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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

ApplicationU

The Christian Connector is pleased to announce the launch of ApplicationU - a website for submitting multiple Christian college applications using one application form. With ApplicationU, students can apply to 3 Christian Colleges for FREE.

89% of students said they would apply to multiple Christian Colleges with one application if given the opportunity.

- Students taking advantage of the FREE Christian College resources are also automatically entered in the \$2,500 Christian College Scholarship Drawing. Students may sign up at www.ChristianConnector.com/chs
- To apply to 3 Christian Colleges for free visit www.applicationu.com

Stetson University - J. Ollie Edmunds Scholarship

The J. Ollie Edmunds Distinguished Scholarship Program is a nationally competitive merit-based college scholarship program designed to attract top student scholars with leadership potential to Stetson University's campus. The scholarship pays expenses for four years at Stetson for students who exhibit exemplary academic and personal leadership. Edmunds Scholars, in addition to their academic abilities and intelligence, must have strong character and integrity along with the potential to be outstanding leaders. Intellectual distinction alone is insufficient for selection as an Edmunds Scholar.

Candidates for this outstanding scholarship program must meet the following minimum requirements:

- Secondary GPA of at least a 3.5 on a 4.0 scale (weighted GPA accepted)
- Possessing an ACT composite score of at least 30 or a minimum combined SAT score of 1350 (combined Critical Reading and Math)
- **Deadline is January 15, 2022**

For more information visit the website at www.stetson.edu/edmunds



Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program

The Florida Financial Aid Application (FFAA) becomes available on **October 1, 2021**. ALL Seniors need to complete the FFAA if they are planning to be a recipient of the Florida Bright Futures Program. Students must visit www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org and on the left hand side of the page click on *State Grants, Scholarships & Applications*. You will then be directed to create an account to be able to complete the Florida Financial Aid Application

In this section, students are to click on the Florida Financial Aid Application and begin the process of completing this application. This application authorizes BCS to send transcripts to the Florida Department of Education for the purpose of receiving funds through the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program.

This form must be completed **no later than May 27, 2022** or students will no longer be eligible to receive this funding.



Virtual College Fair

Fall 2021 fairs schedule

Aug 29	Signature Fair
Sept 12	Signature Fair
Sept 28	Northeastern US Fair
Oct 3	Signature Fair
Oct 14	Midwest US Fair
Oct 24	Signature Fair
Nov 2	Arts & STEM Fair
Nov 14	Signature Fair

NACAC
Virtual
COLLEGE FAIRS
virtualcollegefairs.org

Exhibit at a
NACAC Virtual
College Fair

Students and parents are invited to attend a NACAC Virtual College Fair. This is an opportunity to hear firsthand from hundreds of colleges and universities. Sign up at www.virtualcollegefairs.org and start exploring. Log in on the fair dates to meet with 600+ colleges and universities. College representatives will be online to talk with high school juniors and seniors. Find out when they're having Zoom sessions and drop in to attend. Each virtual fair is a free, one-day event. Attend as often as you like. On the event date, you will use your phone or computer to log in. Learn, connect, ask questions, and discover your best college fit.



SAT TEST DATES AND DEADLINES FOR 2021/2022

<u>SAT Tests</u>	<u>Regular Deadline</u>	<u>Late Deadline</u>
October 2, 2021	September 3, 2021	September 21, 2021
November 6, 2021	October 8, 2021	October 26, 2021
December 4, 2021	November 4, 2021	November 23, 2021
March 12, 2022	February 11, 2022	March 1, 2022
May 7, 2022	April 8, 2022	April 26, 2022
June 4, 2022	May 6, 2022	May 25, 2022

Register for the SAT at www.sat.org/ready The testing fee is \$55.

