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BRACE NEWS

Broward Advisor for Continuing Education
December 1, 2006

IMPORTANT DATES FOR JUNIORS AND SENIORS

Dec. 12 Tuesday F.I.U. On-Site Admissions 8:00 - 2:45
**Students must register in advance in the BRACE office for appoint.
Sign-ups begin Dec. 1, 2006**
Dec. 13 Wed. 1:30 p.m. Florida Culinary Institute
Jan. 30 Tues 6:00 p.m. Making College Financing Count-Auditorium
English presentation at 6:00 p.m., Spanish at 7:00 p.m.

*Seniors please bring in copies of all
acceptance and scholarship letters to the
BRACE Office. Congrats to those who have
rec'd \$\$\$ from UCF Pegasus Scholarships
and FSU 21st Century Scholarships!
Thank you very much. K.Siegel*

**THE HERALD SILVER KNIGHT AWARDS
RECOGNITION PROGRAM IS OPEN TO ALL
SENIORS. STUDENTS MAY APPLY UNDER ONE OF
15 CATEGORIES. INFO IS AVAILABLE IN BRACE
OR AT www.silverknightaward.com OUR DEADLINE
IS JAN. 16. SEE MRS. SIEGEL**

**JUNIORS: 2 GREAT SCHOLARSHIPS ARE AVAILABLE FOR FREE SAT
PREP CLASSES! SEE PAGE TEN OF THIS NEWSLETTER!!! WOW!**

OFF-CAMPUS COLLEGE/FINANCIAL PRESENTATIONS

Students: if you know of off-campus visits, please advise Mrs. Siegel

Georgia Institute of Technology	Feb. 16, 07	Female 10 & 11 grade students!!!!	FUTURES visitation program for 10 & 11 grade FEMALES! Cypress may nominate 6 students to participate in this program. See Mrs. Siegel in the BRACE office for more info by Jan. 10, 07
Nova Southeastern U.	March 17, 07	Open House	www.undergrad.nova.edu/admissions Campus Visit Days: Nov. 18, Dec 16, Jan. 20, Feb 17, April 21, 954 262 8000

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FLORIDA BRIGHT FUTURE SCHOLARSHIP And FAFSA

**Financial Aid Presentations
By Making College Financing Count
January 30 English: 6:00 p.m. Spanish 7:00 p.m.
Cypress Bay High Auditorium**

Do we have your SSN and SAT/ACT scores on file?
Transcripts will match if we do and Bright Futures Scholarship needs test scores. Pls.check your virtual counselor records!

Seniors, register for FL BRIGHT FUTURES on-line. Opens Dec. 1. Apply at www.FloridaStudentFinancialAid.org. The application gives the state permission to evaluate your transcripts for BF eligibility, state scholarships and grants. Students who are not US Citizens but are Florida Residents are eligible and must check ELIGIBLE NON-CITIZEN! Students type in Graduation Date. The actual date has not been determined. Type May 29. 2007. Register in BRACE office or home. In the spring you will receive a letter from the state telling you if you are eligible or not. You may check your state academic core GPA through the www.facts.org website. Click on high school evaluation. Your SAT scores or ACT must be in your school record. Check your virtual counselor!

FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) opens Jan. 1, '07 for the '07-'08 college freshman starting in fall '07. **THIS IS A FREE APPLICATION!!!** Practice sheets and handouts will be available in the BRACE office. Most schools want this complete by the end of FEB. If you will attend college in summer '07, you need to also file the '06-'07 FAFSA.

- 1) Get your "pin" number and one for the signing parent. Go to www.pin.ed.gov
- 2) FAFSA WEBSITE is www.fafsa.ed.gov. Be careful, there are similar websites that charge. This is a FREE application and you can do it yourself!

SENIOR CLASS ATHLETES PLANNING TO PLAY A SPORT IN COLLEGE? HOPING TO RECEIVE SCHOLARSHIPS & FINANCIAL AID? REGISTER NOW WITH THE NCAA CLEARINGHOUSE AT www.ncaaclearinghouse.net Visit www.ncaa.org too! Remember to request to have your transcripts from all high schools attended sent to the NCAA. Also, you must request to have your SAT and/or ACT scores sent to them directly. See Mrs. Siegel in the BRACE office for help! Class of '06 rec'd over \$1.5 million in Athlete scholarships!!!

Seniors: Important News!

