



JACKSONVILLE
CLASSICAL ACADEMY

COLLEGE ADMISSIONS NIGHT

OCTOBER 20, 2026



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Welcome & Introductions

- Principal: Nick Barker
- Upper School Assistant Principal: Joe Stabile
- Director of Student Life: Courtney Hughes
- Student Support Counselor: Michaela Richmond-Clements



Michaela Richmond-Clements
Student Support Counselor



Colleges Attended:

University of Colorado Boulder (My Reach School)
University of Oklahoma (My Target School)

Areas of Study:

Psychology, Education, Leadership, Clinical Mental Health
Counseling

Favorite College Memory: Watching the Colorado live mascot
“Ralphie” run at Folsom Field for the first time.

A Challenge Experienced in The Admissions Process: Not
knowing my school counselor and doubting my chances of
admission.





JXC's Partnership with Families

As a parent, guardian, or trusted adult, your role is to **support, guide, and encourage** your student. It is not to make every decision for them. Help them stay aware of deadlines, understand financial considerations, and navigate logistics while allowing them to own their applications, choices, and voice.

At JXC, we see this as a partnership: **you are the primary guide, and we are here to provide resources, expertise, and support along the way.**

Graduation Requirements



Graduation Requirements

- English – 4 Credits
- Mathematics – 4 Credits
 - Algebra 1, Geometry, Math, Math
- Science – 3 Credits
 - Biology, Science, Science
- History – 3 Credits
 - World History, American History, US Government (.5 credits)
and Economics (.5 credits)
- World Language – 2 Credits



Graduation Requirements

- PFA (Performing, Practical or Fine Art) – 1 Credits
- Health and Physical Education – 1 Credit
 - HOPE
- Personal Financial Literacy – 1 Credit
- Electives – 5.5 Credits



Graduation Requirements

- Must have at least a minimum cumulative unweighted GPA of 2.0 or higher
- Must pass reading assessment, math assessment, F.A.S.T Grade 10 Reading and Algebra 1 EOC
- 100 Community Service Hours

The Timeline



Junior Year Objectives

- Develop realistic post high school plans and goals
- Consider rigorous courses such as AP or FACT while maintaining balance
- Build your college list and explore career options
- Prepare for the NMSQT and then get ready to take the SAT, ACT and/or CLT
- Begin preparing for applications, including essays and recommendation letters
- Seek support from your student support counselor or trusted teachers



Senior Year Objectives

- Finalize post high school plans
- Complete and submit applications, personal statements and recommendation requests
- Apply for Financial Aid & Scholarships (FAFSA and FFAA)
- Meet deadlines and stay academically strong
- Finish Strong and make memories!



How to Build a College/Program List

Academic: Programs/majors Admission Requirements Class Size/Population size Academic Support Services	Personal: Location/Distance from home Campus/Community Size Activities
Financial: Net Price Scholarships Housing Costs Transportation	Career: Internship Opportunities Graduation Rate Job Placement Career services

Standardized Testing



Standardized Testing: What Test Do I Choose?

- ACT - If you are a fast paced worker, a student who excels at reading comprehension, or a science lover looking to be tested on how well you can read graphs, charts, and scientific studies.
- SAT- If you want more breathing room, if math is your strong suit, or if you dislike long reading passages.
- CLT- If you excel at reading older, complex literature, you rely on logic rather than math formulas, and you know the formal grammar rules inside and out.



SAT Testing

Upcoming Test Dates:

October 3rd 2026 - Deadline to sign up is September 18th (late registration ends on September 22nd)

November 7th 2026 - Deadline to sign up is October 23rd

December 5th 2026 - Deadline to sign up is November 20th

Finding your SAT Center

First pick your test date. Then using the SAT Suite College Board Test Center Search, enter your zip code to find the closest location. Once you've found your testing center, log into your account to register for your exam.



ACT Testing

Upcoming Test Dates:

October 17rd 2026 - Deadline to sign up is September 29th

December 12th 2026 - Deadline to sign up is November 6th

Finding your SAT Center

First pick your test date. Then using the ACT Suite Test Center Loca, enter your zip code to find the closest location. Once you've found your testing center, log into your account to register for your exam.



