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BCS Counseling Mission Statement

*is to promote
spiritual growth,
academic success,
positive interpersonal
relationships, and to
prepare students to be
servant leaders to further
God's kingdom*

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WEBSITE OF THE MONTH

www.CampusMinistryLink.org

Students, parents and area pastors can use the website, take preparation steps with students, and opt-in on the site for news about next steps. This website offers a lot of resources for students preparing to leave for college.

The national coalition hopes to connect every HS junior & senior in the US, reverse the 70% loss, and double believers at Universities.

Manatee County Seminole Club Scholarship

The Manatee Seminole Club will award \$1,000 scholarships for the 2020-2021 school year. The requirements are as follows:

- ◆ Must be a 2021 graduate of a Manatee County high school
- ◆ Provide proof of enrollment at Florida State University
- ◆ Completed applications **must be submitted by Wednesday, May 26, 2021**
- ◆ To access the application, please visit
<http://manateenoles.fsu.alumnispaces.com/>

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Manatee River Garden Club Scholarship

The Manatee River Garden Club is offering a \$1,000 scholarship to a graduating high school student who plans to further their studies in gardening, agriculture, horticulture, landscape design or environmental studies in a related field. For an application, visit www.manateerivergardenclub.com, click on the Grants and Scholarship tab.

1. Include a written recommendation from an instructor/guidance counselor where you are currently enrolled.
2. Attach a copy of your most recent transcript.
3. Attach your answers to the following questions:

How do your college and career goals apply to environmental studies?

How would this scholarship help you achieve your college and career goals?

What are your personal and extracurricular activities in areas related to horticulture and/or environmental issues?

What is the most valuable knowledge and/or experience you've gained from these activities?

Submit the completed application along with the six supplemental items listed above to:

Director of Grants & Scholarships, Manatee River Garden Club

P.O. Box 14662 | Bradenton, FL | 34280-4662

Deadline to submit the application is no later than April 1, 2021

Children's Therapy Solutions, Inc. Scholarship

Children's Therapy Solutions is pleased to invite minority high school seniors who are pursuing a career in the healthcare field, specifically therapy (Occupational, Physical, Speech) to apply for a scholarship to assist with funding their education. Two seniors will be chosen to receive the **\$500 scholarship**.

To be considered for this scholarship, a student must:

1. Be a minority high school senior accepted into college for Fall 2021
2. Intending to pursue the healthcare field of therapy
3. Compose a 550-word essay including the following: Why you believe you deserve this scholarship? What is driving you to pursue the field of therapy? How will this impact your education?

Please see Mrs. Cunard for an application. The deadline is Wednesday, May 5, 2021.

If you'd like to learn more about Children's Therapy Solutions please look over the website at <http://childrenstherapysol.com>

SAT TEST DATES AND DEADLINES FOR 2020/2021

<u>SAT Tests</u>	<u>Regular Deadline</u>	<u>Late Deadline</u>
September 26, 2020	August 26, 2020	September 15, 2020
October 3, 2020	September 4, 2020	September 15, 2020
November 7, 2020	October 7, 2020	October 20, 2020
December 5, 2020	November 5, 2020	November 17, 2020
March 13, 2021	February 12, 2021	February 23, 2021
May 8, 2021	April 8, 2021	April 20, 2021
June 5, 2021	May 6, 2021	May 18, 2021

Register for the SAT at www.sat.org/ready. The testing fee is \$52. Testing fee with Essay is \$68.

Official SAT Practice—For more information and view sample questions, visit www.satpractice.org

****Check with your hopeful college/university to see if they require the Essay portion***

Test Security Enhancements: Students are required to provide their gender and a photo when registering for both the SAT and ACT. This information will be included on admissions tickets, test center rosters and high school reports. Students will upload (via the ACT and College Board website, mobile device, or mail) a recognizable head-and-shoulders photo of themselves when registering for these tests. Students must provide their high school code (100-146) when registering. Students must also bring their admissions ticket and acceptable photo ID on test day.

