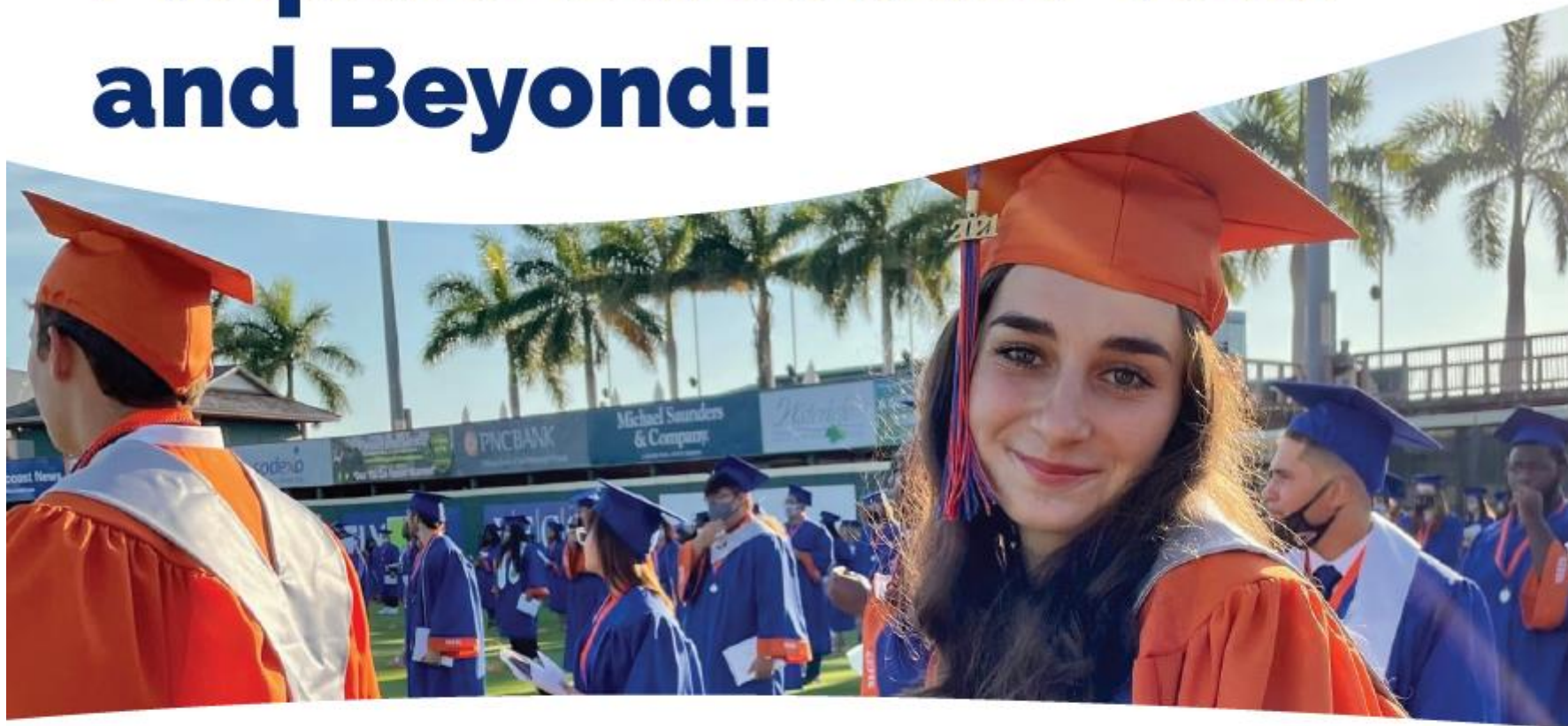


# Prepare for Senior Year and Beyond!



**Thursday, April 20, 6-7 p.m.**

Manatee Technical College  
6305 State Road 70 East  
Bradenton, FL 34203

# Welcome Juniors and Parents!



- Get ready for Senior year now!
- Great information from the College & Career Advisors from all 7 High Schools!



# Student Handbook



## Senior Handbook 2022-2023

School District of Manatee County  
215 Manatee Avenue West  
Bradenton, FL 34205

Updated: 3.31.2023



## Manual para Estudiantes de Último Año 2022-2023

Distrito Escolar del Condado de Manatee  
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# Senior Handbook

- Valuable resource that includes many important topics.
- The Senior Handbook is located on all High School websites & District website.



