Bloomingdale High School

Senior Class of 2027

Agenda

- **PPT presentation** (while you are called back for your senior credit check one at a time)
- **Diploma Name Form** (be sure you check it twice for accuracy/spelling)
- Explore **Bloomingdale Guidance Website** & **Bloomingdale High School Resources Guidance Module** on Canvas
- **Raise.Me**
- **Common App**
- **Xello**
- **BULLetin**

Meet Your Counselor

Mrs. Young: Students with last names A-Da

Mrs. Caryer: Students with last names De-Ji

Mrs. Ares: Students with last names Jo-Na

Mrs. Raschke: Students with last names Ne-Ro

Mrs. Ritz: Students with last names Ru-Z

Mrs. Edgeman: College and Career Counselor

Mrs. Lackey: Workforce Program Advisor

Graduation Requirements

- **24 Credits**
- **Passing Scores on:**
  - FAST Reading
  - Algebra 1 EOC
- **GPA minimum 2.0**

Note: you will not be allowed to participate in the graduation ceremony if you have not met the credit and GPA requirements

Credit Breakdown

- **4 English**
- **4 Math**
  - Algebra 1 and Geometry
- **3 Science**
  - Biology
- **3 Social Studies**
  - World History, US History, Gov/Econ
- **1 HOPE** (*or* 2 years of a sport *or* 2 years of JROTC *or* 2 years of Band)
- **1 Fine Art**
- **8 Electives**

Note: for beginning at a university & for Bright Futures requirement, you need 2 years of the SAME foreign language

Senior Interviews

- While meeting with your counselor, you should have received your student summary (1-page snapshot of your transcript)
- **Check your summary to make sure it is correct**
- **Make sure any summer courses, online courses, high school courses taken in middle school, and dual enrollment courses are there.** If they are not, get into your Canvas RIGHT NOW and send your counselor a message letting her know needs to be updated

***Reminder, any volunteer/work hours submitted to Guidance by 10/2/26, will be entered by 10/9/26.**

Senior Interviews

- **At this point, you should have at least 17 credits.**
  - 17 + 7 = 24 = Graduation

- **If you are behind, talk to your counselor about ways to catch up**
  - HVS (through the FLVS website…just pick Florida Flex, but enroll through HILLSBOROUGH VIRTUAL)
  - Credit Recovery
  - Adult School

Concordant Test Scores for Reading/Math Requirment (FAST Reading and Algebra 1 EOC)

- **EOC Retakes –** September 15 2026
- **FAST Retakes –** September 16 & 17 2026

Seniors who have not yet passed the FAST Reading may take the SAT, ACT or CLT to get Concordant Score

- **SAT (10/7), CLT (10/29), and ACT (11/3-11/5)** will be offered on the dates indicated, for seniors who have not passed one or both (FAST Reading and/or Algebra 1 EOC) ***BE PRESENT!!!**
- **Concordant Scores:**
  - **SAT – 490 EBRW** (Evidence-based Reading & Writing)
  - **PSAT (10th & 11th grade) – 470** Reading & Writing
  - **ACT – average of 18 in** English and Reading
  - **CLT – sum of 39 in VR & GW** (Verbal Reasoning & Grammar and Writing)

Seniors who have not yet passed the Algebra 1 EOC may take the Geometry EOC, ACT, SAT, CLT to get Concordant Score

  - **Geometry EOC – Level 3** (401)
  - **ACT – 16** Math
  - **PSAT (10th & 11th grade) – 430** Math
  - **SAT – 420** Math
  - **CLT – 14 in QR** (Quantitative Reasoning)

SAT/ACT/CLT: How Do I Register?

- **ACT:** www.actstudent.org
- **SAT:** www.collegeboard.org
- **CLT:** cltexam.com

- **Links to the SAT, ACT & CLT websites can be found on the Bloomingdale Guidance website**

- **The ACT & SAT** are offered on various Saturdays throughout the year, at multiple high schools in Hillsborough County
- **The CLT is NOT offered at any HCPS sites for weekend, college reportable testing. Upon registration for that exam, students would elect to take it with a remote proctor or at home with a parent proctor.**

Waiver Benefits (SAT, ACT, & College App Fees) AIV Form Directions

- Juniors & Seniors, if you believe you may **qualify for waiver benefits (ACT, SAT & college application fee waivers),** have your parent(s) or guardian(s) fill out the **Alternate Income Verification Form.**

