

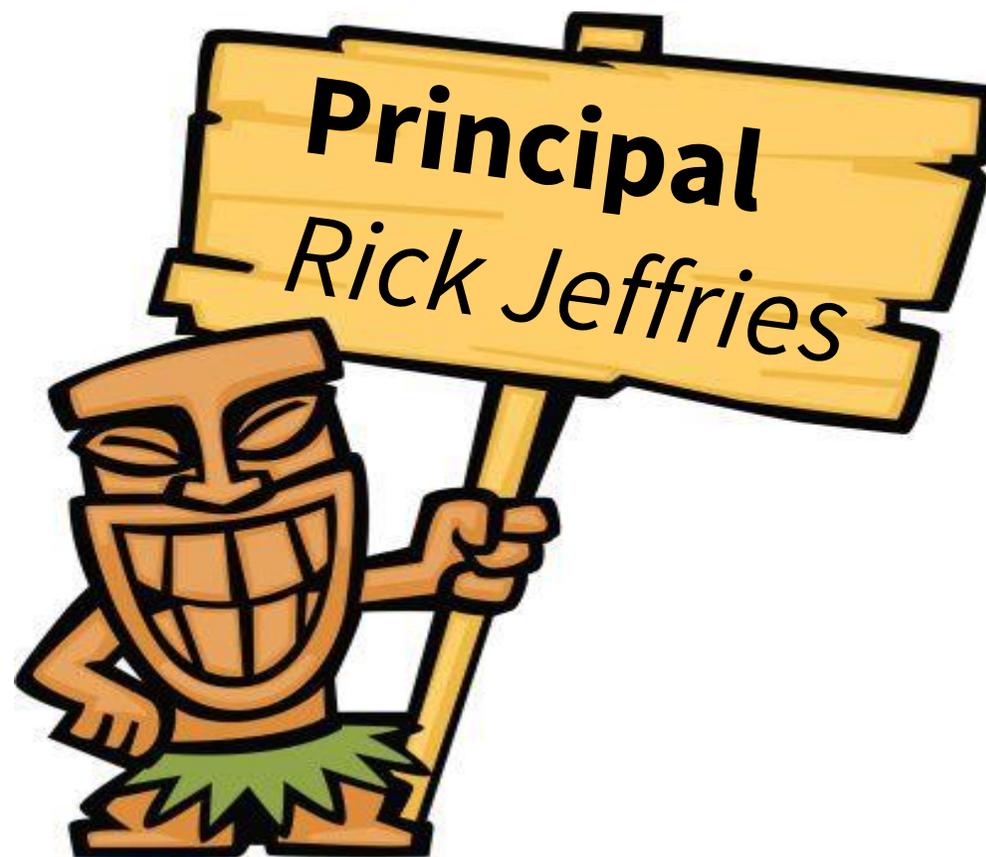


**CHS PRESENTS**



# **SURVIVING SENIOR YEAR**









**School Counselor - Holly Arnaud**

<https://calendly.com/harnaud1>



- **High School graduation requirements**
- **Senior Conferences – parents are welcome! Must be scheduled one-on-one with Mrs. A via Calendly (need to be completed by November)**
- **Senior Sessions (Lab sessions for seniors on specific Fridays)**
- **Calendar and Resources**





## 2022-23 Senior Stats



- |                          |                               |
|--------------------------|-------------------------------|
| • <b>48 – USF</b>        | • <b>9 – UNF</b>              |
| • <b>21 – UF</b>         | • <b>6 – FSU</b>              |
| • <b>13 – UCF</b>        | • <b>3 – FGCU</b>             |
| • <b>15 – Polk State</b> | • <b>7 – Southeastern</b>     |
| • <b>10 – Polytech</b>   | • <b>4 – Florida Southern</b> |