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# College Entrance Exams

- Linda Norris, College & Career Advisor at Manatee High School





# College Entrance Exams

- **SAT/ACT** - for 4-year colleges/universities
  - Register/pay online
  - Saturday morning tests
  - Dates/deadlines/websites in handout
- **PERT** – for state colleges like SCF
- **Basic Skills Assessment** – for technical colleges like MTC;  
*may* be required for some programs



# SAT/ACT

- One of the most important steps to prepare for college
- Most students take them 2-3 times
- Take them NOW!
- Scores are required for many colleges/universities
  - must be included with the admission applications
- Scores are also required for Florida Bright Futures and many other scholarships



# Practice

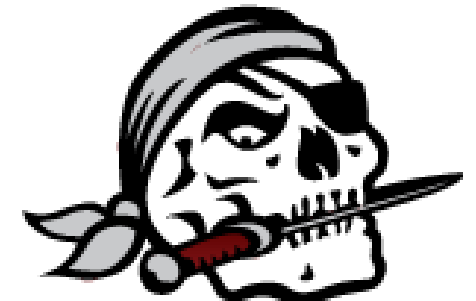
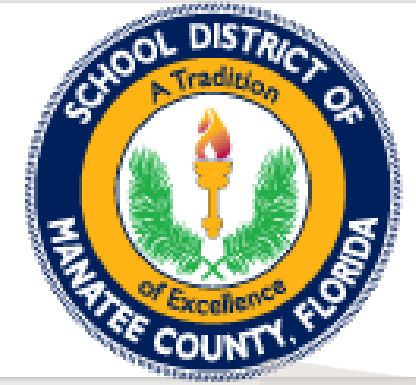
- Free online practice on College Board and ACT websites
- Familiarize yourself with the test structure, timing and types of questions

***Practice! Practice! Practice!***



# Finding “Your” Perfect School

- Vicki Hedgepeth, College & Career Advisor at Braden River High School
- Aubrey Rife, College & Career Advisor at Parrish Community School





# Finding “your” perfect school

- Identify your priorities



Location



Size of Campus/# of students



Academic Path



Sports/extracurriculars



Cost/aid



## Consider Your Admissions Chances

- Dream School (2)
- Realistic School (3/4)
- Safety School (1/2)

### FLORIDA SUS 2022-2023 COUNSELOR GUIDE

NAME OF INSTITUTION	MIDDLE 50% OF ADMITTED FTIC 2022 (S=SUMMER) (F=FALL)			DEADLINES 1
	GPA	SAT	ACT	
 FLORIDA AGRICULTURAL AND MECHANICAL UNIVERSITY	S: 3.5 F: 3.7	S: 1020 F: 1110	S: 16 F: 18	11/1
 FLORIDA ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY	S: 3.22-3.80 F: 3.70-4.30	S: 1000-1120 F: 1090-1260	S: 20-23 F: 22-28	11/1
 FLORIDA GULF COAST UNIVERSITY	S: 3.56-4.33 F: 3.75-4.52	S: 1010-1170 F: 1090-1240	S: 19-24 F: 21-27	11/1
 FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY	S: 3.9-4.4 F: 4.2-4.7	S: 1070-1170 F: 1250-1380	S: 21-24 F: 26-30	11/1
 FLORIDA POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY	S: 3.8-4.5 F: 4.0-4.7	S: 1140-1250 F: 1290-1410	S: 22-27 F: 27-32	11/1
 FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY	S: 4.0-4.4 F: 4.3-4.6	S: 1180-1300 F: 1300-1430	S: 25-29 F: 29-32	10/15
 NEW COLLEGE OF FLORIDA	F: 3.8-4.4	F: 1110-1320	F: 22-29	11/1
 UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL FLORIDA	S: 3.8-4.3 F: 3.9-4.4	S: 1150-1270 F: 1250-1370	S: 23-27 F: 26-30	
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## Visit the Campus

Visit	Visit in person or virtually
Look	Look at the dorms/off campus housing <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Can you share a bathroom with 5 people?</li></ul>
Go	Go into a classroom <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Can you learn in a room of 300?</li></ul>
Check out	Check out the town <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Can you live without Starbucks/Chik-fil-a?</li></ul>



# Stay Local

## **Manatee Technical College (MTC)**

Most certificates are accomplished in less than 1 year.

