


Class of 2013  
Junior Student – Parent  
Informational Meeting

January 26, 2012



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Welcome!  
Bill Mowry  
Assistant Principal

Tonight's Presenters

- Marilyn Ruthardt
  - NHS Sponsor, Internship Coordinator
- Brenda Bartlett
  - Guidance Counselor
- Kim Kindell
  - Rotary Futures College Resource Center

There will be a Project Graduation meeting immediately following this presentation at 7:30 pm.

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Purpose of Tonight's Program

- Preparing for the SENIOR YEAR



- Be Prepared ☺
- Don't Get Overwhelmed

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Marilyn Ruthardt  
National Honor Society  
Internships

National Honor Society

- [www.teacherweb.com/fl/venicehighschool/nationalhonorsociety](http://www.teacherweb.com/fl/venicehighschool/nationalhonorsociety)
- You must complete your Bright Futures **100 hours** of approved community service PRIOR to seeking membership in the National Honor Society.
- They are looking for TRUE community service where the student has outreached to their community.
- Students will be invited to submit information in late August. A 3.5 unweighted GPA/4.0 weighted is required.
- Students must have been a member of *at least* one school service-oriented clubs for *at least* one semester prior to admission. Sports does not count as a club.
- For more information, visit the website or call Marilyn Ruthardt at 488-6726 (VHS).

## Venice High School Executive Internship Program



## Purpose of Internship

Is to provide a professional level of experience for students in career areas that they plan to pursue in postsecondary education.

## Internships at VHS

### Requirements for Internship Class:

1. You must be a Senior.
2. You must have a 3.0 GPA. 3.5 for Medical.
3. No excessive absences or tardiness in classes.
4. No arrests or history of ISS and OSS.

### How do I sign Up?

Sign up for the class with your Guidance Counselor.

DO NOT look for an intern position until you've spoken to Mrs. Ruthardt.

## Internship Description:

- Earn high school credit while serving as special assistants to professionals in the community.
- Work at least 6 - 8 hours a week.
- Participate in seminars on management and communication skills.
- May intern during 6<sup>th</sup> and/or 7<sup>th</sup>.
- You must provide your own transportation.

Future Teacher at Venice Elementary  
Mrs. DiPillos 1<sup>st</sup> Grade



Future Pediatric Dentist



## Hospitality and Tourism



## The future Dr. Cody Johnson



Interns are required to conduct themselves in a professional manner by demonstrating promptness and dependability, dressing appropriately, and maintaining a cooperative and positive attitude towards the world of work.

## West Coast Physical Therapy Greg Miller



For more information on Internships, be sure to speak to your Guidance Counselor or Mrs. Marilyn Ruthardt

NEXT...

**Brenda Bartlett**  
Guidance Counselor

## Senior Year Activities and Expenses

- Plan Ahead
  - Senior Expenses
    - Announcements, cap & gown, yearbook
  - Senior Events
    - Homecoming, Grad Night, Prom, Commencement, and Project Graduation
- Calendar of Events
  - Distributed at the beginning of senior year

## 2013 Warrior Yearbook

- Senior portraits at Venice High and at Bryn-Alan
  - Dates will be in Pathfinder
  - Will be notified by Bryn-Alan
- Yearbook orders – early October during TRIBE
- Senior Ads deadline – November 1, 2012
- Yearbook Advisor – Don Remo  
**Donald\_Remo@sarasota.k12.fl.us**

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## CHECK STUDENT DATA

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## Confirm Your Student's Data

- **Confirm your student's data with the Registrar, Mrs. Anne McClellan**
  - Address, Social Security Number, Date of Birth, etc.
- **Very important for...**
  - VHS correspondence
    - Pathfinder, Meeting Notices, etc.
  - SAT and ACT scores
  - Bright Futures scholarships

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## Communications

- **We make multiple attempts to stay in contact with you. Make sure your address is correct in Guidance.**
  - Pathfinder
  - Websites
    - [www.sarasota.k12.fl.us/vhs](http://www.sarasota.k12.fl.us/vhs)
    - [www.rotaryfutures.org](http://www.rotaryfutures.org)
  - Postcards and mailings
  - Daily announcements on VTV
- **Never hesitate to call or email us. A staff directory is on the VHS website.**

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Registration begins soon...  
Your Senior Schedule is  
**VERY IMPORTANT!**

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## Graduation Requirements

- It is the STUDENT's responsibility to assure they have met all graduation requirements.
- Guidance counselors are here to help you help yourself.
- Please review your transcript and meet with your guidance counselor regarding any concerns.