CLT Test Dates

Upcoming Test Dates:

CLT10 Wednesday, Feb 3rd (9th & 10th graders)

CLT Thursday, Feb 18th (11th & optional for 12th graders)

If a student wishes to take the CLT again, they may do so but will be responsible for the cost of the additional test.



Can I superscore?

Yes! Students are able to superscore the ACT, SAT, and CLT.

Superscoring takes the highest score from each individual section across all exams taken. To use superscores, you must send *ALL* score reports to Bright Futures and the colleges you apply to.

CLT Example

Example: Superscoring to reach an 84

Test 1

Verbal Reasoning	31 / 40
Grammar/Writing	26 / 40
Quantitative Reasoning	14 / 40
Total Score	71 / 120

Test 2

Verbal Reasoning	25 / 40
Grammar/Writing	29 / 40
Quantitative Reasoning	24 / 40
Total Score	78 / 120

$$31 + 29 + 24 = 84$$

ACT Example

Superscore

33

Composite

34

Math

32

Science

33

English

31

Reading

Feb 21

32

Composite

30

Math

32

Science

33

English

31

Reading

Dec 20

32

Composite

33

Math

32

Science

33

English

31

Reading

Oct 20

29

Composite

34

Math

29

Science

27

English

27

Reading

Superscore
Report



SAT Example

	EBRW	Math	Total
March 2021	640	720	1360
May 2021	680	660	1340
Superscore	680	720	1400

Financial Aid



Financial Aid & FAFSA

- The Free Application for Federal Student Aid is a form utilized to apply for financial aid for college, career school or graduate school. The FAFSA form to determine how much financial aid you're eligible to receive, which could include grants, scholarships, work-study funds, and loans.
- The form is completed annually and opens on October 1st, for the 2027/2028 academic year.
- Create a StudentAid.gov account
- Collect income and asset information, along with dependancy status
- Parent contrubutor email address, you cannot qualify without their participation.
- Adding them DOES NOT make them responsible for paying for your school costs.
- Must be completed by June 30th, 2028. **Don't wait!**



Florida Financial Aid

The FFAA is completed and submitted to the Office of Student Financial Aid to apply for state scholarship and grant programs. The FFAA will be available to graduating high school seniors and prior-year graduates only. Seniors must submit the FFAA to be considered for eligible state-funded scholarship and grant programs. The application opens **October 1, 2026**.

- Bright Futures (Due: **August 31, 2027**)
- Scholarships for Children and Spouses of Deceased Disabled Veterans (Due: April 1)
- Rosewood Family Scholarship (Due: April 1)
- Florida Farmworker Student Scholarship (Due: April 1)
- Randolph Bracy Ocoee Scholarship Program (Due: April 1)
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If a student does not apply for the scholarship by the deadline, **a student cannot receive the scholarship!**

Bright Futures & Scholarships



Bright Futures Designation

Florida Academic Scholar

- 3.5 Cumulative Weighted GPA
- 1330 SAT Score
- 29 ACT Score
- 95 CLT Score
- 100 Service Hours

This scholarship covers 100% tuition and eligible fees at eligible Florida public institutions. Private institutions award a dollar amount per credit hour. This scholarship automatically renews, students must maintain an unweighted GPA of 3.0 throughout college to maintain their scholarship.

Florida Medallion Scholar

- 3.0 Cumulative Weighted GPA
- 1190 SAT Score
- 24 ACT Score
- 82 CLT Score
- 75 Service Hours (100 Preferred)

This scholarship covers 75% tuition of eligible fees at eligible Florida public institutions. Private institutions award a dollar amount per credit hour. This scholarship automatically renews, students must maintain an unweighted GPA of 2.75 throughout college to maintain their scholarship.

