

# COLLEGE ADVISOR NEWSLETTER

BRADENTON CHRISTIAN  
SCHOOL

## COLLEGE ADVISOR

*A Guidance Newsletter for BCS Students and Families*

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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*

### **Director of Guidance & College Counseling**

Julie Cunard

## WEBSITE OF THE MONTH



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 \$5,000 Christian College Scholarship Drawing.

Students may sign up at [www.ChristianConnector.com/chs](http://www.ChristianConnector.com/chs)

• To apply to 3 Christian Colleges for free visit <https://applicationu.com>

## Hispanic Heritage Youth Awards

Students of Hispanic heritage are invited to apply for the Hispanic Heritage Youth Awards. Recipients should be students who have remarkable achievements in the classroom, made an impact in their communities, and demonstrated excellence across various educational categories. To be considered, students must:

- Be a senior with an unweighted GPA of 3.0
- Enroll at an accredited higher education institution in 2025-2026
- Be of Hispanic heritage (including Spain, Brazil and Philippines)
- Attend their virtual ceremony if selected

Deadline to submit application is 11/3/24 and students can apply at

[Youth Awards - Hispanic Heritage Foundation](http://YouthAwards-HispanicHeritageFoundation)



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## Community Service Opportunity - Chase Away Epilepsy

**Chase Away Epilepsy** - This event is a walk founded by one of our current families who has a child dealing with epilepsy. Their hope is to build awareness and proceeds will go to Josh Provides Organization which coordinates resources for families dealing with epilepsy. Volunteers are needed to participate in this walk. The walk will take place on Saturday, November 2 @ 9:30 am | GT Bray

@chaseawayepilepsy

# Save the date CHASE AWAY EPILEPSY

Join arms to raise epilepsy awareness and fundraise for a cure!

Saturday  
November 2  
2024



**STARTS AT 9:30 AM**

**G.T. Bray Park, Happy Tails Park, Bradenton, FL**

To register, use link <https://givebutter.com/1pk0hb>  
or scan the QR code above

Chase Away  
Epilepsy Walk  
benefits  
Josh Provides



Josh  
provides

EPILEPSY  
ASSISTANCE  
FOUNDATION



Thanks to our  
Marquee  
Sponsor  
SK Life Science



## SAT TEST DATES AND DEADLINES FOR 2024/2025

<u>SAT Tests</u>	<u>Regular Deadline</u>	<u>Late Deadline</u>
October 5, 2024	September 20, 2024	September 24, 2024
November 2, 2024	October 18, 2024	October 22, 2024
December 7, 2024	November 22, 2024	November 26, 2024
March 8, 2025	February 21, 2025	February 25, 2025
May 3, 2025	April 18, 2025	April 22, 2025
June 7, 2025	May 22, 2025	May 27, 2025

Register for the SAT at [www.sat.org/ready](http://www.sat.org/ready) The testing fee is \$68.

*\*Digital Testing Students taking the digital SAT Digital SAT Device Lending – SAT Suite | College Board who need to borrow a device from College Board will need to register and request their device earlier than the registration deadline—at least 30 days before test day.*

**Official SAT Practice—For more information and view sample questions, visit [www.satpractice.org](http://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 2024/2025

<u>ACT Tests</u>	<u>Regular Deadline</u>	<u>Late Deadline</u>	<u>Photo Upload Deadline</u>
September 14, 2024	August 9, 2024	August 25, 2024	September 6, 2024
October 26, 2024	September 20, 2024	October 7, 2024	October 18, 2024
December 14, 2024	November 8, 2024	November 22, 2024	December 6, 2024
February 8, 2025	January 3, 2025	January 20, 2025	January 31, 2025
*April 5, 2025	February 28, 2025	March 16, 2025	March 28, 2025
*June 14, 2025	May 9, 2025	May 26, 2025	June 6, 2025
*July 12, 2025	June 6, 2025	June 20, 2025	July 4, 2025

Register for the ACT as [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org) . Testing fee is \$68 Testing fee including writing is \$93

*\* Change in test format and length of test.*

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





## BCS Junior Parent/Student Workshop

The BCS 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 4 at 7:00 p.m.** in Wichers Auditorium. I always do

## SunCoast Blood Center Scholarship

High School Seniors are eligible to earn scholarship funds from SunCoast Blood Centers through donations of blood and/or volunteer hours with SCBC.