- **Keep a copy for your records.**

- **Turn your completed form back into Mrs. Fugate** (Guidance Secretary) and it will be scanned and emailed
  OR you can mail your completed form to:
  Healthy Meals Express Application Center, 9014 Brittany Way, Tampa, Florida, 33619

- **Two weeks after your form has been turned in/mailed, please fill out the ACT Waiver Request Form, which can be found at bloomingdaleguidance.org under the Request Forms tab.**

Waivers

- **Request ACT waivers via the ACT Waivers Form** found in the Guidance Module of your Bloomingdale High School Resources Canvas page or at bloomingdaleguidance.org under the "request forms" tab AFTER completing the Alternate Income Verification Form (AIV)

- Follow the steps below to request a **SAT waiver**
  - Log into your CollegeBoard account
  - Under "Got a Code," click on "Learn if you are Eligible"
  - Click on "Apply" in blue box on right
  - Scroll down and click on the blue words, "Request a fee waiver directly from CollegeBoard"
  - Fill in info and submit
  - You will get an emailed response saying you will receive a waiver in 1-2 weeks if collegeboard determines that you are eligible.

  Note: once you have been approved to take the SAT with a waiver, you will also be eligible for other waivers through your CollegeBoard account, such as college application fee waivers and score send waivers

- Follow the steps below to request a **CLT waiver**
  - Go to cltexam.com and click on the link for the "Financial Assistance Request Form"
  - Must be submitted *at least* 2 weeks before the exam's registration deadline
  - You can submit 2 requests per year
  - If approved, a unique discount code (up to the full amount) will be sent to the email listed on your CLT student account. Use that code when you sign up for the test.

What is the CLT?

- College entrance exam that launched in 2015
- **3 main sections:** Verbal Reasoning (VR), Grammar/Writing (GW), and Quantitative Reasoning (QR)
- There is also an **optional essay**
- **Each section** is worth a total of **40 points (**total test score possible is **120 points)**
- **CLT is less widely accepted than SAT and ACT** at Colleges and Universities. **HOWEVER, EVERY PUBLIC UNIVERSITY IN FLORIDA ACCEPTS THE CLT**
- **Hillsborough county does NOT offer the CLT test at any of their testing sites**

College Admissions Timeline

- If you haven't already, **sign up for the SAT and/or ACT (CLT is an option too, though there are many colleges that do not accept it)**
- **Continue researching** colleges and organize a list of schools to which you plan to apply
- **Begin application process** as soon as possible
- **Complete career interest inventories** if unsure of college major (Xello, ASVAB, etc…)
- **Complete FAFSA as soon as possible starting Oct. 1st!** If you or your parents need help with the application, contact Mrs. Lackey in Guidance

Major and Career Searches

- **Xello**
- **MyCareerShines –** www.floridashines.org
- **O*Net Online –** www.onetonline.org
- **Collegeboard's BigFuture Major and Career Browser**
  www.bigfuture.collegeboard.org
- **ACT Profile –** www.actstudent.org
- **MyMajors –** www.mymajors.com

College Search

- **College search websites:**
  - Xello
  - www.collegeboard.org
  - https://nces.ed.gov/collegenavigator
  - www.floridashines.org
  - www.appily.com
  - Many others available

- **College visits at BSHS!** Sign up in the pink binder in Guidance. Current visits include: University of Tampa (UT), Florida Southern, Rutgers, Jacksonville University, Florida Polytechnic University, University of Central Florida, Eckerd College, American University, University of South Alabama, Liberty University and University of Alabama

- **On campus visits (offered virtually & in person)**

College Admissions Decision Models

- **Regular Decision (seats fill up…be careful)**
  - Set application deadline in the Fall
  - Not happy with test scores? Should I still apply now? Test optional?
  - Notified of decision by a specified date – usually in March or April
- **Rolling Admission**
  - No set deadline. Once the school receives all of your application material, they will notify you within a matter of days or weeks.

College Admissions Decision Models

- **Early Decision**
  - Apply early (usually by October or November)
  - Receive admissions decision well in advance of the usual notification date
  - Early decision plans are “binding”, meaning if you apply early decision, you agree to attend the college if they accept you
  - You can only apply to one college early decision, but you may apply to other colleges regular decision
  - If you’re accepted under early decision, you must withdraw all other applications

College Admissions Decision Models

Should you apply Early Decision?

