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The Gateway Gazette

September 2018

Dear Gateway Family,

First and foremost, thank you for a great start to the school year! We are truly thankful that you have chosen to spend your 2018-2019 school year with us! Although the beginning of a new school year can be an anxious time for both new and returning students (and families!), it also brings about a positive energy that we want to maximize all year long. For many of you who are new to Polk State College and Gateway, this will be a new year which will bring new friends, teachers, exciting classes, activities, and overall unlimited possibilities. We hope to maintain this energy throughout the school year so that you and your child have a wonderful experience.

Parents and Guardians, please encourage your child to get involved and show their Eagle Pride!

In addition to Spirit Week, we have a variety of exciting activities and events taking place throughout September. Our National Honor Society (NHS), Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA), Student Government Association (SGA), and Yearbook staffs are busy forming their activity calendars for the entire school year. It is not too late to join for any student who is interested. Students scheduled for 12-week classes will begin this month, so students please be sure to get your textbooks and all material needed to be successful in those courses.

Lastly and most importantly, I would like to thank you for supporting your child and GHS day in and day out. I would like to thank each family who was able to attend our Orientation, which is an excellent way for us to build meaningful relationships with our parents and guardians so that we may support our students in both their high school and college classrooms. Our supportive parents, guardians, and families truly make GHS a special place.

Have a wonderful September!
Corey J. Barnes, EdD



Announcements

Students -- get your picture ID from SALO to use the Citrus Connection. Also, there are local businesses that offer discounts with a student ID - For example, PDQ Restaurant has \$5.00 student meals with their college ID, as well as discounts at the local movie theaters, just to name a few. Students can check the PSC website for a list of student discounts. It also helps your professors learn their students' names!

SENIOR PICTURES:

Senior formal picture make-up day is September 7, 2018, 7:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. in LAC 1133 visit www.prestigeportraits.com/orlando to register. Select student schedule for Polk State Gateway to College, then select session (Yearbook), then select September 7 to see the available times.

SENIOR ADS:

Parents and seniors, please be sure to purchase your ad in the yearbook. Ads may be purchased via higher reach. The costs are \$100.00 for a full page, \$50.00 for a half page, and \$25.00 for a quarter page ad. If you have any questions, please contact Dr. Downing. **Last day to submit ads will be February 1.**

Yearbooks:

Yearbooks are on sale for \$50.00 until November 1, 2018, after which; the yearbook's cost will increase to \$70.00. **The last day to pre-pay and order your yearbook is March 1, 2018.** Get them while they are hot! Capture your senior and junior moments that will be featured throughout this book. [Click this link to order your book now!](#)





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FREE ACT/SAT TUTORING:

[Click this link to register for FREE ACT/SAT tutoring](#)



IMPORTANT TESTING DATES (only applies to those who need to test): FSA (ALL DATES ARE MANDATORY)

September 14, 21, 28 all starting at **9 a.m.**

Location(s) will be emailed to those students who need to test.

ACT SCHOOL DAY (Seniors who need to pass the FSA only)

October 2, 2018 @ 9AM

SAT SCHOOL DAY (Seniors who need to pass the FSA only)

October 10, 2018 @ 9AM



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High School Sports



Do you play a sport? Are you on a step or dance team? If you answered yes, the yearbook would like to support you! Please submit a copy of your schedule to Dr. Downing by September 15, 2018.

IMPORTANT DATES SEPTEMBER - OCTOBER

September 12 - High School Early Release

September 14, 21, 28 - FSA Days (students who need to pass the FSA)

September 14 - High School Interim Reports

September 17 - Teacher Work Day / NO SCHOOL

October 1, 3, 8, 10 - FAFSA Nights (SENIORS ONLY)

October 3 - High School Early Release

October 15 - Teacher Work Day / NO SCHOOL



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SENIORS and SENIOR PARENTS join Ms. Ortega and Dr. Downing for one of our FAFSA nights!

Why does it matter? Because the Free Application for Federal Student Aid(FAFSA) isn't just the gateway for money from the federal government. States, colleges, and many scholarship programs use FAFSA to determine eligibility for financial aid and many have much earlier deadlines or give out money on a first-come, first-served basis. Even some federal aid, such as campus-based work-study programs, is based on when you apply.

Join us during one of our session to get your questions answered, complete and submit your FAFSA!

October 1, 3, 8, 9 @6PM in LTB1313

Sign-up by using the link below as space each night is limited. (Only ONE sign-up necessary) Please submit the STUDENTS NAME when registering.

www.SignUpGenius.com/go/5080F4EAFAD2BA0F85-fafsa