



Post-Secondary Planning





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Rotary Futures Program

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Rotary Futures Program VHS Portable 1405


- Non-profit organization supported by the community--in partnership with VHS
- Post-Secondary Resource Center
- VHS is the only high school that has a this program!



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Rotary Futures Program - Cont'd

- Opened in January 2002
- Over 43,000 visits to our program
- VHS Class of 2001
 - Recognized at Senior Awards Night for over **\$585,000** in scholarships
- VHS Class of 2010
 - Accepted **\$2.1 million** in local and institutional scholarship



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What is Post-Secondary Education?

- **Education beyond High School**
 - Technical / Vocational School
 - Sarasota County Technical Institute (SCTI)
 - Community / Junior College (State College System)
 - State College of Florida (Manatee Community College)
 - 4 yr. College / University
 - State University System (SUS), i.e. University of South Florida, University of Florida, Florida State, etc.
 - Other private colleges/universities, i.e. Florida Southern College, Univ. of Miami, Harvard, etc.
- **Everyone can go to Community College (State College) as long as they get a high school diploma or GED**

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VHS Career Advisement

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- > 3rd year at VHS
- > 8 years experience in Public Relations
- > Taught overseas for 6 months

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Career Advisement Services

- **Career / Interest Assessment** – determine your interests, motivation, personality, values, and skills. Get to know who you are in order to find a good career match
- **Career Exploration & Research** – use resources, especially the Internet, to find information such as the nature of the work, the future demand for the work, the amount of pay, education, and training requirements
- **College and Universities** – assistance in searching, researching and gathering information about colleges and universities

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SCTI Sarasota County Technical Institute

- Students who are interested in attending SCTI their junior year should contact Ms. Sandburg or their guidance counselor in January of their sophomore year.
- SCTI presentations and testing begin in January – February.

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Choices/Bridges - Interest Assessment

The screenshot shows the 'Interest Profile' section of the Choices/Bridges tool. It displays 'Your Top Interest Areas' with a list of categories and their corresponding scores. The categories include Social, Artistic, Mechanical, and others. A bar chart at the bottom shows the relative scores for each category.

Find careers that match your interest!

The screenshot shows the 'Careers Matching Your Interests' section. It lists various careers that match the user's profile, including Art Therapist, Counselor, and others. Each career entry includes a brief description and a 'View Job' button.

Explore specific careers!

The screenshot shows the 'What They Do' section for a specific career. It provides a detailed description of the job, including the skills and knowledge required, and the typical work environment. It also includes a 'What They Do' section with a list of tasks and responsibilities.

Search for Post-secondary education & training!

The screenshot shows the 'Postsecondary Finders Results' section. It lists various post-secondary education and training programs, including Bachelor's Degrees, Associate Degrees, and others. Each program entry includes a brief description and a 'Compare' button.

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Advice from Seniors...

- "Take your classes seriously. Understand that GPA is important...even as a freshman and sophomore."
- "Don't be afraid to challenge yourself."
- "Get involved at school!"
- "Start your community service plan early."
- "Take the SAT and ACT earlier."



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Understanding your Academic Record "Your GPA is important"

- **Grade Point Average (GPA)**
 - Average of YOUR grades starting with freshman year
 - Based on a 4.0 scale (A=4, B=3, C=2, D=1, F=0)
 - **Generally the most important criteria for college admission and scholarships**
 - Weighted and Unweighted GPA
 - Honors, Dual Enrollment, and AP Classes are weighted 1 pt. in our school district

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GPA CALCULATION Unweighted vs. Weighted

<u>UNWEIGHTED</u>				<u>WEIGHTED</u>			
1	English I	A	4 points	1	Honors English I	A	5 points
2	Algebra I	B	3	2	Honors Algebra I	B	4
3	Phys. Science	B	3	3	Honors Phys. Sci.	B	4
4	HOPE	A	4	4	HOPE	A	4
5	Art	A	4	5	Art	A	4
6	Spanish I	B	3	6	Spanish I	B	3
7	I.I.T.	B	<u>3</u>	7	I.I.T.	B	<u>3</u>
			24 points				27 points
24 pts ÷ 7 credits = 3.42 GPA				27 pts ÷ 7 credits = 3.86 GPA			