*Both awards may be applied toward summer semesters



Bright Futures

To qualify for Bright Futures you must:

- Be a Florida resident and a U.S. Citizen or eligible noncitizen, as determined by the student's postsecondary institution
- Complete the FFAA during your senior year between **October 1st 2026 and August 31st 2027**.
- Earn a standard Florida high school diploma, or its equivalent, from a Florida public high school or registered Florida DOE private high school or complete a home education program.
- Not have been found guilty of, or pled nolo contendere to, a felony charge, unless the student has been granted clemency by the Governor and Cabinet sitting as the Executive Office of Clemency.
- Be accepted by, and enrolled in a degree or certificate program at, an eligible Florida public or independent postsecondary institution.
- Be enrolled for at least six non-remedial semester credit hours (or the equivalent in quarter or clock hours) per term.
- If not funded in the academic year immediately following high school graduation, apply within five years of high school graduation to have the award reinstated.



Volunteer Guidelines

- Volunteer service hours may be completed at **school** or within the **local community**
- Students must preform services **outside** of school hours.
- Students may not be paid for volunteer service rendered.
- Volunteer service involving academic requirements for a class will not count.
- Service may not be performed for a **student's family or for a profit-making organization**, except for institutions like hospitals, nursing homes, or the humane society.
- Volunteer work for the purpose of promoting a particular religious or political point of view or person cannot count in this program.
- Common activities that are **no longer eligible** are acolyte, altar server, lay reader, vacation bible school, summer camp, babysitting, church choir or clerical work for religious, political or profit making organizations.
- Community service projects should benefit the entire community. This means that community service for events such as dances, carnivals, festivals, summer programs, etc. must be open to everyone, including those outside of a neighborhood or organization, and not require payment to participate in the event.



Reflection

For hours completed on or after August 12, 2021, students must submit a reflection log for their Bright Futures Community Service Hourse to be approved. This is for paid AND volunteer hours.

Examples of reflection questions:

What impact did your service have on the social/civic/professional area that you identified?

Identify one way the service activity could have been improved.

Explain a valuable moment you experienced during your service activity.

Would you recommend this activity to other students? Why or why not?



High School GPA

Florida Bright Futures recalculates your GPA using only core academic classes (English, Math, Science, Social Studies, and World Languages). It builds on a standard 4.0 unweighted scale by awarding 0.5 bonus points for full-year Honors courses and 1.0 point for full-year AP courses.

Bright Futures assigns the following values to grades depending on the course type:

Regular / Standard Courses: A = 4, B = 3, C = 2, D = 1, F = 0

Honors Courses: A = 4.5, B = 3.5, C = 2.5, D = 1.5, F = 0

AP Courses: A = 5.0, B = 4.0, C = 3.0, D = 1.0, F = 0

This means a grade of "A" in an AP class gives you a 5.0 toward your recalculated average, while an "A" in an Honors class gives you a 4.5. The state uses this new value to find your average, which requires a minimum of 3.5 for the Florida Academic Scholars (FAS) award and a 3.0 for the Florida Medallion Scholars (FMS) award.



Volunteer Hour Submission Deadline

Seniors must submit their service hours no later than **Friday, April 2nd at 3pm.**

Late submissions will not be collected.

Freshman, Sophomores and Juniors must submit their service hours for the year no later than **Friday, April 2nd at 3pm.** If they complete a service activity after April 2nd, they will hold on to their hour sheet until the start of the next school year.



Campus Tours

- When & How to Schedule:
 - Plan tours early (Junior Year is ideal)
 - Apply directly on college websites
- Virtual Options:
 - FL Colleges: [FLDOE College Virtual Tours](#)
- Visit your top schools in person if possible.



Application Timeline

- October 1st - Florida Bright Futures Application Opens
- October 1st - Free Application for Federal Student Aid
- October 1st - Florida Financial Aid Application Opens
- October 15th - UF & FSU- Early Decision Due
- November 1st - UCF/USF Early Action Closes
- December 1st - FSU Applications Close
- December 15th - USF Applications Close
- January 1st - 15th - Regular Decision deadline

Stay organized: Make a checklist, Track deadlines, Submit early when possible



Frequently Asked Questions

How can I be sure my student is on track to graduate?

Use the graduation progression template and meet with guidance counselors regularly to review credits, test scores, and requirements.

Does JXC partner with any colleges?