Students and parents: **DO NOT PANIC** if your school sends you a letter saying they are missing documents. This is a common occurrence! Often papers are waiting to be opened in their mail! Be sure to have your name, SSN, and date of birth on every paper sent and keep a copy for yourself. Please check your application status on-line. Be sure that your schools have rec'd everything that you have sent them and that you are not missing anything. It is your responsibility to follow up. If transcripts, test scores or payments are not rec'd, the schools will not accept you!

ALERT... ALERT...BEWARE OF POTENTIAL SCAMS.....High school students and their parents will find their mailboxes full of solicited and unsolicited advertisements from colleges, test preparation companies, scholarship services, financial services, etc. Before you or your parents sign any contract **PLEASE** read the fine print and be certain of all financial details. Families in our area have paid upwards of \$1000 for unnecessary programs. See your BRACE Advisor to discuss your post-secondary plans. Many services offered for a fee may be available **FREE** of charge at your school or through community agencies.

IMPORTANT APPLICATION DEADLINES
UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA

Apply at www.ufl.edu
Check out www.honors.ufl.edu

Early Decision: Oct. 2, 06 Notification: Mid Dec. 06
Regular Decision I : Nov. 1, 06 Notification: Mid Feb. 07
Regular Decision II : Jan. 16, 07 Notification: Mid March 07

FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY

Apply at www.fsu.edu
Check out www.honors.fsu.edu

Application Deadline: Sept. 27, 06 Notification: Nov. 1, 06
Oct. 25, 06 Dec. 13, 06
Jan. 3, 07 Feb. 14, 07
Feb. 14, 07 March 28, 07

UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL FLORIDA

Apply at www.ucf.edu
Check out www.honors.ucf.edu

Rolling admissions- as soon as UCF receives your complete application, students will be able to check their status on-line.
Open house dates: Jan 20.

New College of Florida:

Apply at www.ncf.edu
Deadlines: Dec. 1, Feb. 15, April 15

The remaining Florida Public Universities have rolling admissions. Apply on line at their respective websites or visit the state university site www.facts.org for info and applications.

Florida A & M: www.famu.edu

Florida Atlantic University: www.fau.edu

Florida Gulf Coast U: www.fgcu.edu

Open house: Feb 24

Florida International University: www.fiu.edu Open house: Dec 9

Harriet L. Wilkes Honors College @ FAU

www.honorscollege.edu

Open house: March 17

University of North Florida: www.unf.edu Apply by Jan. 15 to be eligible for scholarships! Open house: Feb 3 ,March 3

University of South Florida: www.usf.edu

University of West Florida: www.uwf.edu

Open house Jan 20, Feb 17, March 17, April 21

HOW TO APPLY: FIRST READ ALL THE INFO ABOUT THE PROSPECTIVE STUDENT ON YOUR UNIVERSITY'S WEBSITE.

1. Complete application on line
2. Pay application fee
3. Send official transcripts (Request forms in BRACE or Registrar)
4. Send official SAT or ACT scores directly from College Board or ACT
5. Send essays
6. Send Letters of Recommendation, Resume and Cover Letter- Preferably in one neat package!

Top Ten College Application Mistakes

1. Misspellings i.e. business, psychology!
2. Grammatical Errors
3. Forgotten Signatures
4. County vs. Country: We live in Broward County!
5. Your E-mail addresses should be professional and checked regularly.
6. Compose your essay in a text document, cut and paste into application.
7. Watch the Application Deadlines!
8. Remember to send SAT/ACT scores directly from the College Board or ACT.
9. Don't forget to send high school Transcripts after you've checked your record on Virtual Counselor – Make sure your records are accurate
10. Make yourself a copy of what you are sending!

THE MOST COMPETITIVE COLLEGES MAY ALLOW STUDENTS TO APPLY WITH A COMMON APPLICATION. THE WEBSITE IS: <http://www.commonapp.org>. Check if your university requires additional supplement forms. FYI- nearly 300 member schools. Average student applied to 3.83 schools with common app. Pls. watch the fine print of ED- early decision vs. EA- early action.

The most competitive colleges require students to take SAT Subject Tests. Pls. check your university's requirements.

Many schools also require applicants to complete the "CSS Profile," a preliminary financial aid packet. This opened on-line Oct. 1, 06 through the www.collegeboard.com website!

TESTING SCHEDULE

SENIORS: register for the SAT I REASONING TEST.