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Academic GPA

- Colleges only look at academic GPA
- State University System (SUS) of Florida
 - 11 public universities
 - Colleges **recalculate** Academic GPA
 - .5 weight for Honors
 - 1.0 weight for AP and DE classes
 - **Most SUS will recalculate GPA based on all academic classes.**

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Academic GPA calculation

- **Unweighted example (3.42)**
 - **3.25 Academic GPA**
- **Weighted example (3.86)**
 - **3.63 Academic GPA**

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Take Rigorous Classes! “Don’t be afraid to challenge yourself.”

- Colleges want to see that students have taken the most challenging classes available, i.e. Honors, DE, AP
 - **BUT...Students still need to be successful!**
 - **Don’t take AP classes and get C’s or D’s...take Honors and get A’s** ☺
- Take more academic classes than the minimum required to graduate!
 - Sarasota County: 14 core academics + Hope + Art + 10 electives = 26
 - **Univ. of Florida:** 2010 Freshman Profile
 - Average **23** academic Courses

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Foreign Language

- Two years (credits) of the SAME foreign language
 - > **REQUIRED** for admission to all the state universities
 - > **REQUIRED** for the 2 top levels of the Florida Bright Futures scholarship
- Selective colleges are looking for three (3) or more years/credits of a foreign language
 - > **FSU** – Freshman class had an average of **3.5 credits** of foreign language.
 - > **USF** – Average of **2.78 credits** of foreign language

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So...

What else are colleges and scholarship organizations looking for?



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Extra-Curricular Activities “Get involved”

- **“Quality rather than Quantity”**
- Colleges look for quality, commitment and depth in students’ extra-curricular activities.
- Rather than short-term, casual involvement in several activities, focus on a couple activities.
- **What sets you apart from your peers?**

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Extra-Curricular Activities

- **School Activities**
 - Clubs
 - Sports, Band, Chorus
- **Outside Activities**
 - Dance Class, Boy/Girl Scouts, Piano lessons, etc.
 - Internships
 - Employment
- **Community Service**
 - Volunteering for NON-PROFIT organizations

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Community Service “Start community service early”

- Volunteer hours are **NOT** required for high school graduation, BUT they are required for the Bright Futures Florida Academic Scholars Award (top level – formerly 100%).
 - Community Service is a criteria for many other scholarships (private, local, national, and institutional)
- **MUST** complete the Sarasota County plan and have the plan approved **PRIOR to beginning ANY volunteer service** to earn 0.5 credit and obtain credit for the top level of Bright Futures
- Hours **MUST** be served with a NON-PROFIT organization
- **Completed 75 hr. plan is one of the requirements for NHS**
- Community Service hours look great on your transcript and résumé!

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National Honor Society

- VHS Website:
www.SARASOTACOUNTYSCHOOLS.NET/schools/venicehigh
 - Click on Clubs
 - Select National Honor Society
- Student will be invited to apply in September of Junior or Senior year. A 3.5 unweighted gpa or 4.0 weighted is required.
- You must complete your Bright Futures approved community service hours PRIOR to seeking membership in the National Honor Society.
- Students must have been a member of a school service club for at least one semester before applying.
- For more information, visit the website or call or email Mrs. Marilyn Ruthardt at VHS.

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SAT and ACT "Take your SAT and ACT early"

- SAT / ACT
 - Standardized tests used in the college admissions process
 - Colleges will usually take either test and will consider the best test
 - SAT: \$47.00 www.collegeboard.com
 - ACT: \$48.00 www.actstudent.org
 - **Waivers of fees are available to qualified students (free or reduced lunch, etc.) – Waivers are available in Guidance**

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What's the difference?

