SEACOAST COLLEGIATE HIGH SCHOOL

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Newsletter 2026

COLLEGE AND CAREER COUNSELING

Celebrating the Class of 2026



Seacoast Collegiate High School GRADUATION 2026



We honor the Class of 2026 and all they've accomplished. Through hard work, resilience, and ununforgettable memories, they've reached this milestone together. Congratulations, graduates your future is just beginning!



PLANNING YOUR FUTURE

The Seacoast Collegiate High School counselors support students and families through High School and dual enrollment at Northwest Florida State College by fostering academic growth, leadership, and meaningful engagement in school opportunities.

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Showcasing Student Success

Few moments are more rewarding than watching students turn their dreams into reality. As we celebrate the accomplishments of our graduates, we are proud to recognize the remarkable range of opportunities our students have earned through hard work, determination, and thoughtful planning. Each acceptance letter represents years of academic effort, personal growth, exploration, and perseverance. More importantly, each one represents a student taking the next step toward a future of possibilities.

Over the past three years, Seacoast students have earned acceptances to an impressive 109 different colleges, universities, technical colleges, and specialized programs across the United States and abroad. From highly selective universities to career-focused technical programs, our students continue to demonstrate that success comes in many forms and that there is no single path to achieving their goals.

Among these acceptances are some of the nation's most respected institutions, including Stanford University, Northwestern University, New York University, Boston University, the University of Virginia, the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, the University of California system, and Tulane University. Students have also earned admission to outstanding public universities such as the University of Florida, Florida State University, Auburn University, the University of Alabama, Clemson University, the University of Georgia, Louisiana State University, Penn State, Ohio State University, and many others.



Our graduates have also pursued specialized opportunities in aviation, engineering, technology, and the arts through institutions such as University of Edingburgh, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Florida Institute of Technology, Savannah College of Art and Design (SCAD), Ringling College of Art and Design, and Full Sail University. Others have chosen honors programs, faith-based colleges, technical education pathways, and community colleges that align with their unique talents.

Behind these achievements is a commitment to supporting every student throughout their high school journey. At Seacoast, college and career counseling services are provided to all students and families at no cost. Our counseling team brings a combined 48 years of experience in mental health counseling and college and career advising, helping students explore possibilities, develop plans, and prepare for life after graduation.

Through individualized counseling, academic planning, career exploration, college admissions guidance, testing support, scholarship and financial aid assistance, internship opportunities, and social-emotional support, students are equipped with the tools they need to make informed decisions about their futures.

While we celebrate the impressive list of colleges and universities that have welcomed Seacoast students, our greatest accomplishment is not measured by acceptance letters alone. It is measured by students discovering who they are, identifying meaningful goals, and developing the confidence to pursue them.

Whether a graduate's next step leads to a nationally ranked university, a technical certification program, military service, or direct entry into the workforce, we are proud of the path they have chosen and excited for the impact they will make in the years ahead.

CAREERS ON CAMPUS YEAR-IN-REVIEW



CAREERS ON CAMPUS
Building Futures. Guiding Dreams.



This year, Seacoast Collegiate High School's Careers on Campus series connected students with professionals from a wide range of high-demand fields, providing valuable insight into potential college and career pathways.

Highlights included presentations from **healthcare professionals, ROV and marine science specialists, commercial and military pilots, and engineers representing civil, electrical, and mechanical disciplines.** Students gained firsthand knowledge about college majors, internships, certifications, and workforce opportunities while learning how classroom experiences connect to real-world careers.

Through conversations with guest speakers, students left each event with a deeper understanding of emerging industries, expanded career possibilities, and the skills needed to succeed in an ever-changing workforce.

Get Involved: Help Inspire the Next Generation

Seacoast Collegiate High School is always looking to expand our network of professionals, business leaders, and community partners who are willing to share their expertise with students. As we continue to grow our Careers on Campus program, we are seeking volunteers who would be interested in:

- Serving as a guest speaker during a future Careers on Campus event
- Participating in a career panel discussion
- Providing job shadowing opportunities
- Hosting student interns
- Offering career mentorship and guidance
- Sharing industry insights and workforce trends

Parents and industry professionals who are interested in getting involved, please contact Mindy Larson, College and Career Advisor, at larsonm@seasideschools.net. We would love to hear from you and discuss ways you can support our students.