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## Increased offerings in Dual Enrollment and Advanced Placement

- More rigorous course offerings.
- Weighted credits for GPA.
- Increased opportunities for students to earn college credit.
- Students complete many basic college requirements prior to enrolling in a university.
- \$\$\$\$ savings for parents.

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## DUAL-ENROLLMENT OFFERINGS

2011-2012

- EDF1005 Introduction to Education and Field Experience
- EDG2701 Teaching Diverse Populations
- ENC1101 Written Communication I
- ENC1102 Written Communication II (Prerequisite-ENC1101)
- ENL2010 English Literature (Prerequisite/Co-requisite – ENC1102)
- MAC1105 College Algebra
- MAC1140 Precalculus and MAC1114 Trigonometry
- MAC2233 Calculus for Business and Social Science
- STA2023 Elementary Statistics
- MUL2010 Music Appreciation
- BSCC005 Biology : Basis of Life (DE Zoology)
- BSCC007 Introduction to Biology (DE Biology)
- AMH1010 American History I
- AMH1020 American History II
- SLS1301 Career Exploration (DE Internship with Ms. Ruthardt)

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## ADVANCED PLACEMENT OFFERINGS

2011-2012

- Art History
- Art Drawing
- Art 2D
- Calculus AB and BC
- English Language
- English Literature
- Music Theory
- Biology
- Chemistry
- Physics B
- World History
- United States History
- United States Government
- Macroeconomics
- Psychology
- Spanish

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## Requirements to take Dual Enrollment Classes

- Per State College of Florida (SCF), students must have the following to take DE classes...

- **3.0 unweighted GPA**
- **Meet minimum SAT, ACT or CPT/PERT** (SCF's college placement test) **scores**
  - Trigonometry or Analytical Geometry –
    - 560 SAT Math or 23 ACT Math, 51 CPT, 23 PERT (College Level Math portion)
  - Written Communications –
    - 440 SAT Reading or 18 ACT Reading and 17 ACT English, 83 CPT, 17/18 PERT
  - Non-Math DE courses use reading scores –
    - 440 SAT Reading or 18 ACT Reading, 83 CPT, 18 PERT
- **Check the SCF website for test score requirements:**
  - [www.scf.edu/testing](http://www.scf.edu/testing) Click on "Placement Test Results Chart"
- **Students MUST meet all requirements by published due dates.**
- **See your guidance counselor for more information!**

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## Dual Enrollment (DE) Classes

### REMEMBER...

- Dual Enrollment classes are the beginning of a student's college transcript
  - The grades stay on the college transcript **FOREVER**
  - This is the beginning of a student's college Bright Futures GPA
- **State Universities have minimum post-secondary (DE) GPA requirements for admission:**
  - **2.0 for most State Universities**
  - **USF: 2.5 "post-secondary" GPA required**
- Students who take DE Classes at SCF are part of the regular SCF student body!

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## Senior Schedule

- **College Bound?**
  - **It is imperative that seniors take rigorous courses in their senior year.**
  - Affects college admission
  - Affects scholarship opportunities
  - **Prepares for college education**

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## Academic Courses

### When reviewing applications for admission...

- Colleges consider the total number of academic classes a student takes.
- Colleges look at the number of academic courses a student takes during their senior year.
- Minimum graduation requirements are no longer enough to be competitive at many state universities.
- The more academic courses you take, the more competitive your college application becomes.

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## Academic Courses

- Some statistics...
- The average number of high school academic credits for 2010 college freshmen at...
  - **FSU** – **22** total academic credits
    - 4.5 English, 5 Math, 4.5 Science, 4.5 Soc. Science, **3.5 Foreign Language**
  - **UF** – **24** total academic credits

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## Questions?