- Differences in the SAT and ACT
 - Overall
 - SAT tests critical thinking; aptitude test
 - ACT is content-based and tests core curriculum; achievement test
 - ACT has a Science section, SAT does not
 - ACT Science is a verbal reasoning test—analyze and interpret data and charts
 - SAT tests more vocabulary than ACT
 - **Bottom line—try both tests!**

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SAT and ACT - continued

- Plan to take the SAT and ACT in your junior year... or after you've completed Algebra II and/or Math Analysis
 - Ideally...
 - Take SAT in March of Junior year or before
 - Take ACT in April of Junior year or before
 - Take again in May or June
 - **Take in sophomore year if advanced in Math**
 - Take both the SAT and ACT
 - Determine which test is better for you
 - Colleges will look at the better of the two
- You may take the test as many times as you want

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The College Application Process



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College Admissions Criteria

- Admissions criteria will vary from school to school. Colleges will use some, if not all of the below:
 - GPA
 - Rigor of schedule
 - Class rank
 - SAT / ACT scores
 - Extra-curricular Activities / Awards
 - Essays
 - Recommendations
 - Interview

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Florida Universities ARE getting more selective!

2010 SAT/ACT and Academic GPA ranges (middle 50%)

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|-------------------------------|--|
| • Univ. of Florida (UF) | 1870-2100 / 28-32
4.1 – 4.4 weighted* |
| • Florida State Univ. (FSU) | 1750-1970 / 26-30
3.6 – 4.2 weighted* |
| • Univ. of Central Fla. (UCF) | 1700-1890 / 25-28
3.5 – 4.2 weighted* |
| • Univ. of South Fla. (USF) | 1620-1910 / 24-28
3.51 – 4.12 weighted* |
| • Florida Gulf Coast (FGCU) | 1450-1680 / 20-24
3.07 – 3.73 weighted* |

* Honors classes weighted .5 and AP/DE weighted 1.0

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THE BASICS: State University System of Florida

- Apply online
 - Colleges prefer online applications to speed up the process. They do not want to enter your information from the paper application.
 - Some will NOT accept paper (Univ. of Florida)
- Apply as soon as possible
 - Many schools have rolling admissions
 - Once all required documents are received, a decision will be made within 6 weeks (usually)
 - Some merit scholarships are awarded early and funds are limited

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Residency

- Students must provide residency information on all college applications
- In the State of Florida, residency is determined by the PARENT
 - Most common documents required: Driver's license, vehicle registration, voter's registration
 - Court documents and income tax returns (claiming the student for 5 years) may prove a student is the dependent of a relative
- Start communicating with the college about "issues" A.S.A.P.!

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Minimum Test Scores

- Students must have minimum test scores for admission to a state university
 - SAT 460 on each section—Reading, Math, & Writing
 - ACT English 18, Reading 19, Math 19
- Some universities have established higher minimums, i.e. Florida State University
- No exceptions...usually
 - There might be exceptions, but do not count on them.
- Apply even if you are still planning to take the SAT or ACT again

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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 2008 college freshmen at...
 - **FSU – 22.5** total academic credits
 - 4.5 English, 5 Math, 4.5 Science, 5 Soc. Science, **3.5 Foreign Language**
 - **USF – 20.5** total academic credits (**2.78 foreign language**)

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Academic GPA

Honors, Dual Enrollment, Advanced Placement

When reviewing applications for admission...

- Colleges 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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AP / DE

- **AP = Advance Placement**
 - Most rigorous course in which students may earn college credit through testing at the end of the course work
 - Nationally recognized and implemented
- **DE = Dual Enrollment**
 - College courses taught at VHS or at SCF
 - Credit awarded by State College of Florida

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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**

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Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program

- **Three levels of awards**
 - **Florida Academic Scholars Award**
 - Formerly referred to as "100% Bright Futures"
 - 4 year award (120 hours) - \$77 - \$125 per credit hour
 - **Florida Medallion Scholars Award**
 - Formerly referred to as "75% Bright Futures"
 - 4 year award (120 hours) - \$77 - \$94 per credit hour
 - **Florida Gold Seal Vocational Scholars Award**
 - 3 year award (90 hours) - \$58 - \$94 per credit hour