- Yes, if:
  - You are very sure of the college you want to attend
  - Your stats (GPA, test scores, etc.) match or almost match those of the average accepted student
  - Financial aid is not a concern
- No, if:
  - You plan to weigh financial aid offers from multiple schools
  - You're considering several colleges

College Admissions Decision Models

- **Early Action**
  - Application is due early and you get an admission decision in the winter or early spring
  - Non-binding
  - You can apply early action to multiple schools, or apply to one school early action and other schools regular decision

- **<u>Florida Public Universities EA Deadlines:</u>**
  - Florida State University (FSU) – 10/15/26
  - University of Central Florida (UCF) – 10/15/26
  - Florida Atlantic University (FAU) – 10/15/26
  - University of Florida (UF) – 11/1/26
  - Florida Gulf Coast University – 11/1/26
  - New College of Florida (New College) – 11/1/26
  - University of South Florida (USF) – 11/2/26
  - University of North Florida (UNF) – Priority (EA Style) – 11/18/26

College Degree Options

- **2-Year College**
  - A.A. Degree
    - Finish in two years and then transfer to a 4-year college, where you'll earn your bachelor's degree
    - Smaller classes, less expensive, live at home
  - A.S. Degree
    - Finish in two years and then go right into a job
    - HC offers A.S. degrees in:
      - Business
      - Criminal Justice
      - Health Sciences
      - Computer Science
      - Culinary

        Many others
- Hillsborough College (HC, formerly HCC) offers a Bachelor's in Nursing!

College Degree Options

- **4-Year College**
  - Take general education classes and classes for your major
  - Earn your Bachelor's Degree
  - Go into your career field or continue on for an advanced degree

College Applications: What to Expect

- **Student data**
- **Student essay**
- **Supplemental forms**
  - Official transcript (sdhc.scriborder.com)
  - SAT/ACT/CLT scores
  - School report/counselor rec.
  - Teacher rec.
  - Mid-year school report
  - Final transcript (this won't be due as part of the application…you won't even request these until April)
- **Application fee (fee waivers-collegeboard fee waiver code…if you request an SAT fee waiver and are found eligible, another perk is an unlimited college application fee waiver code)**

College Applications

- **Letters of Recommendation**
  - Minimum 2 weeks notice
  - Resume or info sheet
  - Teacher, counselor, coach, or mentor (think about your major, ie: STEM major? Should ask a math or science teacher)

- **Transcripts**
  - Sdhc.scriborder.com
  - Send electronically through Commonapp
  - Interviews
  - Location, time, date
  - Who will be conducting the interview?

College Admissions

- **Getting Organized**
  - Compare relevant information side by side
  - Look for the freshman application checklist
  - Use a calendar or planner to keep track of deadlines

Note: online calendars are an amazing tool to help keep track of deadlines. Make it a habit of putting all important dates in there as soon as you know them. Include personal, work, school, extra curriculars, etc.

College Admissions

- **Fill out one application and send it to multiple schools**
  - Common App: www.commonapp.com

Technical College & Apprenticeships

- **Technical College**

Finish most programs in 1-2 years

- Four local Hillsborough Technical Colleges (HTC):
  - Erwin Technical College
  - Brewster Technical College
  - Aparicio-Levy Technical College
  - Rick Lott Technical College

- **HTC Programs**
  - Culinary
  - Healthcare (Sterile Processing, Pharmacy Tech, Surgical Tech)
  - Welding, HVAC, Plumbing
  - Early Child Education
  - Automotive Repair
  - EMT/Fire Fighting
  - Cosmetology/Esthetician & so much more!