- **Other (FIU, Keiser, Univ. of Alabama, Michigan State, Auburn, Univ. of Tennessee, Hillsborough Community, Purdue, Saint Leo, Moody Bible Institute, Faith Baptist Bible College, Nichols College, Stetson, Fashion Institute of Technology, Embry- Riddle, FAMU, Nova Southeastern, US Naval Academy, School of Visual Arts NYC, military, gap year)**



- **We cannot guarantee acceptance to any school.**
- **We CAN help with guidance and support on how to up chances to get in!**



# • Important Tips



- **Recommendation letters – The student needs to be the one communicating with who they would like the recommendation from. Requests to teachers need to come from the entities directly (link or email).  
Requests for Mrs. A or Mr. Hofstetter – [form](#)**
- **Keep pushing toward the finish line and don't let the Senioritis Bug bite!**
  - **Communicate.**



- **College Application Process & Timeline**
- **Financial Aid**
  - **FAFSA – Pell Grant & Loans (2024-2025)**
- **Scholarships**
  - **FFAA – Bright Futures**
- **Open CHART Lab Sessions to help**
- **Senior Year Stress Management**



**College & Career Advisor - Bradley Hofstetter**  
<https://calendly.com/bhofstetter-chs>



# After High School

## What will you do?

### Four-Year College

essential for 20% of today's careers  
numerous majors to choose from  
students need to be ready for college-level work

### Two-Year Public College

affordable, career-oriented programs  
two years or less of classroom study  
can transfer credits to a four-year college

### Career or Technical School

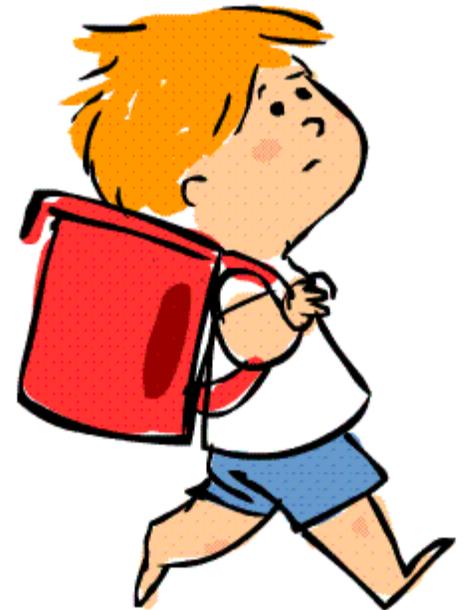
career training in a variety of fields  
training lasts from a few weeks to two years  
programs and costs vary greatly

### The Military

training in 2,000+ jobs  
nation's largest employer  
travel and advancement opportunities

### Apprenticeship

training for the skilled trades  
combines instruction and on-the-job training  
get paid while you learn





# NACAC National College Fair - Orlando

Sunday, October 22, 2023

1pm - 4pm (ET)

[www.nacacattend.org](http://www.nacacattend.org)

# 2023 Fall Virtual College Fairs

## September Virtual College Fair

Sunday, September 10

## October Virtual College Fair

Sunday, October 15

## November Virtual College Fair

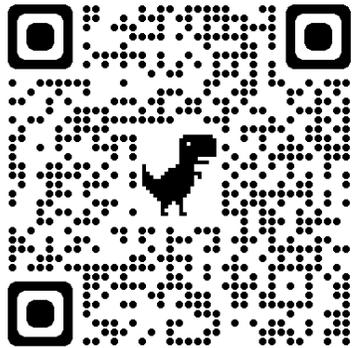
Sunday, November 12

NACAC 

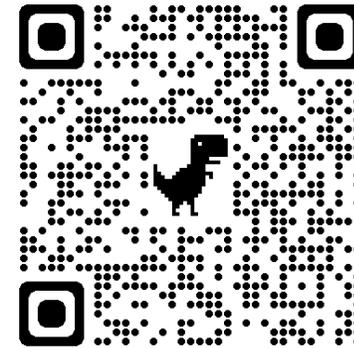
**National  
College Fairs**

**REGISTER NOW!**  
[nacacattend.org](https://nacacattend.org)





**common  
app**



<https://www.commonapp.org/>

**This is the best way to apply to colleges & universities!**

Feel free to use Mrs. A ([harnaud@polk.edu](mailto:harnaud@polk.edu)) or Mr. Hofstetter ([bhofstetter@polk.edu](mailto:bhofstetter@polk.edu)) as counselor.

