

Welcome to College Night!

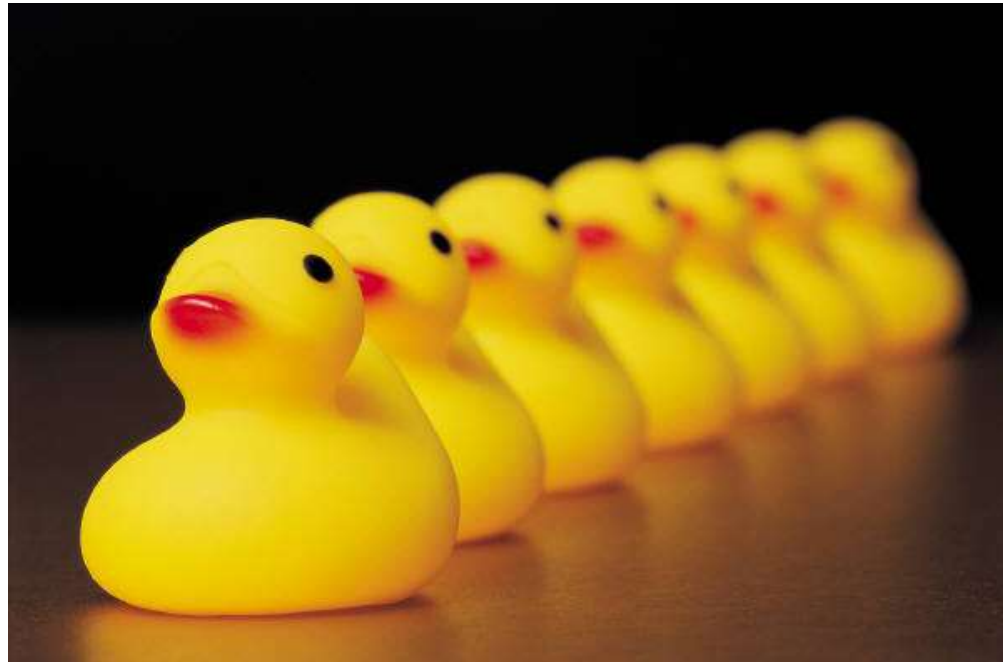
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Discussion Points

- College selection
- The application process
- Timeline for applying
- Financial aid



Which Path Will You Take?

The College Selection Process



- State college (PHCC, SPC)
 - Technical Certificate or A.S. degree
 - A.A. degree
- Florida Public University (See SUS matrix)
- Private Colleges/Universities
- During the summer take the time to visit the schools you are interested in! Check for college visit/tour information on institution websites.

Minimum Admission Requirements

- * 4 credits- English/Language Arts (three of which must have included substantial writing requirements)
- * 3 credits- Natural Science (two of which must have included substantial laboratory requirements)
- * 3 credits- Social Science (to include anthropology, history, civics, political science, economics, sociology, psychology, and/or geography)
- * 2 credits- Foreign Language (Both credits must have been in the same language. For the purposes of this requirement, American Sign Language will be accepted in place of a foreign language.);
- * 4 credits- Mathematics (at or above the Algebra I level).


The sequence of Algebra 1a and 1b satisfy a total of one credit of math for SUS admission purposes. Liberal Arts Math will not be accepted as one of the four mathematics core courses.

State University System Matrix

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Big Future Website

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It's okay to change your plans even if it means changing your major.

Monica realized the major she started college with wasn't right for her. By staying flexible, she opened the door to new opportunities.

Watch

Explore college majors.

Not sure where to start? Go

Find colleges

Search for a college by name

Go

OR

Search by location, major — any way you'd like.

Get the Facts

23% for college

How much federal financial aid is out there to help you? How much do you think you'll need to pay for college? Take a guess.

\$1 billion

make a plan


Get a free step-by-step college plan. Just answer a few simple questions.

What grade are you in?

8th or lower 9th 10th 11th 12th H.S. grad

For Educators

Get handouts and other college planning resources to share with students and families. Go to Educator Resource Center



Financial aid is a lifesaver
Annaesla, college sophomore

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Average number of colleges students save to their College Search list

\$13K

Financial aid dollars received by the average undergrad last year

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The College Application Process

- Know deadlines and admission requirements
- Take SAT/ACT and send test scores from testing agencies
- Send high school transcripts
- Go to the college website for the online application
- The common application



Tips for applying to college

- When to apply:
 - Depends on each individual school.
 - Check the college website.
 - Four year universities – August
 - State colleges – Spring of the senior year



The College Application

- demographic information
- academic experience
- awards and honors
- extracurricular activities
- list of senior classes
- written essay (may or may not be required)
- recommendations from teachers and counselors (may or may not be required)
- high school transcript
- test scores



Other tips

- Read the application thoroughly
- Answer all questions
- Have someone review your essay
- Proofread your application
- Make sure to pay your application fee



How will you pay for your education?

- Florida Bright Futures Scholarship/Florida Financial Aid Application
- Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
- Local scholarships (Scholarship Scoop and Pasco Education Foundation)
- Institutional scholarships
- Fastweb.com
- Make sure you are turning in community service hours! Almost all scholarships require these.



Great Websites to Visit!

- bigfuture.collegeboard.org
- flvc.org
- collegeweeklive.com
- floridastudentfinancialaid.org
- fafsa.ed.gov
- actstudent.org
- sat.org
- inlikeme.com
- commonapp.org
- individual college websites



Thank you for coming!
Any questions?

