}$  quarter (40%) +  $2^{\text{nd}}$  quarter (40%) + midterm (20%) = semester grade; Both semester grades will go on transcript
- **Senior year grades matter! Any grade below a C in an academic class should be reported to the school.**

# Rigor of Curriculum



- Senior Schedule Matters (self report/transcript)
- Once applications are out, **MUST** stay in classes
- Cannot earn less than a C in dual enrollment!!!
- Grade forgiveness is not something all schools will accept
- First quarter grades will go on the transcript as a placeholder





# Test Schedule

- SAT...March (2x), May, June
- ACT...April, June, July
- Earliest SAT next school year: August 28<sup>th</sup>, October 2nd
- Earliest ACT next school year: Sept. 11<sup>th</sup>, October 23rd
- UF – November latest test they will accept
- FSU - December latest test they will accept for 1<sup>st</sup> decision
- Subject tests have been discontinued
- SEND ALL SCORES -- SUPERSCORE!!!!!!!



# SAT vs. ACT



- Length: 3 hours 35 min (SAT), 3 hours 50 minutes (ACT)
  - Both include optional writing/essay
- Sections: Both have 4
- Scores: 1,600 for SAT (800 math/800 evidence based reading), 36 for ACT
- Wrong Answers: No penalty for both
- Math: both cover Algebra, Geometry, Trigonometry, and Algebra 2
- Science: No Science section on SAT but it is incorporated into other sections

# Extra Curriculars, Leadership, Community Service

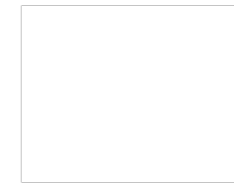
- Academic Integrity – did you do things outside of school that match your interests in school?
- Not everyone can be a President or Captain – chair a committee, bring something new to the club
- Virtual counts!
- How did you serve our community or school?
- Don't minimize the "small" things you think you may have done
- Hours:
  - 40 to graduate
  - 75/100 Bright Futures
  - 250 chord at graduation

# The Essays

- Tells me 3 things: who you are, what matters to you and WHY?
- Be Yourself
- Relax. Don't try to "sound good"
- Quality over Quantity!!!!
- Show intellectual curiosity
- Tell a story...the best essays involve a small thing in your life that provides a good outline
- Place yourself on campus (more for the Ivies)  
Research specific professors and show how you are applicable to what he/she is working on and therefore you must be on that campus.....
- Start writing this summer!!!!

# Letters of Recommendation

- Core academic teacher , Sophomore, Junior or Senior year...Ask them early!
- Must talk about integrity, character, work ethic, what you contributed in the classroom, what that class would look like if you were absent that day
- See if the teacher can provide an anecdote about something specific to you
- Need to advocate for you
- Don't assume Guidance Counselors know to write you a letter
- Provide a resume and/or "cheat sheet" if necessary...what you hope to accomplish in the class throughout the year



# Transcripts

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# TRANSCRIPTS



- Complete record of high school courses and grades...including grade replacement
- Includes HS classes taken in middle school
- BC class grades on our transcript
- Admissions based on high school courses (even if taken in Middle School)
- Transcript Cheat Sheet coming your way!

# Transcript Cheat Sheet

- FIU/USF– Request through Naviance and it will be sent electronically.
- UCF -- SPARK
- FSU/UF/FAU/FGCU/UNF/New College/Florida Polytech – No transcript needed until the end of the year (only if you decide to attend). They require the SSAR.
- Schools on the Common or Coalition Application – The Guidance Counselor will upload the transcript into the Common or Coalition Application.
- Schools not on the Common or Coalition Application (out of state) -- You will order a transcript for \$2 and send it through the U.S. mail.
- Transcripts for Scholarships – You order it for \$2 at the Registrar's Office.



# SSAR and SPARK

- UF, FSU, FGCU, UNF, New College, Florida Poly, and FAU are no longer requiring transcripts and want the students to self-report their grades and classes...one SSAR for all schools...deadline is December 1st (Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> for FSU)
- You will need to link the SSAR through the Common and Coalition Application (after application is submitted)
- Must use their Virtual Counselor or a transcript to make sure it is authentic...schools have the right to rescind if not matched up
- Grade replacement as well as original grade goes on SSAR
- Sample SSAR in my office
- Need to update SSAR with any changes and mid year grades (FSU)



### Review/Submit Your Record

Review the data you have entered to ensure it is accurate. If it looks okay, mark it as complete by completing the section at the bottom.