Meet with your Guidance Counselor...

- A – D Mrs. Wolfe
- E – F Mrs. Bartlett
- L – Q Ms. Cross
- R – Z Ms. Mainey

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## Rotary Futures Program

- 501(c)3 non-profit organization supported by a 22-member community board
- Opened in Jan. 2002 – 10 yrs. on campus
- Over 50,000 visits to our program
- Designed to serve as a resource center for all Venice-area residents
- Assistance with post-secondary decision making
- Locally funded and supported through grants and donations
  - Venice-Nokomis Rotary Club
  - The Kathleen K. Catlin Fund of the Community Foundation of Sarasota County

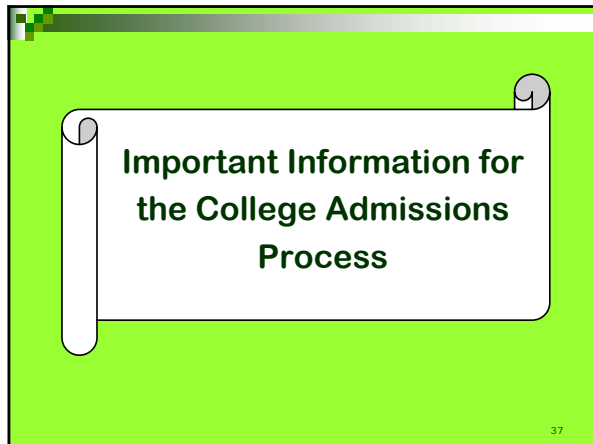
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Rotary Futures Program  
is on...



Click "Like" to get notices  
and reminders :-)

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### Florida Universities becoming more selective!

★ [www.admissions.ufl.edu/pdf/SUSMATRIX.pdf](http://www.admissions.ufl.edu/pdf/SUSMATRIX.pdf) ★

2011 SAT/ACT and Academic GPA ranges (middle 50%)

Univ. of Florida (UF)	1830-2090 / 28-32	4.1 – 4.4 weighted*
Florida State Univ. (FSU) weighted*	1760-1980 / 26-30	3.7 – 4.2
Univ. of Central Fla. (UCF) weighted*	1730-1910 / 25-29	3.5 – 4.2
Univ. of South Fla. (USF) weighted*	1680-1900 / 25-29	3.64 – 4.21
Florida Gulf Coast (FGCU) weighted*	1440-1660 / 20-24	3.06 – 3.72

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### Academic GPA

Honors, Dual Enrollment, Advanced Placement

**When reviewing applications for admission...**

- State universities re-calculate a student's GPA based ONLY on their academic classes
- The GPA is weighted
  - Honors classes - .5 credit
  - DE and AP – 1.0 credit
- Some state universities use 18 credits in the calculation
- Many use ALL academic credits in the calculation

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### SAT and ACT

- We recommend all students take at least one SAT AND one ACT before their senior year.
  - SAT dates: March 10<sup>th</sup>, May 5<sup>th</sup>, or June 2<sup>nd</sup>
    - [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org)
  - ACT dates: April 14<sup>th</sup> or June 9<sup>th</sup>
    - [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org)
- Register online or packets available in Guidance or Rotary Futures

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### April SAT Prep Class

**Excellent opportunity for Juniors!**

- After-school class taught by Ms. Wendy Dunn
- Cost - \$100 plus must purchase Official SAT Study Guide (\$21.99 retail...cheaper on Amazon.com ☺)
  - Wednesdays: April 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> – 2:30 – 4:30
  - Saturday: April 28<sup>th</sup>, 8:00 am – 12 noon
- Students on free or reduced lunch – Cost \$50 and includes book. \$50 refunded if student attends all classes (for entire length of class).
- Registration flyer available in Rotary Futures
- **First come, first served with payment**