JUNIORS: plan to take the SAT/ACT tests in the spring. The

SAT Subject tests may be required by selective colleges ONLY-check your university's requirements. Register at www.collegeboard.com. Many students score higher on the ACT test. Some schools will take the ACT test instead of the subject tests. Register for the ACT Test at www.act.org. and say YES to the writing portion!! Practice materials are available in the BRACE office.

Students on FREE AND REDUCED LUNCH ARE ELIGIBLE FOR FEE WAIVERS FOR TESTS AND COLLEGE APPLICATIONS. SEE MRS. SIEGEL.

When students repeat taking the SAT do their scores go up or down?

65% scores improve 35% scores go down

The average increase is 30 points in combined CR & Math!

What about the ACT Test? Students who retest have a 55% increase in scores and 23% decrease... so test again!

Test	Test Date	Registration Deadline	Test	Test Date	Registration Deadline
SAT I & Subject Tests	Jan. 27, 07	Dec. 26*, 06 *date change	ACT	Feb. 10, 07	Jan. 5, 07
SAT I ONLY	March 10, 07	Feb. 2, 07	ACT	April 14, 07	March 9, 07
SAT I & Subject Tests	May 5, 07	April 3*, 07 *date change	ACT	June 9, 07	May 4, 07
SAT I & Subject Tests	June 2, 07	April 27, 07			

SAT and ACT Tips

Colleges definitely require that you take a writing portion of a test. For the SAT it's mandatory, and for the ACT it's optional, I suggest that you take it anyway! FYI: For the "New" SAT writing portion of the test, the essay only accounts for 30% of the score and grammar counts for 70%. Study your grammar rules! The SAT test will have 10 sections. The essay will always be the first section of the test. It is suggested that you "back up" your essay with literary and historical references instead of personal anecdotes. Since topics are general, keep 4 classic books and 4 "moments" in history as support. A study from an MIT prof said that, "the longer the essay, the higher the score." Colleges will take your best combined SAT scores and most will take your best combined ACT scores. So take the tests more than once-they do not ever average the scores... that's only a rumor!

**TestGEAR for SAT is here: 60 hours of free coursework www.florida.access.bridges.com
Click on: create new portfolio, enter Broward Cty, and Cypress Bay High. Create a username and password and keep them in a safe place.**

BECOME A VENTURES SCHOLAR: Minority students interested in math and science are eligible if they are: Seniors who scored 50 on Math & Critical Reading on PSAT and have a min. 3.0 GPA Juniors scored a 47 on Math & C.R. Visit their web site @ www.venturescholar.org.

GREAT SCHOLARSHIPS at many universities.

www.venturescholar.org/hs/scholarships.html

- This is an excellent web site and link to career info, association contacts, internship opportunities!!!

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SCHOLARSHIP NEWS**

The Class of 2006 was awarded close to \$9 million in scholarships! How did they get them? They applied!

Be sure to advise Mrs. Siegel of all scholarships/contests you have applied for and if you are financially awarded. Hard copies of scholarships are available in the BRACE office. Find out if your parents' work place offers scholarships to children of its employees. Individual colleges and universities offer scholarships also, check your schools' websites, financial aid office and the individual colleges within the universities: watch the deadlines to apply.

NAME OF SCHOLARSHIP	AWARD AMOUNT	REQUIREMENTS	DEADLINE
John Cannon Memorial Scholarship	\$40,000	Senior. Except. Student. Test Scores, Essay. Major in Television, telecommunications. www.emmyonline.tv/emmy/scholarship.html	Dec. 11, 06
Burger King Scholars	\$1000	Senior. Min. GPA 2.5 work min. 15 hrs. weekly. Community service. Fin. Need. www.sms.scholarshipamerica.org/bkscholars	Dec. 15, 06
Henry Morrison Flagler Scholarship <u>Harriet L. Wilkes Honors College for FAU Jupiter Campus</u>	\$55,000	Seniors. Planning to attend Harriet L. Wilkes Honors College (FAU-Jupiter Campus) Must apply to this college by Dec. 15 and complete application. Must have School Nomination. Essay. www.honorscollege.edu	Dec. 15,06
Ronald A. Hammond Scholarship- <u>University of Miami</u>	Full Tuition	Seniors. Planning to attend University of MIAMI. US. Citizen or perm. Resi. Underrepresented background. Min. gpa 3.8, SAT 1150 ACT 26 www.miami.edu/hammond	Dec. 15, 06
Hispanic Scholarship Fund	\$1000 - \$2500	Seniors. Hispanic Heritage. US Citi. Or Legal Resident. Min. GPA 3.0. Fin. Need. Comm. Serv. www.hsf.neet/scholarship/programs/hs.php	Dec, 15, 06
Commerce BankAmerican Dream Scholarship	\$1000 (225)	Seniors. Academic Achievement and community service. College or vocational school 3.0 min gpa www.commerceonline.com/americanadream	Dec. 15, 06