#### IMPORTANT

You are submitting your complete high school academic record, including coursework "In Progress." Once your academic record has been submitted, you will be asked to verify the completeness and accuracy of your secondary school record with your online signature. It is very important that you carefully review your academic record for any omissions/errors.

#### School Attended

[Edit Schools](#)

School Name/Address	Years Attended	Class Rank	Class Size	Self-Reported GPA	Courses Entered
<b>Cypress Bay High School</b> 18600 Vista Park Blvd Weston, FL 33332	2014 - 2018	78	1169	5.1058	68

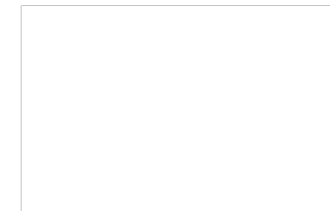
View entered coursework by:

- Year
- Subject Area

#### Coursework Entered

[Edit Coursework](#)

Middle School - CYPRESS BAY HIGH SCHOOL - Weston, FL							
Subject Area	Course	Actual Title	Type	Grade	Length	Term/Semester	
Mathematics	ALGEBRA 1	ALGEBRA I HON (GEM-7)	Honors	A	Semester	First	
Mathematics	ALGEBRA 1	ALGEBRA I HON (GEM-7)	Honors	A	Semester	Second	
Mathematics	GEOMETRY	GEOMETRY HON (GEM-8)	Honors	B	Semester	First	



# Application Fees

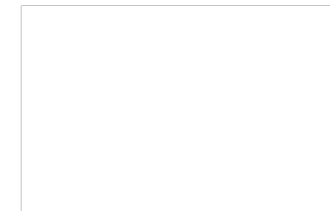
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# Application Fees

- Approximately \$30 for Florida public universities
- Application Fee for Private Schools range from \$75-\$100
- Free/reduced-price lunch can get app fee waivers on College Board website





# SUS Updates

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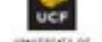




# What's New at the Florida Schools?

- UCF...brand new downtown campus with 7,000 students
- FGCU: requiring an essay and offering Early Action
- All schools superscore SAT and ACT
- Honors Program now part of the UF and FSU application
- Florida Poly and New School are the only two Florida schools that require a Letter of Recommendation
- Only Florida school solely dedicated to STEM
- No distinction between AP, AICE and Dual Enrollment

FLORIDA  
**SUS**  
2020-2021  
COUNSELOR GUIDE

MIDDLE 50% OF ADMITTED FTIC 2020  
(S=SUMMER) (F=FALL)

	NAME OF INSTITUTION	APPLICATION TYPE	GPA	SAT	ACT
	FLORIDA AGRICULTURAL AND MECHANICAL UNIVERSITY	Institutional Online Application	S: 3.27 F: 3.67	S: 1060 F: 1100	S: 20.2 F: 22.3
	FLORIDA ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY	Institutional Online Application, Common Application	S: 3.18 - 3.76 F: 3.62 - 4.24	S: 1030 - 1160 F: 1110 - 1260	S: 20 - 25 F: 23 - 29
	FLORIDA GULF COAST UNIVERSITY	Institutional Online, Common Application	S: 3.4 - 4.07 F: 3.51 - 4.26	S: 1020 - 1180 F: 1080 - 1230	S: 20 - 23 F: 21 - 26
	FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY	Institutional Online	S: 3.6 - 4.2 F: 4.0 - 4.6	S: 1100 - 1190 F: 1240 - 1360	S: 22 - 25 F: 26 - 31
	FLORIDA POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY	Institutional Online Application, Common Application	F: 3.9 - 4.6	F: 1280 - 1400	F: 28 - 32
	FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY	Institutional Online Application, Common Application, Coalition Application	S: 3.8 - 4.3 F: 4.1 - 4.5	S: 1190 - 1310 F: 1290 - 1410	S: 26 - 30 F: 29 - 32
	NEW COLLEGE OF FLORIDA	Institutional Online Application, Common Application	F: 3.73 - 4.33	F: 1150 - 1340	F: 24 - 30
	UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL FLORIDA	Institutional Online Application, Common Application	S: 3.77 - 4.29 F: 3.96 - 4.46	S: 1170 - 1280 F: 1250 - 1370	S: 23 - 28 F: 26 - 30
	UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA	Common Application, Coalition Application	S: 4.4 - 4.6 F: 4.4 - 4.6	S: 1260 - 1400 F: 1340 - 1480	S: 28 - 32 F: 30 - 33
	UNIVERSITY OF NORTH FLORIDA	Institutional Online Application, Common Application	S: 3.3 - 3.8 F: 4.0 - 4.5	S: 1070 - 1190 F: 1200 - 1320	S: 21 - 24 F: 25 - 28
	UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA	Institutional Online Application, Common Application, Coalition Application	S: 3.7 - 4.0 F: 4.1 - 4.4	S: 1160 - 1190 F: 1270 - 1340	S: 24 - 25 F: 28 - 30
	UNIVERSITY OF WEST FLORIDA	Institutional Online Application, Common Application	S: 3.75 F: 3.9	S: 1140 F: 1173	S: 23 F: 25

