

Seniors...

Things to remember!

- On the back shelf in G101, we have a variety of material: Christian university catalogues, public university catalogues, armed forces material, ACT and SAT practice tests and materials, Bright Future pamphlets. Feel free to take and keep anything on the shelf of which there are duplicates. The one of a kind catalogues need to stay in the room, but feel free to look over them in your free time.
- Early admission in colleges usually begins in September. Colleges are extremely selective. Many four-year state universities will accept most of their quota by Christmas. After Christmas, they will be much more selective.
- You can always turn down a college, but to be admitted during the second semester of the senior year can be difficult for selective colleges. Apply early. Many of the community colleges and Christian universities open their admission process a little later in the school year. Times vary, so you will want to contact the school of your choice to determine admission date procedures.
- Check with the college regarding its testing requirements. Not all colleges accept the same tests for admission.
- You will find out that the application process will not be complete until you have fulfilled the appropriate testing requirements, either the ACT or SAT. I highly recommend taking both tests. You may take the tests more than once and have the best score count for the Florida Bright Future Scholarship. The Florida Department of Education takes the highest of each category to determine eligibility for the Florida Bright Future Scholarship. You will also want to know that although FLDOE selects the best scores from each test sitting, the individual universities usually do not follow the same procedure. They will look at the complete sittings.
- You need to immediately register to take the ACT (www.act.org) or SAT (www.collegeboard.com). If you register in September, you can take an October test, which means you won't get results back until the end of October. That means the earliest you can apply for a university will be November. This is cutting it close if you want to get into a competitive university like UCF. The same is true with the ACT.
- In January, every student will need to apply for financial aid at www.fafsa.ed.gov, even if you do not plan to get scholarships. This is the official electronic application for federal student aid. Most colleges will not give out any scholarship money unless the student has signed up with FAFSA. (Note: You will need tax information to complete this form.)
- You should go to the website of the college of your choice and look for "in house" scholarship money. Many colleges have scholarships for specific grade point averages, rank in class, and community service. If you or your parents work for a large organization, that company may have scholarship opportunities.
- Once you are accepted, I highly recommend that you call the college and ask to speak with the financial aid officer and ask for advice. It never hurts to personally know someone at the college who may be able to lend a helping hand and offer advice. Most colleges cannot consider someone for financial aid until he has been accepted.
- When you are ready to make a college choice, you must ask our front office to send a transcript to the college. This does not happen automatically.
- You should regularly view the ACT and SAT websites. They have wonderful study and writing hints. You should also be using your My Road account to review your PSAT scores.

I'm praying for you,

*Dr. Sharon Nix
Academic Principal*