**+ Plus we send your official transcripts with your applications through Common App!**



## Admission Deadlines

- **Be aware of key dates in the admissions process at all colleges your student is applying! TALK TO THE UNIVERSITY ADMISSIONS OFFICE!**
- **Nationally November 1<sup>st</sup> is the priority application deadline. However, some colleges will be later, so check their admissions page.**
- **Merit Scholarships, Early Admission Decisions, and Priority Financial Aid have different deadlines at each college, so please do your research.**



**PLEASE DO NOT MISS THESE DEADLINES!**

**It can cost you admissions and/or scholarship money!**



# Admissions Essays



- **Take time to write and review your Admissions Essay as it may be the piece of information that gets you in!!**
- **Write and Review until you have the best essay!**
- **Always seek help in the process for grammar and clarity!**

# DEFINITIONS OF ADMISSION OPTIONS IN HIGHER EDUCATION

## STUDENTS: WHICH COLLEGE ADMISSION PROCESS BEST *SUITS YOU?*

Regular Decision	Rolling Admission	Early Action (EA)	Early Decision (ED)	Restrictive Early Action (REA)
<p><b>DEFINITION:</b></p> <p>Students submit an application by a specified date and receive a decision in a clearly stated period of time.</p>	<p><b>DEFINITION:</b></p> <p>Institutions review applications as they are submitted and render admission decisions throughout the admission cycle.</p>	<p><b>DEFINITION:</b></p> <p>Students apply early and receive a decision well in advance of the institution's regular response date.</p>	<p><b>DEFINITION:</b></p> <p>Students make a commitment to a first-choice institution where, if admitted they definitely will enroll and withdraw all other applications. The application deadline and decision deadline occur early.</p>	<p><b>DEFINITION:</b></p> <p>Students apply to an institution of preference and receive a decision early. They may be restricted from applying ED or EA or REA to other institutions. If offered enrollment, they have until May 1 to confirm.</p>
<p><b>COMMITMENT:</b></p> <p>NON-BINDING</p>	<p><b>COMMITMENT:</b></p> <p>NON-BINDING</p>	<p><b>COMMITMENT:</b></p> <p>NON-BINDING</p>	<p><b>COMMITMENT:</b></p> <p>BINDING</p>	<p><b>COMMITMENT:</b></p> <p>NON-BINDING</p>
<p>Students are not restricted from applying to other institutions and have until May 1 to consider their options and confirm enrollment.</p>			<p>Students are responsible for determining and following restrictions.</p>	



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**FOR ADMISSIONS DATA**

## State University System of Florida

- Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University (FAMU)
- Florida Atlantic University
- Florida Gulf Coast University
- Florida International University
- Florida Polytechnic University
- Florida State University
- New College of Florida
- University of Central Florida
- University of Florida
- University of North Florida
- University of South Florida
- University of West Florida



STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM of FLORIDA  
Board of Governors

FALL SEMESTER

	NAME OF INSTITUTION	Average or middle 50% FTIC GPA	Middle 50% Admit FTIC SAT	Middle 50% Admit FTIC ACT
	FLORIDA AGRICULTURAL AND MECHANICAL UNIVERSITY	3.91	1070 – 1240	22 – 27
	FLORIDA ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY	3.70 – 4.30 / 4.0	1090 – 1250	22 – 28
	FLORIDA GULF COAST UNIVERSITY	3.76 – 4.51	1080 – 1230	21 – 26
	FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY	4.1 – 4.7	1240 – 1370	26 – 30
	FLORIDA POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY	4.0 – 4.7	1250 – 1390	28 – 32
	FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY	4.3 - 4.6	1340 – 1450	29 – 33



