

# **COLLEGE NIGHT**

2023-2024

J.P. Taravella  
High School



# WELCOME!

The purpose of today's presentation is to present you with the college application process at JPT.



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Student appointments during Study Hall period or before school.

# Let's Take A Minute...Breathe!!

A lot has happened since you entered high school!

The college process can be scary and overwhelming no matter what experience you have with the process.

It will be okay! Students will find their "dream" school and pathway.

It's not where you start, it's where you finish!!

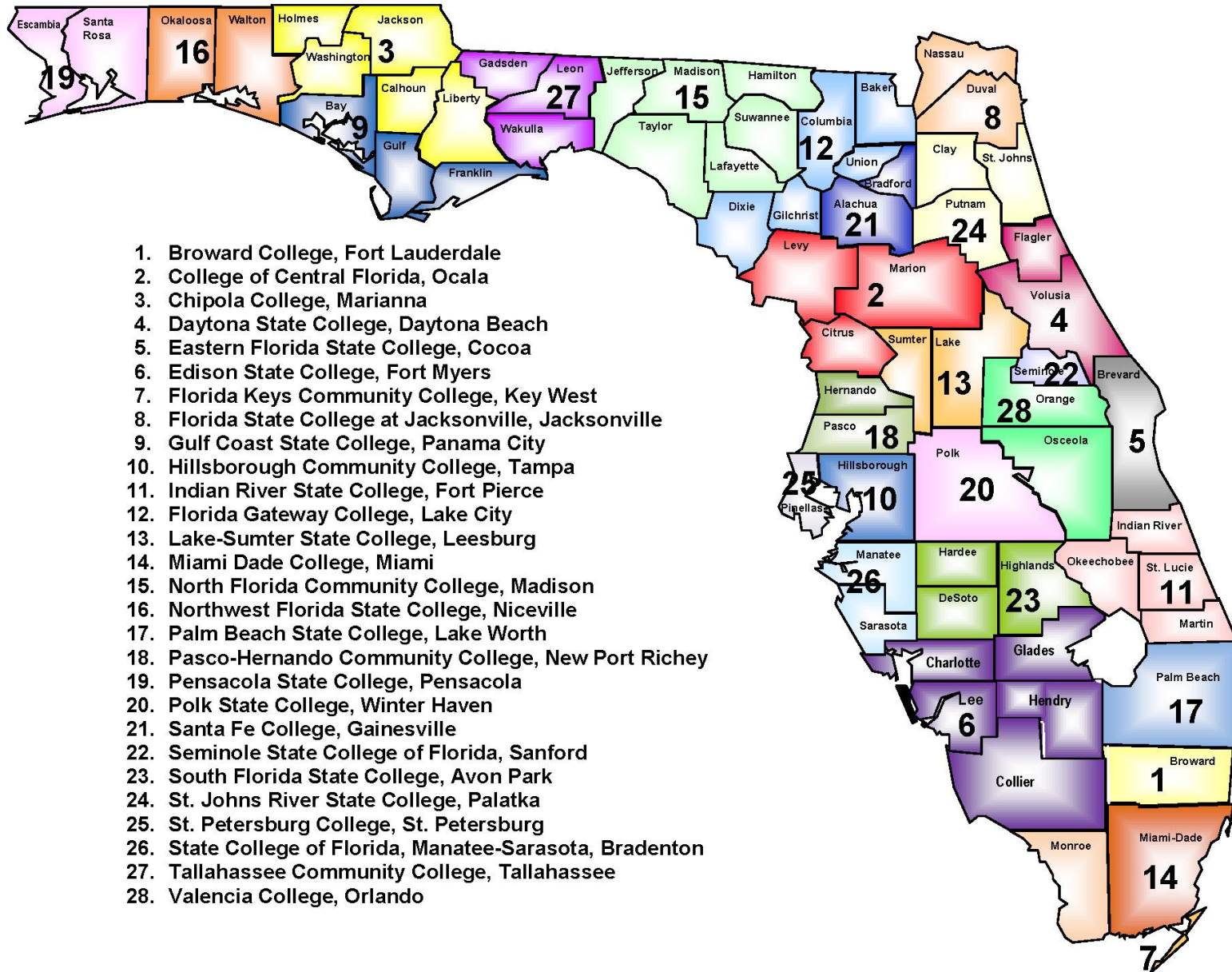
# Post-Secondary Options

- 4-year college
- 2-year college
- Vocational/Technical
- Military





# THE FLORIDA COLLEGE SYSTEM





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## Private Colleges & Universities in Florida

