Senior Seminar

Class of 2023

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High School Counselor
Grades 11 & 12
Be In The Know……

It is the student’s responsibility to get needed information.

Join the PK Senior REMIND. By texting @pksr2023 to 81010

Read your emails on Canvas.

Facebook @PKYongeBlueWave

Instagram @PKYongeBlueWave

Twitter @pkyongedrs

Watch “The Flame”.
Be In The Know……

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IMPORTANT PK SENIOR DATES

ASAP- Cap and gown orders
Nov. 1st - Community Service Hours Due for Fall Grads
Dec. 12 – Fall Class Senior Project Presentation Day
Jan. 2023 – Yearbook Ads Due
Jan. 19 @ 12:45 p.m. - Senior Class Field Picture & Lifer's Picture

Find a detailed list of important dates for seniors as well as the senior newsletter at the links below.

Senior Important Dates
Senior Newsletter
WHAT’S REQUIRED TO GRADUATE?

The right courses.
The right GPA.
The right test scores.
The right time.
WHAT TIME IS REQUIRED TO GRADUATE?

Attendance Matters!
WHAT TIME IS REQUIRED TO GRADUATE?
WHAT TESTS ARE REQUIRED TO GRADUATE?

- **Communications**
  - FSA ELA 10- Level 3/350 Scale score
  - ACT- Reading/English Combo 18
  - SAT- Reading/Writing 480

- **Mathematics**
  - Algebra 1 EOC- Level 3/497 Scale Score
  - ACT Math -16
  - SAT Math -420
  - PSAT/NMSQT- 430

**GPA Requirements**

GPA 1: Unweighted
GPA 2: Weighted
Minimum Requirement: 2.0
GRADUATION CHECK

If you have concerns or just questions email or see Mrs. McElroy

cmcelroy@pky.ufl.edu

Regular credit and GPA checks are done throughout the year, but....
WHAT COURSES ARE REQUIRED TO GRADUATE?

4 English
4 Math (Algebra 1 & Geometry)
3 Science (Biology 1 & 2 = rigorous)
3 Social Studies (World, US, Am Government & Economics)
1 Performing or Practical Art
1 Hope/PE
8 Electives
1 online course
YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE

Regularly check
Your grades
Your credits
Your GPA
Your progress
GRADUATION HONORS

Highest Honors:
4.2-5.0 weighted GPA

High Honors:
3.8 - 4.19 weighted GPA

Honors:
3.5 - 3.79 weighted GPA

Students who earn 150+ community service hours will receive a cord.
VALEDICTORIAN & SALUTATORIAN

The student with the **highest weighted GPA** will be designated **Valedictorian**.

The student with the **second highest weighted** GPA will be designated **Salutatorian**.

All high school courses are included including those taken before 9th grade.

Must be enrolled in and earn their final two years of credit in the school. Grades shall be calculated through the 7th semester (1st semester, SR year.)

**This award will be announced during the second semester.**
Students eligible for the Talented Twenty Program have proven academic success in their public high school and are guaranteed admission, within space and fiscal limitations, to one of the twelve state universities.

Students must be in the top 20% of the class after the posting of the 7th semester (1st semester of senior year) and must have met all the 19 prep credits as specified by the State Board of Education Rules.
DIPLOMA DESIGNATION

State “Scholar” Designation

1 Credit for Algebra 2 or = rigorous math
1 Credit in Statistics or = rigorous math
1 Credit in Chemistry or Physics
1 Credit in a course = rigorous to Chemistry or Physics
Earn 2 credits in the same foreign language
Earn at least 1 credit in AP or a dual enrollment course.
Pass the Geometry EOC exam (Level 3 or higher)
Pass the Biology EOC
Pass the US History EOC
What are your options after high school?

4 year college/university
2 year community/junior college
Technical/Trade school
Military
Employment
Gap Year
CONSIDERATIONS FOR COLLEGE

Type of school
Programs of Study
Degrees offered
Location
Cost
Entry requirements
Learning environment

2022-23 Academic Year Undergraduate Cost

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<td>Total Yearly Budget</td>
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example

University of Florida
Financing Aid Can Help

Types of financial aid

- Grants (FAFSA)
- Scholarships (merit, need, identity, government, athletic, activity, military etc.)
- Work study jobs
- Loans

If you are even a little interested in post-secondary education, you should apply for financial aid.
Open Oct 1st
Common deadline is Feb 15th
You must create an FSA ID (user name/password) to sign electronically
You will use your 2021 tax information to fill out the 23-24 FAFSA
You will also need parent’s driver’s license, vehicle registration, or voter’s ID
You will use the IRS Data Retrieval Tool to avoid verification

You MUST register for FAFSA to be eligible for Bright Futures and for most college admissions.