****Each program has different start dates and limited seats, so the sooner you apply, the better chance you have getting accepted!****

****If you are interested in Apprenticeships where you "Earn as You Learn" let Mrs. Lackey know ASAP! It is very competitive when pursuing an Apprenticeship, so we need to start NOW!****

<u>If you aren't sure what you want to do OR you are looking to go into the workforce shortly after graduation, attend our field trips and explore your options!</u>

- Fieldtrips: don't miss out on the chance to explore our Hillsborough Technical Colleges, Hillsborough College, FCA Business Tours & Hiring Fairs, and Construction Career Fairs! If you are unsure of what you want to do, looking to go into the workforce shortly after graduating, or just curious about what's out there- make sure you sign up!
- <u>Field trip dates will be announced in the Bloomingdale High School Resources on Canvas as they are scheduled. Sign up for field trips via the advertisement announcement QR code and stop by Guidance for your field trip forms.</u>

Scholarships

- **Xello**
- **Bloomingdaleguidance.org**
- **BSHS Guidance Scholarship Blog** (local/national)
- **Raise.me** (follow & add accomplishments ASAP! Due dates vary by college)
- **CollegeBoard Opportunity Scholarships** (monthly opportunities)
- **Hillsborough Education Foundation Scholarships** (open Oct. 1st)

- **www.scholarships.com**
- **www.fastweb.com**
- **www.floridashines.org**
- **www.myscholly.com**

*Many others available!

Bright Futures Scholarship

- **Bright Futures awards four different scholarships:**
  - Academic
  - Medallion
  - Gold Seal
  - CAPE
- **GPAs are recalculated using only your academic courses**
  - 4 English, 4 Math, 3 Science, 3 Social Studies, 2 Foreign Language
- **Add .5 points for weighted classes**

Bright Futures Scholarship

- **Academic Scholars (100% tuition paid)**
  - 1330 SAT or 29 ACT or 95 CLT (Concordant: AICE Diploma or Capstone Diploma)
  - 100 volunteer hours/paid work hours
  - 3.5 weighted GPA

- **Medallion Scholars (75% tuition paid)**
  - 1190 SAT or 24 ACT or 82 CLT (Concordant: AICE Diploma or Capstone Diploma)
  - 75 volunteer hours or 100 paid work hours, or a combination of volunteer hours and paid work hours totaling 100 hours
  - 3.0 weighted GPA

Bright Futures Scholarship

- **Gold Seal**
  - Award amount depends on type of program
    - Career Certificate - $39 per hour
    - Applied Technology Diploma - $39
    - Technical Degree - $48
  - 3.0 GPA in graduation requirements
  - Must take three credits in a CTE class and maintain a 3.5 in those classes
  - 30 volunteer hours OR 100 volunteer hrs/paid work hours
  - Test Scores:
    - ACT – 17 English, 19 Reading, 19 Math
    - SAT – 490 Reading, 480 Math
    - PERT – 106 Reading, 103 Writing, 114 Math

Bright Futures Scholarship

- **CAPE**
  - Used toward an associate in applied science or associate in science degree, applied technology diploma, or career certificate program
  - After completing an eligible associate in science degree program, CAPE Scholar may also receive an award for a maximum of 60 credit hours toward an eligible baccalaureate degree

Eligibility requirements

- Complete and turn in 30 volunteer hours OR 100 volunteer hours/paid work hours
- Earn a minimum of **5** postsecondary credit hours through CAPE industry certifications which articulate for college credit (industry certifications are earned in CTE classes like culinary, vet assisting, computer/technology courses)