Jobs are waiting. Local and national employers are waiting for the students to get certified.

Fire school, Police Academy, Massage school, welding, cyber security, culinary, CAD design, HVAC & Auto/Marine repair are just a few of the certificates offered.

## **State College of Florida (SCF)**

Offering 2 and 4 years degrees.

Some programs are certificate and degree programs

Offers some aspects of “college life” with clubs, sports and extracurriculars

With both of these amazing options the costs are lower, and they offer financial aid. Both of these school are worth touring. You will be impressed.



# Finding “Your” Perfect School

Do Not  
choose

Do Not choose a school because your best friend is going there.

Do Not  
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Do Not choose a school because your dad and uncles went there.

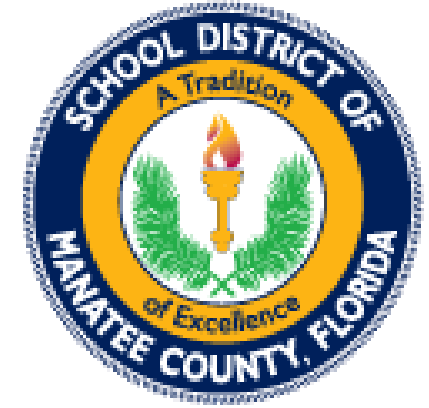
Do Not  
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Do Not choose a school because you like the mascot.

CHOOSE

CHOOSE the school that feels right to you and offers almost everything you want.

# Resumes, College Applications, & Letters of Recommendation



- **Dr. Carmen Purpus, College & Career Advisor at Lakewood Ranch High School**





# Why have a Resume?

- College applications
- Scholarships
- Employment
- Internships
- Letters of recommendation



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# Resume

## 4 Key Parts:

A high school student's resume will look slightly different from a professional one. These are the sections to include in the suggested order they should appear:

### 1. Education

Students can list their high school, but it should also include achievements, such as being on the honor roll or taking advanced courses.



# Resume cont'd

## 2. Experience

Previous job experience - can include babysitting, lawn mowing, etc.

## 3. Skills

List computer and online research skills, customer service, communication, and detail-oriented skills

## 4. Activities

Extracurricular activities and volunteering can set a student apart from others. Even if a student only volunteered for one semester, that's still a relevant experience to include.



# Resume, cont'd

Note:

Use action verbs—assisted, helped, arranged, managed—to describe the student's previous experiences. These words help the employer visualize the student as actively involved.

**motivated**

**assessed**

**demonstrated**

**contributed**

**aided**

**chaired**



# Sample Resume

- [Sample Student Resume](#)
- [Sample Student Resume.pdf](#)

FIRST NAME LAST NAME

Address · Phone

[Email](#) · [LinkedIn Profile](#) · [Twitter/Blog/Portfolio](#)

## EDUCATION

MONTH YEAR

DEGREE TITLE, SCHOOL

It's okay to brag about your GPA, awards, and honors. Feel free to summarize your coursework too.

MONTH YEAR

DEGREE TITLE, SCHOOL

List college or technical school credit earned.

## EXPERIENCE

DATES FROM – TO

JOB TITLE, COMPANY

Describe your responsibilities and achievements in terms of impact and results. Use examples, but keep it short.

DATES FROM – TO

JOB TITLE, COMPANY

It is okay to list babysitting, pet sitting, landscaping and lawn mowing, dog walking, etc.

## SKILLS

- List your strengths relevant for the role you're applying for
- List one of your strengths
- List one of your strengths
- List one of your strengths

## ACTIVITIES

Use this section to highlight your relevant passions, activities, and how you like to give back. It's good to include Leadership and volunteer experiences here. Or show off important extras like publications, certifications, languages and more.



# College Applications

- Create a list of 3-6 schools.
- Create a Common App account.
  - The Common App allows you to apply to multiple schools at once.
  - Nearly 700 colleges and universities
  - All 4-year Public Universities in Florida accept The Common Application except for Florida International University (FIU), own institutional application.