### Test Scores and Transcripts

- When registering for SAT and ACT...
  - Use full name (that is in your school records)
  - Use your SSN and make sure it is correct!!!
  - Makes sure to identify "Venice High School" when registering
  - Failure to do any of the above could delay college admissions and Bright Futures scholarships
- Colleges and schools require official score reports from ACT and College Board (SAT)
- Submit scores to four (4) schools
  - FREE when you register
  - \$10.50 per school after testing
- **NO test scores are on your transcript**, but they are in your school records for Bright Futures qualification

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## State University System Minimum Test Score Requirement

- SAT Critical Reading  $\geq 460$  **or** ACT  $\geq 19$
- SAT Math  $\geq 460$  **or** ACT  $\geq 19$
- SAT Writing  $\geq 440$  **or** ACT English/Writing  $\geq 18$
- Exceptions are possible, but not likely
- **Some universities have established higher minimum test scores, i.e. Florida State University** (info. on their website)

## Visit Campuses Over Spring Break & Summer

- **In the college/school decision process, visiting a school is the SINGLE most important thing you can do before your senior year.**
- Take vacation time to visit colleges & schools.
- Visit college or schools regardless of your interest in that particular institution.
- Ask questions and keep records of your experiences... your thoughts/impressions!
- If missing school, students must get a "passport" from the Attendance Office and have signed before the visit. Otherwise, the absence will be "unexcused".

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## Summer Activities

- **Research colleges/schools**
  - Internet searches (College Board, Princeton Review, US News, College Confidential)
  - VISIT campuses
- **Anticipate writing essays**
  - Many colleges & scholarships have similar essays.
    - **Application essay prompts are usually online**
    - Describe your career aspirations
    - Discuss any unique financial situation
    - Avoid "Death, divorce, and my best friend the horse" ☹
    - Essay should be about YOU (the applicant)

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## Summer Activities (continued)

- **Complete Community Service Hours**
- **Write Résumé** (samples in Rotary Futures)
- **Consider who to ask for Letter(s) of Recommendation** (academic and community)
  - Are they really needed?
  - **Consider Early Decision (E.D.) or Early Analysis**
    - Know the difference between the options
    - No Florida public universities offer E.D.
- **Decide on at least 3 schools and begin the application process EARLY (August)**

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## Community Service

- Volunteer hours are **NOT** required for high school graduation, BUT they are required for Florida Academic Scholars Award and other scholarships
- **MUST** complete the School District plan and have the plan approved **PRIOR** to beginning ANY volunteer service to earn 0.5 credit
- Hours must be served with a NON-PROFIT organization
- Completed plan is one of the requirements for National Honor Society (NHS)
- Community Service hours look great on your transcript and résumé!

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## College Applications

- **Apply EARLY and ONLINE**
  - By September/October for State Universities
- **To how many colleges should you apply?**
  - ★ 15
  - ★ ...is 10 too many ☹
- **Apply to 3 - 6 colleges**
  - ★ Reach Schools – "Dream"
  - ★ Possible Schools – "Target or Reality"
  - ★ Likely Schools – Make sure it really is likely!
- **Application fees are \$30 - \$75 each!**
  - College Application Fee Waivers – Available in Guidance for students who have used a waiver to take the SAT (free or reduced lunch)

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## Letters of Recommendation



- When requesting a recommendation, give the teacher/counselor a copy of your resume or complete their form.
- You **MUST** give your references **AT LEAST 10** working days notice!
- **The only Florida public universities that REQUIRE letters of recommendation are New College and FAMU**
  - Some are optional or may ask for them later if student is deferred.
- **NEW Policy is being developed**
  - Limit number of teachers students may ask
  - List of students and their recommenders kept by Rotary Futures
  - Look for policy in Pathfinder and via teachers

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## 10th Annual South Sarasota County College Night

Sponsored by Ed & Barbara Strobel Fund of the  
Gulf Coast Community Foundation of Venice

**Wednesday, February 22, 2012**

Venice High School  
Gymnasium

6 p.m.

Open to all area students!