AXA Achievement Scholarship	\$10,000 - \$25,000	Seniors. US Citizen or Legal resident. Demonstrate Ambition and Self-drive. www.axa-schievement.com	Dec. 15, 06
MLK Youth Leadership Award	\$1500	Seniors. Over 100 hours of community service. Leadership at school or in community. Transcripts. Resume, Essay. APP in BRACE	Dec. 15, 06
Metro PCS Scholarship	\$1000 (15) in So. FL. we had a winner last year!	Seniors. Min. 3.0 gpa . Community. Volunteerism, academics. www.metropcs.com/scholarship	Dec. 15, 06
Jan - Weston Rotary Student of the Month	\$500	Seniors. Students who have excelled academically and demonstrated outstanding community service. Apps In BRACE office. Due to Mrs. Siegel Student will speak at Rotary Breakfast on Jan 11. Students who have previously applied will be considered. You may submit additional materials.	Dec 20, 06
Daughters of the American Revolution Good Citizens Scholarship Contest	Varies	Seniors. Qualities of dependability, Leadership, Patriotism. Transcripts, Recom. Essay. App. In BRACE.	Dec 21, 06
Florida Retired Educators Foundation Scholarship	\$500 renewable, \$750 & \$1000	Seniors. Future Teachers. Fin. Need. Transcripts, SAT/ACT scores. Participation and Leadership. APP in BRACE	Dec. 22, 06
<u>University of So. Florida</u> Scholarships Students must apply for admission by Dec 31	Varies	Seniors. All students are considered for merit scholarships but must apply by this date. www.usfweb2.usf.edu/admissions/money.htm	Dec, 31, 06
<u>University of So. Florida</u> - National Science Foundation, Computational-Science Scholarship	Up to \$40,000	Seniors. US Citizen. Major in Chem, Physics or Stats. Fin. Need. Essay. http://rc.usf.edu/sstem	USF app due Dec. 31, FAFSa due Jan. 31, 07 Scho App due Mar 7
Colleges.com	Full Ride	Full Ride Sweepstakes. Students Create an email address for only scholarships. By registering with this org. you will be bombarded with emails. Apply at colleges.com	Dec. 31, 06

Gimme 5 Scholarship Sweepstakes	\$5000	Senior. US Resident. Plan to attend US College, University or Technical School www.wachovia.com/gimmefive	Dec. 31, 06
Navel ROTC scholarship program and Marine Corps	Up to \$150,000	Seniors. www.nrotc.navy.mil/colleges.cfm	Dec. 31, 06
Arts Recognition Scholarship Program	\$1000	Seniors. Attend. FL School. Excel in Dance, Film, Music, Theatre, Visual Arts, Media. Photo. Essay Extra Curric Activites. Work Sample or video www.faae.org	Jan. 5, 07
John F. Kennedy Profile in Courage Essay Contest	\$500 - \$3000	High school students. Essay Contest less than 1000 words. Show understanding of political courage as described in Kennedy's Profile in Courage. http://jfkcontest.org/	Jan. 6, 07
United States JCI Senate Foundation Scholarship	\$1500	Senior. FL Resident. Fin. Need. Leadership, Membership, Honors. Transcript. Personal Statement www.floridajcisenate.org	Jan. 7, 07
College Pursuit- SAT Prep Scholarship 8688 Griffin Road Cooper City 954-652-0220	FREE GROUP SAT PREP CLASS	JUNIORS ONLY! ALL juniors may apply. Application and information in BRACE. Group Class to begin Jan. 11 – March 1. Thursday evenings Visit www.collegepursuit.net for info about SAT prep, College Tours, FCAT coaching and much more!	Jan. 10, 07
The Educational & Diagnostic Services SAT PREP SCHOLARSHIP 1570 Town Center Cir. Weston 954-584-9817	FREE GROUP SAT PREP CLASS	JUNIORS ONLY! For this scholarship students need GPA 3.0 or higher. PSAT score of 500 Critical Reading and 500 Math. Fin. Need. Essay. App. In BRACE Office. Group class to begin Jan. 10- March 7 Mon & Wed. evenings	Jan. 10, 07
Elks National Most Valuable Student Scholarship	\$4000 to \$60,000	Seniors. US Citizen Academic Achieve, Comm. Service, Fin. Need.Essay. APP must be signed by lodge official to find local lodges www.elks.org/LocalLodges.cfm APP www.elks.org/enf/scholars/mvs.cfm	Jan. 12, 07
Gates Millenium Scholars	Full Tuition and expenses	Seniors. African American, Hispanic, American Indian, Asian Pacific. US Citizen. Fin. Need. Leadership. Min. 3.3 GPA www.gmsp.org	Jan. 12, 07