- Barry University–Miami Shores
- Bethune-Cookman University–Daytona Beach
- Eckerd College–St. Petersburg
- Embry-Riddle University–Daytona Beach
- Flagler College–St. Augustine
- Florida Inst of Technology–Melbourne
- Florida Memorial University--Miami
- Florida Southern College–Lakeland
- Jacksonville University–Jacksonville
- Keiser University–West Palm Beach
- Lynn University–Boca Raton
- Nova Southeastern University–Davie
- Ringling College of Art & Design–Sarasota
- Rollins College–Orlando
- Saint Leo University–Saint Leo
- Southeastern University–Lakeland
- Stetson University–Deland
- University of Miami–Coral Gables
- University of Tampa–Tampa
- Warner University–Lake Wales

# 4-year College–How Many Should I Apply To?

- On average, most students apply to 5-7 colleges
- Ensure student's list is balanced:
  - 2-3 reach schools
  - 2-3 schools that you have a good shot at
  - 2 safety schools



# It's OK if you don't know what to Major in!

- Most students will change their major 2-3 times during their undergraduate years
- Two of the most popular majors are Undecided and General Studies—okay to click that box!
- There are over 4,000 universities in the U.S.--you will find one!
- Virtual Tours and College Websites
- District College Fair on Thursday, October 12 from 6-7:30p TBD
- JPT College Fair on Wednesday, October 18 from 6-7:30p

# **BYE BYE NAVIANCE**

## **HELLO XELLO!**

- **Researching careers, colleges, and majors**
- **Finding local and national scholarships and enrichment programs**
- **Exploring students' career interests, learning styles, personality types, and multiple intelligences**
- **Building resumes for job and college applications**
- **Setting goals and developing personalized plans for success**
- **Requesting and sending transcripts.**
- **Learning about success skills, financial planning, self-discovery, and building a support network.**
- **Xello available now! Log in thru Clever!!!**

# **UNDERSTANDING COLLEGE ADMISSIONS FACTORS**

# GENERAL ADMISSIONS FACTS/HELPFUL HINTS

- **DO NOT MESS UP SENIOR YEAR!**
- Universities compare students to their High School applicant pool
- Apply for the term that you desire
- **Begin applications for 4-year schools NOW!**
- Make a resume
- Get recommendation letters now, if needed
- 4 Math credits (Algebra 1 and above) to attend a 4-year Florida university
- 2 consecutive units of Foreign Language

# College Admissions

- Number/Rigor of Academic Courses
- Academic Performance/Grades
- Test Scores (SAT/ACT) if applicable
- Extracurriculars/Sports
- Leadership/Volunteer Hours – 40 hours to graduate/250+ Silver Cord
- Essay
- Resume
- Letters of Recommendation (if applicable) from a core 11th or 12th grade teacher
- First-Generation Student



# Rigor of Curriculum

- Senior Schedule Matters! (Transcript or Self-Report)
- **Do not switch out of a class once you apply to schools**
- 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

# Grades & Course Work

- *Your high school academic record is one of the most important factors in college admissions. Colleges will look at:*
- Course Selection—AP, Dual/Enrollment, AICE, Math, Science, Social Science, English, Foreign Language
- Schools will recalculate GPA (why many schools use a Self-Report form)
- Grades
- 9th – 12th grade trend.
- Did student trend upward or downward? GPA trends are respectt to rigor is important!

# GPA Scale

- **Weighted** - Cumulative, weighted average of grades points earned in all high school courses earned. Used in determining class rank. Additional quality points earned for honors, Advanced Placement, AICE, dual enrollment and technical dual enrollment courses.
- **Academic Core** - All the core subjects: math, science, English, social science and foreign language with weight.
- **Unweighted** - Everything stripped down...an A is a 4.0, B is a 3.0, etc.
- Many colleges focus on the academic core GPA
- **Senior year grades matter!!!**

# Types of Admission

- **Rolling Admission** – no specific deadline. It is best to submit your application in the fall. **Most FL SUS Universities are Rolling Admissions.**
- **Regular Decision** – most have hard deadlines. Students notified in the spring.
- **Early Action** – non-binding. Typically used at private schools. Can apply to more than one school. Applications due in November; decisions typically given out in December.
- **Early Decision** – binding contract and commitment to one school one. Typically used at private schools. Applications due in November; decisions given out in December.