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

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 2021/2022

<u>ACT Tests</u>	<u>Regular Deadline</u>	<u>Late Deadline</u>	<u>Photo Upload Deadline</u>
September 11, 2021	August 6, 2021	August 20, 2021	September 3, 2021
October 23, 2021	September 17, 2021	October 1, 2021	October 15, 2021
December 11, 2021	November 5, 2021	November 19, 2021	December 3, 2021
February 12, 2022	January 7, 2022	January 21, 2022	February 4, 2022
April 2, 2022	February 25, 2022	March 11, 2022	March 25, 2022
June 11, 2022	May 6, 2022	May 20, 2022	June 3, 2022
July 16, 2022	June 17, 2022	June 24, 2022	July 8, 2022

Register for the ACT as www.actstudent.org . Testing fee is \$60 Testing fee including writing is \$85

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

BCS Junior Parent/Student Workshop

The BCS School Counseling Office is offering a Junior Parent/Student workshop. The purpose of this evening is to provide you with information to help students prepare for a successful high school career and better assist in guiding through the college admission process. It is highly recommended for **both students and parents** to attend the meeting to hear the same message. Some of the most frequently asked questions to be discussed include:

- ◆ When should students take the ACT and/or SAT?
- ◆ What classes should students take during their senior year?
- ◆ When should students apply for college?
- ◆ Is my student on track for the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program?
- ◆ How do students know how to select the right college/university?
- ◆ What else can I be doing to help my daughter/son?

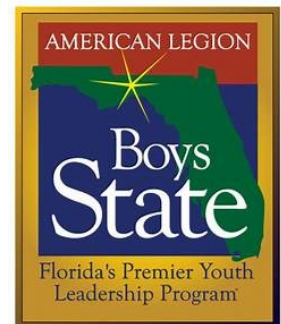
These workshops are always informative and hopefully provide better direction for both students and parents before diving into the college admissions process. The Junior Parent/Student Workshop will be held on **Monday, November 1 at 7:00 p.m.** in Wichers Auditorium. I always do my best to keep the meeting at one hour or less. I look forward to seeing you there!

Florida American Legion Boys State

Boys State is a comprehensive one week course in state and local government developed to offer youth a better perspective of the practical operation of government and to show that the individual is responsible for the character and success of his government. This is a non-partisan program with scholarship opportunities.

The eligibility requirements include the following:

- ◆ **Current Juniors** who will complete their junior year in May
- ◆ Be in good academic standing
- ◆ Have an interest in the governmental process
- ◆ Parents must be residents of Florida
- ◆ Possess outstanding qualities of leadership, character, scholarship, loyalty and service to their school and community
- ◆ Must be able to attend the full week of Boys State held at Florida State University from June 19-25, 2022. The American Legion Post 24 pays for all expenses.
- ◆ Deadline to submit application is **Friday, November 19, 2021**
- ◆ Applicant interviews will be held at Post 24 on **the week of December 4, 2021 from 11 am - 2 pm**
- ◆ Please see **Mrs. Cunard** for more information or to pick up an application.



American Legion Speech Contest

The American Legion Post 24 is offering a High School Oratorical Scholarship Program for students in Grades 9-12. Students can win up to \$18,000 at the national level.

There are 2 parts to the speech contest:

- A prepared topic - must be on some aspect of the United States Constitution with emphasis on a citizen's duties and obligations to our government. This must be between 8-10 minutes.
- The 2nd part is on an assigned topic: This will include one of the following possible assigned topics :
 - Amendment 3** - No soldier, shall, in time of peace be quartered in any house, without the consent of the Owner, not in time of war, but in a manner prescribed by law.
 - Amendment 8** - Excessive bail shall not be required, nor excessive fines imposed, nor cruel and unusual punishments inflicted.
 - Amendment 14, Section 3** - No person holding any office, civil or military, under the United States, shall have engaged in insurrection or rebellion against the same, or give aid or comfort to the enemies thereof.
 - Amendment 25, Section 4** - If the President is unable to discharge the powers and duties of his office, the Vice-President shall immediately assume the powers and the duties of the office as Acting President.

The contest will be on Saturday, January 15. If you are interested in this, please see Mrs. Cunard no later than Tuesday, December 14.

