



# COLLEGE CONNECTION

The First Academy

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths."

Proverbs 3:6

## College Visits

Here are some of the colleges that will be visiting TFA this month:

- Furman University
- Mississippi State University
- Southern Methodist University
- Mercer University
- Rollins College
- Boston University
- Vanderbilt University
- Florida Southern College
- University of Alabama
- Ohio State University
- University of Tennessee
- University of Mississippi
- University of South Carolina
- University of Florida
- York College
- Dickinson College

## Bright Futures

The Bright Futures application will be available in **October**. Requirements for the scholarship:

### Florida Academic Scholars

- 3.5 GPA Weighted
- 100 Service Hours
- 1290 SAT/ 29 ACT

### Florida Medallion Scholars

- 3.0 GPA Weighted
- 75 Service Hours
- 1170 SAT/ 26 ACT

*\*Recent Bright Futures update: students who qualify for the FAS level will now receive an award covering **100%** of tuition PLUS \$300/semester for books.*

## CLASS OF 2018



...is right around the corner!

**College application season** is in full swing! At this point, you should be working on and/or submitting applications. Contact your College Advisor if you have any questions before submitting an application. Keep in mind that you must apply to at least **three** colleges. Please be aware of important dates and deadlines - both for admissions and scholarships - for all of the colleges you are applying to.

Need to **send transcripts?** Request through Naviance. You may send an email to your College Advisor, but only as a follow-up; request through Naviance first.

Need to **send ACT/SAT scores?** You must go through CollegeBoard (for SAT) or ACT (..for ACT) to send scores. TFA does not send test scores.

## CHRISTIAN COLLEGE FAIR

Join us for TFA's Annual Christian College Fair on **Monday, September 25th**. Come out and meet with college representatives to learn about the admissions process, scholarships, and other opportunities from Christian colleges around the country including:

- Lee University | Cleveland, Tennessee
- Liberty University | Lynchburg, Virginia
- Moody Bible Institute | Chicago, Illinois
- Samford University | Birmingham, Alabama
- Palm Beach Atlantic University | West Palm Beach, Florida
- Southeastern University | Lakeland, Florida

...and many more! We will also have a College Financial Aid Officer at the fair to answer questions about the financial aid process.



The fair will be from **6:00-7:30pm**. Ask your College Advisor for more details!

*\*Students who attend will receive extra credit in Christian Studies classes.*

### SAT & ACT Dates

#### SAT

October 7th (register by 9/8)  
November 4th (register by 10/5)  
December 2nd (register by 11/2)

Register for the SAT [here](#).

#### ACT

October 28 (register by 9/22)  
December 9 (register by 11/3)

Register for the ACT [here](#).

### Social Media



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Guidance on Twitter!

@TFAUS\_Guidance

### Graduation Requirements

English: 4.0 credits

Math: 4.0 credits

Science: 3.0 credits

Social Studies: 3.0 credits

Physical Education: 1.0 credit

Foreign Language: 2.0 credits

Christian Studies: 2.5 credits

Fine Arts: 1.0 credit

Additional Electives: 4.5 credits

**Total Required Credits: 25**

*\*Beginning with the Class of 2021, 100  
service hours will be required*

*\*Beginning with the Class of 2021,  
students will need a total of 7.0 credits  
between the Science and Social Studies  
subjects. Students may take 4.0 Science  
credits and 3.0 Social Studies credits, or  
3.0 Science credits and 4.0 Social  
Studies credits.*

## CLASS OF 2019

We will be conducting **SCAN Meetings** (Student, College/Career, Academics, Naviance) later this semester. Every junior will meet with their College Advisor to discuss college plans and preparation. Please check your TFA email for the scheduled date and time of your meeting.

If you have already identified a few colleges that you are interested in, schedule a **campus tour**. Taking an official campus visit is one of the most important steps in deciding which colleges stay on your "short list" or not!

Make sure you are preparing for and signing up to take the **ACT** and **SAT**. To know which test you perform better on, you should take both tests. Before your junior year is over, you should have taken both tests at least once. Then, stick with the test you do better on, and keep re-testing!

## CLASS OF 2020

If you haven't already, start preparing for the **SAT** and the **ACT**! There are many resources for you to take advantage of to practice for these tests - [Khan Academy](#), [Revolution Prep](#), [Princeton Review](#), [C2Educate](#), etc.

Go **visit a college** or two this semester! Visiting college campuses is the most helpful way to narrow down your list of college choices.

Be thinking of **extracurricular activities** you can be involved with. Join a club, community/volunteer organization, etc. Above all, find something you're *passionate about* to devote your time to. This shows colleges who you are outside of the classroom.

## CLASS OF 2021

Welcome to the Upper School, 9th graders! College is three years away... and while that may seem far away, it will be here before you know it! Please keep in mind that colleges will see all semester grades in high school. That may sound intimidating, but use it as motivation to do your best in every class!

For other Upper School updates, please check out our [BLOG](#)!



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