Bright Futures Scholarship

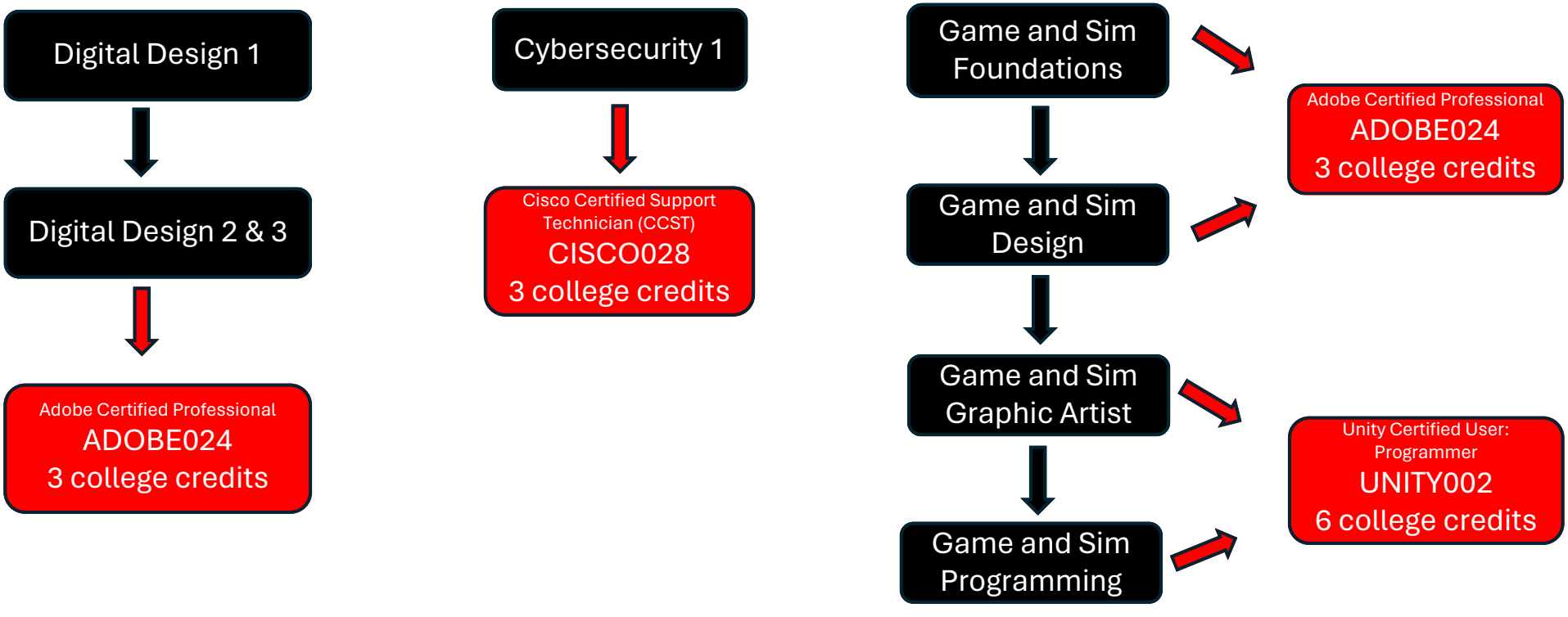
CAPE CTE Certification Articulation at BSHS

To be eligible for CAPE, you need to earn 5 credit hours through CTE certifications; certifications DO NOT need to be in the same CTE class!

Culinary 1-4
Certified Food Safety Manager (2 hours)
Culinary 2-4
Certified Food Protection Manager (SERVSAFE) (3 hours)
Customer Service Rep 1-3
Entrepreneurship & Small Business (3 hours)
Cybersecurity Essentials
Cisco Certified Support Technician (CCST) (3 hours)
Digital Design 1-3
Adobe Certified Professional in Visual Design (3 hours)
Game & Sims Graphics Artist
Adobe Certified Professional in Visual Design (3 hours)
Game & Sims Programming
Unity Certified User: Programmer (6 hours)
Veterinary Assistant 1-3
Agriculture Associate (3 hours)
Veterinary Assistant 3
Animal Science Specialist (3 hours)
Veterinary Assistant 4
Certified Veterinary Assistant (CVA) (3 hours)
Agriscience Foundations 1
Agriculture Associate (3 hours)
Animal Science 2
Animal Science Specialist (3 hours)

Note: certifications only count once, even if the same one is earned in different classes. Some of the above certifications require other prerequisite courses/certifications before student is eligible

