



# COLLEGE COUNSELING NEWSLETTER

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Frederica Academy's College Counseling Center seeks to foster students' academic, intellectual, and personal growth while helping them find a college that matches their academic talents and fits their interests well.



## July/August: Common App Registration

Essays, resumes, and applications, oh my! August marks the beginning of application season. Please read the newsletter carefully for important information, tips, dates, and deadlines.



The Common App Application will be how you will submit most of your college applications, and it opens on August 1<sup>st</sup>. **Please wait to create your account until you are with me.** If you'd like to create the account prior to the start of school, you may sign up for an appointment [here](#) before school begins. Appointments are limited. Otherwise, I will call students in once the school year begins.

**Your priority right now is to complete both your resume and your Common App essay.**



## Common App Essay

A well-developed draft of your essay is due to the [Class of 2026 Google Classroom Page](#) NO LATER than **August 15<sup>th</sup>**. This will count for a grade in your English class.



## Resume

Resumes should be up to date and submitted to the [Class of 2026 Google Classroom Page](#). Remember to include honors and awards from Junior year and activities over the summer.

**Resumes must be edited and complete by September 2<sup>nd</sup>.**

Having trouble writing? Come see me during open office hours on Monday, July 28<sup>th</sup> from 8-10am and Thursday, July 30<sup>th</sup> from 1-3pm.

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## ACT/SAT REGISTRATION DEADLINES

**ACT: Friday, Aug. 1**  
**SAT: Friday, Aug. 8**

Register for the August 23<sup>rd</sup> SAT by August 8<sup>th</sup>. This test will be offered at Frederica Academy. Click [here](#) to register.

Register for the September 6<sup>th</sup> ACT by August 1<sup>st</sup>. The paper-based test will be offered at Frederica Academy. Click [here](#) to register.



Your standardized tests scores only improve with practice!  
Commit to 20 minutes a day, and you will see improvement.

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## SENIOR COLLEGE NIGHT

**Wednesday, Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
**6:00-7:00pm**



Mark your calendars! This is an informative night for seniors and families. We will be joined by college admissions representatives who will answer your questions on the admissions process.

# A FINAL NOTE



**And when you want something,  
all the universe conspires to  
help you achieve it.**

Paulo Coelho  
*The Alchemist*

Dear Class of 2026,

Welcome to your senior year! This is the season where your dreams begin to take shape, where questions become intentions, and where the path forward begins to reveal itself. Just like Santiago in *The Alchemist*, you are on a journey to discover your Personal Legend—your unique purpose and potential.

This year, I encourage you to listen to your heart, follow your curiosity, and take bold steps toward the future that inspires you. Whether you're still figuring out what you love or you've already spotted your treasure on the horizon, remember—every dreamer starts somewhere. Also remember that your path might not look like anyone else's. It's YOUR path, and that's the beauty of it. Lastly, along the way, you'll encounter mentors, signs, opportunities, and challenges. Look and listen carefully. Don't be afraid of detours or delays. They often carry the lessons you need most.

As you prepare for testing, college lists, essays, and resumes, remember that these are not just tasks—they are part of the treasure map. They help uncover not only where you're going, but who you're becoming along the way.

Above all, know that you are not alone on this journey. I am here to guide you, support you, and remind you that every step you take in pursuit of your dreams is one step closer to discovering your own pyramids of treasure.

This is your year to dream boldly and act bravely. I can't wait to see where your path will lead.

With belief in all you're becoming,  
Mrs. Walbridge  
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"Let the journey begin."