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## Understand Cost of Attendance (Annual)

- Florida public universities (approximate—based on the University of Florida, 2010-2011)
  - **Tuition - \$5,020**
  - Housing – \$5,300 (on campus)
  - Food - \$4,430 (meal plan)
  - Books and supplies - \$1,000
  - Computer costs- \$910
  - Local transportation - \$530
  - Clothing Maintenance - \$630
  - Optional health insurance - \$1,650
  - **Total Cost of Attendance - \$18,380 (on campus)**

**Tuition is only part of the total cost of attending college away from home!**

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## Aid and Scholarships

### ■ Types of Financial Aid & Scholarships

- **Federal**
  - Pell Grant, Stafford Loan, Work Study
- **State**
  - Bright Futures & Florida Resident Access Grant
- **Private or Local Scholarships**
  - Gulf Coast Community Foundation of Venice and the Community Foundation of Sarasota County
- **Institutional**
  - Scholarships from the college or school
- **Military**
  - Reserves, Enlisted, ROTC, etc.

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## Federal Aid

- **Free Application For Student Aid (FAFSA)**
  - [FAFSA.gov](http://FAFSA.gov)
- Do NOT pay a fee! (Beware of [www.fafsa.com](http://www.fafsa.com))
- Everyone should consider completing it regardless of your financial situation.
- Many institutional scholarships that consider FAFSA results are first come, first serve, so complete it early!
- Online application not available until January 1st of senior year (for the next school year)
- **Financial aid calculators ("EFC calculator")**
  - [www.FAFSA4caster.ed.gov](http://www.FAFSA4caster.ed.gov)

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## Institutional Aid

- Most merit based aid (scholarships) is offered by institutions--colleges, universities, technical schools.
  - Very (very) few local/private merit based scholarships
- To be successful, a student must
  - complete their applications for admission early,
  - have an outstanding GPA,
  - have good test scores, and
  - have extra-curricular activities (community service)

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## Scholarship Database

- The Rotary Futures Program developed the first local scholarship database
- Contains over 800 scholarships
- **Best time for Juniors to create their account is this summer!**
  - Rotary Futures will open 4 weeks before school starts with part-time hours.
- Nomination scholarships
  - Students must have their information entered in the database to be considered
- Update information regularly
- **NOTE—Financial need is a criteria for most local and private scholarships.** Database will sort based on this criteria.

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## Florida Bright Futures Website

[www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org/SSFAD/bf](http://www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org/SSFAD/bf)  
Google "Florida Bright Futures"

- **Academic Requirements**
  - **At website, click on "First-Time Applicant"**
- **Keep your grades up. Remember--only academic classes count in calculating your BF GPA**

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## Bright Futures

[www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org/SSFAD/bf](http://www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org/SSFAD/bf)  
Google "Florida Bright Futures"

- Your report card GPA is NOT your Bright Futures GPA!
- Keep your grades up. *Remember--only academic classes count in calculating your BF GPA*
- Academic Requirements
  - At website, click on "First-Time Applicant"
  - Applied Communications, Informal Geometry and Liberal Arts Math do not qualify for Florida Academic and Florida Medallion levels. Will qualify for Gold Seal Vocational level.

## Important

Changes to the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program

- **No longer a percentage of tuition!**
  - All awards will be a flat rate per credit hour
- **In June 2011, all amounts reduced by 20 percent.**
- **Community service requirement for all levels:**
  - **FAS = 100 hours; FMS = 75 hours; GSV = 30 hours**
- **FAFSA completion required**

## Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program

Student's High School Graduation Year <sup>1</sup>	Required SAT/ACT Score to Earn FAS Award <sup>2</sup>	Required SAT/ACT Score to Earn FMS Award <sup>2</sup>
2008-2009 and earlier	1270 SAT/ 28 ACT	970 SAT/ 20 ACT
2009-2010	1270 SAT/ 28 ACT	970 SAT/ 20 ACT
2010-2011	1270 SAT/ 28 ACT	970 SAT/ 20 ACT <sup>3</sup>
2011-2012	1270 SAT/ 28 ACT	980 SAT/ 21 ACT <sup>3</sup>
2012-2013	1280 SAT/ 28 ACT	1020 SAT/ 22 ACT <sup>3</sup>
2013-2014	1290 SAT/ 29 ACT	1170 SAT/ 26 ACT <sup>3</sup>