New College  
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# When are Apps available?



- UF: mid August
- FSU, UCF, USF, FAMU: July-August
- FGCU: June 1 for summer, Sept 1 for fall
- FAU, UNF, FIU, FL Poly: End of July
- Common App: Aug. 1<sup>st</sup> (application will go down and up again Aug. 1<sup>st</sup>)



# Application deadlines



UF deadline – November 1<sup>st</sup>. Decision date is Friday, Feb. 25<sup>th</sup>

FSU – 2 deadlines Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> (TBD) / March 1<sup>st</sup> (decision rolling) – CARE Program (for students who are among the first in their family to attend college and may face unique challenges in college because of educational or economic circumstances)

UCF – Top 10 Knights Program (1010 on SAT, 21 on ACT, and in top 10% of their class, they will be guaranteed an admission to UCF)

UCF, FGCU, FAU, USF, UNF, FIU, FAU – Rolling admissions

UM – Early Action and Early Decision – Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> Regular Decision – Jan. 1

MUST commit to a school by May 1<sup>st</sup>



**UF** | UNIVERSITY *of*  
**FLORIDA**



**On the Coalition Application this year. Will not be reviewing the locker section!**

*Received 50,000+ applications – offered admission to 15,000 students for a freshman class of 6,400.*

Mid 50% ranges for accepted students:

GPA : 4.4 – 4.6 academic core

SAT: 1320 – 1460

ACT: 30 – 33

- They count academic units – very important  
Rigorous courses – dual enrollment, AICE and AP!!!
- Senior schedule – Calculus (opens more doors than any other classes...must be properly placed)
- Test scores due by November and FAFSA due by December
- Make sure you check emails/status (SSAR issues!)
- Students can be cut at one of three levels (admissions, committee, Director)

# UF Admit Options -- 6

- **Direct Admit**
  - Summer B
  - Fall semester
  - All majors available
  - Housing on campus is offered
  - Honors Program available – Must apply by March 1
- **PACE Program (Pathway to Campus Enrollment)**
- **Innovation Academy**

# UF Admit Options -- 6

- **UF Online**

- Denied freshman may apply for spring of the following year; otherwise students may apply for summer, fall or spring enrollment
- Entirely all 4 years online
- Students may later choose to apply to transfer to on campus classes as an upper division transfer student
- 16 majors
- 25% less cost
- Students may purchase an optional fee package that provides access to on-campus services

- **Santa Fe Partnership Programs**

- Partnership with the College of Design, Construction and Planning, and the College of Engineering
- May be able to continue on UF's campus after approximately 2 semesters
- Guaranteed admit after minimum of two semesters completed

- **Transfer**

- 60 Credits or AA from Broward College, FIU, FAU...
- Still need to apply and be accepted



# Innovation Academy



- If you click it, you may get it!
  - Classes during the Spring and Summer semesters and pursue internships, job opportunities, volunteering and studying abroad during the Fall semester
  - Program is for all four years
  - 30 different majors available to these students
  - Prospective students can live in a living learning community on campus with other students in IA



## UF | PaCE

PATHWAY TO CAMPUS ENROLLMENT



- PACE Program—Pathway to Campus Enrollment –
  - Prospective students will be able to choose from roughly 60 majors in 7 colleges that are not at capacity
  - Earn a total of 60 credits (up to 45 credits may come from previous college credits earned through AP, Dual Enrollment or other accelerated methods)
  - Enroll in UF Online for at least two semesters and earn at least 15 credit hours
  - Complete all prerequisite or tracking requirements with required grades for your selected major
  - Housing on campus is not offered to PaCE students
  - Students may purchase an optional fee package that provides access to on-campus services