NEW COLLEGE OF FLORIDA

4.03

1100 – 1310

22 – 29



UNIVERSITY OF  
CENTRAL FLORIDA

UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL FLORIDA

4.1 – 4.5 /  
4.30

1260 – 1380

26 – 30



UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA

4.4 – 4.6

1370 – 1510

31 – 34



UNIVERSITY OF NORTH FLORIDA

3.80 – 4.44

1060 – 1250

21 – 27



UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA

4.10 – 4.59

1250 – 1390

27 – 31



UNIVERSITY OF WEST FLORIDA

3.95

1050 – 1230

21 – 27

# State University System of Florida

## Fall/Spring Cost of Attendance On-Campus for Full-Time Undergraduate Florida Residents 2023-2024.

Institution	Tuition & Fees	Books & Supplies	Room & Board	Transportation	Other Expenses	Total
FAMU	\$5,645	\$1,138	\$12,002	\$1,572	\$4,740	\$25,097
FAU	\$5,816	\$1,256	\$13,518	\$2,742	\$4,302	\$27,634
FGCU	\$6,118	\$1,200	\$10,914	\$2,750	\$2,750	\$23,732
FIU	\$6,566	\$1,350	\$12,156	\$2,706	\$3,194	\$25,972
FPU	\$4,940	\$1,148	\$12,940	\$1,864	\$2,009	\$22,901
FSU	\$5,666	\$1,000	\$12,740	\$1,562	\$4,794	\$25,762
NCF	\$6,916	\$1,200	\$13,805	\$1,100	\$2,170	\$25,191
UCF	\$5,954	\$1,000	\$12,070	\$2,126	\$3,104	\$24,254
UF	\$6,380	\$1,060	\$11,500	\$1,570	\$2,640	\$23,150
UNF	\$6,590	\$1,200	\$10,910	\$3,383	\$1,451	\$23,534
USF	\$6,410	\$770	\$13,595	\$2,100	\$2,750	\$25,625
UWF	\$6,360	\$1,600	\$12,432	\$2,008	\$3,024	\$25,424
<b>Average per year</b>	\$6,113	\$1,160	\$12,382	\$2,124	\$3,077	\$24,856



**Florida**  
**Bright**  
**Futures**  
**Scholarship Program**

Type	16 High School College-Preparatory Course Credits <sup>1</sup>	High School Weighted Bright Futures GPA	College Entrance Exams by High School Graduation Year (ACT <sup>®</sup> /CLT <sup>®</sup> /SAT <sup>®</sup> )	Volunteer Service Hours <sup>2</sup>	Paid Work Hours <sup>2</sup>
<b>FAS</b>	4 - English (three must include substantial writing) 4 - Mathematics (at or above the Algebra I level) 3 - Natural Science (two must have substantial laboratory)	3.50	2023-24 Graduates: 29/96/1340 2024-25 Graduates: 29/96/1340	100 hours	100 hours
<b>FMS</b>	3 - Social Science 2 - World Language (sequential, in same language)	3.00	2023-24 Graduates: 25/84/1210 2024-25 Graduates: 25/84/1210	75 hours	100 hours



2023-24 Private Award Amounts  
 Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program

<b>BFFAS Calculation</b>	= (Cost Per Credit/Clock Hour x Credit/Clock Hours Enrolled)
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Semester Based Institutions		
Institution Type	Cost per Credit Hour	Cost per Clock Hour
4-Year	\$212	
2-Year	\$105	
Vocational/Technical	\$86	\$2.90

<b>BFFMS Calculation</b>	= (Cost Per Credit/Clock Hour x Credit/Clock Hours Enrolled)
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Semester Based Institutions		
Institution Type	Cost per Credit Hour	Cost per Clock Hour
4-Year	\$159	
2-Year	\$78	
Vocational/Technical	\$64	\$2.17



