Senior Parent Meeting
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You are ultimately responsible for meeting your graduation requirements. It is important that you review your transcript, look for errors and report them to us.

Required for Graduation

24 Credits (You should have at least 18 now)

2.0 GPA Minimum

4- English Credits

4 – Math Credits

3 – Science Credits **(Biotech is a science for graduation, but not for Bright Futures)**

3 – Social Studies Credits

1 – HOPE Credit

1 – Practical of Performing Art Credit

8- Elective Credits

Passed FSA Reading/Writing or Concordant Score

- 19 ACT Reading (or 18 avg on Eng & Read)
- 430 SAT Evidence Based Reading and Writing or
- 24 SAT Reading Subtest

Passed the Algebra EOC or Concordant Score

- 97 PERT
- 430 PSAT
- 420 SAT Math or
- 16 ACT Math

Online requirement

*Foreign Language is not a graduation requirement, but it is recommended if you plan to attend college. **Foreign Language is required for the Bright Futures Scholarship.**

Credit Recovery:

- Compass Credit Recovery
- Santa Rosa Night School
- Florida Virtual School
- Students should make an appointment with their guidance counselor to sign up for credit recovery

The Florida Bright Futures Scholarships

Apply - October 1, 2019

Visit - http://www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org/ and select
State Grants, Scholarships, & Applications
Applicant Quick Links, Check My Status

Award Levels

Academic – 3.5 GPA, SAT Reading and Math 1290 or ACT 29, and 100 hours of community service

Medallion - 3.0 GPA, SAT Reading and Math 1170 or ACT 26, and 75 hours of community service,

Gold Seal Vocational - 3.0 GPA,/3.5 GPA in Vocational Program, and 30 hours of community service.

SAT Critical Reading 24, Math 24, Writing/Language 25, or ACT English 17, Reading 19, Math 19, or PERT Reading 106, PERT Writing 103, PERT Math 114

Be sure to have your ACT/SAT scores sent to at least one Florida public university each time you take these tests to ensure that your scores are reported to Bright Futures – your test scores are not reported on your transcript

Questions: Toll-Free 1-888-827-2004

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Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is a form that can be prepared annually by current and prospective college students to determine their eligibility for student financial aid.

Apply **October 1, 2019** Go to https://fafsa.ed.gov/

FAFSA Assistance:

College Board FAFSA:
https://professionals.collegeboard.org/guidance/financial-aid/applications/fafsa

Robin Giacin at Pensacola State College is able to answer questions and work with you one on one (even if you are not planning to attend PSC). Her number is 850-484-4455, services are free, and her email is rgiacin@psc.edu
Argo Central at UWF is open from 8:00AM to 5:00PM Monday-Friday. Parents or students can request someone assist them in completing the FAFSA. On November 23, Explore (UWF Open House event) and Form Your Future which is the financial part of the program will be there for FAFSA assistance, even if your student is not planning to attend UWF.

You Tube - How to fill out the FAFSA:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LKobbuoy5AM&list=PL23B9A23CD8DD82DD

Scholarships

Pace High School Website:
http://www.pacehighschool.net/scholarships-financial-aid
You might try the following web searches:
www.floridashines.org
www.bigfuture.org
Florida Trend's NEXT Magazine:
http://www.pageturnpro.com/Florida-Trend/86208-Florida-Trends-NEXT-2018-2019/default.html#page/1
Minority Scholarships: http://www.free-4u.com/minority.htm
Scholarships.com

College Planning

https://www.floridashines.org/

2019-2020 ACT Test Dates
www.act.org
- October 26, 2019 register by September 20, 2019
- December 14, 2019 register by November 8, 2019
- February 8, 2020 register by January 10, 2020
- April 4, 2020 register by February 28, 2020
- June 13, 2020 register by May 8, 2020
- July 18, 2020 register by June 19, 2020

2019-2020 SAT Test Dates
www.sat.collegeboard.com
- October 5, 2019 register by September 6, 2019
- November 2, 2019 register by October 3, 2019
- December 7, 2019 register by November 8, 2019
- March 14, 2020 register by February 14, 2020
- May 2, 2020 register by April 3, 2020
- June 6, 2020 register by May 8, 2020

Important Dates and Events to Remember

September

20 – Homecoming Football Game
21 – Homecoming Dance

October

1 – FAFSA applications open for fall 2020 admission
1 – Registration for Florida Bright Futures Scholarship begins
4 – Senior Ad deadline for the lowest rate. Purchase Ad: www.jostensyearbooks.com
7-11 Yearbook Sales
Purchase Books: www.jostensyearbooks.com

November

8 – Senior Ad final deadline

December

17-19 First Semester Exams

January

13 - Final Yearbook Sale begins
24 - Last day to buy a yearbook!