ACT TEST DATES AND DEADLINES FOR 2020/2021

<u>ACT Tests</u>	<u>Regular Deadline</u>	<u>Late Deadline</u>	<u>Photo Upload Deadline</u>
October 10, 2020	September 25, 2020	October 5, 2020	October 2, 2020
October 17, 2020	September 25, 2020	October 5, 2020	October 2, 2020
October 24, 2020	September 25, 2020	October 5, 2020	October 2, 2020
October 25, 2020 (Sunday)	September 25, 2020	October 5, 2020	October 2, 2020
December 12, 2020	November 6, 2020	November 20, 2020	December 4, 2020
February 6, 2021	January 8, 2021	January 15, 2021	January 29, 2021
April 17, 2021	March 12, 2021	March 26, 2021	April 9, 2021
June 12, 2021	May 7, 2021	May 21, 2021	June 4, 2021
July 17, 2021	June 18, 2021	June 25, 2021	July 9, 2021

Register for the ACT as www.actstudent.org. Testing fee is \$55. Testing fee including writing is \$70.

****Check with your hopeful college/university to see if they require the Writing portion***

Reinaunce Service Club

Reinaunce is a high school girl's service club with the primary purpose of actively volunteering and raising funds for community service projects and organizations.

Member requirements:

- Work a minimum of 30 service hours each year.
- Attend and participate in mandatory club functions, fundraisers and social events.

Examples of Functions and events are: monthly meetings (2nd Wednesday evening each month), Rush, Reinaunce/ Mam'selles Volleyball game, Christmas Social, Father-Daughter/ Spring Social, Invitational, and Mother-Daughter Banquet.

- Mandatory and optional expenses (costs are subject to change)

Examples of Mandatory Expenses include: Annual dues \$35, Club Service T-shirt \$15, New member binders \$10, calendars (2@\$15), Christmas Social \$15, Fashion Show tickets \$25, Mother-Daughter Banquet \$25,

Optional expenses include T-shirts for events throughout the year and club jackets

Applications must be received by March 29, 2021

Mailing address: Crestie Smith

8616 46th Avenue Circle West | Bradenton, FL | 34210

Application is included as an attachment with the *BCS College Advisor*

Brooks Law Group Scholarship

Brooks Law Group is proud to offer 2 scholarships to a high school senior.

The Spring Essay Topic:

Student debt is a growing issue in the United States. In 2020, the US surpassed \$1.7 trillion in student debt. There have been different proposals for how to fix this problem, including pausing loan payments during the COVID-19 pandemic and forgiving a certain amount of debt altogether. With a new president, we still don't know what will happen to student debt.

Essay Question:

Why do you think the student debt crisis has gotten so extreme? How has the debt problem affected your education plans? If you were in charge, what would you do to fix the student debt crisis?

Apply online at brookslawgroup.com/about-us/community/scholarship. **The deadline is Wednesday, May 7, 2021**

Manatee Mega Pantry - Volunteer Opportunity

Feeding Tampa Bay presents a wonderful volunteer opportunity in the fight against hunger right here in Manatee County. They offer a unique leadership opportunity for students to become Volunteer Captains. Below is a list of volunteer opportunities in Manatee County.

- Every Tuesday we host our Manatee Mega Pantry where we serve neighbors in need of nutritious foods. Location: DeSoto Mall in Bradenton (JC Penney parking lot). This event takes place from 3-6 pm, and we are projected to serve 900 of our neighbors in need each week.
- Every first Saturday of the month, we house our Manatee Mobile Pantry where we are projected to serve 350 of our neighbors in need. Location: Just for Girls Elementary: 1011 21st Street East | Bradenton, FL | 34208. This event takes place from 8:30 am - 11 am.
- Every second Saturday of the month we house our Manatee Mobile Pantry where we are projected to serve 350 of our neighbors in need. Location: Early Learning Coalition: 600 8th Avenue West #100 | Palmetto, FL | 34221. This event takes places from 8:30 am - 11 am.
- To sign up, please visit the attached link - <https://volunteer.feedingtampabay.org/opportunity/a195G0000062kez>



Because Food Makes
Tomorrow Possible

Student Athletes Must Register with NCAA and NAIA

Students looking to participate in a Division I or II collegiate sport should register with the NCAA Eligibility Center during their sophomore year of high school. Students must request that their ACT scores be forwarded directly to the center by entering code "9999" as a reporting selection when registering for the test.