# 4 Requirements to Complete an Application



**Applications** – Institutional Application, Common App



**Application Fee**



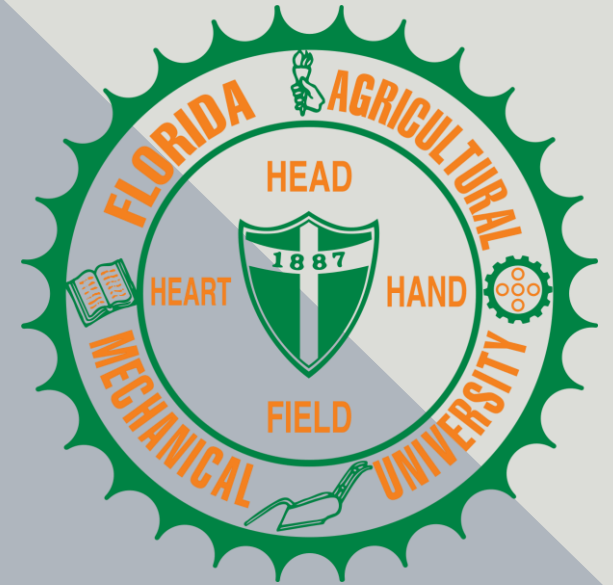
**SAT/ACT** scores officially sent from College Board or ACT account



**Transcript or SSAR/SPARK** (Student Self-Reported Grades)

# Florida Agricultural & Mechanical University (FAMU)--Tallahassee

- Institutional Online Application, Common App
- Rolling Admissions
- Priority Application Deadline: November 1
- SSAR (self-reported grades) Required
- Official SAT/ACT test scores
- 2+2 Program: FAMU IGNITE
- **[www.admissions.famu.edu](http://www.admissions.famu.edu)**



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# Florida Atlantic University (FAU)--Boca Raton

- Institutional Online Application, Common App
- Rolling Admissions
- Priority Admissions: November 1, 2023
- SSAR (self-reported grades) Required
- Official SAT/ACT test scores
- 2+2 Program: Link to FAU
- **[www.fau.edu/admissions](http://www.fau.edu/admissions)**



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# Florida Gulf Coast University (FGCU)--Ft. Myers

- Institutional Online Application, Common App
- Rolling Admissions
- Priority Application: November 1, 2023
- Transcript Required
- Official SAT/ACT test scores
- 2+2 Program: Destination FGCU
- **[www.fgcu.edu/eagles](http://www.fgcu.edu/eagles)**



# Florida International University (FIU)--Miami

- Institutional Online Application, Common App
- Rolling Admissions
- Early Deadline: October 23, 2023
- Scholarship Deadline: December 1, 2023
- Transcript Required
- Official SAT/ACT test scores
- 2+2 Program: Connect4Success
- **[www.admissions.fiu.edu](http://www.admissions.fiu.edu)**



# Florida Polytechnic University-- Lakeland

- Institutional Online Application, Common App
- Rolling Admissions
- Early Action Deadline: November 15, 2023
- SSAR (self-reported grades) Required
- Official SAT/ACT test scores
- 2+2 Program: South Florida State College or Polk State College
- **[www.floridapoly.edu](http://www.floridapoly.edu)**

# Florida State University (FSU)-- Tallahassee

- Institutional Online Application, Common App
- Early Action: October 15 for FL students only
- Regular Deadline: December 1, 2023
- CARE Summer Bridge Application for 1st generation student deadline: October 15, or December 1, 2023
- SSAR (self-reported grades) Required and submitted by deadline
- Self report SAT/ACT scores by deadline
- 2+2 Program: TCC2FSU
- **[www.admissions.fsu.edu](http://www.admissions.fsu.edu)**



# New College of Florida--Sarasota

- Application Type: Institutional Online Application, Common App
- Priority Deadline: November 1, 2023
- Official SAT/ACT test scores
- SSAR (self-reported grades) Required
- 2+2 Program: NCF Transform
- **[www.ncf.edu](http://www.ncf.edu)**

