

## SouthTech Academy

# School Counseling Newsletter

Weekly Update March 26, 2021

### Do you need help with the FAFSA?

Join this FREE event to learn step-by-step how to complete the FAFSA and get questions answered by financial aid experts.

March 29, 2021 6:00 - 8:00 PM

[Register for this FREE online event](#)

# FAFSA

### South Tech Academy Scholarship Bulletin #17

The most recent [South Tech Academy Scholarship Bulletin](#) is now available. This is a great way to find opportunities to fund your college education!



### All-In on HSI's Event

The School District of Palm Beach County is collaborating with Broward, Miami-Dade, and Osceola Counties on a college access event highlighting Hispanic Serving Institutions (HSI). A Hispanic-serving institution (HSI) is defined as an accredited, degree-granting, public or private nonprofit institution of higher education with 25% or more total undergraduate Hispanic full-time student enrollment. This HSI event is a one-week initiative with participation from over twenty HSI's from across the state of Florida. Each day, March 29-April 1st, representatives from participating institutions will be available for 30-minute information sessions. All sessions are virtual and free and open to anyone who is interested in learning more about HSI's. [Visit the District's website](#) for more information.

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## **Palm Beach State's First Step 2 Success Scholarship**

The PBSC First Steps to Success scholarship is available for students who are interested in starting college in the summer. The application deadline is April 9, 2021. For more information, visit the [PBSC Scholarship page](#).



### **Palm Beach State College Scholarships**

Apply for 2021-2022 Foundation Scholarships now through June 15. Submit an application and be considered for one of the 200 scholarships. Open to AA, AS, CCC, CCP and bachelor's degree students. Need and merit based scholarships available! [Click here](#) for apply.

The poster features a top-down view of a person's feet wearing blue jeans and black sneakers with white laces and white soles, standing on a grey concrete floor. A yellow banner with a textured, paint-like appearance is positioned across the middle of the image. The text "First Step 2 Success" is written in large, white, bold letters on the banner. Below the banner, the text "A SUMMER SCHOLARSHIP FOR HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES" is written in white. The background of the poster is a dark green color. In the top left corner, there is a small white box with the Palm Beach State College logo. In the bottom right corner, there is a yellow speech bubble containing the text "Scholarship Application Deadline is April 9, 2021". At the bottom of the poster, there is a dark green banner with the phone number "561-967-7222" and the text "Details at https://www.palmbeachstate.edu/financialaid/scholarships.aspx".

**First Step 2 Success**  
A SUMMER SCHOLARSHIP FOR HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

*Graduating high school in 2021? Pell-Eligible?*  
*Check out this great way to kick start your college education!*

**First Step 2 Success**  
is a **\$500 scholarship** award toward tuition and books for the *Introduction to the College Experience* (SLS 1501) course.

**Scholarship Application Deadline is April 9, 2021**

*Make summer your time to explore the college culture!*  
*Scholarships are limited – don't delay.*

**561-967-7222**

Details at <https://www.palmbeachstate.edu/financialaid/scholarships.aspx>

## **Palm Beach State College**

Palm Beach State College is excited to provide you with various opportunities to engage students through the admissions process. We have multiple events that students are welcomed to take advantage of, virtually, now through May.

- **SENIOR Night** - An event focused on supporting high school seniors as they begin the transition process to college. We discuss PBSC programs and the opportunity to complete the admissions application on the spot. After each session, students will have a chance to win a **\$500 scholarship** to help with tuition and books at PBSC.

Students can register here:

<https://palmbeachstate.campuslabs.com/engage/events?query=senior%20night>

- **Parent Night** - PBSC created a workshop for parents of dual enrollment and incoming freshmen to understand the process of admissions and answering any questions that parents have along with information on financial aid and more.

Parents can register here:

<https://palmbeachstate.campuslabs.com/engage/events?query=parent%20night>

- **Dual Enrollment** - The Dual Enrollment Office will host monthly virtual sessions for students and parents that are in the dual enrollment or early admissions program. The presentation will include an overview of the program requirements and deadlines for the upcoming term. The event will count as the student's dual enrollment orientation if attended.

