



# CCHS COLLEGE CONNECTION

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**Senior Edition | October 16, 2024**

## College Application Deadlines

How are your college applications progressing? Don't miss out. Many college **priority application deadlines fall between November 1 and December 1**. Make an appointment with your primary college counselor to assure you are on track!

## Counselor Appointment Calendars

**Mr. Cave-** <https://calendly.com/cave-matthew>

*Seniors with last names A - G*

**Mrs. Graves-** <https://calendly.com/graves-kristin>

*Seniors with last names H - O*

**Ms. Troutman-** <https://calendly.com/troutman-dana>

*Seniors with last names P - Z*

## Application Help Session for Seniors: Wednesday, October 23

College Counseling is excited to provide one final college application help session for seniors on **Wednesday, October 23 from 9-11 AM in Cafe One:22**. There is no school for seniors next Wednesday due to PSAT testing for 9th-11th grade; however, seniors who have questions about their college applications or need assistance with their applications are encouraged to drop in and see the counselors. *Registration is not required for this session.*

## Senior Parent Seminar Series Part #2 - Financial Aid Night - October 24th

We are pleased to welcome a financial aid expert from Saint Petersburg College next Thursday evening. This event will include lots of additional valuable information regarding paying for college and senior parents are highly encouraged to attend.

**When: Thursday, October 24th; 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM**

**Where: Williamson Room**

[REGISTER HERE](#)



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## Helpful Tools as you Complete your College Applications

These quick and helpful tutorial videos will give you the necessary information needed to complete your college application tasks

[How to Request Transcripts in Naviance](#) (for college applications)

[Transcript Request form](#) (for unofficial transcripts and scholarship applications)

[How to Request Letters of Recommendation](#) (if required by your university)

[Matching Common App and Naviance accounts](#)

[How to Complete SSAR](#) (if required by your university)

[How to Complete SRAR](#) (if required by your university)

[UCF SPARK Form Tutorial](#)

[Creating Common App](#)

[Submitting Common App](#)

[How to send SAT scores](#)

[How to send ACT scores](#)

[How to Update Application Status](#) (in Naviance)

## Have you Applied? Have you been Accepted to College?

If you have applied or received a decision from a college on your application, please share it with your college counselor. You can do this by updating your Naviance account. This is confidential between you and your counselor. Updating your application status and acceptances will also notify the college counseling that you are meeting the following graduation requirements:

1. Submit one application to at least one 4-year college/university **by December 19th**
2. Admitted to at least one 4-year college/university **by May 1st**

Watch this quick video to learn how to update your application status in Naviance. [How to Update Application Status](#). **It is each senior's responsibility to assure they are meeting all of the requirements**



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**for graduation and their diploma type. Please see the [Course Descriptions Handbook](#) for a full listing of graduation requirements and diploma type requirements. Have questions or need help? Schedule an appointment with your primary college counselor using the links above.**

## **Free College Application Events at CCHS**

College Counseling is excited to offer seniors the opportunity to meet with college admissions offices to complete a college application for FREE, and have the potential to receive an admissions decision on the spot! There may even be snacks and giveaways for those who attend. Join us to apply for [St. Petersburg College](#) on October 22nd in Cafe One:22 and/or [BUF - Calvary College](#) on November 4th in HS 203. Both events will be held during 7th and 8th period.

**October 22-** [SPC Apply Yourself](#)

**November 4-** [BUF - Calvary College Application Event](#)

## **Seniors-- these events are for you IF:**

**1--** You are considering enrollment at BUF- Calvary College and/or SPC (and are **not** currently enrolled in dual credit courses with SPC)

AND/OR

**2--** You need to submit a college application to fulfill this graduation requirement before December 19th.

## **This event will take place during the school day (7th and 8th periods).**

- It is an excused absence
- Registration is required so attendance can be pre-recorded
- You must make up all work you missed in class
- Do NOT attend this session if:
  - You have a test during your 7th or 8th period class
  - You are currently enrolled in SPC dual credit coursework



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## **Don't forget about the Bright Futures Application!**

The application for the Bright Futures Scholarship (FFAA) is now open. Don't forget to complete this application if you wish to earn this scholarship to apply toward tuition at the Florida public universities, community colleges, state colleges, or accredited private universities/colleges. [ACCESS THE FFAA HERE](#)

*\*\* Seniors can not earn the Bright Futures scholarship if the FFAA is not completed.*

*\*\* Seniors can pick a copy of their initial Bright Futures eligibility evaluation in the college counseling offices.*

[Bright Futures Scholarship Qualifying Criteria](#)

## **College Representative Visits for the Coming Weeks**

College representative sessions will be hosted in-person this year in HS 203 at CCHS. Registration is still required for these sessions which are open to students in grades 10 -12. For a list of colleges hosting a session and to register, check out the "What's New" section of [the Naviance Student](#) home screen. Please reference the "College Rep Visit" attendance policy in the Parent/Student Handbook on page 29 in regards to your responsibility for your class attendance.

### **Upcoming Visits:**

**October 17-** University of Miami (Virtual)

**October 22-** Lynn University

**October 24-** University of South Florida- St Petersburg

**November 4-** Samford University

## **2024 High School Essay Contest | Opportunity for 9th -12th grade**

The US district court invites students to participate in their annual essay contest. This year, students are asked to critically think and write about the concept of analyzing how technology in school has affected students' understanding of the First Amendment.

**Eligible Participants: 9th - 12th Grade**

**Submission Deadline: October 30**

**Prizes: 1st- \$2000, 2nd- \$1000, 3rd- \$500, 4th-10th- \$250**

*\*[CLICK HERE](#) For more information regarding the High School Essay Contest\**



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## Upcoming College Fairs & Events for Seniors

- **Application Help Session-** October 23 9-11 AM in Cafe One:22 *come see the college counselors with any questions you may have about your college applications or any other college counseling related questions during the PSAT testing for underclassmen.*
- **Senior Parent Seminar-- Part 2- "Financial Aid 101" Register [HERE](#)** October 24 6:30 PM  
(Location: Williamson Room)
- **North Pinellas College Fair (NEW DATE)-** Tuesday, October 29th, 6PM at Countryside High School
- **Annual HBCU Virtual Festival-** November 8 from 4-8 PM & November 9 from 9 AM-4 PM *during this virtual event, have the opportunity to apply onsite and receive same-day admissions decisions, receive scholarships, engage with HBCU reps and learn more about their schools.*  
[REGISTER HERE](#)

## Informational Resources:

ACT and SAT Information- [CLICK HERE](#)

Desmos Digital SAT Calculator Training- [CLICK HERE](#)

Magic School College Essay Tool- [CLICK HERE](#)

Community Service- [CLICK HERE](#)

CCHS College Application Guidebook- [CLICK HERE](#)

\$\$ October Scholarships \$\$- [CLICK HERE](#)

CCHS Scholarship Resources- [CLICK HERE](#)

Naviance Student Log-In- [CLICK HERE](#)

If you have any other questions, do not hesitate to reach out to your primary college counselor.

-- Your CCHS College Counseling Team



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