# University of Central Florida (UCF)--Orlando

- Institutional Online Application, Common App
- Rolling Admissions
- Priority Application: November 1, 2023
- Official SAT/ACT test scores
- SPARK (UCF self-reported grades) Required
- 2+2 Program: Direct Connect
- **[www.admissions.ucf.edu](http://www.admissions.ucf.edu)**



# University of Florida (UF)-- Gainesville

- Common Application or Coalition
- Deadline: November 1, 2023
- PaCE and Innovation Academy
- Official SAT/ACT test scores by December 1, 2023
- SSAR (self-reported grades) Required & submitted by November 15, 2023
- 2+2 Program: Gator Engineering at Santa Fe College
- **[www.admissions.ufl.edu](http://www.admissions.ufl.edu)**



# University of North Florida (UNF)--Jacksonville

- Institutional Online Application, Common App
- Rolling Admissions
- Priority Deadline: November 1, 2023
- Official SAT/ACT test scores
- SSAR (self-reported grades) Required
- 2+2 Program: Transfer2UNF
- **[www.unf.edu/admissions/applynow](http://www.unf.edu/admissions/applynow)**

# University of South Florida (USF)-- Tampa

- Institutional Online Application, Common App
- Rolling Admissions
- Priority Application: November 1, 2023
- Official SAT/ACT test scores
- SSAR (self-reported grades) required
- 2+2 Program: FUSE
- **[www.usf.edu/admissions](http://www.usf.edu/admissions)**





# University of West Florida (UWF)-- Pensacola

- Institutional Online Application, Common App
- Rolling Admissions
- Scholarship Consideration: December 1, 2023
- Official SAT/ACT test scores
- SSAR (self-reported grades) Required
- 2+2 Program: 2UWF
- **[www.uwf.edu/apply](http://www.uwf.edu/apply)**

## 2023-2024 FL SUS MATRIX

### MID 50% of Accepted Students

| SCHOOL  | SUMMER GPA | SUMMER SAT | SUMMER ACT | FALL GPA  | FALL SAT  | FALL ACT |
|---------|------------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|----------|
| FAMU    | 3.53       | 990-1140   | 19-24      | 3.91      | 1070-1240 | 22-27    |
| FAU     | 3.58       | 1010-1150  | 20-24      | 3.7-4.30  | 1090-1250 | 22-28    |
| FGCU    | 3.57-4.39  | 1020-1180  | 19-24      | 3.76-4.51 | 1080-1230 | 21-26    |
| FIU     | 3.9-4.4    | 1060-1170  | 21-24      | 4.1-4.7   | 1240-1370 | 26-30    |
| FL Poly | 3.8-4.5    | 1120-1220  | 25-27      | 4.0-4.7   | 1250-1390 | 28-32    |
| FSU     | 4.1-4.5    | 1230-1320  | 26-30      | 4.3-4.6   | 1340-1450 | 29-33    |
| UCF     | 3.9-4.3    | 1170-1240  | 23-26      | 4.1-4.5   | 1260-1380 | 26-30    |
| UF      | 4.4-4.6    | 1240-1390  | 27-31      | 4.4-4.6   | 1370-1510 | 31-32    |
| UNF     | 3.11-3.74  | 950-1120   | 21-27      | 3.8-4.44  | 1060-1250 | 21-27    |
| USF     | 3.9-4.29   | 1100-1200  | 22-25      | 4.1-4.59  | 1250-1390 | 27-31    |
| UWF     | 3.81       | 970-1150   | 19-24      | 3.95      | 1050-1230 | 21-27    |

# INSTITUTIONAL APPLICATION VS. COMMON APP

- **Institutional Application**—is a separate application that only applies to their institution.
- **Common App**—over 1,000 colleges and universities across the country use this. This allows students to complete one (1) application and send multiple copies to many different universities.
- **Note:** many schools now only use the Common App. However, schools, such as FAU and FIU, accept either.

# Creating a First Year Common App account

- [www.commonapp.org](http://www.commonapp.org)
- Use an email that you check often. This email will be used by Common App and colleges that might need to get in touch with you.
- Complete registration information.
- Select "Create Account"—First Year Student
- Complete the Common App and add in colleges
- Fee Waiver request—Counselor will verify.
- From "My Colleges" tab select a college and open "Recommenders and FERPA"
- **Complete FERPA Release Authorization—SIGN THE FERPA WAIVER!**
- Invite Recommenders if needed—Put in your Guidance Counselor name and email.



