

WELCOME BACK

Polk State Lakeland Gateway to College Collegiate High School

Principal's Corner

Welcome and welcome back to Polk State Lakeland Gateway to College Collegiate High School. As we begin this new semester 2023 please be sure that you are starting off right by:

1. Making sure that you are in your respective Band. We post a lot of information there and some of you have missed it.
2. Make sure that you are checking your emails frequently (**your my.polk.edu email**). **CANVAS mail, IS NOT your email**. There is a difference between the two. If you need assistance with Canvas, Passport or your email, please contact Mrs. Arthi Bonney (abonney@my.polk.edu)
3. ATTENDANCE is extremely IMPORTANT. Parents we only accept (3) THREE parent notes/emails. We DO NOT accept phone calls. Any excuses after three must be medical, court, etc... Notes go to Mrs. Murray (clmurray@polk.edu). For those who have excessive absences in high school classes, you will be required to take a comprehensive exam at the end of the semester (NO EXCEPTIONS). If you have excessive absences in college classes, you may be dropped from college classes.
4. Meeting at least once per week with your mentor is vitally IMPORTANT! If you are not sure who your mentor is, please let me know and I will be more than happy to let you know.
5. The school calendar has MANY important dates, including student meetings. Attending student meetings are VERY IMPORTANT. Please be sure that you are in attendance for student meetings that are typically held on early release days. (Please see the school calendar and plan accordingly)



6. Communicating with high school teachers and college professors, and the Gateway office is **vital**. Be sure that you are clearly communicating any issues, concerns, difficulties, etc... at the time that it is needed. We are here to help, but we can't help if we don't know. There are many resources available to you.
7. When Gateway has testing, some is voluntary and some is involuntary. Voluntary testing is SAT and ACT school day with Gateway (unless you haven't met your graduation reading or Algebra 1 requirement). FSA reading and Algebra 1 EOC is MANDATORY if you haven't met that graduation requirement. US History EOC, Geometry EOC, Biology EOC and Civics exams are all MANDATORY if you are in the following courses (Geometry, high school Biology, US History, AMH1010/AMH1020, and high school US Government). If you have questions about testing, please contact Mrs. Chandler (tchandler@polk.edu).

I am looking forward to an AMAZING semester with the students and parent we also want you to be involved in our school activities! Let's have any AWESOME semester and to contact me, simply send me an email, call me or stop by.

Dr. DT
Principal

Who Do I Contact?

Principal - Dr. Meesha Downing-Townsend
General Questions, Concerns

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Asst. Principal - Mrs. Tania Chandler
Scheduling, Testing, Student Conferences, NHS

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Instructional Technologist - Mrs. Arthi Bonney
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Attendance, Lunch, Textbooks, Enrollment, SGA

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HIGH SCHOOL FACULTY

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January 2023

Events

January 4, 2023
High School Classes begin
Classes meet DAILY!

January 6, 2023
GHS High School Grades due

January 9, 2023
1st Day of 16 week College Classes
College class schedules may be viewed in
Passport

January 9, 2023
1st Day of fast track College Classes
College class schedules may be viewed in
Passport

January 11, 2023
GHS Report Cards distributed via email
This will include high school and college
grades

January 13, 2023
Early Release for high school classes
4th period ends at 10:45AM

January 13, 2023
SENIOR CAP & GOWN PICTURES
LAC1133 - Student Center/Cafeteria

January 13, 2023
Student Meetings
Senior Meeting - 11AM LLC2188
Junior Meeting - 11:45AM LLC2188

Class of 2023 Important Information

THIS PAGE IS FOR SENIORS ONLY



Grad Bash information is listed below. Space is limited. This is a first come first served basis. Seniors only (no guests). You must ride to and from Grad Bash on the bus, you cannot drive. If you have any other questions, please let me know.

Instructions for payment

Log into Lumens- <https://polk.augusoft.net/>

Click all classes

Scroll down to Youth Programs

Click Gateway Collegiate High School

Next page scroll down until you see GHS Grad Bash 2022

Click add to cart

Checkout

Deadline: February 10, 2022 (NO EXCEPTIONS)



Don't forget to order your cap & gown. If you are also graduating with your AA degree, the same cap/tassel and gown may be used.

This link is directly for our school (Gateway to College Collegiate High School). We will provide EVERY SENIOR with a medallion.

[https://www.jostens.com/apps/catalog/gradProducts.mvc?](https://www.jostens.com/apps/catalog/gradProducts.mvc?customerName=Gateway+to+College+Collegiate+HS&customerId=1670777)

[customerName=Gateway+to+College+Collegiate+HS&customerId=1670777](https://www.jostens.com/apps/catalog/gradProducts.mvc?customerName=Gateway+to+College+Collegiate+HS&customerId=1670777)

All caps and gowns will be delivered to our school and we will distribute once they arrive on campus.



Prom is quickly approaching come join us for a night in DUBAI! It will prove to be a very SPECIAL NIGHT! We will have a Prom King, Prom Queen, Prom Prince and Prom Princess and so much more!!!!

Copy and paste the link below for tickets:

https://polk.augusoft.net/index.cfm?method=ClassInfo.ClassInformation&int_class_id=2207&int_category_id=4&int_sub_category_id=17&int_catalog_id=0



FSA ALGEBRA 1 EOC
FEBRUARY 20-24

FSA READING & WRITING RETAKES
FEBRUARY 20 - MARCH 3

WRITING PERT BOOTCAMP & TESTING
9AM-12PM
FEBRUARY 25

READING PERT BOOTCAMP & TESTING
9AM-12PM
MARCH 4

MATH PERT BOOTCAMP & TESTING
9AM-12PM
MARCH 25