

# Senior Newsletter

SENIOR NEWSLETTER, FALL 2018



## ***WELCOME BACK TO THE CLASS OF 2019 SENIORS!***

### **Senior Counselor Assignments**

2018-2019

Last names beginning with:

A thru D	Mrs. Deborah Murphy
E thru K	Mrs. Elaine Crump
L thru Ri	Mrs. Karen Kesler
Ro thru Z	Dr. Sharon Richardson

### **SEPTEMBER 2018**



### **NHS EMAIL NOTIFICATION SYSTEM**

If you are not registered for the senior emails, please do so. Many of you may be registered for the "General" Email list. The senior emails provide school-wide information and information just for seniors.

Please go to [NicevilleHighSchool.org](http://NicevilleHighSchool.org) and click on the Email List link. Provide your name and email address and select the Senior List option and the general list option.

If you no longer need the General emails and would like to unsubscribe from the General list, use the "Manage Your Subscription" link at the bottom of a received email.

Sign up for important text message updates from NHS  
Guidance: text @f9bg87 to 81010

### **UNIVERSITY APPLICATIONS**

Each university has a Priority Admissions Deadlines for receipt of completed freshman applications. The Directors of Admissions in the Florida State University System emphasize the importance of meeting all deadlines in the freshman application process. Applicants should check the status of each application often and pay close attention to the details of the admissions process specific to each institution. It is the responsibility of the applicant to meet all deadlines. Online applications can take up to 48 hours to officially be received by the Admissions Offices, so don't wait to the last minute of a deadline to submit the application.

Each university also has a Priority Financial Aid Deadline for receipt of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid Report (FAFSA). The FAFSA opens October 1, 2018. If parents and students complete the FAFSA by November 1, 2018, all Florida State Universities' deadlines for Priority Financial Aid to include consideration of an Institutional Merit-Based Scholarship will be covered. See [www.FAFSA.gov](http://www.FAFSA.gov) for instructions and application.

**FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM ADMISSIONS  
& FINANCIAL AID PRIORITY DEADLINES**

<b><u>PREFERRED TIME TO APPLY BY</u></b>	<b><u>INSTITUTIONAL FINANCIAL AID DEADLINE FOR FALL 2019 ADMISSIONS</u></b>
	<b><u>FAFSA</u></b>
<b>Florida State University</b> November 1, 2018	December 1, 2018
<b>University of Florida</b> November 1, 2018	December 15, 2018
<b>University of Central Florida</b> Fall 2018	December 1, 2018
<b>University of South Florida</b> November 1, 2018	January 1, 2019
<b>University of West Florida</b> December 1, 2018	December 1, 2018
<b>Florida Agricultural &amp; Mechanical</b> October 31, 2018	January 1, 2019
<b>Florida Atlantic University</b> November 1, 2018	January 1, 2019
<b>Florida Gulf Coast University</b> November 15, 2018	January 1, 2019
<b>University of North Florida</b> November 15, 2018	November 1, 2018
<b>Florida International University</b> November 1, 2018	November 1, 2018
<b>Florida Polytechnic University</b> October 15, 2018	January 1, 2019
<b>New College of Florida</b> November 1, 2018	November 1, 2018

**THE FLORIDA BRIGHT FUTURES SCHOLARSHIPS**

**State Financial Aid Overview**

The Florida Bright Futures Scholarship is a merit-based scholarship program. All enrolled Florida high school students, who meet Florida residency and US citizenship requirements, are considered for a Bright Futures Scholarship Award. The highest academic award will be determined by each student's academic data across all four years of high school. In addition to academic courses and grades, the Bright Futures Scholarship Award has benchmarks that include documented volunteer hours and Test Scores (SAT/ACT/ PERT) specific to the level of award. It is the student's responsibility to track, document, and turn in documentation of their community service hours to their counselor to enter into the official high school transcript. Students' transcripts are reviewed by FL DOE at the end of the 7<sup>th</sup> semester and at the end of the 8<sup>th</sup> semester for consideration of a Florida Bright Futures Award. The student will be awarded the highest possible award if they meet the eligibility criteria at the end of either of these semesters.

**Student Responsibilities**

- Know and meet the requirements of the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program before high school graduation as well as throughout your college career.
- Check your application and award status on a regular basis.
- Make sure that your demographic information is kept up to date on your application.
- Keep your "institution of choice" selection updated. This is where your Bright Futures Scholarship award money will be sent.

**When to Apply**

Seniors can apply after **October 1, 2018** and prior to graduation, or forfeit all future eligibility for a Bright Futures Scholarship.

**How to Apply**

Visit [www.FloridaStudentFinancialAid.org](http://www.FloridaStudentFinancialAid.org) and select:

- State Grants, Scholarships, & Applications
- Applicant Quick Links
- Student Application

**Student / School Counselor Role:**

Seniors should schedule an appointment and meet with their counselor of record to review their Bright Futures Report, and to fully understand their individual Bright Futures Status.