**96 or above** = qualifying CLT score for Florida Academic Scholarship (FAS)

**84 or above** = qualifying CLT score for Florida Medallion Scholarship (FMS)



[www.cltexam.com](http://www.cltexam.com)

## WHAT IS THE CLT?

The CLT is a college entrance exam for 11th & 12th graders that serves as an alternative to the SAT and ACT. In the state of Florida, students can utilize the CLT to:

- apply to colleges in Florida and across the U.S.\*
- satisfy graduation requirements
- earn Bright Futures scholarships
- become eligible for dual enrollment

Students can take the CLT online from home by signing up at [cltexam.com](http://cltexam.com). Test dates are offered nearly every month throughout the year. Schools can also opt to administer the CLT. Ask your school if it plans to administer the CLT this year.

*\*CLT is accepted for admissions at over 250 colleges and universities across the U.S., including many in Florida. To view a full list of colleges accepting the CLT, visit [cltexam.com/colleges](http://cltexam.com/colleges).*



## What is the FAFSA?

<https://studentaid.gov/>

The **Free Application for Federal Student Aid**, or **FAFSA**, is the form that the federal government, states, colleges and other organizations use to award financial aid. Submitting it is your key to accessing grants, scholarships, work-study programs and federal student loans.

Completing the FAFSA is the first step for anyone making college plans. But you should also know what other options are available and how much you can afford to borrow. Everything starts with the FAFSA. Submit the FAFSA each year you're in college — it only takes 30 minutes on average to complete when you're prepared.

**And heads up:** the redesigned FAFSA is expected to launch in **December 2023** for the 2024-25 academic year — **a delay from the typical Oct. 1 release date**. You can still submit the 2023-24 FAFSA until June 30, 2024. Stay tuned for more updates on the new FAFSA deadline



# Scholarships



## Top 6 Scholarship Sources

- National
- Federal
- State
- Local
- Institutional
- Micro-Scholarships

## Top Scholarship Websites

- Fastweb
- CollegeBoard
- Niche.com
- Scholarships.com
- Peterson's
- SallieMae
- U.S. Labor Dept. Free Search Tool
- Cappex
- Raise.Me (MicroScholarships)
- **Scholly App** (PAY/Subscription Based)

**Please Attend our FREE Financial Aid Night in September and in October!**



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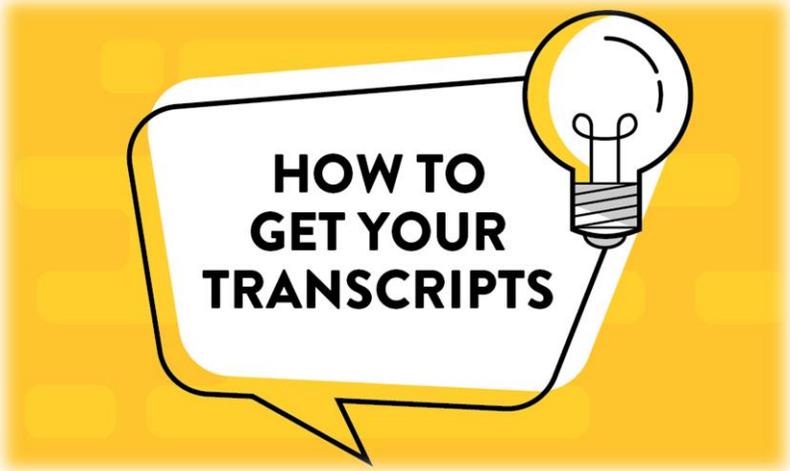


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## HOW TO GET YOUR TRANSCRIPTS



**CHS Registrar**  
*Starr Barham*  
sbarham@polk.edu

- **Transcript Request form is available in CHS Front office. *(Not needed for Common App!)***
- **High School Transcripts can be sent electronically FREE (all Public Colleges or by mail for Private Colleges) and is usually processed in 48 hours. *Please be aware it can be longer for processing during peak times!***
- **PLEASE NOTE PSC COLLEGE LEVEL TRANSCRIPTS ARE SEPARATE THROUGH PASSPORT!**



**CHS Registrar**  
*Starr Barham*

**Community Service Documentation for Bright Futures, NHS, and Service Awards, etc.**

**For all new service hours please use the HELPER HELPER APP!**

- For old forms make copies for your records BEFORE submitting it to Ms. Starr Barham!
- Contact Ms. Starr Barham for questions about Community Service.