"Now is a great time to start exploring the application so you know what questions you'll be asked. You can create a Common App account at any time, and your account can rollover from year to year, using the same username and password."

<https://www.commonapp.org/plan/your-path-to-college/11th-grade>



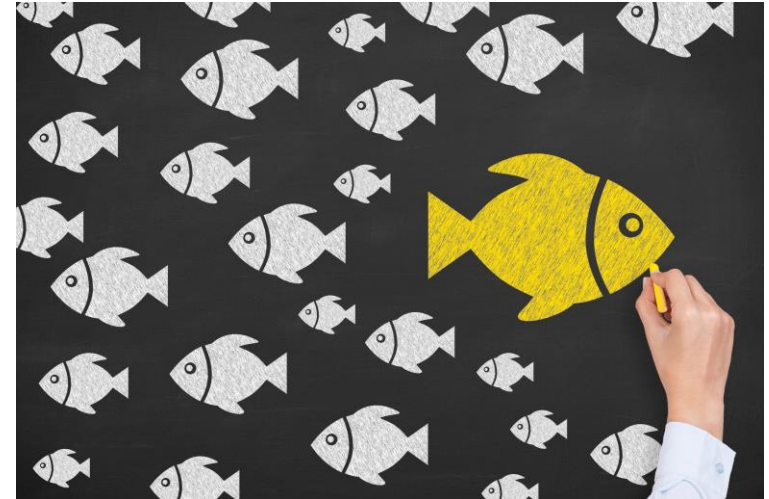
# College Applications Cont'd

- When should I apply to college?
  - Submit Early Decision Applications in early Fall of senior year – typically by November 1.
    - Response usually by mid-December
    - Withdraw all other applications.
  - Submit Early Action Applications in late Fall of senior year – typically by December 1. Commit by May 1<sup>st</sup>.
  - Submit Regular Admissions in early spring: typically, by March 1.
  - Submit Rolling Admissions year-round – no hard deadline.
- Early Decision (binding) vs. Early Action (non-binding)  
[ED and EA facts](#)



# College Applications

- Factors that Most Affect Admission Decisions:
  - Courses taken
  - Grades received
  - Class rank
  - Standardized test scores
  - Personal statements and essays
  - Recommendations
  - Extracurricular activities



[Florida Application Deadlines](#)



# Letters of Recommendation

- Allow the students' prospective colleges to see the student through the eyes of a trusted teacher, counselor, or mentor.
- Whom to ask?
  - Counselor
  - Teacher
  - Other

Note:

Some schools have **specific recommendations for whom you should ask** to write letters on your behalf.





# Letters of Recommendation – Cont'd

## How to Submit Your Letters of Recommendation Through the Common App

Steps:

- Choose and ask people to submit a letter of recommendation on your behalf (by email or in person).
- Email them your resume, college list, and other information about you to give them more context.
- After August 1st, log into the Common Application website, and add your recommenders to your “Invite and Manage Recommenders” list.
- Your recommenders will be invited to create an account and to submit their letter of recommendation online.

# How to Pay for College



- **Rui Fernandes, College & Career Advisor at Palmetto High School**
- **Brooke Corbett, College & Career Advisor at Palmetto High School**





# How to pay for college

- ❖ FAFSA - Free Application for Federal Student Aid— need-based, completed October of senior year
- ❖ Florida Bright Futures – merit-based
  - GPA, SAT/ACT test scores, community service
  - Make sure you are on track to meet the requirements
- ❖ Institutional Aid – from the colleges
- ❖ Private Scholarships – from national and local organizations
- ❖ FL Pre-Paid
- ❖ Family Members



# How to pay for college

## FAFSA

What you will need to complete Financial aid:

- Valid Social Security Number
- Must be a citizen or a permanent Resident (Green Card)
- 2022 W-2 Forms and other records of money earned during that year
- 2022 Federal Income Tax Return
- Create FSA ID for yourself and Parents



# How to pay for college

## Bright Futures:

- Go to [www.FloridaStudentFinancialAid.org](http://www.FloridaStudentFinancialAid.org) and fill out application.
- Seniors apply between October 1<sup>st</sup> and graduation day.
- There are three award levels they are:
  1. Florida Academic Scholars Award (FAS)
  2. Florida Medallion Scholars Award ( FMS)
  3. Florida Gold Seal Vocational Award (GSV)