Sam Walton Community Scholarship	\$1000	Senior. Fin. Need. Achievement, Community Service. www.walmartfoundation.org	Jan. 12, 07
<u>FLORIDA STATE U.</u> Service Scholar	\$2000	Seniors. Outstanding service. Essay. www.serve2learn.fsu.edu	Jan. 12, 07
<u>University of North FL</u>	Varies	Seniors. Apply to university by Jan. 13 to be considered for all merit based scholarships www.unf.edu/finaid/scholarships/fl-fr-academic.html	Jan 13, 07
Dale E. Fridell Scholarship	\$1000	Seniors. Residents and International students may apply. Students plan to attend any post-secondary program! Essay www.straightforwardmedia.com/fridell	Jan. 14, 07
Dr. Aura-Lee & James Hobbs Pittenger-American History Scholarship Daughters of Am.Rev.	\$2000 renewable	Seniors. Plan to major in American History Or Government. Trans, Resume,Recs, US Citizen. www.himmarsheddar.org	Jan. 15, 07
Caroline E. Holt Nursing Scholarship	\$500	Seniors. Plan to major in Nursing. Fin. Need, Trans, Resume, Recs, US Citizen. www.himmarsheddar.org	Jan. 15, 07
Occupational/Physical Therapy Scholarship	\$500	Seniors. Fin. Need. Trans, Resume, Recs, US Citizen www.himmarsheddar.org	Jan. 15, 07
<u>Washington University</u>	Varies	Seniors. Separate Scholarships are available. To be considered you must apply to Wash U and complete an Academic Scholarship App. www.admissions/wustl.edu	Jan 15, 07
<u>St. Lawrence University in NY</u>	\$30,000 - \$80,000	Seniors. Merit bases, Community Service and Presidential Diversity Scholarships available! This school is seeking African-Americans, Asian, Hispanic and Native American Students Apply on line at www.stlawu.edu	Jan. 15, 07 Reg. Feb 15, 07
Family Fun Volunteers Contest	\$5000 (5) \$1000 (25)	Families who volunteer together are eligible. www.FamilyFun.com/volunteers	Jan. 15, 07

Bluestone Scholarship Program for <u>JAMES MADISON UNIVERSITY</u>	\$2000 to full tuition	Seniors applying to James Madison must apply early action Nov 10 for Thomas/Karyn Dingledine Scholarship and Jan 15 for the Madison Achievement Sc. www.jmu.edu/admissions/scholarships	Jan. 15, 07
Mensa Scholarships	MANY \$300, \$600, \$1000	Seniors. Many scholarships with major interests in aeron engin, education, liberal arts, journalism, female journalism, goal-essay, arts-creative writing, fine arts. www.merf.us.mensa.org/scholarships/zipfinder.php	Rec'd by Jan. 16, 07
Ford Salute to Education- Last year we had 4 winners!!!	\$1000 (many)	High School Seniors. Broward & US Citizen or perm resident. BRACE Advisor signature. Required. Min. GPA 3.0 . Community service. www.stescholarships.org	Jan. 19, 07
Christopher High School Poster Contest	\$1000 (8 awards)	High school students. Poster contest theme "You can make a difference" Info www.christophers.org/16poster_pr.html	Jan. 19, 07
<u>University of Miami</u> Ronald A. Hammond Scholarship	Full tuition	Seniors. Underrepresented background. US Citizen or Perm Resident. Min. 3.8 GPA 1150 SAT or 26ACT. Rec. Essay www.miami.edu/hammond	Jan. 26, 07
<u>Stetson University-</u> The J. Ollie Edmunds Distinguished Scholarship	Full Tuition, Room and Board (2)	Seniors. www.edmunds-scholarship.org	Jan. 26, 07
<u>Florida International University-</u> MPAS Scholars Award and Golden Drum	\$1000 per semester (we've had several winners!)	Senior. Min. 3.2 GPA. Leadership Essay. Multi-cultural Programs and Services. www.fiu.edu/~mpas	Jan. 30, 07
Arts for the Future Scholarship	\$1000-\$2500 (we've had winners every year)	Seniors. Outstanding in theatre, dance, music, visual and tech. Arts. Submit works	Jan. 31, 07
Congress-Bundestag Vocational Exchange Program	Internship room/board in Germany	Voc. Exchange to Germany. Seniors. US citizens. Min. 3.0 GPA www.firn.edu/doe/programs/cp_bundestag.htm	Jan. 31, 07