Students can register here:

<https://palmbeachstate.campuslabs.com/engage/events?query=Dual%20enrollment>

- **Admissions & Application Session** -

Students can register here:

<https://palmbeachstate.campuslabs.com/engage/events?query=admissions>



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**COLLEGE**

## **FloridaShines: Finding the Right Financial Aid Options**

Finding the right financial aid can seem like the most daunting task for many students preparing for college. [FloridaShines](#) can help you learn about the financial aid options available from the Bright Futures Scholarships, to federal financial aid, even local scholarship opportunities you may not know about.

## **Alyssa Sangeeta Scholarship**

For those students pursuing college or trade certifications who you think may need this extra help with tuition, lab fees, books or living expenses. Who can apply: Graduating high school seniors who will attend an accredited college or technical or vocational school beginning the Fall of 2021. High school graduates not currently in school who will attend an accredited college or technical or vocational school beginning the Fall of 2021. Currently enrolled college or technical or vocational students. For more information and to apply visit <https://friendsofyouthservices.com/scholarship.htm>

## **Community Service Opportunity**

Boulevard Rehabilitation in Boynton Beach is looking for students to play BINGO and other activities with patients. If you are interested in this community service opportunity, please call Adriana Marshal at 736-4114.



## **School Counseling Google Classroom**

Students, if you haven't already joined the School Counseling Google Classroom you must do so now. This is how you receive important information from your counselors.

### **Classroom Codes:**

**Freshman & Sophomores: tagultt**  
**Juniors & Seniors: snapp23**



Google Classroom

## **Milagro Center**

The Milagro Center will be offering teen leadership program for students in grades 9th - 12th. Learn music, yoga, sports, performing and visual arts, girls in construction, crime /gang prevention, tutoring and much more. Enroll now! Contact [ABACCHUS@MILAGROCENTER.org](mailto:ABACCHUS@MILAGROCENTER.org) or [milagrocenter.org](http://milagrocenter.org) for more information.



## **Dual Enrollment Registration for Summer B and Fall 2021**

Are you interested in taking a class at Palm Beach State College this summer or fall? If so, dual enrollment is offered to Palm Beach County students for free. Dual enrollment allows students to take college classes while still enrolled in high school. Dual enrollment classes count for both high school credit and college credit. If you are interested in learning more about dual enrollment and the steps and deadlines involved, please our school counseling google classroom dual enrollment folder you will see the checklist of everything that needs to be completed in order for you to take classes at Palm Beach State College.



## **Virtual Community Service Opportunities**

Search for virtual Community



VolunteerMatch

Service opportunities here: <https://www.volunteermatch.org/virtual-volunteering> - Be sure to submit the Community Service hours log to your School Counselor or [Ms. Avila](#), and keep a copy for your records.

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

April 2 - No School  
April 9 - Herff Jones on campus  
April 13-15 - Mid Term Exams  
April 17 - ACT Test  
May 8 - SAT Test  
June 5 = SAT Test  
June 11 - Senior Check Out  
June 12 - ACT Test  
June 16 - Graduation @8:00pm  
June 16-18 - Final Exams

### Mental Health Tip

[31 Tips To Boost Your Mental Health](#)

### Featured Article

[Education level and projected openings,  
2019-2029](#)

### Featured Career

#### Film & Video Editors & Camera Operators

##### Quick Facts

2019 Median Pay: \$58,810 per year or \$28.76 per hour

Typical Entry-Level Education: Bachelor's Degree

Work Experience in a Related Occupation: None

On-the-job Training: Short-term on-the-job training

Film and video editors and camera operators typically work in studios or offices. Camera operators and videographers often shoot raw footage on location.

## Meet your School Counselors!



### **Your School Counselor is Available to Help**

Your school counselor is here to help! We are available by email to answer any questions or concerns you have. Feel free to reach out to us at any time! We also have a ton of information posted on our School Counseling Google Classroom.

#### **School Counselors (by student's last name)**

[Christina Merrigan:](#) A - E 561-364-7933

[Jennifer Franco:](#) F - M 561-369-7008

[Brian Nugent:](#) N - Z 561-369-7055

### **Featured Post-Secondary Institution**

**Hillsborough Community College**  
**Tampa, FL**  
[hccfl.edu](http://hccfl.edu)

Hillsborough Community College follows an Open Admissions policy. Test scores and/or GPA are not factors in the admissions decision. A high school diploma or GED certificate is required. Notable Programs: Associate In Arts, Nursing/A.D.N. Basic, Emergency Medical Technician, Criminology & Criminal Justice Studies, Culinary Arts