# FLORIDA STATE



## ***Can Apply through Coalition Application, Common Application, and FSU Application***

- Over 62,574 applications this year. 35% admit rate. Fewer admits than prior years. Freshmen class of 6,200
- Make sure test scores are there by November for 1<sup>st</sup> deadline...or you will slip to second deadline; FSU will also take December scores
- Admitted student profile:
  - **Fall:** GPA: 4.1 - 4.6, SAT: 1250-1410, ACT: 28 - 32
  - **Summer:** 3.9-4.4, SAT: 1200-1330, ACT: 25-29
  - **Seminole Pathways:** 3.5-4.1; SAT 1140-1220, ACT 23-26
- 68% of admitted students had all A's and B's academic core, 53% Calculus, 90% AP/AICE/DUAL, 36% had advanced world languages
- Not good: At least 2 years of a foreign language by senior year, didn't get to Algebra 2, below B GPA
- CARE program – summer bridge (first generation/fin. need)...Essay is important. Apply by Nov. 1
- Notified about financial aid one week after decisions released
- FSU will send out invitations to apply to the Honors Program to those students receiving the University Freshman Scholarship the week after freshmen decisions are released. Acceptances to the Honors program are made available at time of decision.

# Seminole Pathway Programs

- GPA: 3.5-4.1; SAT: 1140-1220; ACT: 23-26
- Transfer Pathway:
  - Can start in the Spring term
  - Must earn a 3.0 and complete 15 semester hours
  - Coursework must include English 110, College Algebra
  - Some course can be covered through prior AP, dual enrollment or AICE requirements
  - Students will need to find off campus housing
- FSU International Programs First Semester Abroad:
  - Must start experience by completing an online course offered through International Programs over the summer
  - Enroll for the fall term at one of their study abroad centers in London, England; Florence, Italy; Valencia, Spain; or Panama City, Republic of Panama



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  - Enroll for the fall and spring term at one of their study abroad centers in London, England; Florence, Italy; Valencia, Spain; or Panama City, Republic of Panama
- FSU Panama City:
  - Must start their FSU experience in the summer by completing an online course offered through FSU Panama City.
  - Enroll for the fall and spring terms at their bayfront campus in Panama City, Florida.
  - Students are welcome to continue their education through graduation in one of FSU Panama City's academic programs or transfer to the FSU Tallahassee campus in summer or fall



# University of Central Florida



Rolling admission process allows students the opportunity to present additional academic credentials (e.g., first semester senior grades and/or higher test scores) to strengthen their competitiveness in the overall applicant pool. Each time additional academic credentials are updated, the student's application will be presented to Committee for review.

- Student profile class of 2021:
  - GPA : average GPA academic core – 3.77-4.29 (summer) 3.95-4.46 (fall)
  - SAT: average reading/math score – 1170-1280 (summer) 1250-1370 (fall)
  - ACT average composite – 23-28 (summer) 26-30 (fall)
- Most admitted students had all A's and B's academic core
- Less holistic – more numbers driven – senior schedule!!
- Senior Year Grades Matter

# FGCU, FAU, FIU



Rolling admission

Student profile class of 2021

- GPA : average GPA academic core – 3.4+
- SAT: average reading/math score – Must meet minimum subscores
- ACT average composite - Must meet minimum subscores

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## Associate of Arts (AA)\*\*\*

- Transfer to a 4-year university
- BC Honors Institute
- Best way to transfer due to articulation agreement – (does not “look” better to transfer from another 4-year)

## Associate of Science (AS)

- Enter workforce after 2 years of study
  - Crime Scene
  - Diagnostic Medical Sonography
  - Aviation Operations
  - [www.broward.edu/programs/](http://www.broward.edu/programs/)

# Trade/Tech Schools



Sheridan Technical Center – Hollywood



Atlantic Technical Center – Coconut Creek



McFatter Technical Center – Davie

- Accepts Bright Futures
- Regionally Accredited
  - ✓ *Business Technology*
  - ✓ *Health Science*
  - ✓ *Building Trades*
  - ✓ *Information Technology*
  - ✓ *Communications*
  - ✓ *Public Service*
  - ✓ *Cosmetology*
  - ✓ *Transportation*
  - ✓ *Culinary Arts*
  - ✓ *Early Childhood*

# Military Options

- Send many students to the military academies:
  - West Point
  - U.S. Naval Academy

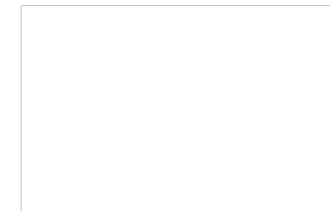
# Deferrals and Waitlist

- First semester grades matter!!!
- Send any new information since application has gone in
- Mid year report or new transcript
- Re-test
- Another letter of recommendation...if appropriate

# Don't be discouraged...

- Other options to get into schools
- The numbers are a range and not necessarily the standard
- Open yourself up the possibilities of other schools
- Test multiple times and switch tests if necessary
- One blip will not always be a deterrent for a school
- Stay positive and be relentless!





