

SouthTech Academy

School Counseling Newsletter

Weekly Update April 19, 2021

BRIGHT FUTURES UPDATE

The Bright Futures Scholarship ACT, SAT, PERT testing deadline for 2020-21 high school graduates has been extended to December 1, 2021. High school seniors are still required to submit the [Florida Financial Aid Application \(FFAA\)](#) no later than August 31, 2021 even if all requirements have not yet been achieved. Seniors who haven't completed their application should do so as soon as possible.



Community Service Update **Class of 2021**

The district has waived the community service graduation requirement for the Class of 2021.

Keiser University Virtual Tour/Info **Session**

Juniors and Seniors learn more information about Keiser University on May 3, 2021 at 2:00 PM. [Register](#) in advance for this meeting.

Full Sail University **High School Esports Scholar's Cup**

Interested in a career in the gaming industry? Want to compete in esports tournaments and hear from the pros about what it's like to work in gaming?

Full Sail University is hosting the High School Esports Scholar's Cup Spring Invitational, streaming live on Twitch, featuring panels with industry professionals and collegiate esports players sharing what it's like behind the scenes. On top of learning more about the gaming industry, this nationwide event includes a Rocket League esports tournament. This tournament is exclusive to high school students and features players competing for a scholarship up to \$15,000 to Full Sail University, along with additional prizes.

3v3 Rocket League Series

April 23 & 24, 2021

Three students on each team

April 23 @ 7:00 p.m. ET - Tournament Qualifiers

April 24 @ 12:30 p.m. ET - Tournament Finals

We will also be holding a gaming tournament in which students can compete for prizes, including an Xbox Series S and up to \$15,000 in scholarships to Full Sail.

[Registration ends April 21 - don't delay!](#)

NACAC College Fairs

The National Association for College Admission Counseling is hosting several college fairs throughout the spring. Interested students can register through [their website](#).

Southeastern US Fair: April 20th,
3:00-7:00

May College Fair: May 2nd, 1:00-7:00



South Tech Academy Scholarship Bulletin #18

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



Automotive Industry Scholarship

The Batchelor Family Foundation offers individuals a scholarship to pursue a career in the automotive industry. This will be available for, but not limited to, employment in fields that include:

Auto Body and Paint Collision Repair and Refinishing Automotive Technology (Engineering) Master Certified Automotive Technology Automotive Marketing

Qualified applicants must be high school seniors, or have graduated from high school, or received a GED certificate. High school graduates, or adult students who are retraining, that plan to attend technical or vocational schools, and undergraduates who are already studying automotive fields are eligible to apply. Visit our [website](#) for full eligibility requirements.

Scholarship Opportunity

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>

UM's Summer Scholars Program

UM's Summer Scholars Program provides an opportunity for current freshmen, sophomores, and juniors to explore their academic passions while diving into the college experience. The program offers two options, the three-week, credit-bearing program, and the two-week, non-credit UM Academies. The application deadline is April 30th. For more information or to apply, [visit their website.](#)



Coalition Virtual College Fairs Coalition for College has 2 upcoming virtual fairs.

All Coalition colleges and universities have a proven commitment to access, affordability and student success. The events, showcasing Coalition schools, will be held [April 14-15](#) and [May 19-20](#).

For more information, [visit their website.](#)



FAFSA & College Application/Information Assistance

TIME: 3:30PM
DATES: April 20
May 4
May 18
June 1
June 15

Link:

<https://palmbeachstate.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJEvdOCpqDkoHtyuN8zanLasQYhCJoTqGzU7>

Barry University

As in years past, we are offering our **FREE VIRTUAL HEALTH CARE SUMMER CAMP**, designed to introduce high school students to exciting careers available in the healthcare field.

If a career in health care or patient care interests your students, please join us online for Barry University's Virtual Health Camp June 8-10.

Fun. Educational. Virtual. And absolutely FREE.

HEALTH CARE CAREERS VIRTUAL SUMMER CAMP, [Register here.](#)

June 8 - 10

10:00 am - 1:00 pm

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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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.



Google Classroom

Volunteer Opportunity: City of WPB Summer Camp

The Counselor in Training Program with the City of West Palm Beach is designed to offer young people an opportunity to gain experience, unlock their leadership potential, and develop skills for their future success. CITs are provided first-hand experience working with younger campers and the opportunity to gain skills and knowledge in a day camp setting. The program is open to all students that have completed grades 9-11. CITs will have the option of volunteering for Session 1 (June 28 – July 16), Session 2 (July 19 – August 6), or both. Interested students can find [more information and the online application on their website.](#)

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

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 or 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 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

[How to look after your mental health](#)

Featured Article

[10 Effective Study Techniques to Try This Year](#)

Featured Career

Web Developers & Digital Designers

Quick Facts

Median Pay: \$77,200 per year or \$37.12 per hour
Typical Entry-Level Education: Associate's degree
Work Experience in a Related Occupation: None
On-the-job Training: None

Web developers create and maintain websites. Digital designers develop, create, and test website or interface layout, functions, and navigation for usability. Some web developers and digital designers work in the computer systems design and related services industry. Others are self-employed. Still others work in industries including publishing, management consulting, and advertising. Educational requirements for web developers and digital designers vary, ranging from a high school diploma to a bachelor's degree. For more details, visit the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics's [Occupational Outlook Handbook](#).

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
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Brian Nugent:	N - Z	561-369-7055

Featured Post-Secondary Institution

Florida Memorial University

Miami Gardens, FL

fmuniv.edu

Average GPA: 2.7 SAT/ACT scores are used for advisement and placement. Notable Programs: Criminal Justice, Law Enforcement Administration, Business Administration, Biology