

Welcome Juniors & Parents

Prepare for your Senior Year and
Beyond!

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Thursday, March 27th, 6-8 p.m.

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

College and career advisors will share several topics for high school juniors to prepare them for their senior year and beyond. Join us for an important presentation to help your student prepare.

Attendees will learn the following

- ACT/ SAT/PERT Tips
- How to Research the Perfect College/State College/Technical College for you
- Top Resume/College Application/Letter of Recommendation Tips
- How to Pay for College
- Managing Deadlines and Contacts

**Don't miss this inside scoop from college and
career professionals!**

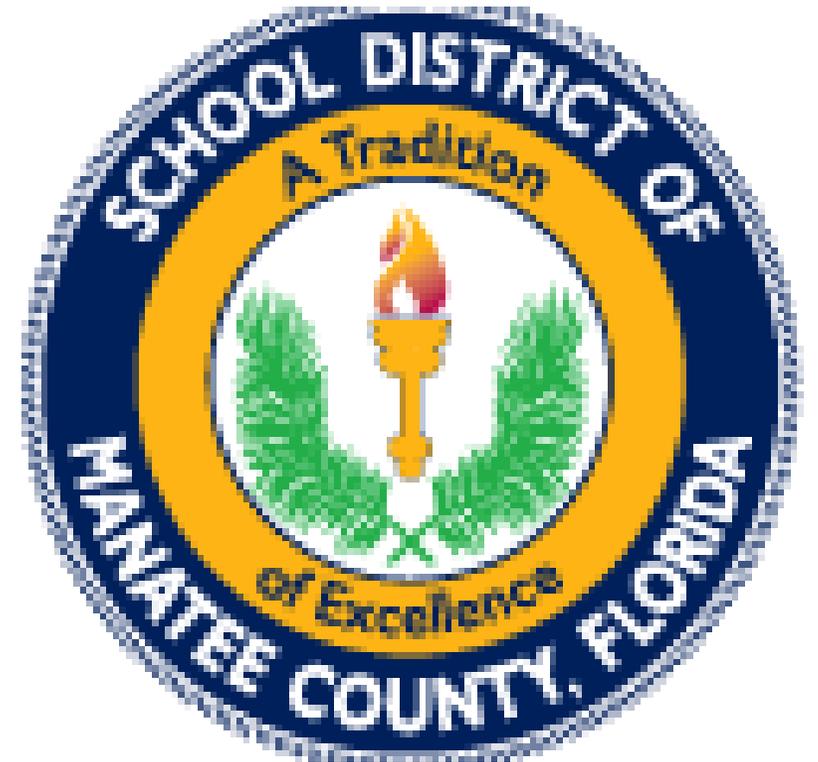
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Welcome Juniors and Parents!

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



Student Handbook



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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.
- Offered in English and Spanish



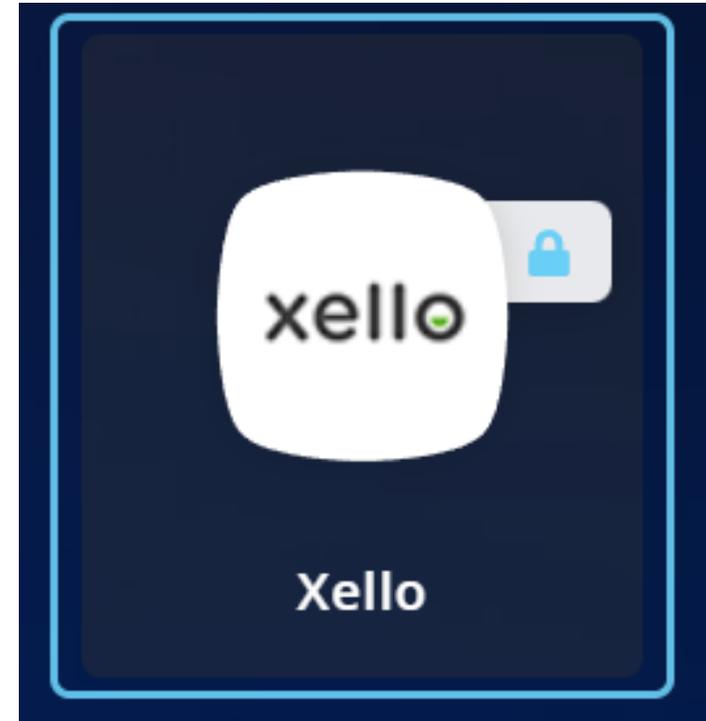
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XELLO