# Common Application

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# Common Application

- Provided roadmap for students... [www.commonapp.org](http://www.commonapp.org)
- 900 schools (at least one in every state) and some international
- 7 essay prompts --- tons of websites that help with this
- Supplements – Must be able to visualize you on that campus and exactly what you would be doing; if another school can be plugged in, then you missed the mark
- Letters of Recommendation – Guidance Counselors, please give them plenty of notice...don't assume they will automatically upload one

# Early Decision/Early Action

- **ED applicants (Much better odds!)**

- Apply early (usually in November) to first-choice college; receive an admission decision from the college in advance of the usual notification date (usually by Dec.)
- Apply to only one college early decision; apply to other colleges under regular admission plans

- **EA applicants**

- Apply early; receive an admission decision early in the admission cycle (usually in Jan. or Feb.)
- Apply to other colleges under regular admission plans

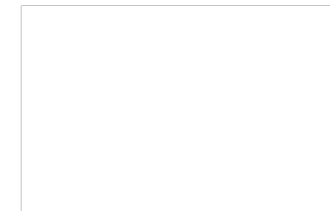
- **Single-Choice or Restrictive Early Action**

- Apply early/Non-binding; receive an admission decision in December or January
- Can apply to only one college Restrictive Early Action or Single Choice
- A decision can be an acceptance, denial, or deferral to regular decision deadline

# The Coalition Application



- The Coalition will streamline the admissions and financial aid processes and allow students to begin planning for college much earlier in their high school years. The platform tools—which will include the Locker, a collaboration platform, and an application portal—seek to recast the process of applying to college as the culmination of students’ development over the course of their high school careers
- This platform is free for students
- More than 135 Universities participating
- Many Coalition schools will still be giving the option of the Common App as well as the Coalition App



# COLLEGE MAJOR

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# **How do I know where to Apply?**

## **What if I don't know what to Major in?**

- It's okay! Two of the most popular majors in the country right now are Undecided and General Studies
- There are over 5,300 Universities in the United States...we will find one!
- Virtual Tours, Webinars and College Websites
- College Visits – An invaluable opportunity to meet the person reading your application
- College Fairs and College Tours
- Visit the schools when you are in the area



# Career/Major Exploration



- [Collegecareerlifeplanning.com](http://Collegecareerlifeplanning.com)
- Naviance assessments
- [Collegecareerlifeplanning.com](http://Collegecareerlifeplanning.com)
- [Collegenavigator.com](http://Collegenavigator.com)
- [Bigfuture.org](http://Bigfuture.org)
- ASVAB

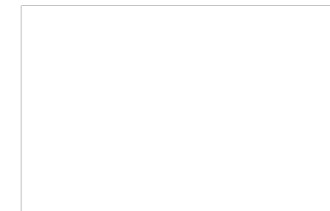
# College Visits and Webinars

- Shows demonstrated interest
- Available for all students
- A great way to ask your specific questions and hear about the programs that interest you
- An opportunity to meet the person reading your application
- Sign up on the College Advising website under “College Visits”



# Summer Programs

- Prefer Internships and Job Shadowing
- Specific programs that show academic interest and integrity
- Highly selective programs
- Jobs are great!