April

18 – Grad Bash

May

9- Prom
11-15 Senior Week
20-22 Senior Final Exams
22- Community Service Hours deadline. You must turn in your hours to your guidance counselor.
22- Graduation practice *Time TBA
23- PHS Graduation 11:00AM

June

6 - Final Opportunity to take the SAT and have scores counted for Bright Futures Eligibility
13 - Final Opportunity to take the ACT and have scores counted for Bright Futures Eligibility

Senior Counselor Assignments

A thru C – Mrs. Carroll

D thru Hi – Mrs. Kelly

Ho thru Mi – Mrs. Peaden

Mo thru Sc – Mrs. Ashford

Se thru Z – Mrs. Hughes

Keep in touch with social media:
Facebook – Pace High School Class of 2020
Instagram – Pace High School Class of 2020
Snapchat – PHS C/O 2020

University Admissions Deadlines

Florida State University
November 1, 2019

University of Central Florida
Rolling, but Fall of Senior Year

University of Florida
November 1, 2019

University of North Florida
Ideally by October 31, 2019

University of South Florida
November 1, 2019

University of West Florida
December 1, 2019 (for academic scholarships)

University of Southern Mississippi – Rolling

Mississippi State University
December 1, 2019 (for academic scholarships)

Auburn University
November 1, 2019 (for academic scholarships)

The University of Alabama
December 15, 2019 (for academic scholarships)

Troy University – Rolling

University of South Alabama – Rolling

Requests for Transcripts

- All transcripts are requested through Mrs. Holland and Mrs. McLean in the guidance office
- Students should complete a Transcript Request Form
- Your first two hard copy transcripts are free and will cost $2.00 after the initial two
- The registrars should be given a 24 hour notice to send or print transcripts

Letters of Recommendation

- If you need a letter of recommendation from a teacher or counselor, please complete a Brag Sheet (which can be found outside of Guidance) and allow at least 2 weeks for the letter to be written

FAFSA – What is it?

This is an online application students must submit beginning **Oct 1** of their graduating year. This application determines eligibility for MOST types of financial aid.

APPLY AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE **www.fafsa.ed.gov**

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Where is information on financial aid located?

The Office of Student Financial Assistance State Programs administers a variety of postsecondary educational state-funded grants and scholarships. http://www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org/

www.floridashines.org www.bigfuture.org

FL Bright Futures Scholarships

Highlights

- Apply beginning **Oct 1** of Senior Year
- 30-100 community service hours required
- 3.0-3.5 GPA of SPECIFIC core courses/foreign language
- 3 levels of scholarships available
- Annual payout determined each year. Currently paying either 75% or 100% of tuition and applicable fees and $300 for both fall and spring semesters for additional educational expenses
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Where is information on Bright Futures Scholarships located?

The Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program rewards students for their academic achievements during high school by providing funding to attend a postsecondary institution in Florida. For more information, go to http://www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org/SSFAD/bf/

READY TO FILL OUT THE FAFSA® FORM? GO TO FAFSA.GOV!

I completed the FAFSA® form. Now what?

After you submit your FAFSA form, you'll receive a *Student Aid Report* (SAR) that summarizes the data you submitted. If you provided a valid email address in your application, you'll receive an email with instructions on how to access an online copy of your SAR within three days (if you apply at **fafsa.gov**) or three weeks (if you mail in a paper FAFSA form).

When you receive your SAR, review it to make sure you didn't make any mistakes on your FAFSA form.

- If you don't need to make any changes to the information listed on your SAR, just keep it for your records.
- To find out how to correct mistakes, or to update your tax data or other information in your FAFSA form, visit **StudentAid.gov/fafsa/next-steps/accept-aid** or contact the school to which you are applying.

The information in your SAR will be provided to the schools you listed on your FAFSA form. You will receive an aid offer from the schools at which you were accepted for admission.

What's an aid offer and how much aid will I get?

If you applied for admission to a college or career school you listed on your FAFSA form, that school will get your FAFSA information. The school will calculate your aid and send you an aid offer (often electronically).

