



May 2020 Newsletter

## Polk State College & Gateway Updates

Greetings parents & students,

You're almost there! Another milestone will be completed! Things may not be as you'd wish them to be at this time due to COVID-19, but please know that we want to keep the health and safety of all our staff, faculty, students and families at the forefront. As a team we wanted to try to do something to show you that we love you and we miss you and we wanted to CELEBRATE YOU! The team has been vigorously trying to deliver a little sunshine to you! If you have not already received it, don't worry it's on the way! This is your last official week of high school although some of you have completed all your requirements prior to this week! Reflect on the many accomplishments that you've achieved, reflect of those not so good moments and use them as steppingstones to a very bright future! Some of you are headed to become "traditional college students", some of you are headed to the military, some of you are headed to trade school and some of you are headed to the workforce. Wherever your next path leads you, make the BEST of it, be the BEST version of you that you can be and make YOURSELF proud! We are proud of you GHS class of 2020!

### 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**



## Spring College Book Return/ Summer Book Pick-up

### Updated Schedule (Location is the back of Lot 1)

May 7, 2020

**A-F**  
9:30 - 10:15

**G-M**  
10:30 - 11:15



Students if you have college books to return or Summer books to pick-up please follow the schedule and process; we want to ensure the safety of all:

- Look to see your date and time to report based on last name
- Report during your assigned time by last name
- PARK** in the back of lot 1 near where the buses are parked
- Remain** in your car and a GHS staff member will come to you
- After turning in and/or picking up your books, please leave ASAP



May 8, 2020

**N-S**  
9:30 - 10:15

**T-Z**  
10:30 - 11:15

## Regalia & Diplomas



Senior students and parents,

We want to CELEBRATE our students!!!! **SAVE THE DATE MAY 14, 2020.** On this day, we will pass out your regalia, present you your diploma and take your picture. Please follow the procedure below:

- ONE CAR PER SENIOR, REPORT TO LOT 1 NEAR THE ACTUAL SCHOOL BUSES WITH YOUR FAMILY.**
- WEAR YOUR CAP & GOWN** (a GHS staff member will bring you your regalia)
- REMAIN IN YOUR CAR** (we will notify the STUDENT ONLY when to exit the car)
- STUDENTS WILL PROCEED TO THE BACKDROP, RECEIVE THEIR DIPLOMA, TAKE A PROFESSIONAL PICTURE AND RETURN TO THEIR CAR.**

**Seniors and parents will receive their time to report on May 4, 2020 via email.** Please be sure to follow the procedure above to ensure the safety and security of all our staff, students and their families. Pictures will be available within one week.



To order your yearbook please go to Higher Reach. You may copy and paste the link below.

<https://higherreach.polk.edu/modules/shop/index.html?action=courseBrowse&CatalogID=298188>



POLK STATE  
Lakeland Gateway to College  
Collegiate High School

## Updates on Graduation

Dear graduating senior,

Congratulations on your achievements! While we may not be together on campus, we are with you in spirit and we are very proud of how you continue to remain positive, focused, and driven even in the face of this unprecedented public health emergency.

We think it is very important to provide all graduates with a safe opportunity to gather with family and friends and celebrate their hard-earned accomplishments. Today, the College is announcing that members of the College's Spring 2020 Graduating Class are invited to participate in the College's Fall 2020 Commencement in December if conditions and guidance from the State of Florida and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention permit.

Students of the collegiate high schools who have earned their associate or bachelor's degrees will be recognized in these ceremonies and are encouraged to plan to attend if their schedules allow. Information regarding fall graduation is being sent directly to students who completed the College's graduation application.

Additionally, the College is making plans to host a combined December graduation ceremony for the three collegiate high schools. It is the College's sincere hope that in postponing the celebration to coincide with winter break, more graduates will be able to attend, and conditions will have improved to allow for the safe gathering of family and friends.

Lastly, even though we cannot be physically together, we can be together virtually. **Polk Lakeland Gateway to College Collegiate High School will be hosting a very special virtual celebration of graduates on May 13, 2020. Please continue to monitor your email and the Polk State Lakeland Gateway to College Collegiate High School Facebook page and your email for more details with the links for viewing.**

Congratulations again!

Class of  
2020

## 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/271863117156924/>

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)