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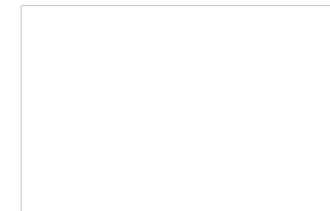
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# 4 Pots of \$\$\$ to Go Fishing In

- State Funding – Bright Futures/AICE Diploma – October 1st
- Federal Funding – FAFSA – October 1st
- Institutional Scholarships/Grants
- Private Scholarships – Scholarship Bulletin/Naviance/Websites
  - Fastweb/Cappex
  - Coca Cola
  - Grisham
  - Ford Salute to Education
  - Comcast
  - Broward League of Cities





# Bright Futures

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- Apply starting October 1st of senior year
- Transcript checked twice per year
  - To qualify at first check – tests, grades, courses and hours must be in by Jan 31
- Test score requirements increased!!!
- Florida prepaid kicks in first, then BF
- June tests count towards BF
- Must maintain college GPA to retain award
- \$\$\$ is there for you for up to 2 years

# Bright Futures (3 Ways to Qualify)

## 1) *Florida Academic Scholar*

- 100% tuition and specified fees
- \$300 for books
- Summer enrollment
- 3.5 weighted GPA on core classes
- 1330 R&M SAT
- 29 ACT

100 Comm. Svc. Hours

## 2) *Florida Medallion Scholar*

- 75% tuition and specified fees
- Summer enrollment
- 3.0 weighted GPA on core classes
- 1210 R&M SAT
- 25 ACT

75 Comm. Svc. Hours

# Bright Futures (3 ways to qualify)

## 3) Gold Seal Vocational Scholarship

*Florida Gold Seal does NOT apply to Associate of Arts or Bachelor Degrees\*\*\*\*\**

Approx. \$1,500/yr  
Community College (for 3  
years)

3.0 GPA based on core  
courses

Must earn 3.5 weighted GPA  
in vocational courses

30 Comm. Svc. Hours

Sequence of 3 vocational  
courses in same program

SAT: 440 R, 440 M

ACT: 17 E, 18 R, 19 M

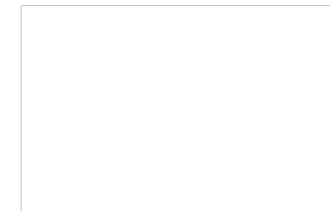
Pert: 104 R, 99 W, 113 M

# Other Scholarships

- Naviance- District List & National Search
- Scholarship bulletins (every 2 weeks)
- Merit Scholarships (Apply EARLY)
- fastweb.com
- scholarshipexperts.com
- schoolsoup.com
- meritaid.com
- zinch.com
- cappex.com
- scholarship-monkey.com
- scholarships4students.com







# FINANCIAL AID

Spring 2021



# Financial Aid- FAF\$A

## COLLEGE FINANCING 101:

*Fill out your FAFSA! Your path to student financial aid starts here.*

- FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid – Application available October 1st of senior year
  - Due by December 15<sup>th</sup> for UF
  - Due by December 1<sup>st</sup> for FSU
- EFC (expected family contribution) = Financial Need
- **Net Price Calculator – on all college websites**
- [www.fafsa.gov](http://www.fafsa.gov)
- Pell grants, other grants, work study and loans
- Use 2020 Tax Return
- Based on household income (single mom or mom and step father...)

# Financial Aid- CSS Profile

- Private schools require the CSS
- Must submit in addition to FAFSA
- Administered by College Board
- Most detailed financial analysis – tries to help middle class afford expensive private colleges





# **OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

**Spring 2021**



# Students with Disabilities

- Colleges will *probably* follow special accommodations as long as paperwork is on file if your child has documented learning disabilities
- Meet with the Office of Disabilities ahead of time to understand what accommodations are available
- Not part of the admission process
- Some schools that are great with accommodations:
  - Lynn University
  - FGCU
  - Beacon College

# General Admission Facts/Helpful Hints

- Universities compare students to peers at same HS
- Scores on AP tests ARE NOT considered for admissions
- Apply for term you want to attend
- Set up separate “college” email account (Check Your EMAILS!!!!)
- Don’t mess up Senior year! That can come back to haunt you!
- Begin applications summer before senior year!
- Get recommendation letters NOW!
- Start work on resume
- Don’t join every club because you think it “looks good”
- May 1<sup>st</sup> is National Acceptance Date



# More tips....

- Parents should never be communicating with the colleges
- If interviews are available, try and get one
- Make sure you keep track of all passwords and usernames/give a copy to parents
- Set up auditions for music and dance well in advance
- Listen when you are given advice
- Don't rush the process...careless mistakes

# Me....

- I spent the past 14 years visiting and building rapps with colleges...please utilize me for information and access
- I can't help you if I don't see you
- Senior Check List!!!
- Will send an email with 16 attachments—Timeline, Applying for College Cheat Sheet/Florida Schools websites and deadlines
- Visiting Junior Classes
- Summer Hours – June and August
- Make sure you are getting my emails



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