To apply students must:

- Complete an application form with essays
- Show proof of graduation in 2025
- Complete confirmation form if you completed volunteer hours at SCBS
- Recruitment form completed if you recruit donors

What to do for Eligibility:

- Donate blood five or more times since the age of 16
- Volunteer a minimum of 50 hours with SunCoast Blood Centers



**NOTE: BCS is hosting a blood drive on campus on Tuesday, November 5 from 9:30-1:30**

Applications can be submitted on-line, mailed, or delivered to:

SunCoast Blood Centers | 3025 Lakewood Ranch Blvd #111 | Bradenton, FL 34211

Attn: Scholarship Program | [jleonard@suncoastblood.org](mailto:jleonard@suncoastblood.org)

Please visit the website [www.suncoastblood.org](http://www.suncoastblood.org) to access the application or get more information. The **deadline is Monday, April 21, 2025.**

## BCS Blood Drive Opportunity



# DONATE BLOOD

**Bradenton Christian School**  
**Tuesday, November 5**  
**9:30 AM - 1:30 PM**

All donors receive\*:

- **Refreshments**
- **OneBlood Six Reusable Cups**
- **Culver's Coupon**
- **Wellness Checkup** including blood pressure, pulse, temperature, iron count, and cholesterol screening.

*Fact: Only 3% of those who are eligible actually donate blood.*

Donors  
Receive



- PLUS -



- PLUS -



Appointments are encouraged, please visit [oneblood.org/donate-now](https://oneblood.org/donate-now) and use **sponsor code 14359**

### ID REQUIRED

\*One offer per donor, per donation. No cash value. Not-transferable. Gifts may vary. For more information please visit [oneblood.org/details](https://oneblood.org/details).

**oneblood**   
Share your power.



# Elks Most Valuable Student Scholarship

The Elks National Foundation will award 500 four-year scholarships to the highest-rated applicants in the 2025 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
- Male and female students compete separately.



2025 Most Valuable Student applications are due to the Elks Lodge closest to the applicant's home by **November 12, 2024**. 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.

## BCS National Honor Society Induction Ceremony

The Bradenton Christian School Chapter of the National Honor Society will be inducting their newest members on Monday, December 9 at 7pm.

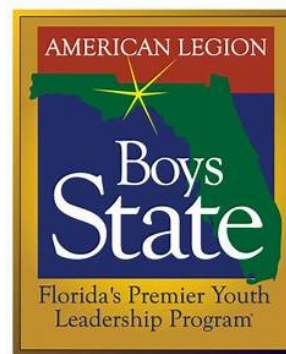


## Florida American Legion Boys State

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
- ♦ Deadline to submit application is **Friday, November 22, 2024** (Applications **MUST** be at the Post 24 by 5 pm. Postmarks do not count, so if they are sent via USPS, please allow ample time. The applications may also be hand delivered to Post 24 to the bartender on duty in the lounge.
- ♦ **Applicants should EXPECT an invitation to interview on Saturday, 12/7/24**





## Coast to Coast College Information Tour



Admissions officers from Dartmouth College, Northwestern University, Princeton University, University of California, Berkeley, and Vanderbilt University invite you to a virtual information tour via Zoom to learn about their institutions, hear advice about the college search and application process, and get your questions answered.

**Sunday, November 3 at 5pm Eastern Standard Time**

Meant as a brief introduction to the signature aspects of each institution, they'll also spend some time sharing application advice, financial aid insights, and answering questions submitted by students in advance.



To view a full list of program dates and register, visit [www.coasttocoasttour.org](http://www.coasttocoasttour.org)

## 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](http://www.christianconnector.com)
- The scholarship runs each year from June 1st through May 31st.



## Coolidge Scholarship - Juniors Only

The Coolidge Scholarship is a full-ride, four-year, merit scholarship that can be used at any accredited college or university in the United States. **Any high school junior** who plans to enroll in college in the fall of 2026 and is an American citizen or legal permanent resident is eligible to apply (current high school seniors are not eligible to apply). Winners may use the scholarship to pursue any academic major.

- A complete description of the scholarship's criteria, along with the online application and more information, is available at [coolidgescholars.org](http://coolidgescholars.org)
- NOTE: The application requires that candidates read President Coolidge's *Autobiography* and a few other readings and then write three essays. So begin the application early.
- Submission deadline is Wednesday, December 11, 2024 at 5 pm Pacific Time.

