

Counselors' Corner

March 2025

Quarter 4 Happenings

April 15th – Last day to complete your Dual Enrollment application AND registration for Summer 2025 term

May 5th – May 16th AP Exams

May 16th – Last day to request class changes

Course Petition:



School Counselors

Courtney Derisse
Last Names: A-Eo

Kimberly Grillo
Last Names: Ep-Le

Karin Ngai-Crim
Last Names: Li-Ri

Heather Ketterer
Last Names: Ro-Z



Rising Sophomores

Don't forget to check your student's HAC for grade updates. As the school year comes to an end, it is important that your student finishes strong.

Summer Checklist:

- Check with your school counselor to decide if summer classes are appropriate for you.
- Plan a challenging 10th grade course load. Be sure to contact your school counselor to discuss Dual Enrollment options.
- Find a summer job! A steady summer job can offer valuable work experience, an opportunity to network, and will help you along your path to college and a successful career. Plus, it looks great on your college application! Find programs and camps of interest to attend.

Rising Juniors

As we enter the last quarter of the school year, now is a great time to start exploring summer opportunities for volunteer work and internships in areas of interest. Colleges like to see sustained involvement in activities outside of school that support your community as well as build on possible college majors or career interests. Some ways to find opportunities are below:

- If you have a particular career interest (e.g., engineering, journalism), reach out to local businesses and organizations to see if they have internship or volunteer opportunities available.
- Use the following link to inquire about volunteer opportunities in St. Johns County: <https://www.stjohnscountycoc.org/opening-doors>
- If you are currently in a PVHS Club, work with club members to brainstorm activities you can plan in the summer to benefit the Ponte Vedra community.

Rising Seniors

Monitor your student's grades to ensure they have a strong finish to the year.

Check their HAC to ensure they have the correct classes for next year - last day to request changes is May 16th. Start creating a summer checklist for your student.

- Sign up for the SAT or ACT if they have not taken one yet. Use the test scores and GPA to evaluate college options. Start building a list of top five colleges.
- Plan college visits. They should have a system to keep their college materials organized.
- Start college application essays over the summer. Common App released the prompts in February.
- Students need to stay involved in extracurricular activities. Build service hours needed for the Bright Futures Scholarship.

Soon to be Graduates

GRADUATION will be here before you know it. You are approaching the final stretch.

Stay focused and committed to your academics. Have you:

1. Completed the Bright Futures application.
MUST submit your error-free Florida Financial Aid Application (FFAA) by **April 1st**.
2. Ordered Cap and Gown
3. Paid your Senior Dues (\$25)
4. Updated your Xello account with college decisions

Upcoming Events:

Senior Prom- March 29th @ WGV Renaissance
Grad Bash- April 11th
Senior Picnic- May 2nd A&B Lunch
Last day for Seniors- May 9th
Graduation Rehearsal- May 12th @ 2pm-
MANDATORY
Senior Debt Day- May 19th
Graduation-May 21st @ 6pm at UNF