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# Senior Year Resource Page



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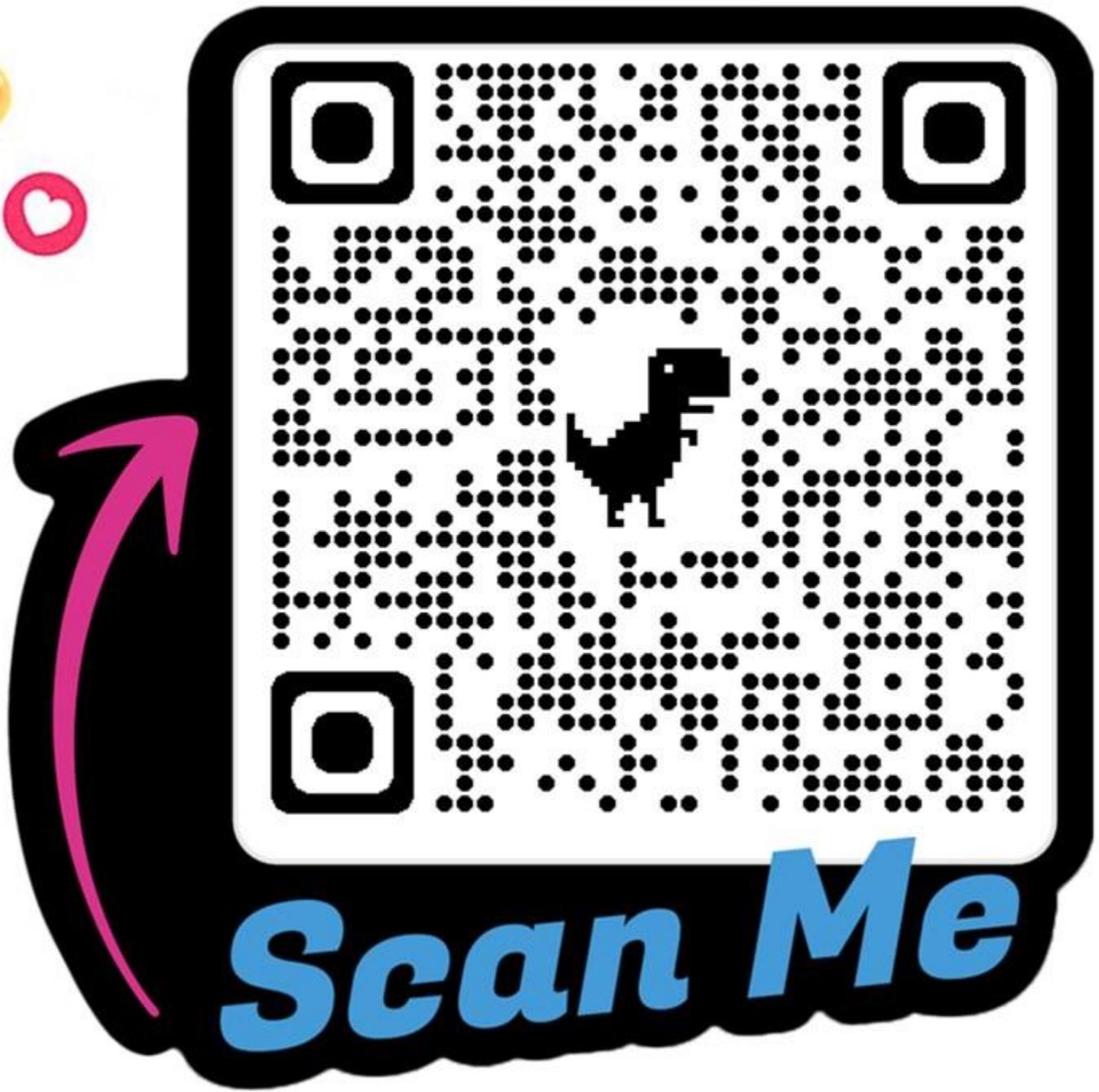