THE COOLIDGE  
A SCHOLARSHIP FOR AMERICA

### BCS Hispanic Honor Society Induction Ceremony

The Bradenton Christian School Chapter of the Hispanic Honor Society will be inducting their newest members on Monday, November 18 at 7pm.



## Student Athletes Must Register with NCAA , NAIA and NJCAA

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](http://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](http://www.eligibilitycenter.org).

Want to be part of the NJCAA experience?

The **National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA)** is the national governing body of two-year collegiate athletics and continues to be the leader in championing academic and athletic opportunities for student-athletes. The organization is the second-largest national intercollegiate athletic organization in the United States (second to the NCAA) with over 500 member colleges in 44 states.

Each year, nearly 70,000 student-athletes compete in one of 28 different sports, with the organization sponsoring 53 national championship events plus sanctioned football bowl games. To learn more, visit: [NJCAA](http://NJCAA)





## BCS Class of 2025 - College Acceptances

The Guidance Office has been notified of these early college acceptances so far! If an acceptance has been received but isn't on this list, simply notify Mrs. Cunard with proof of acceptance so it can be added.

**Kirsten Benigni**

*Southeastern University*

**Lauren Jolly**

*University of Mississippi*

**Colson Kragt**

*Palm Beach Atlantic University*

**Grant Schewe**

*University of Mississippi*

**Parker Hullinger**

*Palm Beach Atlantic University  
University of Alabama*

**Luke Kennedy**

*Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University*

**Gavin Murray**

*Palm Beach Atlantic University*

**Ella Waite**

*United States Navy*



## 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)
- Must apply to Stetson University for admission first.
- Deadline for J. Ollie Edmunds Distinguished Scholarship is December 1, 2024

For more information visit the website at [www.stetson.edu/edmunds](http://www.stetson.edu/edmunds)



**STETSON**  
UNIVERSITY

## Toys for Tots - Manatee Community Service Opportunity

Toys for Tots is a wonderful organization who helps provide Christmas gifts to kids all across **Manatee County**. The Marine Toys for Tots Foundation relies on local volunteers in several areas, including: Assisting in the transportation and storage of toys, assisting in our local warehouse, assisting with meals... and much more.

\*\*\* **IMPORTANT NOTE:** Please be sure to add [toysfortots.org](https://toysfortots.org) to your email account safe list and regularly check your JUNK/SPAM email folder for application notifications and confirmations.

**TOYS FOR TOTS-MANATEE  
COUNTY**

**WE NEED VOLUNTEERS TO HELP US  
IN OUR WAREHOUSE THIS SEASON!**

**PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE;  
BRADENTON-FL.TOYSFORTOTS.ORG  
AND CLICK THE "GET INVOLVED"  
TAB TO SIGN UP!!**

**EARN YOUR COMMUNITY  
SERVICE HOURS WITH US!**

**FUN FOR THE WHOLE  
FAMILY!!**

**TOYS FOR TOTS**



# National Honor Society Scholarship

The National Honor Society Scholarship application for 2024-2025 academic year is now open. The **deadline for applications is Thursday, November 26**. 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 2025



Eligible NHS senior members must first create an account with NHS by going to [www.nhs.us/create-an-account](http://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 –**NOTE: The deadline is during Thanksgiving Break, please plan ahead to get this certification completed BEFORE you go on break as well as asking for the recommendation.**
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)

## Classical Learning Test (CLT)

- ♦ [www.cltexam.com](http://www.cltexam.com)
- ♦ Shorter testing time - approximately 2 hours
- ♦ Test contains 3 sections - Verbal Reasoning, Grammar & Writing, and Quantitative Reasoning
- ♦ 120 Questions
- ♦ Scores range from 0-120
- ♦ No penalty for incorrect answers
- ♦ Answers can be shared for free to colleges/universities by students
- ♦ All Florida State Universities will accept (9/8/23)
- ♦ Accepted at over 250 colleges/universities
- ♦ Cost is \$69

September 21	October 16 <i>Register 10/10</i>	November 7 <i>Register 10/31</i>
<b>December 7</b> <i>Register 11/28</i>	<b>January 25</b> <i>Register 1/16</i>	<b>February 20</b> <i>Register 2/13</i>
<b>March 15</b> <i>Register 3/6</i>	<b>April 10</b> <i>Register 4/3</i>	<b>May 10</b> <i>Register 5/1</i>
<b>June 18</b> <i>Register 6/12</i>		



CLT