

SouthTech Academy

School Counseling Newsletter

Weekly Update April 30, 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.



South Florida's Virtual College Leadership Fair

Army ROTC will be hosting South Florida's Virtual College Leadership Fair. This event, held on Airmeeet, is for students and parents in Palm Beach, Broward, and Miami-Dade Counties. To register, text LEADER to 92711 or go to this [link](#).



Senior Night with PBSC

Seniors who are interested in enrolling at PBSC in the summer or fall of 2021 are invited to attend one of their [Senior Nights](#) this spring. At these events, PBSC representatives will provide:

- An Overview of the College
- Admissions Application Assistance
- Residency/Transcript Information
- Information about the FAFSA
- Answers to Questions
- And much more!

In addition, all participants will be entered for a chance to win a \$500 scholarship. Interested students can [register for one of these events here](#).



Community Service Opportunity- Habitat for Humanity

Habitat for Humanity has multiple opportunities for student volunteers. Students can fulfill their community service requirement for school through various volunteer opportunities offered at Habitat.

We accept youth volunteers 16 years and older on our Construction sites (Wed-Sat) and in our ReStores (Daily). We also accept volunteers 14 years and older on our Neighborhood Revitalization sites (Most Saturdays).

Students can also participate in other activities to earn community service hours for school. The activities include, but are not limited to: special projects, some special events, organizing drives, hosting online fundraisers for Habitat, and other. For more information about these opportunities, please contact volunteer@hfhboca.org.

Anyone under the age of 18 that would like to volunteer with Habitat for Humanity of South Palm Beach County **MUST** complete a **TWO** **-STEP** registration process:

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>

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 from 10:00 am - 1:00 pm

Barry University

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.](#)



**COALITION
FOR COLLEGE**

South Tech Academy Scholarship Bulletin #20

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



FAFSA & College Application/Information Assistance

TIME: 3:30PM

DATES: May 4
May 18
June 1
June 15

Link:

<https://palmbeachstate.zoom.us/j/6482792398>

NACAC College Fairs

The National Association for College Admission Counseling is hosting several college fairs throughout the spring. Register now for their [May College Fair](#), which will be held May 2nd, 1:00-7:00.

The Principal's Choice Scholarship Award at Palm Beach State College

Attention all seniors who will be attending Palm Beach State College in the fall. The Principal's Choice Award provides \$4,000 per academic year (\$2,000 per semester) beginning August 2021. The scholarship will be renewed for a second year of enrollment in an associates' degree program, plus an additional two years if the student enrolls in one of their bachelor's programs and meets all scholarship renewal criteria. This award would be in addition to any other grant or scholarship the student may receive including the Bright Futures Scholarship.

Only one senior per high school will be selected to receive this scholarship. To qualify the student must meet the following criteria:

1. Complete an appropriate FAFSA each academic year
2. Have a minimum 3.5 unweighted high school GPA and college-ready test scores
3. Enroll in a minimum of 12 credit hours for each semester (Fall and Spring)
4. Maintain a minimum cumulative 3.5 GPA for scholarship renewal
5. Must have no more than 30 college credit hours of Dual Enrollment, Early Admission, AP, AICE or IB

If you would like to be considered as a nominee for this scholarship, please contact Mrs. Merrigan at Christina.merrigan@pbcharterschools.org no later than Friday, May 7.

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>



PALM BEACH STATE
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.



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:

May 8 - SAT Test
May 24 - Report Card Distribution
May 31 - Holiday (No School)
June 2-4 - Senior Exams
June 5 = SAT Test
June 11 - Senior Check Out
June 12 - ACT Test
June 16 - Graduation @ 8:00pm
June 16-18 - Final Exams
June 18 - Last day of school for students

Featured Article

[You Still Have Time to Ask Colleges for More Financial Aid](#)

Featured Career

Optometrists

Quick Facts

2020 Median Pay: \$118,050 per year or \$56.76 per hour

Typical Entry-Level Education: Doctoral or professional degree

Work Experience in a Related Occupation: None
On-the-job Training: None

Optometrists diagnose and treat visual problems and manage diseases, injuries, and other disorders of the eyes. Most optometrists work in stand-alone offices of optometry. Optometrists may also work in doctors' offices and optical goods stores, and some are self-employed. Optometrists must complete a Doctor of Optometry (O.D.) degree program and obtain a license to practice in a particular state. O.D. programs take 4 years to complete, and most students have a bachelor's degree before entering such a program. 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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Featured Post-Secondary Institution

University of South Florida

[usf.edu](#)

Tampa, FL

Average GPA: 3.9-4.4

Average ACT Composite: 27-30

Average SAT Reading & Math: 1220-1350

Notable Programs: Business Business Administration and Management, Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies, Registered Nursing, Psychology, Health Services Administration