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Florida Academic Scholar

- Awards approx. \$2,310 - \$3,750 per year
- Requirements needed by GRADUATION
 - 3.5 GPA in 16 core academic subjects
 - 4 English, 4 Math, 3 Science, 3 Soc. Studies, 2 Foreign Lang.
 - Class of 2011 & 2012: 1270 SAT (reading + math) OR 28 ACT
 - Class of 2013: 1280 SAT OR 28 ACT
 - Class of 2014: 1290 SAT OR 29 ACT
 - ½ credit of community service
- **Only Bright Futures scholarship that requires the ½ credit of community service!**
- Must maintain 3.0 GPA in college

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Florida Medallion Scholar

- Awards approx. \$2,310 - \$2,820 per year
- Requirements needed by GRADUATION
 - 3.0 GPA in 16 core academic subjects
 - 4 English, 4 Math, 3 Science, 3 Soc. Studies, 2 Foreign Lang.
 - Class of 2011: 970 SAT (reading + math) OR 20 ACT
 - Class of 2012: 980 SAT or 21 ACT
 - Class of 2013: 1020 SAT or 22 ACT
 - Class of 2014: 1050 SAT or 23 ACT
- **No Community Service Requirement**
- Must maintain a 2.75 GPA in college

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Gold Seal Vocational Scholars

- 3 year scholarship
- 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
 - **PLUS 3.5 GPA in 3 SPECIFIC vocational classes in a "program" as identified by the Dept. of Education**
 - Check with Guidance Counselor for course information
 - 440 SAT Reading, 440 SAT Math OR...
 - ACT English 17, Reading 18, Math 19 OR...
 - CPT Reading 83, Sentence Skills 83, Algebra 72
- No Community Service Requirement

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Bright Futures GPA Calculation

- **The Bright Futures GPA is not the GPA on YOUR report card!**
- **Calculated on ACADEMICS ONLY**
 - English, Math, Science, Social Studies, & Foreign Language
- Honors and Dual Enrollment (DE) courses are weighted .5 and AP courses are weighted 1 credit
- GPAs are not rounded!

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Check Bright Futures Status at www. FACTS.org

The screenshot shows the FACTS.org homepage. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for 'Middle School Students', 'High School Students', 'Finding a Program', 'Applying for College', 'College Students', and 'Parents & Educators'. A green arrow points to the 'High School Students' link. Below the navigation bar, there is a section titled 'Florida's educational opportunities and student advising at your fingertips!' with a 'Tell us how we are doing' button. There is also a '10 Years' anniversary banner.

The screenshot shows the 'High School Students' section of the FACTS.org website. It features a grid of links for 'Explore Careers', 'High School 101', and 'Track Progress'. A green arrow points to the 'Check Bright Futures Scholarships Eligibility' link under the 'Track Progress' column. Other links include 'Career Development', 'Earning College Credit Now', 'Bright Futures Scholarships', 'ECCT & College Entrance Tests', 'State University Admission Requirements', 'Information for Students with Disabilities', 'Graduation Requirements', 'Family & Mentors', and 'Parent Primer on Career Exploration'.

FACTS.org - It's all academic! - Windows Internet Explorer

Go Higher Florida, education pays!

Explore Careers

High School 101

Plan & Track Progress

Academic Planning with ESE

Check Bright Futures Scholarship Eligibility

Check Graduation Status

Check University Admission Requirements Status

Things to Do, Year-by-Year

Go Higher, Education Pays

Getting Ready for College

Family & Members

High School Students > Plan & Track Progress: Check Bright Futures Scholarship Eligibility

Check Bright Futures Scholarship Eligibility

Public middle and high school students map out courses for high school with FACTS.org's ePersonal Education Planner (ePE). When planning, think about your goals after high school: whether you want to go to a university, college, career technical center, or straight to the workforce - you'll need to be prepared by taking the most appropriate and challenging courses. And, you'll need to monitor your progress with the High School Academic Evaluations, which compare your transcript information to current requirements for graduation, scholarships, and even college admission.