Most schools will wait to send you an aid offer only after they accept you for admission. The aid offer will tell you how much aid you're eligible to receive at that school and will include the types and amounts of financial aid you may receive from federal, state, private, and school sources. This combination of help from different sources is your financial aid package. How much aid you receive depends on some factors, including

- cost of attendance (for each school);
- *Expected Family Contribution* (EFC)—the EFC does not represent a dollar amount but, instead, it's a number used to calculate how much financial aid you're eligible to receive based on your FAFSA information;
- year in school; and
- enrollment status (e.g., full-time, half-time, etc.).

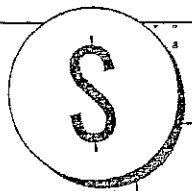
You can compare school aid offers and see which school is most affordable once financial aid is taken into account. Contact the school's financial aid office if you have any questions about the aid being offered to you. For more information on how aid is calculated, visit **StudentAid.gov/how-calculated**.

HOW WILL I RECEIVE MY AID?

Your college or career school—not the U.S. Department of Education—will distribute your aid. In most cases, your federal student aid will be applied directly to your school account. The financial aid staff at your school will explain exactly how and when your aid will be disbursed (paid out).

DO I HAVE TO REPAY MY LOANS?

Yes. Student loans, unlike grants and work-study, are borrowed money that must be repaid, with interest, just like car loans and home mortgages. You cannot have these loans canceled because you didn't like the education you received, didn't get a job in your field of study, or are having financial difficulty. So think about the amount you'll have to repay before you take out a loan and only borrow the amount you need. Learn more about loan repayment at **StudentAid.gov/repay**.



DON'T LET YOUR INTEREST CAPITALIZE!

If you have unsubsidized or PLUS loans, then interest accumulates on these loans before you begin repayment (e.g., while you are in school). Consider paying interest on your federal student loans while you're in school, and during grace, deferment, and forbearance periods to avoid capitalization (the addition of unpaid interest to the principal balance of your loan). Capitalization increases your loan balance, and interest will then accrue on that higher principal amount.

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FLORIDA'S EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES AND STUDENT ADVISING AT YOUR FINGERTIPS!

Visit **www.FloridaShines.org** for details about Bright Futures, colleges, scholarships, career exploration and much, much more!

Need help with career information, resume and cover letter preparation, interview practice, or college/program of study selection? Contact one of Pensacola State College's Career Centers:

Milton Campus • 850-484-4410 • Building 4200, Student Affairs

Pensacola Campus • 850-484-1630 • Building 5, room 508

Warrington Campus • 850-484-2342 • Building 3600, room 3624

South Santa Rosa Center • 850-471-4639

Century Center • 850-471-4679

College Checklist

Discover • Explore • Select • Achieve

FloridaShines.org

Senior Year

Fall

- ☐ Create a final résumé that includes your summer activities and new or continued club/team activities.
- ☐ Finalize your college essays.
- ☐ Take the **SAT** and/or **ACT**. Remember you can take the test more than once.
- ☐ Make sure your transcript and records are up-to-date.
- ☐ Check requirements and deadlines for the colleges of your choice.
- ☐ Florida Students: Complete you **Florida Financial Aid Application**. (Application opens October 1st of your Senior year)
- ☐ Apply for Financial Aid. Submit your **FAFSA** along with any other financial aid forms required by the college. (Application opens October 1st of your Senior year).
- ☐ Ask references for letters of recommendation so they can be submitted to the colleges of your choice.
- ☐ Complete and submit all your college applications by their deadlines.
- ☐ Check that colleges received all materials: application, letters of recommendations, and test scores.