- College & Career Readiness resource
- Available to all students
- Tile in SSO
- Resume builder
- Portfolio
- College & Career searches
- Scholarship searches
- Common App



College Entrance Exams



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





College Entrance Exams

- SAT/ACT/CLT - for 4-year colleges/universities
- PERT – for state colleges like SCF
- Basic Skills Assessment – for technical colleges like MTC; *may* be required for some programs



SAT/ACT/CLT

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



Highlights

- **SAT is a digital online exam**
 - Important that students download the Bluebook app and take practice tests to familiarize themselves with the digital exam format
- **ACT making changes starting in April**
 - Students can choose a new digital online version or current paper-pencil version
 - The science section will be optional for the online version
 - Paper-pencil exams will include Science until September 2025
 - Unknown how Florida Bright Futures and the state universities will handle the “Science Optional” change
- **CLT is accepted by the *public* universities in Florida and for Florida Bright Futures**
 - Register online and take from home
 - Remotely proctored
 - Specific technical/computer requirements



Test Registration

- **Register online to take the tests**
 - Tests are only offered on specific dates throughout the year
 - Be aware of test registration deadlines
 - See handout for dates/deadlines/websites

- **Students can have scores sent directly to colleges**
 - Be aware of college application deadlines for test scores



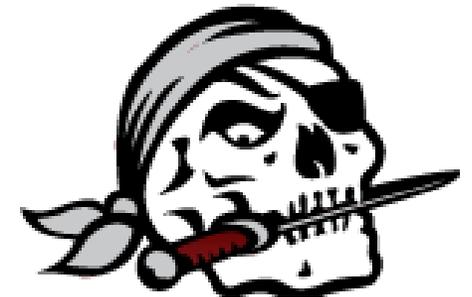
Practice

- Free online practice on College Board, ACT and CLT 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 Parrish Community School
- Lauren Schrier-Simmons, College & Career Advisor at Braden River High School





Finding “your” perfect school

- Identify your priorities



Location



Size of Campus/# of students



Academic Path



Sports/extracurriculars



Cost/aid



Finding “Your” Perfect School

Do Not choose	Do Not choose a school because your best friend is going there.
Do Not choose	Do Not choose a school because your dad or your sisters went there.
Do Not choose	Do Not choose a school because you like the mascot.
CHOOSE	CHOOSE the school that feels right to you and offers the classes/opportunities and environment you need to succeed.



Consider Your Admissions Chances

Dream School (1)

Realistic School (3/4)

Safety School (1/2)