Flagler College, University of Florida - Hamilton School, FSCJ

What extracurriculars can we expect to see available at JXC to help with college admission success?

Athletics, Student Led Clubs, National Honors Society, Student Council, Volunteer Opportunities



Frequently Asked Questions

What happens if my student fails a required class or test?

If a student fails a required class, it must be retaken to earn credit for graduation. Required exams can be retaken until the passing score is achieved. Counselors and parents will work together on a recovery plan, which may include summer school, tutoring, or credit recovery.

Can Bright Futures be combined with other scholarships?

Yes. Students may stack Bright Futures with other state, institutional, and private scholarships to reduce costs.

What grants are available for college and when should we start applying?

Students can explore federal and state grants, such as the Pell Grant and Florida Student Assistance Grant, by completing the FAFSA beginning in the fall of senior year, while researching institutional and private grants throughout junior and senior year.



Frequently Asked Questions

Do all colleges require SAT/ACT scores?

MOST schools require tests. ALL of our state universities require SAT/ACT/CLT for entrance.

Who should write letters of recommendation?

Teachers, coaches, mentors, youth group leaders, club advisors, etc.

Who should help my student with their college essays?

Students should write their own essays so their authentic voice comes through. Parents, teachers and counselors can encourage brainstorming and give light feedback, but essays should not be rewritten for them. Many colleges value authenticity over polish - they want to hear the student's story.



Frequently Asked Questions

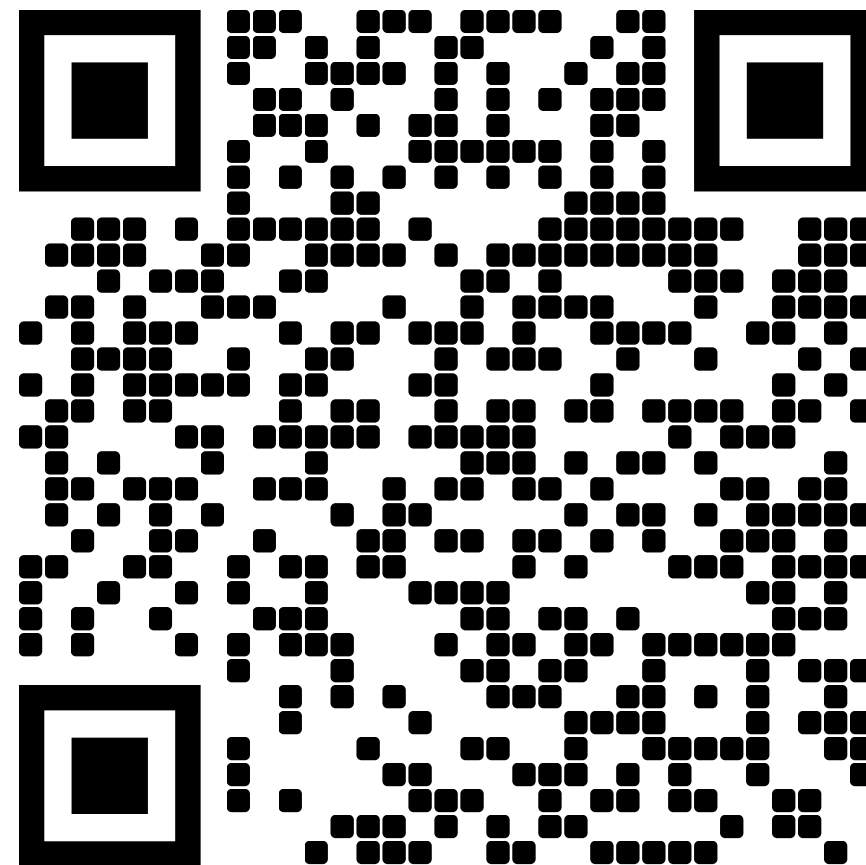
How we be informed of events related to college and career preparedness?

The Jet Gazette is the best way to be informed of Jax Classical events. There is also a student information board where students can see information about upcoming opportunities.



Question QR Code

Please utilize the QR code below in order to submit questions. All questions will be reviewed and follow up emails with answers will be provided in the coming weeks.





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