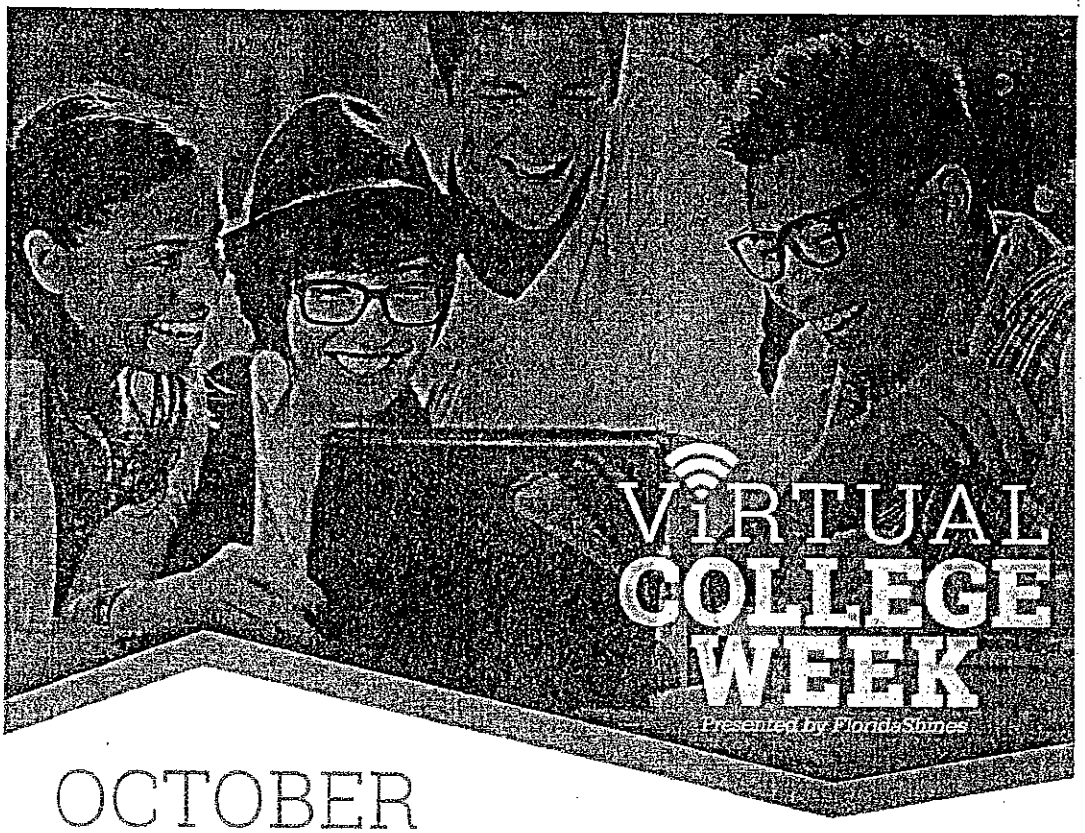
Spring

- ☐ Maintain your second semester grades and beware of senioritis/laziness. Colleges can rescind their acceptances if your grades plummet drastically.
- ☐ Admission letters begin arriving. Watch for them in the mail!
- ☐ Visit all colleges that have offered you admission, one last time.
- ☐ Compare financial aid packages.
- ☐ Make a final choice of the college you will attend. (This date may vary by institution, so know the correct date).
- ☐ Graduate high school!

Summer

- ☐ Start you summer reading for your freshman year.
- ☐ Start packing for college.

You're Invited



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Monday, October 28:

4:00 p.m. ET – Earn a Sunshine State Scholarship

If you are a Florida resident and plan to attend a Florida college or university, you might be eligible for a Bright Futures Scholarship. Learn how this Florida scholarship program can help you earn a college degree without a mountain of debt.

5:00 p.m. ET – Get a Jump Start on College

Did you know you can enroll in college courses while you're still in high school? Dual enrollment allows to earn college credit towards both your high school diploma and your college degree. Learn how dual enrollment can get you started with completing your college degree.

6:00 p.m. ET – Make a Plan to Land Your Dream Job

Get ready to shine. Learn how MyCareerShines, Florida's free online education and career planning system, can help you find a rewarding career and make a plan to land your dream job.

Tuesday, October 29, 2019:

4:00 p.m. ET – Succeed in School with Online Courses

With today's technology, you can complete college course on your schedule – learning virtually anywhere, at any time. Learn how online courses can help you earn a college degree now.

5:00 p.m. ET – Earn a Degree without Debt

Don't let the cost of college keep you from pursuing a degree. Learn how to apply for financial aid to reduce the cost of a college degree, starting with the FAFSA – Free Application for Federal Student Aid.

6:00 p.m. ET – FloridaShines for You

FloridaShines is Florida's Student Hub of Innovative Educational Services. Learn what online educational tools and services can help you shine in high school, college and your career.

Wednesday, October 30, 2019:

4:00 p.m. ET – Prepare to Shine in Your Career

Are you ready to pursue your career but need more training to qualify for a job? Learn how enrolling in a Career Center can prepare you for success in your chosen field.

5:00 p.m. ET – Navigate the Admissions Process

Do you know where you want to go to college or are you still exploring your options? Understanding each institution's requirements will help you in your search. Learn about the requirements for Florida's colleges and universities, and how to navigate the admissions process to get into the school of your choice.

6:00 p.m. ET – Finish Up Your College Degree

Did you attend college but left before earning a degree? Complete Florida gives you the opportunity to finish your degree. Learn how the online courses and coaches at Complete Florida can help you complete your degree.