## REQUESTS FOR TRANSCRIPTS

Ms. Piazza is the NHS Registrar. Transcript Requests Forms are available at her desk in the Guidance Office. Follow the University Admissions Application guide lines for receipt of transcripts. Several universities in the State University System require students to complete the Student Self-Reported Academic Record (SSAR) in addition to the freshman application. Students should request an unofficial transcript from Ms. Piazza to use as an accurate reporting of courses taken and grades assigned. When completed, students must link the SSAR to the Freshman Application. Directors of Admissions emphasize that students must report all attempted course work on the SSAR. If a course was taken more than once for grade forgiveness, accurately report grades of both attempts.

Students, who are applying through Common App, Coalition, Send Edu or any broad application portal should follow up in person with their counselor of record for details of the Secondary School Report and Counselor Recommendation Report (as may be required by some institutions and not others). If the Counselor Recommendation Report is required, students should provide a resume and sufficient time to write a letter on the student's behalf.

## SAT / ACT REGISTRATION DEADLINES

SAT and ACT registration deadlines are very important for all seniors. University admissions require at least one set of SAT and / or ACT scores as an integral piece of the freshman application. Florida Bright Futures Scholarships to include the Florida Academic Scholarship and the Florida Medallion Scholarship require ACT and / or SAT scores for consideration in awarding the merit-based scholarship. Also, carefully review the specifics of the admissions application for each university that you are applying to. The freshman admissions application of each university will provide detailed instructions for sending your test score reports to them and critical deadlines for receipt of the test scores. The tests are costly and must be registered for well in advance of the test date. Seniors should work with their parents to sign up for the tests and review payment costs. If a student is eligible for free & reduced lunch at school, two fee waivers for each test are available. Please see your counselor of record if you may qualify for the fee waivers. Seniors are strongly encouraged to visit the websites below for registration information and deadlines. Also, the websites provide valuable practice,

tutoring resources, and test-taking tips that will benefit students of all ability levels to maximize their scores. There are free practice books for ACT and SAT in the Guidance Office. The ACT and / or SAT are used by university admissions for awarding of merit-based scholarships, admission to Honors Colleges, admission to specific programs and degrees, as well as general admission to the university.

Register for ACT: <http://www.actstudent.org>

Register for SAT: <http://www.sat.org/register>

## DEBTS ACCRUED BY SENIORS

This article contains the policy concerning any Monies Owed/Student Debt for students of Okaloosa County. This policy as mandated by Florida law and the Okaloosa County School Board states:

The principal shall collect from each student or the student's parent, the purchase price of any instructional materials the student has lost, destroyed, or unnecessarily damaged. The failure of the student or student's parent to pay such sum upon reasonable effort by the school principal may result in the suspension of the student from participation in extracurricular activities until such debt is satisfied \*\*\*or satisfaction of the debt by the student through community service activities at the school site as assigned by the school principal. Community service hours shall be credited against the debt by forgiving \$8.00 per hour of service.

If any such debt is owed by a graduating senior, and is not paid at least by ten (10) days prior to the student's last scheduled day of classes, then that student shall not be allowed to participate in graduation activities and ceremonies unless and until such debt is satisfied. Records and/or grades will not be released, nor diplomas issued until all "Monies Due" are cleared.

Seniors, you **MUST** settle any debts you have accrued during your attendance at Niceville High School (freshman through senior years) in order to participate in any senior activities (senior trip, prom, homecoming, graduation ceremony, etc.). **Returned materials or payments are to be given to Ms. Phillips in the Guidance Department.**

## **FINAL SENIOR FORMAL SITTINGS**

The last day to take final senior formal sitting pictures only will be October 4<sup>th</sup>. Only formal portraits will be taken during this sitting. Any senior who has not had their senior formal taken MUST see Ms. Phillips in the Guidance Department to schedule an appointment! REMEMBER: You MUST have your formal photo taken by Bill Miller Photography in order to be in the 2018-2019 NHS yearbook.



**\*\*\*Dates and Times subject to change.**

### **ACT TEST DATES**

October 27, 2018  
December 8, 2018  
February 9, 2019  
April 13, 2019  
June 8, 2019  
July 13, 2019

### **SAT TEST DATES**

October 6, 2018  
November 3, 2018  
December 1, 2018  
March 9, 2019  
May 4, 2019  
June 1, 2019

## **CLASS OF 2018 PANORAMIC PHOTO**

Grad Images will be on campus Thursday, October 18<sup>th</sup> for the Class of 2019 BIG PICTURE Senior Panoramic photo. Seniors will report to the gym at 8:00 a.m. Dual Enrollment and online seniors will need to report to the gym at this time if you wish to participate. Teams, clubs, groups of friends, band, or chorus may wear uniforms or decorated t-shirts for this photo. All attire must follow the school dress code. Decorated t-shirts must be approved by an administrator.

## **IMPORTANT DATES AND EVENTS TO REMEMBER**



### **October**

- 1 - FAFSA Applications open for Fall 2018 Admission
- 1 - Registration for Florida Bright Futures Scholarship begins.
- 4 - Senior Formal only (last day) all day in the media center

### **November**

- 5 - Herff Jones and School Spirit Supplies will be in the auditorium to go over Senior supplies and Cap & Gown information from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
- 9 - Herff Jones and School Spirit Supplies will be in the main hallway to take cap and gown orders from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m.

### **February**

- 7 - Bill Miller Photography will be here to take Cap & Gown Photos in the Auditorium from 7:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

### **May**

- 30 - Graduation Ceremony