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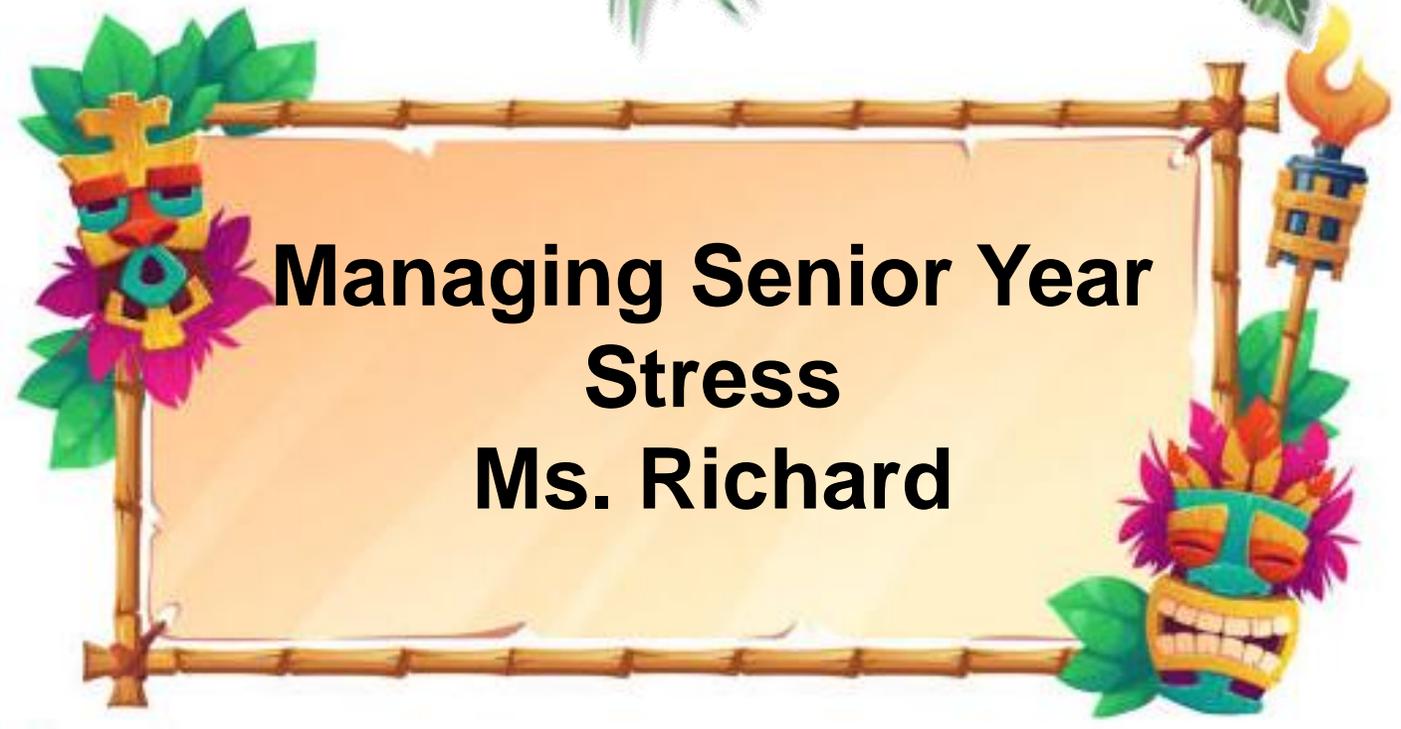
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**Managing Senior Year  
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