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Summer College Applcation Checklist

College applications can feel stressful but starting early makes a big difference. This summer is the perfect time to get organized, plan ahead, and make the process feel more manageable.

Summer College Planning Checklist for Rising Seniors

Now is the perfect time for rising seniors to get a head start on the college application process. Spending just a few hours each week can make senior year much less stressful and position students for success when applications open on August 1.



<u>This Summer, Be Sure To:</u>

- Finalize your college list and research admission requirements.
- Create or update your activities résumé.
- Begin drafting your Common Application essay.
- Prepare for upcoming SAT or ACT exams using IXL and other test prep resources.
- Visit college campuses or attend virtual information sessions.
- Research scholarships through Xello and create a system for tracking deadlines.
- Learn about financial aid and use college net price calculators with your family.
- Gain experience through internships, volunteer work, employment, or job shadowing.
- **Attend the July 31st College Applicaation Bootcamp at Seacoast Collegiate High School - 9AM - 12PM.**



<u>Before August 1st, Aim to Have:</u>

✔️ A college list finalized
✔️ A completed activities résumé
✔️ A first draft of your college essay
✔️ A scholarship search plan in place
✔️ A one-on-one college counseling meeting scheduled.

Remember, the work you do this summer can make all the difference when application season begins. Small steps now lead to big opportunities later!

Summer Scholarship & Financial Aid Checklist

Summer is one of the most important times for rising seniors and their families to prepare for scholarships and financial aid. The students who earn the most scholarship money are often those who start early, stay organized, and consistently meet deadlines.

Understand the Real Cost of College

- Learn the difference between sticker price and net price
- Use college Net Price Calculators
- Discuss family college budget expectations
- Determine what costs parents and students will be responsible for



Florida Bright Future Scholarship

We help students apply for the Bright Futures Scholarship during the fall of their senior year. While SCHS does not require service hours for graduation, we encourage students to acquire at least 100 service hours or 100 work hours to meet the FLBF requirements. Students may begin accumulating service hours beginning the summer before ninth grade. They must complete the Community Service Report Form and submit it to the College Counseling Office. Students are encouraged to keep a copy at home. All hours must be completed and submitted by the graduation date to count. Click here to view all Bright Futures Academic requirements.

Search for Scholarships Using Xello

- Log into Xello and complete your student profile thoroughly
- Update interests, career pathways, activities, and achievements
- Use Xello's scholarship search feature to identify:
  *Local scholarships
  *State scholarships
  *National scholarships
  *Career-specific scholarships
- Save scholarships of interest and create a list of upcoming deadlines
- Set a goal to identify at least 10-20 scholarships before school begins

Create a Scholarship Organization System

Develop a spreadsheet or tracking document including:

- Scholarship name
- Award amount
- Eligibility requirements
- Deadline
- Required materials
- Submission status

Create folders (digital or paper) to store application materials



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IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES



JUNE
6 - SAT (Registration Deadline: 5/22)
13 - ACT (Registration Deadline: 5/8)

JULY
11 - ACT (Registration Deadline: 6/5)
31 - SENIOR COLLEGE APPLICATION BOOTCAMP

AUGUST
1 Common Application Opens (for 2027-2028 application season)
22 - SAT (Registration Deadline: 8/7)

SEPTEMBER
12 - SAT (Registration Deadline: 8/28)
19 - ACT (Registration Deadline: 8/14)

OCTOBER
1 - FAFSA Opens for 2027 - 2028 Application Season
3 - SAT (Registration Deadline: 9/18)
15 - Early Action Application Deadline for some universities (including UF for FL Residents Only and UCF)
17 - ACT (Registration Deadline: 9/11)

NOVEMBER
1 - Early Action Application for many universities (including USF)
7 - SAT (Registration Deadline: 10/23)

DECEMBER
5- SAT (Registration Deadline: 11/20)
12 - ACT (Registration Deadline: 11/6)

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