



# Scholar and Family Welcome Session

“We are what we repeatedly do.  
Excellence, then, is not an act but a habit.”

— Aristotle



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**The PCS initiative and commitment to provide high-achieving students and their families with a personalized path to college success.**



# Ongoing, strategic, support throughout your high school career.



**Pathway Course Progression**



**Peer Collaboration Experiences**



**Parent and Student Engagement**



**College Entrance Test Preparation**



**Academic Counseling and Targeted Support**



**College and Scholarship Planning**



# Your Future is Bright!

Award Type	High School Weighted GPA	SAT/ACT Score*	Service Hours
Florida Academic Scholars	3.5	SAT- 1290 ACT- 29	100
Florida Medallion Scholars	3.0	SAT- 1170 ACT- 26	75

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\*Scores needed as of April 2018

## Know and take advantage of all your options.



## Summer Seminars

“The will to win, the desire to succeed, the urge to reach your full potential... these are the keys that will unlock the door to personal excellence.”

— Confucius

# What is the Summer Seminar?

- Annual summer opportunity to come together with Elevating Excellence Scholars from across the district.
- Gain skills and exposure to the college-going process.
  - Hear from recent high school graduates and keynote speakers.
  - Personalized review of pathway and next steps based on your goals
  - Individualized support for college applications and test prep
- Three-day session that culminates in a student and family portfolio showcase.



# Rising Sophomores

- Assess your progress during ninth grade.
- Create your vision and goals for the next three years on your pathway to college.
- Ensure your high school course progression supports your goals.
- Explore college admission and scholarship requirements aligned to your interests.
- Build your presentation, leadership and self-advocacy skills.





# Rising Juniors

- Reflect on your current progress toward your goals.
- Determine next steps for your pathway to success including Bright Futures and transcript analysis.
- Explore critical inquiry activities to enhance your presentation, leadership and self-advocacy skills.
- Utilize resources to build test preparation and study skills.



# Rising Seniors

- Target short-term goals and next steps for your senior year and begin the plan for long-term college success.
- Crafting your senior schedule to maximize scholarship opportunities and acceptance to your school of choice.
- Receive targeted support for college entrance essay writing and utilize resources to build test preparation and study skills.
- Receive personalized support for college application and scholarship match processes.
- Enhance your presentation, leadership and self-advocacy skills.



# What will I actually do?

- Engage with like-minded peers.
- Build your portfolio for the college-going process.
- Work collaboratively with peers on projects and activities.
- Receive personalized supports from staff that includes: data analysis, transcript reviews and course progression options.
- Practice skills that will benefit you during high school and college.
- Learn from current college students about their experience in applying to and preparing for college.
- Show off your work to your family!



# So, how many days is this?

The Summer Seminar is a, no-cost, three-day experience with lunch served each day:

- Day One & Two: 9 am- 3 pm
- Day Three: 9 am - ~5pm (Including celebration and showcase)

*School sites will be open from 8 am - 5 pm with additional supports for scholars who wish to stay longer.*



# I'm sold, when and where?

You can select the best location and session date that meet your needs.

**Locations:** Clearwater, Dixie Hollins, Gibbs or Palm Harbor University  
*Transportation is the responsibility of the student/family.*

- **Session A:** June 5-7
- **Session B:** July 24-26

Registration is open,  
just go the [Elevating Excellence website!](#)





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# Our Champions



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Boca Ciega



Lauren Bartolomucci  
Clearwater



Kerrale Prince  
Countryside



Jennifer Sinphay  
Dixie Hollins



Wendy Hutkin  
Dunedin



Heather Wiseman  
East Lake



Sara Wickham  
Gibbs



Chantella Moore  
Lakewood

# Our Champions



Samantha Fitzjarrald  
Largo



Diane Becker  
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Tracey Elkins  
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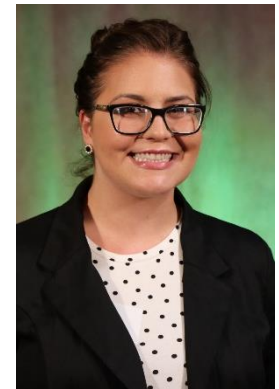
Jamie Wassermann  
Pinellas Park



Sarah Henderson  
St. Petersburg



Tiffany Rasmussen  
Seminole



Gina Mattioli  
Tarpon Springs





“If you are going to achieve excellence in big things, you develop the habit in little matters.

Excellence is not an exception, it is a prevailing attitude.”

— Colin Powell



# Questions?

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