NAME OF INSTITUTION	SUMMER SEMESTER							FALL SEMESTER							
	Total Enrollment	Total Undergraduate Enrollment (2023)	Anticipated class size	Average or middle 50% FTIC GPA	Middle 50% Admit FTIC SAT	Middle 50% Admit FTIC ACT	Middle 50% FTIC CLT	Anticipated class size	Average or middle 50% FTIC GPA	Middle 50% Admit FTIC SAT	Middle 50% Admit FTIC ACT	Middle 50% FTIC CLT	SSAR/SPARK	Self-Reported Test Scores	2+2 Program
 FLORIDA AGRICULTURAL AND MECHANICAL UNIVERSITY	9,742	8,011	348	3.47	1025	19.88		1,100 – 1,400	3.84	1120 – 1150	21 – 23	76	YES	NO	IGNITE
 FLORIDA ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY	30,854	23,458	1,150	3.33 – 4.0	1030 – 1090	20 – 24	78 – 91	4,250	3.73 – 4.34	1090 – 1270	22 – 28	76 – 90	YES	YES	Link2FAU
 FLORIDA GULF COAST UNIVERSITY	16,230	14,243	400	3.16 – 4.21	1030 – 1160	19 – 24	54 – 68	2,400	3.80 – 4.54	1070 – 1230	21 – 26	63 – 67	NO	NO	Destination FGCU
 FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY	54,037	38,715	3,600	3.9 – 4.4	1090 – 1190	21 – 24	63 – 78	1,650	4.1 – 4.7	1250 – 1390	26 – 31	83 – 94	NO	NO	Connect4Success
 FLORIDA POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY	1,618	1,569	200	3.96	1130	23	N/A	330	4.35	1160 – 1360	25 – 31	81	YES	YES	N/A
 FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY	43,234	32,217	2,600	4.1 – 4.5	1280 – 1360	28 – 30	84 – 86 (6 students)	3,400	4.2 – 4.6	1360 – 1470	30 – 33	92-97 (4 students)	YES	YES	Aspire Transfer Programs through Tallahassee State College (Traditional, Elite, Honors, Online)
 NEW COLLEGE OF FLORIDA	383	361	8	3.36	1045	23	53	230	3.96	1170	24	82	YES	YES	Guaranteed Admission Program
 UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL FLORIDA	69,316	59,547	3,400	3.91 – 4.38	1180 – 1240	24 – 26	81 – 88	4,900	4.01 – 4.55	1300 – 1420	29 – 31	92 – 100	YES	NO	Direct Connect to UCF
 UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA	60,489	38,347	1,800	4.5 – 4.7	1240 – 1400	27 – 32	N/A too few	5,400	4.5 – 4.7	1380 – 1510	31 – 34	N/A too few	YES	YES	Gator Engineering @ Santa Fe; Gator Design and Construction @ Santa Fe
 UNIVERSITY OF NORTH FLORIDA	16,575	13,897	1,500	3.63 – 3.96	1000 – 1160	19 – 25	58 – 65	1,500	4.14 – 4.57	1130 – 1300	24 – 29	71 – 86	YES	NO	Transfer2UNF
 UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA	48,732	36,452	3,211	3.61 – 4.15	1100 – 1190	22 – 25	67 – 82	4,068	4.07 – 4.55	1250 – 1400	27 – 31	81 – 91	YES	NO	FUSE
 UNIVERSITY OF WEST FLORIDA	14,343	9,646	40	3.51 – 4.1	1000 – 1210	19 – 25		1,460	3.69 – 4.24	1040 – 1240	20 – 27		YES	NO	ZUWF





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 year 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.

Resumes, College Applications, & Letters of Recommendation



Vito Bavaro, 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 Components:

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 – work or volunteer. Can include babysitting, lawn mowing, etc.

3. Skills

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

4. Activities & Awards

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](#)
- [Sample Resume and Action Verbs](#)

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.
 - More than 1,000 colleges and universities
 - All 4-year Public Universities in Florida. Florida International University (FIU), students can complete FIU's 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>



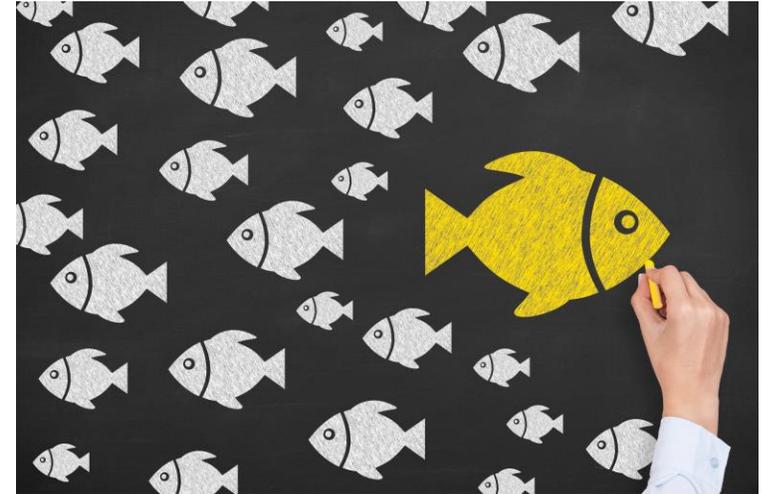
College Applications Cont'd

- **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 1st.**
 - **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