College Credit Certifications at Bloomingdale



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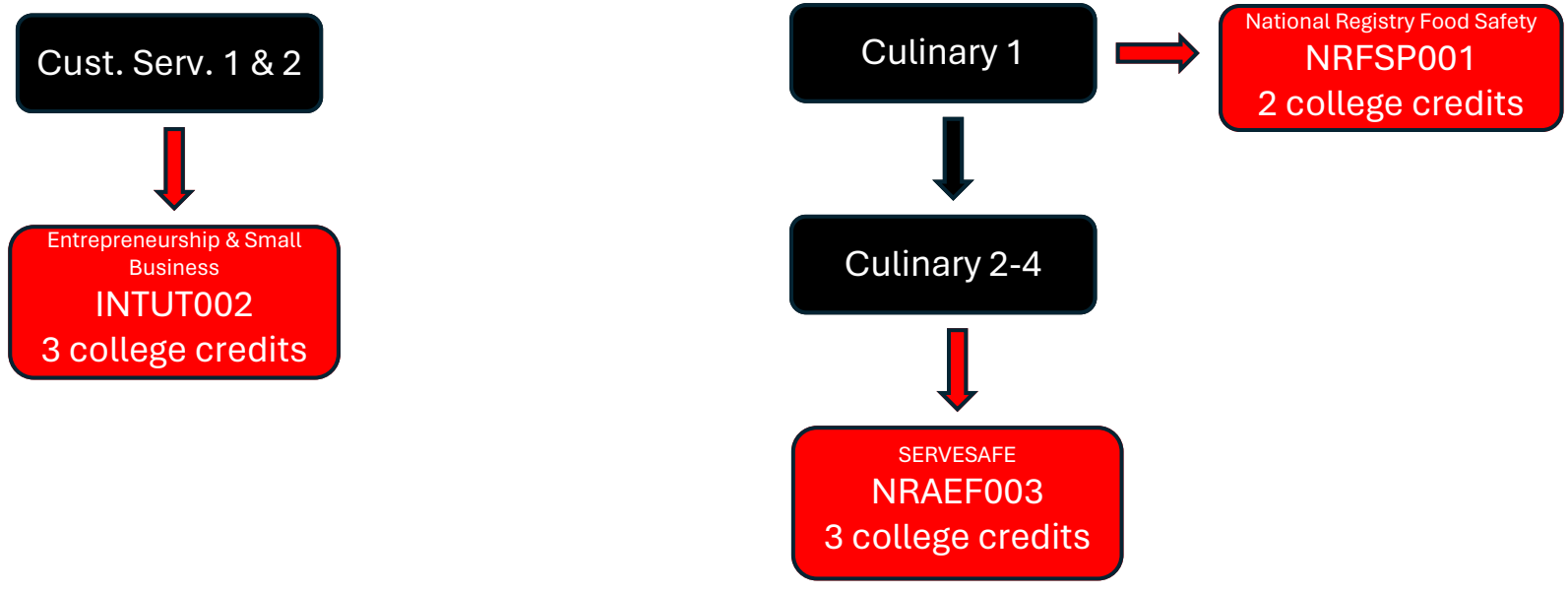

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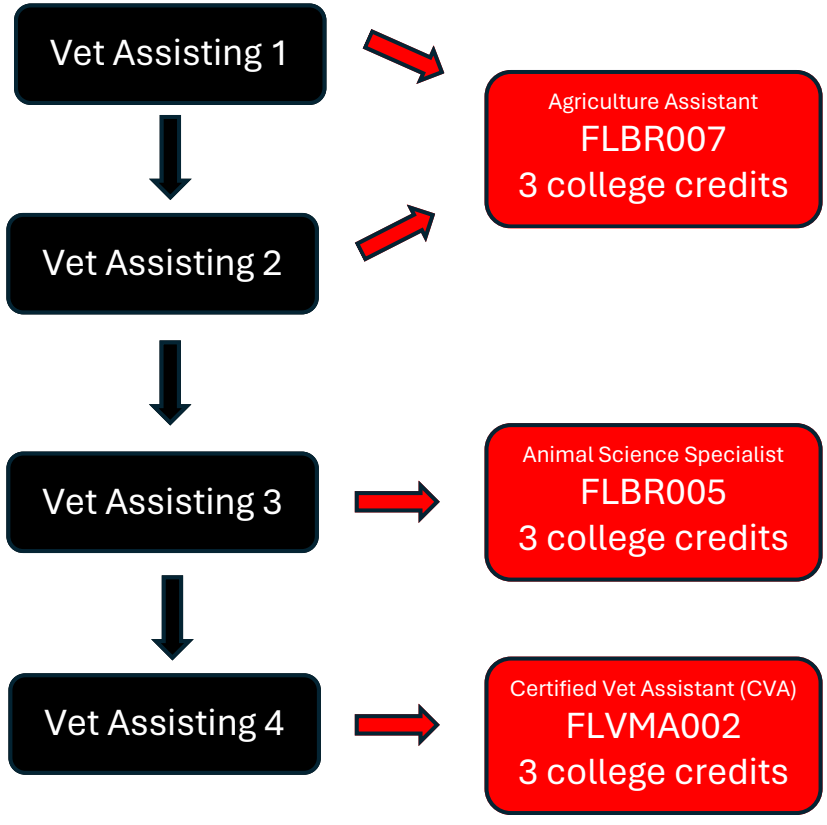