Next Slide is the breakdown for each level



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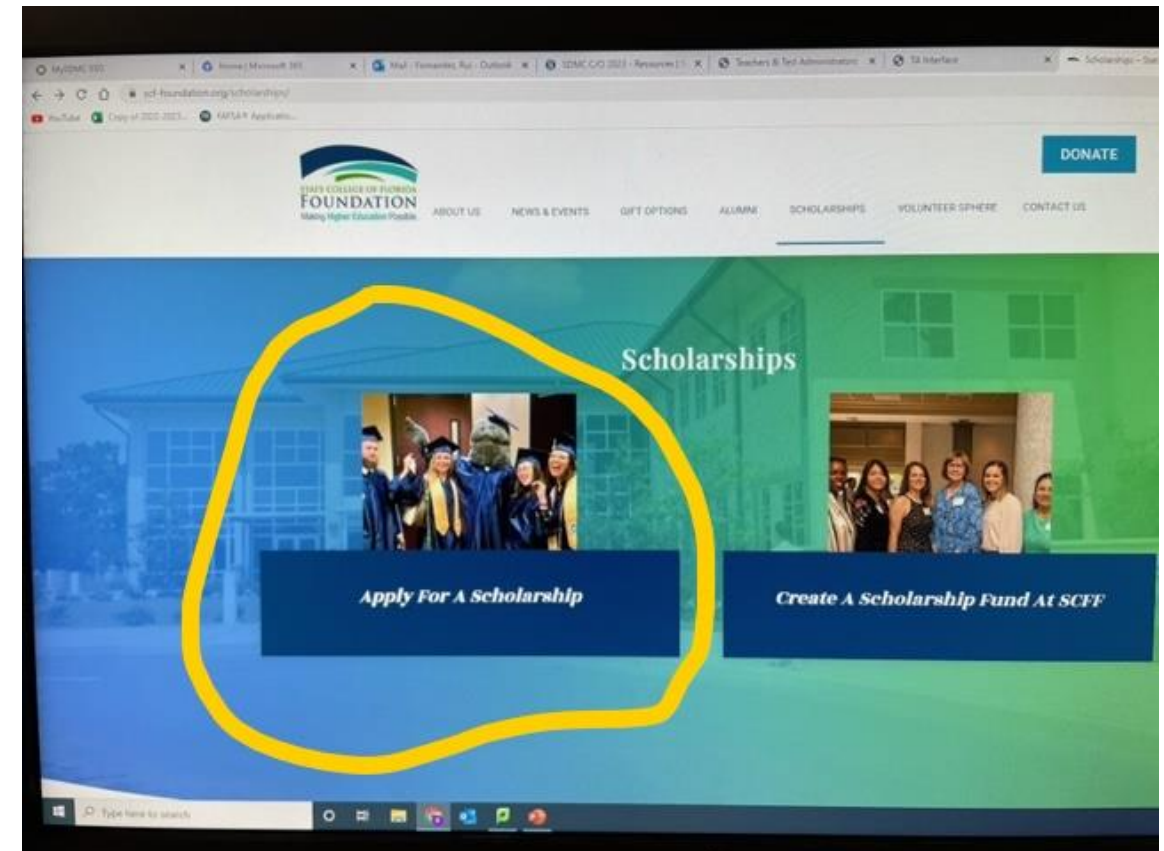
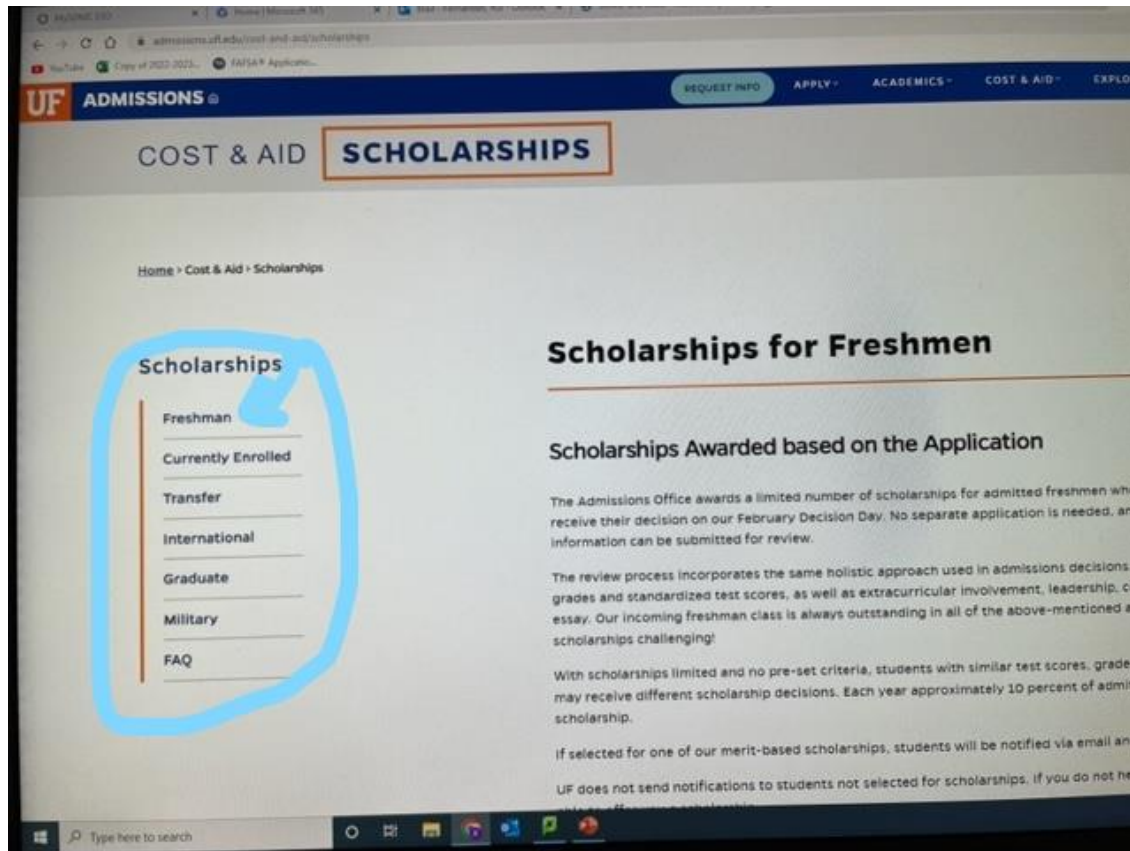
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## Institutional Aid:

- Every university has foundation scholarship page.





# How to pay for college

## Private Scholarships/FL-PrePaid/Family :

- Each school has a schoology group based on your Graduation year. It's on your specific page that you will find most of the private scholarships sent by your College and Career Advisors
- The FL-PrePaid is a program offer by the state of Florida in which parents can pay monthly for a student's post secondary school. Here is a quick video to explain what it is:
- <https://youtu.be/8expdA3WDtA>



# Important Dates to Remember

- Kali Angles, College & Career Advisor at Southeast High School
- Vicki Divitro, College & Career Advisor at Bayshore High School





# Important Dates to Remember

- September
  - Narrowing Down Your Choices
  - Create a List of 3-5 Options and Schedule Visits
  - Take the SAT/ACT Again-Know the GPA and Score Ranges of the Schools on your list
  - Request Unofficial Transcripts for College Applications
  - Start looking for scholarship opportunities (Local, State and National)
- October
  - Request 2 or more recommendation letters from a teacher, counselor, or community member
  - Submit Applications to Schools on your list and to the Common Application
  - Create a Brag Sheet or Resume
  - Monitor Scholarship Deadlines
- November & December
  - Finalize Application(s) and Sign-Up for College Portals
  - Monitor Scholarship Deadlines
  - Collect 2022 Tax Information to Complete FAFSA in December or January (Date TBD)



# Important Dates to Remember

- January-April
  - Acceptance Letters and Financial Aid Offers arrive
  - Check to make sure the school(s) on your list do not need a mid-year transcript
  - Review Acceptances and Compare Financial Aid Offers
- May 1st
  - Submit your answer to the school you will be attending



# Questions???

Preparing for Senior Year and  
Beyond!



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