How to pay for college

- ❖ FAFSA - Free Application for Federal Student Aid– need-based, application opens in 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)
- 2024 W-2 Forms and other records of money earned during that year
- 2024 Federal Income Tax Return
- Create FSA ID for yourself and Parents



How to pay for college

Bright Futures:

- Go to www.FloridaStudentFinancialAid.org and fill out application.
- Seniors apply between October 1st 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



Find complete criteria on Bright Futures Scholarships eligibility at <https://www.floridastudentfinancialaidse.org/>

Information	Florida Academic Scholars (FAS)	Florida Medallion Scholars (FMS)	Gold Seal Vocational Scholars (GSV)	Gold Seal CAPE Scholars (GSC)
Required GPA	3.5 Weighted Bright Futures GPA	3.0 Weighted Bright Futures GPA	3.0 Weighted Bright Futures GPA & 3.5 Unweighted GPA in the required career & technical education courses	No minimum GPA required, but 5 or more postsecondary credit hours through CAPE industry certifications, which articulate for college credit must be earned.
Required SAT/ACT/CLT/PERT Score	SAT 1340 ACT 29 CLT 96	SAT 1210 ACT 25 CLT 84	SAT Reading 24/Writing & Language 25/Math 24 ACT English 17/Reading 19/Math 19 PERT Reading 106/Writing 103/Math 114	No test scores required
Volunteer/work Hours Requirement	100 Hours	75 Hours	30 Hours	30 Hours
Number of Hours of Funding Available	100% of program study	100% of program study	100% of program study, up to: 72 credit hours in AS, AAS, CCC, or PSAV's 60 credit hours in ATD's	100% of program study, up to: 72 credit hours in AS, AAS, CCC, or PSAV's 60 credit hours in ATD's*

*Beginning with the 2016-17 high school graduates, students who earn a Gold Seal CAPE (GSC) award and attain an AS or AAS degree may receive an additional 60 hours of funding toward a qualifying BS or BAS degree program.

Applicable to all Bright Futures Scholarships

Number of Years to Reinstatement of Initial Award	Number of Years of Funding Available	Restoration Opportunity
Within 5 years of high school graduation	Up to 5 years from high school graduation	For insufficient GPA in 1 st year of funding ONLY

Apply for Bright Futures beginning October 1st of your Senior year <http://www.floridastudentfinancialaidse.org/>

Required Bright Futures test scores for the class of 2024 and beyond are subject to change with new legislation.

How to pay for college



How to pay for college

Institutional Aid:

- Every university has foundation scholarship page.

This screenshot shows the University of Florida Admissions website. The top navigation bar includes "UF ADMISSIONS" and several menu items: "REQUEST INFO", "APPLY", "ACADEMICS", "COST & AID", and "EXPLORE". The "COST & AID" section is expanded to show "SCHOLARSHIPS". On the left side, there is a sidebar menu with the heading "Scholarships" and a list of categories: "Freshman", "Currently Enrolled", "Transfer", "International", "Graduate", "Military", and "FAQ". The "Freshman" category is highlighted with a blue circle and a blue arrow. The main content area is titled "Scholarships for Freshmen" and "Scholarships Awarded based on the Application". It contains text explaining the review process and the criteria for awards.

This screenshot shows the State College of Florida Foundation website. The top navigation bar includes the foundation's logo and the tagline "Making Higher Education Possible", along with menu items: "ABOUT US", "NEWS & EVENTS", "GIFT OPTIONS", "ALUMNI", "SCHOLARSHIPS", "VOLUNTEER SPHERE", and "CONTACT US". A "DONATE" button is located in the top right corner. The main content area features a large banner with the heading "Scholarships" and two prominent buttons: "Apply For A Scholarship" and "Create A Scholarship Fund At SCFF". A yellow circle highlights the "Apply For A Scholarship" button.



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-Pre Paid 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



- Trevor D. Harvey, College & Career Advisor at Southeast High School
- Vicki Divietro, 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/CLA 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)
 - Collect 2023 Tax Information to complete FAFSA in October (Date TBD)
- 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



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!



High School Career Advisors Contact Information 2024-2025



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