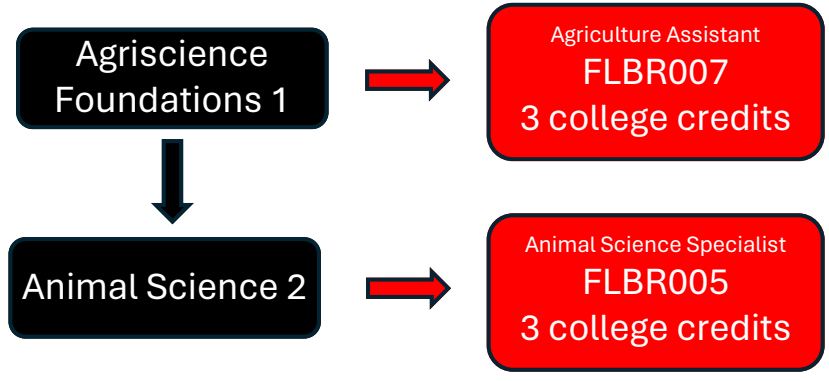

Volunteer/Work Hours Directions

- Complete Form(s)
- Keep a copy for your records
- Drop in designated tray in Guidance
  Once processed, they will be filed in your records folder in Guidance and hours will be reflected on your transcript
- BF no longer calls it community service, it is now volunteering, which means that you can volunteer at church or any other business… it does NOT have to be a non-profit!

Bright Futures Status

Check your Bright Futures eligibility in Xello

Steps:
1. Navigate to Xello through your Clever account
2. Locate your College Planning page from your quick links, under Goals & Plans
3. In the Scholarships section, click on "Check Eligibility" to open your report

It's that EASY!

- On that report you can view your progress towards meeting BF scholarship eligibility
- Displays your academic GPA, highest test scores, and community service once hours have been submitted

Upcoming Guidance Events- Sem 1

- Our HC Rep is here all year, during ALL 3 lunches EVERY Thursday at a table in front of the office...no sign ups, just show up
- College App Wednesday ALL 3 lunches at a table in front of the office (help with your college application questions) – 1st and 2nd 9 weeks
- Tech College Tuesday ALL 3 lunches at a table in front of the office (help with Tech College, Apprenticeship, Career, and AS degree program questions) – 2nd and 3rd 9 weeks
- Military Branch Reps are at the lunches WEEKLY (Navy – every other Tuesday, Army – every other Tuesday, National Guard – every other Wednesday, Marines – every other Thursday)
  College visits... more added all the time (sometimes daily)... sign up in the pink binder in Guidance
- September 9th: College Fair Night, from 6pm-8pm, at Sickles High School
  September 10th: College Fair Night, from 6pm-8pm, at Newsome High School
- September 23rd: Senior Parent Night @ 6pm in the Auditorium (tentatively scheduled for this date)

Upcoming Guidance Events- Sem 1

- October 1st: Bright Futures app opens
- October 1st: FAFSA app opens
- October 1st: HEF senior scholarship app opens
- October 2nd: Community Service/Work Hours papers DUE (to have hours reflected on your transcript by End of Q1, which is 10/9/26)
- October 8th: College Application Day
- October 14th: Future Career Academy Business Panel
- October 15th & 16th: Financial Aid Lab (FSA ID & BF)
- October 20th: ASVAB
- October 22nd: PERT test
- October 29th: ASVAB Interpretation
- December 11th: Community Service/Work Hours papers DUE (to have hours reflected on your transcript by End of Q2, which is 12/18/26)
- October 1st-March 31st: FAFSA Challenge! Win a $Gift Card$ for completing the FAFSA! (Both Student AND Parent applications must be complete)

Communication... pay attention!!!

- Bloomingdaleguidance.org
- Bloomingdale High School Resources Canvas Class
- Morning show
- Twitter: @bdaleguidance
- Guidance bulletin board (to the left of lunchroom)
- Flyers/posters/brochures/papers in Guidance Office
- Weekly BULLetin (emailed to parents and link sent to you in Canvas)
- FACEBOOK: Bloomingdale High School Parents Page and BSHS Class of 2027 Parent Page

Post Secondary Plans

Scan this QR code & complete the survey. We use this information to better understand your goals & invite you to explore opportunities aligning to your interests