National Council of Jewish Women- Jewish Leaders of Tomorrow	\$1000	11 & 12 Grader Young Women in Broward. Essay. Transcript. Demonstrate Leadership APP in BRACE.	Jan. 31, 07
<u>Calvin College, Michigan Howard Hughes Medical Institute Scholarship</u>	\$2500 (6) renewable	Seniors. Plan to major in biology, chemistry, biochem, physics or mathematics at Calvin College www.calvin.edu/admin/finaid/forms/hhmis.htm	Jan. 31, 07
DISCOVER CARD	\$2500 (300) \$25,000 (1)	JUNIORS!!! Leadership, Community service, Obstacles! www.discovercard.com/tribute	Jan. 31, 07
Florida Engineering High School Scholarship	\$2000	Senior. US Citizen. Engineering Major. Min. 3.5 GPA, 1100 SAT 26 ACT math, 21 ACT English. App in BRACE office	Feb. 1, 07
Young Epidemiology Scholars (YES) Competition	120 awards yearly	Juniors and Seniors. Health research related projects. www.collegeboard.com/yes	Feb. 1, 07
<u>University of WEST Florida John C. Pace, Jr. Scholars Award</u>	\$5000 per year	Seniors. Top 5% at the end of the first semester. Essay letters of Recommendation. www.uwf.edu	Feb. 1, 07
Jeanette M. Russell Scholarship	\$5000	Seniors. Instrumental or Vocal student. Pursue music and jazz studies. Fin. Need. Finalist will compete March 10. www.goldcoastjazz.org	Feb. 1, 07
Emerald Society of Ft. Lauderdale	\$2,500	Seniors. Essay "Irish Contributions to American Life" App. In BRACE	Feb. 1, 07 rec'd by!
<u>University of Tampa Tampa Writing Scholars Competition</u>	Up to \$2000 yearly (5 – 15 yearly)	Seniors. Outstanding writers of poems, fiction, non-fiction, journalism. Complete UT app, major in English or Writing. Min 3.0 GPA, 1180 SAT or 26 ACT www.ut.edu	Feb. 1, 07
Daughters of the American Revolution Scholarship-Frances Crawford Marvin American Indian Scholarship	\$500 - \$20,000	Seniors. Diff. scholarships avail. Major studies to include history, nursing, female pursuing piano or voice, occup.thera, American Indian www.dar.org/natsociety,edout_scholars	Feb. 1, 07

