



# COLLEGE CONNECTION

The First Academy

*"There are many parts, but one body. When one part suffers, we all suffer; when one part rejoices, we all rejoice."*

1 Corinthians 12:12, 26

## WELCOME BACK, STUDENTS!

### CLASS OF 2020

It's your last year of high school! It will be a busy year, so getting off to a good start is key. Below are items you should be working on. Remember to keep your College Advisor updated as you navigate the college application process. We are here to help you!

**College Applications**

- Start applying now!
- Be aware of dates/deadlines
- Submit at least three
- Ask College Advisor for help

**SAT/ACT**

- Decide on one and stick with it
- Send to school via College Board (for SAT) or ACT website
- Prepare!
- Register for SAT and ACT

**Transcripts & Letters of Rec.**

- Request both on SCOIR
- Give teachers plenty of time to write letter
- For UF and FSU, use SSAR

**Essays**

- Does your college require an essay or not?
- Stay within word count/limit
- College Advisor will be happy to read and critique

**Extracurricular Activities**

- Volunteer!
- Don't try to do too many things
- Put on resume
- Shows colleges you are multi-dimensional



A list of all schools using **Common App** can be found [here](#) .



COALITION for ACCESS, AFFORDABILITY, and SUCCESS

A list of all schools using **Coalition App** can be found [here](#) .

**Bright Futures Scholarship**

**Florida Academic Scholars (FAS)**  
29 ACT/1290 SAT  
3.5 weighted GPA (calculated by Bright Futures)  
100 community service hours

**Florida Medallion Scholars (FMS)**  
26 ACT / 1170 SAT  
3.0 weighted GPA (calculated by Bright Futures)  
75 community service hours

**SAT**  
August 24th (late registration by 8/13)  
October 5th (register by 10/5)

**ACT**  
September 14th (register by 8/16)  
\*October 1st (see email from Dr. Holter)  
October 26th (register by 9/20)  
\*exam on TFA campus

# SCOIR

We are now using SCOIR as our primary college search tool with students. Click [here](#) to visit the SCOIR website.

Schedule changes will close on Wednesday, August 21st. Click [here](#) to access the schedule change request form online.



## CHRISTIAN COLLEGE FAIR

Join us for TFA's annual Christian College Fair on Monday, September 16th from 5:30-7:00pm in the Natalie Thomas Gymnasium. Come and meet with college representatives to learn about admissions, scholarships, and other opportunities from over 35 Christian colleges around the country!

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

### Class of 2021

Juniors, with college preparation well under way, make sure you are keeping up with the items below!

- ✓ Attend College Guidance meeting (spring semester)
- ✓ Take the PSAT in October
- ✓ Check your transcript with graduation requirements
- ✓ Visit college campuses
- ✓ Update resume with activities, awards, etc.
- ✓ Take **both** the ACT and SAT
- ✓ Add colleges to SCOIR that you are interested in applying to next year

### Class of 2022

Sophomores, you now have a full year of high school under your belt! Take a look at the checklist below as you start thinking more about college.

- ✓ Check your transcript with graduation requirements
- ✓ Take the PSAT in October
- ✓ Attend colleges fairs and begin visiting college campuses
- ✓ Explore SCOIR to research colleges
- ✓ Stay on top of your grades and continue your extracurricular activities

### Class of 2023

Freshman, welcome to the Upper School! Look at the checklist below to make sure you get off to a strong start!

- ✓ Attend College Guidance Meeting with your College Advisor (fall semester)
- ✓ Understand TFA graduation requirements and transcript
- ✓ Take the PSAT in October
- ✓ Find something at/outside TFA that interests you and get involved!

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