# SSAR and SPARK


- Student self-reports all courses for grades 9-12 that have been taken.
- Courses taken in middle school for high school credit should also be listed.
- JPT is a semester-based school. Enter grades for 1st semester and 2nd semester.
- EOC course grades must be entered in twice.
- If you fail a class, and took for forgiveness, you **MUST** list both old and new grade.
- **Use Virtual Counselor to get your grades.**
- **DO NOT SEND A TRANSCRIPT TO A SCHOOL WHO REQUESTS EITHER SSAR OR SPARK!**
- **Transcripts ONLY TO FIU and FGCU!!**

# The College Essay

The essay is one of the most important parts of the college application.



It is your opportunity to shine, to show the college your personality and to let them hear your voice!



Make sure you are telling them what you want a school to know about YOU!!

## **Letters of Recommendation IF NEEDED (SUS Schools do not require any letters of recommendation)**



Schools requesting typically want a recommendation letter from a core academic teacher.



Teacher should be from either Junior or Senior year.



Ask teachers early!!



Good letters are where teachers can provide an anecdote about something specific to you.



A letter should advocate for you!



Don't assume Guidance Counselors know you well enough to write a strong letter.



Always provide a resume or list of activities and accomplishments to letter writer.

## **Different Types of Test Optional Schools**

Test-optional school allows students to decide whether they want to submit test scores with their application. Most schools will consider SAT or ACT scores is submitted, but look stronger at grades, recommendations and coursework more closely than test scores.

Test-flexible schools lets students submit other test scores in place of SAT or ACT. These tests can be AP test scores and AICE scores.

Test-blind schools will not consider test scores, even if you submit them.

OTHER PARTS OF YOUR APPLICATION WILL BE LOOKED AT MORE CLOSELY SUCH AS GRADES, EXTRACURRICULARS, AND ACHIEVEMENTS!



## **Florida SUS School Require Test Scores!!!**



Both SAT and ACT tests are accepted.  
Most schools SUPERScore



Send ALL scores to schools you are interested in.



Florida SUS schools will Superscore!



Certain SUS schools have deadlines about last test date accepted. Check school website.



New procedures for getting test fee waivers.



Apply at today!

# SAT vs. ACT

## **SAT** [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org)

- 3 hours total
- Reading, Writing/Language, Math
- No Essays
- Scored on a scale of 400-1600
- Scores can be used for merit scholarships
- Next Test is Nov. 4 Register by Oct. 5
- **STUDENT MUST SEND ALL SAT SCORES FROM COLLEGE BOARD TO SCHOOLS REQUIRING TO DO SO!!**

## **ACT** [MyACT.org](http://MyACT.org)

- 3 hours total
- English, Math, Reading, Science
- Essay is Optional
- Scored on a scale 1-36
- Scores can be used for merit scholarships
- Next ACT test is October 28 Register by Oct. 6 (Late Fee)
- **STUDENT MUST SEND ALL ACT SCORES FROM MyACT.org TO ALL SCHOOLS REQUIRING TO DO SO!!**

# NEW REGISTRATION PROCESS FOR TEST FEE WAIVERS

- Every student receives free breakfast and lunch this school year at JPT.
- However, this does not mean that you qualify for test fee waivers
- If you think you qualify then do the necessary steps
- Step 1: Apply for Free/Reduced Lunch at <https://www.myschoolapps.com/>
- Click on "Broward Schools Household Income Survey 2023-24—Complete Form
- Step 2: Complete the "Meal Benefits Disclosure Form" at <https://scaweb.browardschools.com/otherPrograms>
- Mrs. Gitten will check weekly report to see if your name has been added.



Many start at BC to **complete their** General Education requirements before transferring.



Associate of Arts (AA)--Transferrable to a 4-year university



Broward College Honors Institute



Associate of Science (AS)--Non-transferrable



AS degrees are whereby you enter the workforce after 2 years of study.



Examples are Paramedic, Aviation Operations, Crime Scene, Diagnostic Medical Sonography



[www.broward.edu](http://www.broward.edu) They have JumpStart program with highschoools for admissions.

