



April 2020 Newsletter (2<sup>nd</sup> Edition)

## Polk State College & Gateway Updates

Greetings parents & students,

We'd like to give you an update. Our virtual office hours are 7:30AM – 4:30PM Monday – Friday. If you contact us outside of office hours, we will be sure to respond to messages during office hours the following business day. A friendly reminder that only essential personnel are allowed on campus to prevent the spread of the coronavirus (COVID-19). Polk State's leadership team is monitoring the rapidly evolving situation closely and responding as quickly as possible with daily communication among the leadership team, with the Florida Department of Education, and guidance from the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#) (CDC).

**All high school classes for the remainder of the Spring term and all college classes for the summer will be completely ONLINE.**

Additionally, the College is following the CDC's guideline for large events and mass gatherings which recommends canceling or postponing in-person events that consist of more than 10 people. Please visit the College's [COVID-19 webpage](#) for a full list of canceled College events. The list will continue to be updated. Please see the full list of high school canceled events in the next section.

It is critical to closely monitor Polk State emails and College accounts, as well as [www.polk.edu](http://www.polk.edu) and the College's social media for updates. More information and answers to frequently asked questions regarding the coronavirus are available on the College's [COVID-19 webpage](#).

## Polk State Lakeland Gateway to College Climate Survey

Here at Gateway, we are always looking for ways to improve our school. We invite all our parents, students, faculty and staff members to complete our 2019-2020 Climate survey. The deadline for completion is **May 1, 2020**. Thanks, and have a great day!

Survey Link: <https://www.formpl.us/form/1070096017>

## GHS Updated Contact Numbers

Gateway Main Office Phone – 863-417-9941

Dr. Corey Barnes 863-546-0394

Ms. Battle 863-417-9302

Dr. Downing-Townsend 863-417-9952

Mrs. Murray 863-417-9657

Mrs. Chandler (Ortega) 863-417-9715

Ms. Jones 863-546-0754



## Junior Online Zoom Meetings

Juniors we want to chat with YOU!

We would like to meet with you on Friday, May 1, 2020 @ 9AM. This meeting is for Junior students and their parent/guardians. We will discuss College Virtual Tours, Testing Updates (FSA, PERT, ACT & SAT), College applications, etc... If you can't video in, you can call into the conference. A link will be sent to you the day before the video conference via Zoom.

## Interim Reports

High school interim reports will be distributed via email on Friday April 24, 2020.

If you have any questions, please contact Dr. Downing-Townsend.

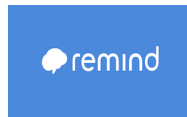
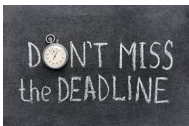
## Have Your Checked Your Email?

Have you checked your my.polk.edu email lately?

Do you respond when a GHS staff member sends you a message?

Students we are finding that some of you aren't checking emails, responding to messages and missing deadlines. As you prepare to enter your senior year, it's important to meet deadlines, answer emails and other messages to make the best of your senior year.

Thank you to those who check emails and other messages regularly and meet deadlines! We're here to help!



## Spring College Book Return

Students if you have college books to return or Summer books to pick-up please follow

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the schedule and process; we want to ensure the safety of all:

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A-F  
9:30 - 10:15

a. Look to see your date and time to report based on last name

N-S  
9:30 - 10:15

← b. Report during your assigned time by last name →

G-M  
10:30 - 11:15

c. **PARK** in the back of lot I near where the buses are parked

T-Z  
10:30 - 11:15

d. **Remain** in your car and a GHS staff member will come to you

e. After turning in and/or picking up your books, please leave ASAP

## GHS Recruit Season

Due to COVID-19 we've had to become VERY CREATIVE!  
We were able to record our first VIRTUAL RECRUIT NIGHT!

**APPLICATION DEADLINE MAY 8**

**Do you know someone who would like to attend Gateway? Have them apply! See the application process below.**

**Space is limited. Seats are by lottery.**

See the Video here:

<https://www.facebook.com/PolkStateGateway/videos/71863117156924/>

Polk State Lakeland Gateway to College VIRTUAL Recruit Night!

1. Please be sure to listen to the video in its entirety, there is a lot of important information.
2. Due to COVID-19, please note that our office hours are VIRTUAL ONLY Monday - Friday 7:30AM - 4:30PM phone: (863-417-9941) via email: Gateway@polk.edu
3. Our Application is currently open: <https://www.formpl.us/form/992286033>
4. Please be sure to complete our survey, AFTER viewing the video in its entirety: [fpls.in/nkw85a](https://fpls.in/nkw85a)