FACTS Login ID:

Password:

New User: Create Login ID and Password

Forgot FACTS Login ID or Password?

Change Password

Change Security Questions

Submit

NOT A MIDDLE OR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT ATTENDING A PUBLIC SCHOOL IN FLORIDA

FACTS.org - It's all academic! - Windows Internet Explorer

Profile Information

Please provide your personal information as it is listed on official school records. All fields are required.

I am a:

First Name:

Last Name:

District of Enrollment:

School of Enrollment:

Grade Level:

Month: Day: Year (YYYY):

Date of Birth:

Florida Student Identifier Number:

Submit

ENTER STUDENT NUMBER (OR SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER WITH "X" AFTER)

High School Academic Evaluations - Windows Internet Explorer

Bright Futures Scholarship Eligibility

Advanced Placement Course (AP)

State University Course Requirements for Admission

4-yr/24-Credits Standard HS Diploma

3-yr/18-Credits College Prep HS Diploma

18-Credits Course Prep HS Diploma

Course Summary

Student Information

Student Name:

District/County: SARASOTA

Graduation Date:

School: 0211 VENICE SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

Evaluations based on transcript received from District/County on: 10/02/2010

Bright Futures Scholarship Eligibility

To apply for a Bright Futures Scholarship, you must submit a completed Initial Student Florida Financial Aid Application during your last year in high school (after December 1 and prior to graduation). You must apply during the defined period or you will forfeit all future eligibility for a Bright Futures Scholarship. For help reviewing the high school academic evaluation, you may call Bright Futures toll free at 1-888-827-2004.

High School Academic Evaluations - Windows Internet Explorer

Subject	Required Credit Hours	Credit Hours Applied	Missing Credits	Missing Achievements
English	4.00 (3 with substantial writing)	2.00	2.00	Test Scores
Mathematics	4.00 (Algebra I and above)	2.00	2.00	WGPA < 3.50
Natural Science	3.00 (2 with substantial lab)	2.00	1.00	Community Service
Social Science	3.00	1.00	2.00	
Foreign Language	2.00 (in the same language)	1.00	1.00	
Extra 2		.00		
Required Weighted FAS GPA	3.50	3.00	3.00 #	BF Quality Points Used To Determine GPA
				9.00 #

2 additional credits from courses in the academic areas listed above and/or AP, IB, or ACE fine arts courses may be used to raise the GPA (beginning 2003-2004 academic year).

Excludes Pass/Fail, Waiver, Proficiency, and Course In Progress courses.

Test Scores

To qualify for this scholarship, you must meet at least one of the Required Test Scores specified below:

Required Test Scores	ACT	SAT	CPT
	(based on English, Math, Reading and Science sections only)	(based on the combined Critical Reading and Math sections only)	Not Applicable
	Composite: 28	Combined Score: 1280	

Create your plan!

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Planning List

- Think about careers
 - Meet with Ms. Sandburg, Career Advisor
- Create a 4-year high school plan
 - Meet with your guidance counselor
 - Map out when courses should be taken
- Join a club or activity
- Start community service
- Take the SAT and ACT when appropriate

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COLLEGE NIGHT

Wednesday, Feb. 23rd, 6:00–8:00 pm
VHS Auditorium

Over 60 schools will be represented!

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Visiting Campuses

- In the college/school decision process, visiting a school is the SINGLE most important thing you can do before your senior year.

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In Conclusion...

Post-Secondary Education

- Everyone can go to college, but college may not be right for everyone.
- Great careers and job opportunities are available that do not require bachelor's degrees.
 - Community College, Technical and Vocational schools offer great programs and options.
- Our goal is for our students to have a plan for some type of post-secondary education, i.e. University, community college, technical, vocational or career school.

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Thank you!



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