For more information, visit www.floridalegion.org/oratorical.



Valdosta State University - fee waived for application

Valdosta State University has decided to waive all application fees for the Spring, Summer, and Fall of 2021! There is no special code or instructions needed to take advantage of the fee waiver. Once students reach the end of the [application for admission](#), they will simply click "submit."

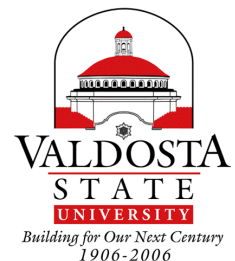
VSU runs on rolling-admission with no priority deadline or early-action period. The sooner a student applies and becomes accepted, the higher priority they may receive in housing preferences and scholarship opportunities.

When it comes to options for visiting VSU, we have created a "one-stop shop" at www.valdosta.edu/visit.

By visiting this link, you will be directed to the following options for getting to know VSU:

1. Live Virtual Campus Tours hosted by an Admissions Counselor via WebEx
2. In-Person, On-Campus Tours led by current Student Assistants within the Office of Admissions
3. A Brief Introduction to VSU from our Director of Admissions and Admissions Counselors

A Quick Campus Tour Video



We understand that these options may be unique in comparison to years' past; but, we hope that each option provides a great deal of insight into all that VSU has to offer!

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.

GE Reagan Foundation Scholarship Program

The GE Reagan Foundation Scholarship Program annually awards roughly 20 college-bound students who demonstrate exemplary leadership, drive, integrity, and citizenship with \$10,000 renewable scholarships – up to \$40,000 total per recipient.

For an online application, visit

<https://www.scholarsapply.org/ge-reagan/>

DEADLINE: January 6, 2022



**GE-REAGAN FOUNDATION
SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

Prudential Spirit of Community Awards

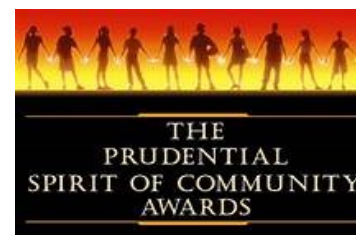
Are you making a difference through volunteering? Maybe you raised money for an important cause, or coordinated a neighborhood cleanup. Maybe you collected food or clothing for the needy, or started a project to help disadvantaged children or senior citizens. Whatever it was, tell them about it by applying for a Prudential Spirit of Community Award.

Local high school honorees are eligible for a statewide recognition, a \$1,000 award, a silver medallion, and an all-expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C.

Visit the website at spirit.prudential.com to access the application.

Qualifying Students Must:

- 1) Be in grades 5-12 as of November 4, 2021, and a legal resident of the U.S.
- 2) Applicants must have started their project by June 1, 2021
- 3) Complete and **submit an online application by November 4, 2021.**



National Honor Society Scholarship

The National Honor Society Scholarship application for 2021-2022 academic year is now open. The **deadline for applications is Wednesday, December 1, 2021**. NHS will award 600 students with a scholarship!

1 National Winner: \$25,000 | 24 National Finalists: \$5,625 | 575 National Semifinalists: \$3,200

NHS Student members who meet the following criteria are eligible to apply for the NHS Scholarship this year. Applicant must be:

- ◆ A high school senior
- ◆ An active NHS member in good standing
- ◆ Currently enrolled at a school with an affiliated NHS chapter
- ◆ Planning to enroll at a postsecondary college or university in fall 2022



Eligible NHS senior members must first create an account with NHS by going to www.nhs.us/create-an-account. **IMPORTANT:** When creating the student account, students should not use a school-issued email address. You will need to have access to this email after graduation.

The application has three required components.

1. NHS Student Application
2. NHS Adviser Certification
3. One recommendation form (must be completed by an individual who can speak to the applicant's demonstration of and commitment to the pillars of NHS)

Clemson University - Lyceum Scholars Program

The **Lyceum Scholars Program**, an initiative at **Clemson University**, is now accepting applications for Fall 2022. Students accepted into the Lyceum Scholars Program receive \$10,000 to Clemson University.

