



COLLEGE CONNECTION

The First Academy

"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!"

Luke 2:14

*"Come, thou long expected Jesus,
born to set Thy people free.
From our fears and sins release us,
let us find our rest in Thee."*

Verse from *Come Thou Long Expected Jesus*

So far this year, over **460** college applications have been submitted by our seniors to nearly **120** various colleges and universities!

Bright Futures

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

Click [here](#) to apply!

**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.*

Scholarships

Other helpful scholarship resources can be found at [Scholarship Experts](#), [Cappex](#), [GoodCall](#), and [FastWeb](#).

SENIORS

A few things to keep in mind during college application season:

- Submit at least **three applications**.
- Request your transcript through Naviance.** We will not process requests through emails.
- Update your Naviance account with any **admissions decisions**. If you have been offered any scholarships, please let your College Advisor know.

Please note that we will not be sending documents to any colleges during the Christmas break (12/21-1/8). If you need transcripts or any other documents sent to your colleges, please contact your College Advisor before **December 13th.*



JUNIORS

- Take the **SAT** and **ACT**. Take both tests at least once before your year is over. Once you determine which test you prefer, stick with that one!
- Don't just *take* the SAT and ACT - prepare for them! There are several great **test-prep** companies in the Orlando area that many of our students are utilizing to boost their scores. [Revolution Prep](#), [C2Education](#), and [Huntington](#) are a few good places to start!
- Stay on top of **community service hours!**
- Continue **visiting college campuses!** This is the best way to determine if a college is a good fit for you or not.

SAT and ACT Test Dates

SAT

March 10th (register by 2/9)

May 5th (register by 4/6)

June 2nd (register by 5/3)

Register for the SAT [here](#).

ACT

December 9th (register by 11/3)

February 10th (register by 1/12)

April 14th (register by 3/9)

June 9th (register by 5/4)

Register for the ACT [here](#).

Social Media



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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.*



Applications for the **Duke University Summer Session** are now available! To learn more about the different programs offered at Duke, visit their website at [here](#)! Summer programs are a great way to have a productive summer with experience on a college campus!



Have you or do you know someone that has been affected by cancer? The **Leukemia & Lymphoma Society (LLS)** is hosting a program for students interested in leadership and community involvement! To learn more about their scholarship opportunity through a fundraising competition raising awareness for Leukemia and Lymphoma, click [here](#)!

TFA is partnering with **Education First (EF)** to host a college tour across the Mid-Atlantic region next summer for our current 10th and 11th graders! Students will have the opportunity to visit several top-tier colleges and universities.

The trip will be from May 28-June 1. To enroll in the trip, click [here](#)! Below are some of the colleges we will be visiting!

University of Maryland



Georgetown University



North Carolina State University



High Point University



Duke University



George Washington University



Wake Forest University



University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill



University of Virginia



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



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