Florida PTA/PTSA scholarships- 4 different applications	Annual Scholarship Up to \$4000 Comm/Junio, Voc/Tech, Fine Arts – \$1000 each	Seniors US Citizen may apply for any of 4 diff. Scholarships. Annual Scholarship-for comm.college, or FL public or private university min 3.0GPA, Comm/Junior FL school min 2.5GPA , Voc/Tech FL school- min 2.0GPA, or Fine Arts program min 3.0GPA at Institute, comm.college or FL university. APP in BRACE office	Feb. 2, 07 Postmark
Math Moves U Grant Scholarship	\$1000	Grades 6 – 12. US Citizen or Legal Resident. Essay not to exceed 500 words. App. In BRACE	Feb. 15, 07
Mahatma Rice Scholarship	\$2000	Seniors. Essay www.mahatmarice.com/scholarship	Feb. 15, 07
RMHC/HACER Scholarship Program- Scholarship for Hispanics, One for African American, All students	\$1000 each	Seniors. Academic Achievement, Fin. Need, Community Involvement. www.rmhc.org	Feb. 15, 07
<u>Johnson & Wales University</u> – Chef of the Year	Up to full tuition- We had a winner fly to No. Carolina!!	Seniors. Submit recipe. Win a cooking class with alum Tyler Florence. www.jwu.edu	Feb. 15, 07
FACTS.org	IBM Z60t ThinkPad Laptop computer	All students. Creat a new ePEP and enter a drawing to win a laptop. Apply at facts.org	Feb. 27, 07
American Society of Civil Engineers Broward	\$1000	Seniors. US Citizen. Essay, letter of rec, community service. www.branches.asce.org/broward/	Feb. 28, 07
<u>Florida Atlantic University</u>	\$200 - \$5000	Seniors. Students must apply to FAU. www.fau.edu/academic/admissions/scholarship.htm	March 1, 07
Alexander Graham Bell College Scholarships	\$1000 to \$5000	Seniors. Diagnosis of hearing loss prior to acquiring spoken language. www.agbell.org	March 1, 07

American Indian Scholarships- Daughters of American Revolution	\$500	Seniors. Native American. Fin. Need, trans, resume, recs. www.himmarsheedar.org	March 1, 07
The National Co-Op Scholarship	175 Merit scholarships.	Seniors. This is for Antioch College, Drexel, Kettering, Northeastern, Wentworth, RIT, J & W, Univ. of Cinn, Uni of Toledo, Pace. www.co-op.edu	March 15, 07
<u>Bridgewater College</u> in Virginia	Varies	Seniors. Great scholarships available for FL residents at this private Virginia College as well as Diversity scholarships. Visit www.bridgewater.edu	Ongoing
International Library of Photography Photo Contest	\$25 - \$10,000	All grade levels. Monthly contest Categories: action, children, humor, nature, people, animals, sports, travel www.picture.com/contest/enter.asp?Suite=4351	Ongoing
Common Knowledge Scholarships***CBHS had the most applicants for Sept. We beat the 215 other high schools in FL	Several *****	All high school students for most. www.cksf.org . FBI Challenge, Nursing Scholarship, Educator Scholarship, Black History Scholarship, Super Bowl	Ongoing program
Florida Next Magazine	All types of awards! Monthly	Grades 9 – 12. You will receive email solicitations! www.FloridaNEXT.com	Ongoing
Memorial Healthcare System 6 different scholarships available	\$1,500 - \$30,000	Seniors./college students Community scholarships Employee Dependent, RN to BSN, BS in Nursing, Pharmacy, Health Science. www.mhs.net	Ongoing
Nelnet National Scholarship Sweepstakes	\$1000 weekly	Seniors. Plan to attend college next year! www.nelnet.net/collegeplanning	Ongoing program
NEXT STEP Magazine	Prizes, \$\$\$	Monthly contests. www.nextSTEPmag.com/contests	Ongoing!
The SallieMae Funds: America Dream Scholarship, 911 Education Fund, First in Family.		www.salliemae.org . Several scholarships available for seniors. Deadlines vary.	Ongoing!

INTERESTING FACT: BY 2012 85% OF THE JOBS WILL REQUIRE EDUCATION BEYOND A HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA

Career Interest and Ability Inventories are available at www.facts.org. Select *Career Planning* under *Choose a Link*, select *Florida Choices Planner*, in the Student Section click *Create New Portfolio*, enter *Broward Cty*, and *Cypress Bay High*. Enter your personal info and you are on your way!
OR go to www.Florida.access.bridges.com, *Create a New Portfolio, Broward Cty, and Cypress Bay High. GREAT IDEA!!!*

SOPHOMORE, JUNIOR, AND SENIOR NAVIGATOR FOLDERS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE BRACE OFFICE!

Junior Checklist

- Make a list of the colleges you are considering
- Contact schools by email, ask to be placed on their mailing list, ask when a rep will be in So.FL.
- Examine your PSAT scores. Buy a prep book, practice on line or consider taking a prep class to improve
- Think about your strengths and preferences, college majors, and career interests
- Register to take the SAT Reasoning Test and/or ACT test. If you are planning to attend a Selective College take the SAT Subject Tests. Some schools will substitute the ACT.
- Make arrangements for campus tours
- Plan for your summer activities- Summer List is on BRACE Link
- Keep up your grades, this year is the most important!
- Stay involved with your school and community

Senior Checklist

FALL

- Take or retake the SAT Reasoning Test and if needed SAT Subject Tests and/or the ACT
- Submit your applications, resumes, essays, recommendations
- Send transcripts and test scores to schools
- Complete the CSS Profile if your university requires it
- Apply for scholarships, (Bright Futures opens in Dec.)