Need help?
Contact David Durkee
David.durkee@sfcollege.edu
call 352-234-3875
## Requirements:

- GPA
- Courses
- Service Hours/Employment
- Test Scores

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<th>Florida Academic Scholarship (FAS)</th>
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<td>Award Amount²</td>
<td>100% of tuition &amp; applicable fees at a public Florida institution. Students attending a nonpublic institution will receive a comparable amount.</td>
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<th>Florida Gold Seal Vocational (GSV)</th>
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<td>Requirements:</td>
<td>3.0 weighted in core classes AND 3.5 in 3 yrs in the same vocational program</td>
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1. **GPA**
   - 3.5 weighted in core classes only

2. **Core Classes**
   - 4- English (3 with substantial writing)
   - 4- Math (Algebra 1 & Above²)
   - 3- Science (2 with substantial lab)
   - 3- Social Science
   - 2- World Language - (sequential, in the same language)

3. **Service Hours**
   - 100 Hours

4. **Test Scores**
   - SAT – 1330 (CR & Math only)
     - OR
     - ACT – 29 (Composite)
   - SAT – 1210 (CR & Math only)
     - OR
     - ACT – 25 (Composite)
   - SAT – 440 (CR) & 440 (Math)
   - ACT
     - 17 English
     - 19 Reading
     - 19 Math
   - PERT
     - 106 Reading
     - 103 Writing
     - 114 Math
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Request ACT Scores Be Sent to a College So Bright Futures will Capture the Score
Bright Futures Early Eligibility Report

Q~Why doesn’t the BF GPA match the Grad Check GPA?

Q~Why isn’t my latest ACT or SAT score listed?

Q~Why are my year long classes or those taken through credit retrieval missing?

Q~Why aren’t all my volunteer hours listed on my report?
COLLEGE TESTING

ACT
measures English, math, reading, and science. Each section is scored on a scale of 1-36 and then averaged for a composite score. There is also a writing section scored from 2-12. The writing is not required but if you are applying to competitive Universities, it should be taken at least once.

SAT
measures reading/writing and math. Each section is scored 200-800 for a composite score of 400-1600.

These scores can be sent to colleges, NCAA, etc. Take advantage of this!
## Know the Test Dates

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<th>Registration Deadline</th>
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Bright Futures and colleges automatically SUPERSCORE if eligible, waivers are available for both tests. *Share test scores every time.* Use personal email to register.
TEST RESOURCES

ACT/SAT Prep
  Khan Academy  https://www.khanacademy.org/

Books-
  Practice Materials are available for use through the High School Counselor  cmcelroy@pky.ufl.edu

YouTube has hundreds of videos on testing. These videos include everything from what to expect, testing breakdowns, how to, tips, strategies, etc
How do I choose the right college for me?

There are over 4,000 two and four year colleges in the United States.

How do you find YOUR school?

Explore your possibilities
What do you care about?
What problems do you want to solve?
Who do you want to help?
What are your values and personality traits?
What are your skills and strengths?
Where do you see yourself in 10 years?
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What’s it take to get in? (Fall 2021 Data)
Factors in your profile

• GPA
• Class Rank
• ACT or SAT scores
• Rigor of courses
• Activities or Unusual Talent
• Diversity (Race, Ethnicity, Income
Develop a College List

**LIKELY~REALISTIC**
Your profile is SIGNIFICANTLY stronger than the typical freshman
60-90% chance of admission

**POSSIBLE~SELECTIVE**
Your profile is similar to the typical freshman
30-60% chance of admission

**REACH~MORE SELECTIVE**
Your profile is not as strong as the typical freshman
Less than 30% chance of admission
Review Application Requirements & Apply Early

FSU
Oct 15 Early Action Deadline
Dec 1 - Regular Decision Deadline

UF & USF
November 1

UCF - Apply from Sept - December
Narrow your list of college possibilities~

✓ Type of School
✓ Location
✓ Learning Environment

Big Future
The Step-by-Step Guide to Applying to College

1. Start the College Application Process.
2. Complete the FAFSA.
3. Fill Out the Common App or……..
4. Write a Standout College Essay.
7. Decipher College Tuition Costs.
8. Find Scholarships to Pay for College
✓ Professional email address
✓ Check regularly
✓ No text talk
GET PREPARED NOW

Use personal email for anything you will need access to after graduation.

Read emails regularly

Visit colleges throughout the fall.

Communicate professionally (email address, proper grammar etc.)

Keep a virtual folder (college information, passwords, letters of recommendation, student resume, financial aid info, career information, testing information, correspondence, scholarship info, etc)

Keep a calendar of important dates and plans.

SENIORITIS IS REAL- plan ahead
Get Organized Now

Keep real AND virtual folders

Central location is key.
Develop a Personal Calendar

Standardized Testing
College Applications
Scholarships/Financial Aid
Develop a Personal Resume

- Significant activities
- Leadership roles
- Jobs
- Awards/Honors
Get Teacher Recommendations

✓ Choose Carefully
✓ Fill out a request form
✓ Time is of the essence
✓ Thank you
About Those “Official” Transcripts…

- Request form in front office
- Do not open
Finding Scholarships

✓ Scholarship.com
✓ Fastweb
✓ College Board
✓ Going Merry
✓ ScholarshipOwl
✓ Bold.org
✓ Cappex
✓ Scholly
✓ CareerOneStop
✓ Collegenet.com
The FASFEPA Vivian Scott Scholarship. This scholarship offers $1,500 to students interested in becoming a teacher.

Santa Fe College Foundation Scholarships

Florida Wild for All Scholarship. With this scholarship award, ACT seeks to amplify and celebrate the existing voices of Black, Indigenous, Latinx, and Multiracial People of Color interested in pursuing a career path in natural resources management or protection of the environment of Florida. 
https://www.alachuaconservationtrust.org/flwild-for-all
Deadline is March 1, 2023.
You don’t have to be great to start, but you do have to start to be great!
~Zig Ziglar
Please fill out a survey.

Link: https://forms.gle/cfJyqKhGWLHWWnT48