Lyceum Scholars study the moral, political, and economic foundations of a free society. What makes the Lyceum Scholars Program different from the ordinary college experience is the commitment to presenting fundamental, timeless, and life-changing ideas. This unique curriculum develops students' intellectual faculties, ignites their passion for knowledge, and promotes the development of character traits necessary to succeed in life.

Students in the Lyceum Scholars Program are paired with a faculty mentor (called Socratic tutors), who guides their intellectual development throughout the program.

More information can be found at the Lyceum Scholars Program website,

<https://www.clemson.edu/centers-institutes/capitalism/lyceum/application.html>

The priority deadline is **December 11, 2021**.



College Applications - FERPA

- Do you need money to help pay for college?
- Do you need help completing the financial aid forms?
- Are you not sure what information to include?
- Are you getting frustrated?



Virtual Workshops are available to help you complete the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid), hosted by the School District of Manatee County and REACH Manatee, are available on the following dates:

~~October 7, 2021~~
~~October 14, 2021~~
~~October 21, 2021~~
 November 4, 2021
 November 18, 2021
 December 2, 2021
 December 16, 2021
 January 13, 2022
 January 27, 2022
 February 24, 2022
 March 10, 2022

What Do I Need to Apply?

- ⇒ FSA ID for yourself
- ⇒ FSA ID for your parent/guardian
- ⇒ Social Security Number
- ⇒ Driver's License Number
- ⇒ 2020 W-2 forms and other records of money earned during that year
- ⇒ 2020 Federal Income Tax Return
- ⇒ Current business and investment mortgage
- ⇒ Stock, bonds, and other investment records

Students and/or parents can attend any of the virtual workshop dates. Log in any time between 6:00 - 8:00 pm for assistance.

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is the best way to make college affordable! Filling out the FAFSA gives you access to federal, state and college-based sources to help pay for college.

Who Should Apply?

All high school seniors should apply for free money for college using the Free Application for Federal Student Aid regardless of income.





Advanced Placement (AP) Exam Ordering

The College Board has instituted the practice to include student access to online resources and a fall registration deadline, which places **exam order deadline up to November 5, 2021**. The cost per AP exam is \$110 per exam. The AP Seminar and AP Research Exams are \$150 per exam.

The registration process for Advanced Placement exams has been simplified. Students have already begun the registration process by “joining” the correct course section at the beginning of the school year through myap.collegeboard.org and entering a unique join code for each class section.

Students will receive an AP Exam Order Form in early October, which will allow them to confirm which exams they plan to take or not take. **Beginning November 9, changing the testing decision will come with a \$40 add/drop fee.**

AP exam fees will be reflected in your tuition bill beginning in January. In October, students/parents will follow these steps to complete the registration, payment, and confirmation process:

- 1) Complete the AP Exam Order Form (distributed in AP Classes in early October).
- 2) Submit your AP Exam Order Form to Mrs. Cunard by Friday, November 5.

Here are the important dates:

- November 5 - All students must turn in a copy of their AP Exam Order Form
- Beginning November 9: Students who have not returned their AP Exam Order Form and exams will not be ordered. At that time, the College Board will institute a \$40 add/drop fee for any changes for our exam order.
- March 15: The last day College Board will allow an exam to be added, even with the extra fee.

For more information, please email Mrs. Cunard at jcunard@bcspanthers.org

May 2, 2022 - AP US Government Exam @ 8:00 am

May 3, 2022- AP Psychology Exam @ 12:00 pm

May 4, 2022- AP English Lit & Composition Exam @ 8:00 am

May 5, 2022- AP Human Geography Exam @ 8:00 am

May 5, 2022 - AP Seminar Exam @ 12:00 pm

May 5, 2022- AP Statistics Exam @ 12:00 pm

May 6, 2022 - AP European History Exam @ 8:00 am

May 6, 2022 - AP United States History Exam @ 8:00 am

May 9, 2022 - AP Calculus AB Exam @ 8:00 am

May 10, 2022 - AP English Lang & Comp Exam @ 8:00 am

May 11, 2022 - AP Spanish Language & Culture @ 8:00 am

May 11, 2022 - AP Biology @ 12:00 pm

May 12, 2022 - AP World History: Modern @ 8:00 am

ELKS MOST VALUABLE STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP

The Elks National Foundation will award 500 four-year scholarships to the highest-rated applicants in the 2022 competition.