WINTER

- Parents complete FAFSA
- Verify schools have rec'd all application materials
- Submit housing applications and deposits
- Wait for acceptance letters and give copies to Mrs. Siegel

SPRING

- Review acceptance and financial packages
- Send in deposits
- Request final transcript be sent to your college

CHECK OUT THESE WEB SITES

****Starred items are new this month**

You will receive a lot of “junk” email after you register with some of these websites! I suggest you create an account just for these!

FOR COLLEGE SEARCHES:

www.collegeboard.com

www.collegebound.net

www.collegenet.com

*******www.petersons.com

www.nextSTEPmag.com/CollegeMatch

www.bestcollegedeals.com

www.collegedata.com

www.collegeview.com

<http://nces.edu.gov/ipeds/cool>

www.collegenews.org

www.campusdirt.com

www.collegeparents.org

www.privatecolleges.com

www.usnews.com

www.OfftoCollege.com

SCHOLARSHIP SEARCHES:

www.fastweb.com

www.scholarshipsforhispanics.org

www.studentrewards.com

www.wiredscholar.com

www.apps.collegeboard.com/cbsearch_s/s/scholarshipsearch.jsp

www.findcollegemoney.com

Nursing: www.nursingworld.org

www.usnews.com/scholarship

www.supercollege.com

www.collegeanswer.com ***

www.scholarshiphelp.org

www.guaranteed-scholarships.com

www.Allscholar.com

www.FreeCollegeScholarships.net

www.findtuition.com

CAREER SEARCHES:

www.facts.org

www.bls.gov/oco

www.mapping-your-future.org/features/careership

www.militarycareers.com

www.florida.echoices.com

www.careervoyages.gov

www.careerkey.org

www.careerEdition.com

www.StartHereGoPlaces.com/yes

www.eweek.org (engineering)

www.aamc.org/students/start.htm
(medical schools site)

SAT/ACT PREP:

www.review.com

www.4tests.com

www.testpreview.com

www.actstudent.org/testprep/

www.collegeboard.com/psatextra

www.howtostudy.org

www.aia.org (architecture)

INTERNSHIPS for Hispanics:

www.hnip.net

FINANCIAL AID SEARCHES:

www.studentaid.ed.gov

www.educationone.com

www.educaid.com

www.salliemae.com

www.petersons.com/finaid

www.act.org/fane- this is an estimator!!!

www.studentdebtalert.org

<http://nces.ed.gov/ipeds/cool/>

Florida Public Universities may be your first choice or an excellent back-up to private schools. Many of our Cypress Bay students will attend private schools in and out of the state. Have you considered applying to them and finding out if they will give you \$\$\$\$. Every school that accepts you will come up with a financial aid package. See what they will offer! It's may be worth the effort!

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CLASS OF 2006
WHO HAVE BEEN ACCEPTED TO THE FOLLOWING
COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES.

Amherst, Boston College, Boston University, Brandeis, Brown, California Institute of Technology, College of William and Mary, Cornell, Dartmouth, Duke, Emory, Georgetown, Imperial College-London, John Hopkins, MIT, McGill, NYU, Princeton, Smith, Stanford, UC -Berkeley, University of Chicago, University of Florida, University of North Carolina, University of Pennsylvania, Washington University, Wellesley, Yale

Brigham Young University, Clemson, Florida State, Georgia Tech, New College, Northeastern, Penn State, Tulane, University of Illinois-Champaign, University of Miami, University of Michigan

Albion College, Auburn, Baylor, Belmont, Bryant College, Bridgewater College, Florida International University, Embry-Riddle, Indiana University, Kansas State, North Carolina State, Purdue,

Stetson, Syracuse U, University of Arizona, University of Central Florida, University of North Florida, University of South Carolina, University of Wisconsin

Florida Atlantic University, Florida Gulf Coast, Nova Southeastern, University of South Florida, University of West Florida

Art Institute, Curry College, Johnson and Wales, Le Cordon Bleu, School of the Visual Arts,

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