## SAT/ACT Score Requirements Changes

## Florida Academic Scholar

- Formerly referred to as the "100%" Bright Futures
  - Funds \$62 - \$101 per credit hour at state college or university
- Awards approx. **\$3,030 - \$1,860** per year for 4 yrs.
- Requirements needed by GRADUATION
  - 3.5 GPA in 16 core academic subjects
    - 4 English, 4 Math, 3 Science, 3 Soc. Studies, 2 Foreign Lang.
  - Math must be Algebra 1 level or Above (Liberal Arts and Informal Geometry do NOT count)
  - Required SAT (reading + math) OR ACT scores
- **100** hours of community service
- 4 year scholarship (120 credit hours)
- Must maintain 3.0 GPA in college

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## Florida Medallion Scholar

- Formerly referred to as the "75%" Bright Futures
- Awards approx. **\$2,280 - \$1,860** per year
  - \$62 - \$76 per credit hour at state college or university
- Requirements needed by GRADUATION
  - **3.0 GPA in 16 core academic subjects**
    - 4 English, 4 Math, 3 Science, 3 Soc. Studies, 2 Foreign Lang.
  - Math must be Algebra 1 level or Above (Liberal Arts and Informal Math do NOT count)
  - Required SAT (reading + math) OR ACT scores
- **75** hours of community service
- 4 year scholarship (120 credit hours)
- Must maintain a 2.75 GPA in college

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## Gold Seal Vocational Scholars

- **3 year scholarship (90 credit hours)**
- Awards approx. \$1,500 - \$2,900 per year
- Requirements needed by GRADUATION
  - 3.0 GPA in 16 core academic subjects
    - Does NOT include Foreign Language
    - Includes Fine or Practical Art and HOPE
    - Math levels **MAY** include Liberal Arts and Informal Geometry
  - **PLUS 3.5 GPA in 3 SPECIFIC vocational classes in a "program"**
  - 440 SAT Reading, 440 SAT Math OR...
  - ACT English 17, Reading 18, Math 19 OR...
  - CPT Reading 83, Sentence Skills 83, Algebra 72
- **30** hours of community service

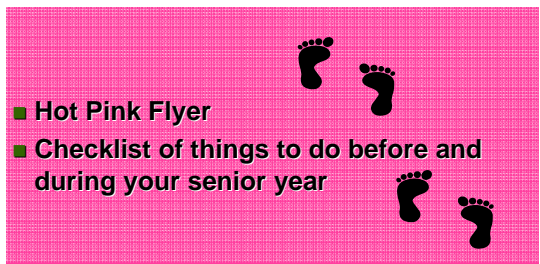
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## www.FACTS.org

- Excellent resource for all kinds of post-secondary planning information including Florida college search and applications.
- **Once you create an account, you can view your Bright Futures status (GPA, credits needed, etc.)**
- **Your report card GPA is NOT your Bright Futures GPA!**
- Transcripts only sent 3 times per year
  - Next transcripts will be sent in mid-February
- Go to Rotary Futures for help in accessing your FACTS account.

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## Steps to a Successful Senior Year

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- Hot Pink Flyer
  - Checklist of things to do before and during your senior year

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## Rotary Futures College Resource Center

- Operating Hours during the school year
  - Tuesday – Friday, 7:30 am – 3:30 pm
  - Closed Mondays and most school holidays
- 480-3178 or 488-6726
- www.rotaryfutures.org
- "Like" us on FACEBOOK!
- Summer Hours TBA

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## Project Graduation

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## Project Graduation

- **25th Year for Venice High students!!!**
- A safe, fun-filled, all-night party for VHS graduating seniors (only) immediately following commencement on June 1st
- Purpose: To prevent circumstances that could threaten the future of our graduates while recognizing their need to celebrate this wonderful accomplishment
- 10:30 pm – 4:00 am at the Venice YMCA
  - Must arrive by 11:30 pm!

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## Project Graduation

- Many exciting prizes including gas cards, gift certificates, iPads, and \$500 scholarships.
- Cost is only \$5. Everything else is FREE to VHS seniors!
- **Volunteers needed! Next meeting:**

**Immediately After this Meeting**

Contact:

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