- Any high school senior who is a citizen of the United States is eligible to apply.
- Applicants must be citizens of the United States on the date their applications are signed; permanent legal resident status does not qualify.
- Male and female students compete separately.

2021 Most Valuable Student applications are due to the Elks Lodge closest to the applicant's home by **November 15, 2021**. Applicants will be judged on scholarship, leadership, and financial need. To apply, visit their website at <https://www.elks.org/scholars/scholarships/MVS.cfm>

Applications must be submitted to the Elks Lodge closest to the student's permanent U.S. address. Applications must advance through local, district and state competitions to reach national judging. In late April, the 20 top finalists will participate in a Leadership Weekend in Chicago during which they'll interview with the national judges. These 20 finalists will be vying for two first-place awards of \$50,000; two second-place awards of \$40,000; and two third-place awards of \$30,000. The remaining 14 finalists will receive awards of \$20,000. The 480 runners-up will receive fifth-place scholarships of \$4,000.

Christian College Scholarship

The Christian Connector, Inc. offers a scholarship of \$2,500 from a random drawing.
Drawing Guidelines:

- Only students requesting Christian college, university and/or Bible college information as well as those planning or considering attending a Christian college are eligible for the drawing.
- The scholarship recipient must be enrolling for the first time as a full-time student at a Christ-centered Christian college, university or Bible college.
- An individual cannot enter the scholarship drawing more than once.
- The scholarship will not be sent to the individual recipient, but rather it will be sent directly to the school of choice for the scholarship recipient meeting the above criteria.
- To access the scholarship application visit www.christianconnector.com
- The scholarship runs each year from June 1st through May 31st.

Community Service Opportunity - Salvation Army (Bell Ringing)

Be Part of the Legacy

The Red Kettle Campaign has a deep history in America. It began in 1891 in San Francisco when Salvation Army Captain Joseph McFee wanted to provide a free Christmas dinner to families in need. He used an idea originally developed in Liverpool, England where people could throw some change into a pot to help the poor. Six years later, it spread to the East Coast and continued to grow into the tradition it is today, spreading throughout the entire United States and across the world.

Kettle Facts:

- Funds collected in the kettles support programs and services offered locally by The Salvation Army.
- The holiday kettle campaign is The Salvation Army's largest fundraising campaign – and its worldwide!
- Apple Pay and Google Pay donation options were introduced in 2019.

About our bell ringers:

- Bell ringers could be paid or volunteers who chose to donate time to The Salvation Army.
- Ringing bells as a family can become a fun, holiday tradition.
- Many civic, school and church groups have holiday bell ringing days.

Who can be a bell ringer?

In short answer, anyone can be a bell ringer!

- We encourage groups, families and individuals to participate in holiday bell ringing.
- People of all ages can ring bells, but we ask that student groups and children have adult supervision.
- Anyone with a few spare hours and the desire to spread the holiday spirit is welcome.

FAQ:

- What is the time commitment? It varies. Some groups ring daily, others just once during a holiday season. We ask you to commit to a minimum of 1/2 day. We ring from 10 am until 7 pm.
- Is there an expense for me? No! We supply the kettle, kettle stand, an apron and the bells.
- How long is the bell ringing season? This year, we will ring Monday through Saturday from November 28 until December 24.
- Can I pick my location? We have a list of approved sites and you can select your location from the list.

For more information, please call Carolyn Nielsen at 941.757.5770 or email her at Carolyn.nielsen@uss.salvationarmy.org.