Students looking to play for an NAIA school must register at www.playnaia.org

For more information on the NCAA's core course requirements, GPA computation, and contact information, and to complete the amateurism questionnaire, visit www.eligibilitycenter.org.

Anna Maria Island Historical Society Scholarship

The Anna Maria Island Historical Society will select one high school senior to receive a \$2,000 scholarship for the 2021/22 college year.

Scholarship requirements:

- You must be a resident of Anna Maria, Bradenton Beach or Holmes Beach.
- You must be a 2021 graduate of a Manatee County High School.
- You must have a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 (weighted) for a four-year college or a 2.5 (weighted) for a community college.
- Your major can be in any field at an accredited two-year or four-year college, and you must be a full-time student taking 12 or more credit hours.

Application must include:

- A copy of your high school transcript;
- A copy of your SAT or ACT scores;
- Two references (one from a teacher);
- A one-to-two-page typed essay on your extra curricular activities, volunteer service and future aspirations in your field.

Please see Mrs. Cunard for an application.

Applications must be postmarked by March 31, 2021

Realtor Association of Sarasota & Manatee Scholarship

Each year, the Realtor Association of Sarasota and Manatee (RASM) Scholarship Committee will award six scholarships in the amount of \$2,000 each. The scholarship supports tuition, textbooks and other course-related fees. The following criteria must be established in awarding this scholarship:

- You must have a school official complete the required scholastic information and include 2 letters of reference.
- Submit a completed application (incomplete application packages will not be considered by the review committee).
- Write a 200-300 word essay introducing yourself, identifying your mentors, sharing your goals and expectations and describe why you should receive a scholarship.

Applications due before **5 p.m. on Friday, April 9, 2021.**

All applications can be mailed or delivered to:

RASM South | 2320 Cattlemen Road | Sarasota, FL 34232

For more information and to download the application, please visit
www.MyRASM.com/associationnews or see Mrs. Cunard.

BCS Senior High Scheduling

The time is quickly approaching for students to schedule for next year. An informational packet will go home with students prior to their scheduling time. It will contain a copy of the master schedule along with a course selection worksheet and an explanation of the scheduling process.

Prior to Scheduling

- Parents are required to sign the course selection worksheet.
- Students must be registered for the 2021-2022 school year.
- Students who are currently taking a Florida Virtual School (FLVS) course must have completed 80% of the semester in a semester long course or must complete the entire first semester (100%) and 80% of the second semester in a year long course in order to schedule.

Scheduling Process

High school scheduling appointments this year will be based on when your re-enrollment process was completed. Students will no longer need to arrive early to get an appointment time! Appointment times will be set according to your enrollment time, as we can see down to the minute when re-enrollment was completed. The order for scheduling will be the same (all Seniors first, then all Juniors, Sophomores, Freshman). Appointment times will be posted outside of Mrs. Heintz' office.

Honors & AP Courses

Students must have a teacher recommendation for any Honors or Advanced Placement courses. The grade requirements for recommendations are set up by each department. Students are encouraged to meet with their current teachers before coming in to make their schedules, so they will know what classes they have been recommended to take. In addition, all graduation requirements are listed in the Student Handbook, which can be located on the BCS website at www.bcspanthers.org on the Secondary School page.

I always enjoy this time of year, because it allows me the opportunity to meet with each student individually. I know this can be an overwhelming process, but please know I am just a phone call or email away should you have any questions. I would love to help make this process go as smoothly as possible. Feel free to contact me at 792-5454, ext. 118 or jcunard@bcspanthers.org.

Scheduling days:

Seniors (Class of 2022) – April 26, 27 & 28

Juniors (Class of 2023) – April 29 & 30

Sophomores (Class of 2024) – May 5, 6 & 7

Freshman (Class of 2025) – May 10, 12 & 13