# Average Cost of Attendance 4 Year vs. 2 Year



## 4-year Florida Public University

- Average Credit Hour: \$215
- Tuition & Fees \$6,450
- Room & Board \$11,321
- Books \$1,200
- Transportation \$1,000
- Personal \$2,000
- Insurance \$2,000
- TOTAL \$23,650/year
- \*2021-22 SUS Based on 30 academic credits

## 2-year Florida Public College

- Average Credit Hour: \$118
- Average Cost Online: \$123
- Tuition & Fees \$3,450
- Books \$1,200
- Transportation \$2,500
- Personal \$2,000
- TOTAL \$11,650
- \*2021-22 SUS Based on 30 academic credits

**Broward  
Technical  
Colleges—  
Industry  
Certification  
Programs**



**Atlantic Technical College—  
Located in Coconut Creek**



**McFatter Technical College—  
Located in Davie**



**Sheridan Technical College—  
Located in Hollywood**

# **Broward Technical College Programs**

## **[www.browardtechnicalcolleges.com](http://www.browardtechnicalcolleges.com)**

- Architecture & Construction
- Arts, A/V Technology & Communications
- Business Management & Administration
- Education & Training
- Health Science
- Hospitality & Tourism
- Human Services
- Information Technology
- Law, Public Safety & Security
- Manufacturing
- Transportation, Distribution & Logistics

# Military–Benefits of Enlisting

- Serve Your Country
- Find Yourself
- Attend College Without Debt
- Receive Valuable Training in Different Fields
- Puts You on a Career Path
- See the World
- **ASVAB at Taravella is on November 16, 2023–Signups start October**

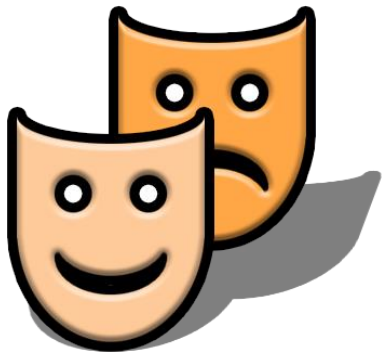


# NCAA--Athletes



- Student athletes who hope to play in college need to apply to the NCAA Eligibility Center at:
- [www.eligibilitycenter.org](http://www.eligibilitycenter.org)
- School will upload transcripts to NCAA
- **Student's responsibility to send all SAT/ACT scores directly to NCAA by using code 9999.**
- Current fee is \$90. Can be waived if on f/r lunch and complete fee waiver eligibility process.

# Music, Theatre, Dance



If you are applying to a music, theatre or dance program within a larger university, you **MUST** apply to BOTH the program and university by stated deadlines.



An increasing number of music programs require prospective student to send a pre-screen audition before considering them for a live audition.



If one needs to pre-screen, always find out in terms of audio or film, what is **acceptable** to the school.

## 4 Pots of \$\$\$

- State...Bright Futures
- Federal...FAFSA
- Institutional
- Private



# **Bright Futures- Largest of FL state grants & scholarships**

**MERIT BASED**



State Financial Aid–Good for schools ONLY in Florida–BOTH PUBLIC & PRIVATE



Apply starting October 1st of senior year



[www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org](http://www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org)

# Bright Futures (4 Ways to Qualify)

## 1. Florida Academic Scholar (FAS)

- 3.5 weighted GPA in 16 academic core classes
- 1340 SAT or 29 composite ACT
- 100 community service hours
- Pays 100% tuition at a Florida public college or university\*
- \*value of public tuition will be deducted from private school tuition

## 2. Florida Medallion Scholar (FMS)

- 3.0 weighted GPA in 16 academic core classes
- 1210 SAT or 25 composite ACT
- 75 community service hours
- Pays 75% tuition at a Florida public university and 100% tuition at a Florida public college
- \*value of public tuition will be deducted from private school tuition.

## **Bright Futures Bonus**

- The Florida Department of Education recognizes the Cambridge (AICE) Program as an official acceleration mechanism and is included in the Bright Futures Scholarship Program.
- If student receives the AICE Diploma + 100 community service hours, they will receive the Florida Academic Scholarship (FAS)

# Bright Futures

## 3. Gold Seal Vocational

- 3.0 overall GPA (including PE and Performing Arts)
- Must also earn 3.5 weighted GPA in 3 same content vocational courses
- ACT 19R/17E/19M or
- SAT 24R/25W/24M
- 30 community service hours
- Pays for an A.S. degree or certification
- **Does NOT pay out a 4-year Florida university**

