



# SEMINOLE COUNTY VIRTUAL SCHOOL COUNSELOR CONNECTOR

September 2022 - Senior Edition

## SCHEDULING SENIOR CREDIT CHECKS

SCVS School Counselors, Mr. Washburn and Mrs. Gendreau, are scheduling in person or virtual senior credit check meetings in September. If you have not scheduled one yet, please reach out to them ASAP.

[Rob\\_Washburn@scps.k12.fl.us](mailto:Rob_Washburn@scps.k12.fl.us) Students with last name A-k

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## PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE

Now is the time to start getting serious about your plans after high school. Will you attend college, attend a trade school, join the military, or go to work full time?

### Explore Careers & Identify your interests:

- Visit the US Bureau of Labor Statistics to find the most updated information on hundreds of occupations that provide most of the jobs in the United States.
  - <https://www.bls.gov/>
- For College and Career resources visit the following websites:
  - <https://www.Floridashines.org>
  - <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/career-search/career-quiz>
- To utilize an interest inventory, try Next Move by utilizing the QR code below in the center of the page:



## COLLEGES, UNIVERSITIES, AND TECHNICAL/VOCATIONAL SCHOOL OPTION

### Online Resources for Different Types of Educational Programs

- Universities are typically larger and have vast offerings in both undergraduate and graduate programs.
- Colleges typically are smaller and offer 2-year degrees, technical/vocational programs, and some also offer undergraduate and graduate programs.





- Visit this website to explore more information on universities and colleges: <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/collegesearch>
- Vocational and technical programs are shorter programs that will prepare students for immediate employment.
  - Visit this website to explore more information on vocational and technical programs: <https://www.accreditedschoolsonline.org/vocational-trade-school/>

## College 101 Webinars

Planning your education after high school is a big step that can come with a lot of questions. Learn how to select a college, how to apply, and how to fund your journey during four nights of informative, fact-filled College 101 webinars this fall. These webinars are FREE and packed with great information about the next steps to take to go to college. It is recommended that you view this website for more information on the College 101 Webinars

- <https://www.floridashines.org/go-to-college/get-ready-for-college/college-101-event>

## MILITARY OPTION

### Online Resource for Military

Visit this website to explore more information on options within the military: [www.military.com](http://www.military.com)

### Military Placement Testing (ASVAB)

Take the ASVAB test. ASVAB Career Exploration Program is a career planning resource designed to help young people align their strengths and discover career options. Contact your SCVS Counselor for more information.

## SCHOOL AND COUNTY RESOURCES

### Writing Assistance for College Essay

If you need essay writing assistance, Sandra Fink from the SCPS ePathways department can help! She will be available on Wednesday, October 19<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm at the SCVS office located at 450 Technology Park in Lake Mary. Contact Betsy Gendreau at SCVS with questions. [Betsy\\_Gendreau@scps.k12.fl.us](mailto:Betsy_Gendreau@scps.k12.fl.us)

### Senior Homeroom

You are required to attend a monthly virtual senior homeroom with Mrs. Corrine Williamson and Mrs. JoAnna Marino. These 30 minutes Zoom meetings will be packed with information about graduation, college and career readiness, and important deadlines for senior year. Next senior homeroom session is Friday, 9/16 @ 10:00 am and will include a guest speaker AND information about caps and gowns.





## Homeroom Teacher Contact

Please contact your homeroom teacher by using the emails below:

- To contact Mrs. Corrine Williamson, use [Cori\\_Williamson@scps.k12.fl.us](mailto:Cori_Williamson@scps.k12.fl.us)
- To contact Mrs. JoAnna Marino, use [JoAnna\\_Marino@scps.k12.fl.us](mailto:JoAnna_Marino@scps.k12.fl.us)

## UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES – MARK YOUR CALENDAR

### September

#### Senior Credit Check

Schedule a senior credit check with your SCVS Counselor. Students are required to participate, and parents are encouraged to attend these in person or virtual meetings.

### October

#### FAFSA

Application opens for Free Application for Federal Aid (FAFSA) on October 1<sup>st</sup>. It is recommended that ALL students complete the FAFSA application. <http://studentaid.gov/>

Application for the State of Florida scholarships (including Bright Futures) opens on October 1<sup>st</sup>. Start your application at <https://www.floridastudentfinancialaidsg.org>. It is YOUR responsibility to apply and check the requirements that include GPA, test scores, and volunteer service hours. Volunteer service guidelines and log can be found at <http://virtualschool.scps.k12.fl.us/> under the Community Service tab.

### November

#### Apply to University

It is recommended to apply to a 4-year university by November 1<sup>st</sup>. Application deadlines vary by school. Check each university's website for details. It is suggested to apply to 4-7 colleges.

### December

#### College Placement Testing

SAT and ACT testing completed should be completed by seniors this month. Use the College Board and Act website below for more information on scheduling:

- <https://www.Collegeboard.org>
- <https://www.act.org>

#### Early Cap and Gown Ordering

If you want to save some money, order your cap and gown in December. More information will be emailed and provided to you during senior homeroom sessions.



## TIPS AND TRICKS FOR SUCCESS

### Avoid Senioritis

It could put your graduation in jeopardy!

If grades decline or final transcripts do not match the list of courses you indicated on your application for college, they can **rescind your admission acceptance!**

### Follow Deadlines

- Virtual courses need to be completed by May 1<sup>st</sup>!!!
- Community Service packet needs to be submitted by May 1<sup>st</sup>!
- Plato courses should be completed by May 1<sup>st</sup>!

### Check Emails and Communicate

- Check your school email through the CLEVER portal- Office 365- at least two times a week
- COMMUNICATE with your Counselor if you have questions or if there is something you think is missing! Use the information below to contact your guidance counselor:
  - **Rob Washburn**
    - Certified School Counselor
    - Assisting students with last name that starts with A-K
    - Email: [Rob\\_Washburn@scps.k12.fl.us](mailto:Rob_Washburn@scps.k12.fl.us)
    - Phone Number: (407) 746-6757
  - **Betsy Gendreau**
    - Certified School Counselor
    - Assisting students with last name that starts with L-Z
    - Email: [Betsy\\_Gendreau@scps.k12.fl.us](mailto:Betsy_Gendreau@scps.k12.fl.us)
    - Phone: (407) 494-0643

THANK YOU AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO GETTING YOU  
ACROSS THE FINISH LINE!