## 4. Cape Scholars

- No GPA requirement
- Earn a minimum of 5 postsecondary credit hours through CAPE industry certification
- 30 community service hours
- Pays for an A.S. degree or certification

# FAFSA [www.fafsa.gov](http://www.fafsa.gov)

- Free Application for Federal Student Aid
- **Platform is changing. Should open December**
- Create FSA IDs for both student & parent
- Good for 2-year, 4-year, technical/career schools in the U.S.
- 2023/24 FAFSA—Summer 2024 using 2021 parent/guardian taxes
- 2024/25 FAFSA—Covers Fall 2023/Spring 2024 using 2022 parent/guardian taxes
- 1-800-4-FED-AID
- Know a School's Priority Deadline
- Most FL Public Schools have December Priority Deadlines!



# Financial Aid–CSS Profile

- Many private schools require the CSS
- Must submit in addition to FAFSA
- [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org)
- More detailed financial analysis–tries to help middle class families afford expensive private colleges.
- Jacksonville U, Ringling College, Stetson and U Miami require
- **NOT REQUIRED BY FLORIDA PUBLIC SCHOOLS!!!**



# Scholarships

- [Raise.me](#)
- [Fastweb.com](#)
- [Scholarships.com](#)
- [Cappex.com](#)
- [GoingMerry.com](#)

## **Institutional Scholarships**

- **Need or merit-based** type of financial aid awarded by colleges and universities.
- Usually awarded based on FAFSA.
- Always check scholarship deadlines per university.

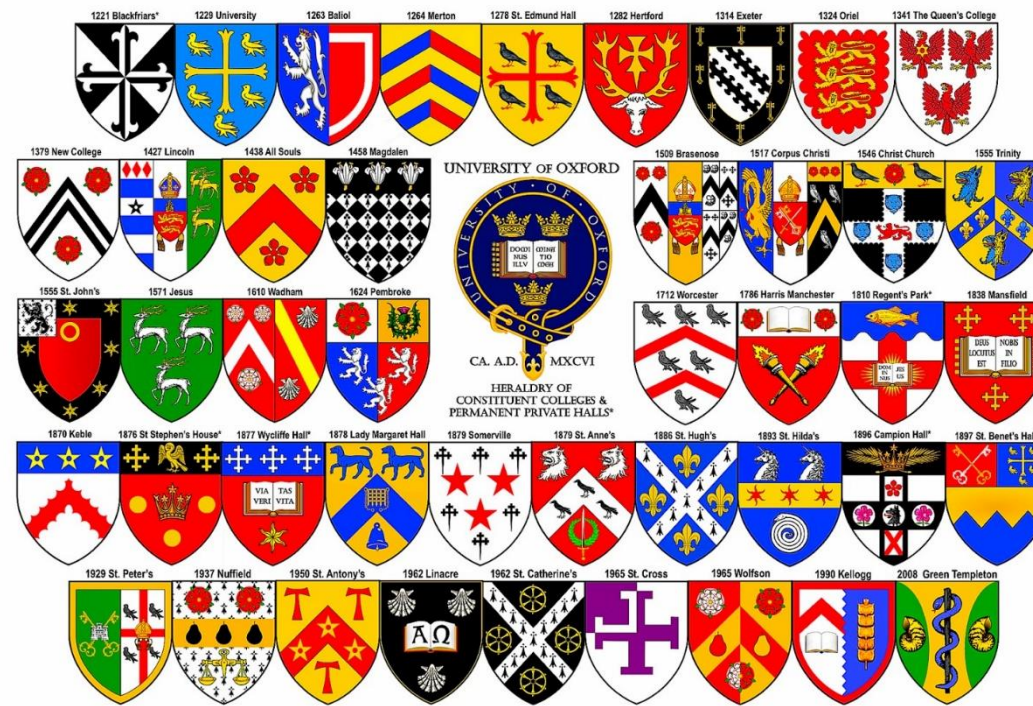
# Final Thoughts

- Parents should never be communicating with the colleges.
- LET YOUR STUDENT TAKE THE LEAD!
- Make sure you keep track of all passwords and usernames. Keep a notebook!!!
- Set up auditions for music and dance in advance
- Listen when given advice
- Don't rush the process...careless mistakes
- **PAY ATTENTION TO YOUR EMAILS!!**

# J.P. College Fair

## Wednesday, October 18

### 6-7:30pm



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