

VIRTUAL COLLEGE WEEK

Presented by FloridaShines

April 4-6, 2017
4:00-6:00 p.m. ET

Enjoy feature presentations from experts in the area of college preparation, admissions, financial aid and more. Representatives from the Florida College System, State University System, Florida Department of Education and others will participate.

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Event Agenda:

Tuesday, April 4: High School Counselors: Guidance for Guidance

4:00-6:00 p.m. ET

Get the latest information from the Florida Department of Education, including resources and services from FloridaShines and MyCareerShines, and academic advisement strategies from the field, to help support your students with the education and career planning process.

Wednesday, April 5: High School Students: College 101

4:00-6:00 p.m. ET

Get insight on the admissions process, find out how to earn college credit while still in high school, and learn what resources are available to help you succeed in college. This session will cover all the steps you need to take during your senior year in high school to get into and pay for the college or university of your choice!

Thursday, April 6: Parents: Surviving College with Your Student

4:00-6:00 p.m. ET

Learn how to pay for college without breaking the bank and the resources available to help support your student, and successfully transition to college.

High School Counselors: Guidance for Guidance

Helen Lancashire

Secondary School Counseling Consultant, Department of Education



Helen serves as Secondary School Counseling Consultant for the state of Florida's High School Counseling and Student Progression area, in the Bureau of Exceptional Education and Student Services from the Florida Department of Education.

Nashla Dawahre

Assistant Director, Advising & Student Services, Florida Virtual Campus



Nashla Dawahre serves as the Assistant Director of Student Services offered by FloridaShines and the Florida Virtual Campus. With more than 12 years' experience in higher education administration and student development. Nashla is passionate about engaging and helping students reach their educational and career goals, and is proud to play a role in preparing the leaders of tomorrow. Prior to joining the Florida Virtual Campus, Nashla led and managed a variety of efforts in Recruitment, Admissions, Orientation, Academic Advising, First-Year Experience, and Retention at the University of Colorado.

Maggie Miller

Florida Lead Field Trainer, Kuder, Inc.



As Global Career Development Facilitator and Certified Career Advisor, Maggie supports the implementation of MyCareerShines, Florida's education and career planning system. Maggie is responsible for providing face-to-face training and follow up support in the central and south regions of Florida.

High School Students: College 101

Liz Bussicula

Recruitment and New Student Specialist, State College of Florida, Manatee-Sarasota



Liz currently works in the Student Services Division in the Admissions Department at State College of Florida. Liz is responsible for North Sarasota and Manatee County high school recruitment. As a New Student Specialist Liz also facilitates the transition of new students into the college community.

Amery Anyiah

Admissions Officer, South Florida Outreach Division of Enrollment Management, University of Florida



Amery Anyiah is a native of Detroit, Michigan who has been living in Florida for the past nine years, and working with The University of Florida in Undergraduate Admissions since December 2016. A lover of Education, he attended The University of Michigan-Ann Arbor and the University of Miami for Undergrad, and has his Masters in Student Personnel in Higher Education on hold at The University of Florida while he finishes his Juris Doctorate at The Florida International University College of Law.

Dr. Karemah Manselle

Associate Director of Financial Aid, University of Central Florida



Dr. Karemah Campbell Manselle is an Associate Director of Financial Aid, at the University of Central Florida (UCF). Dr. Manselle is dedicated to assisting students and particularly passionate about higher education access. She truly enjoys speaking with students and their families about going to college. Through providing information to families, Dr. Manselle hopes to assist students with breaking barriers to higher education attainment.

Parents: Surviving College with Your Student

Asha Gordon

Enrollment and Recruitment Manager, Florida International University



Asha Gordon has worked with Florida International University for seven years. During her time there, she focused on creating initiatives and procedures that proactively prepare a diverse group of incoming students.

Bill Spiers

Director of Financial Aid, Tallahassee Community College



Bill Spiers has two bachelor's degrees and a master's degree from Jacksonville University. He has been in financial aid since 1983 when he became the Director of Student Financial Assistance at Jacksonville University. In 1997 he became the Director of Financial Aid at Tallahassee Community College. He has served as President of the Florida Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators, chaired the former Councils of Student Financial Aid Advisors for the state of Florida, served on numerous committees for NASFAA and SASFAA, served on the College Board CSS Assembly, chaired the TG Council, and served on the US Department of Education Student Aid Advisory Committee. He has been published in the College Board Trends, Inside Higher Education, The Greetree Gazette. He has also appeared on Nations Public Radio and various local media outlets.

Join us for a Hands-On Workshop Following Virtual College Week!

Wednesday, April 12: FAFSA: Your Gateway to Financial Aid

3:00-5:00 p.m. ET

If you need college money, and fast, the FAFSA provides resources for finding reliable student aid. Learn the secret to filling out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), and get some assistance while completing your form!

Thomas Vo

Director of Financial Aid, State College of Florida, Manatee-Sarasota



Thomas Vo has more than 20 years' experience in Financial Aid. He began in 1996 in the Loan Guarantee/Origination Division of Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency. He has also served as Director of Financial Aid for various colleges in Pennsylvania and Florida. He was Vice President Client Services for ProEducation Solutions, a financial aid consulting firm based in Sarasota Florida. Thomas has been featured in various media and news outlets as well as LA Times Newspaper. He currently serves as President-Elect of Florida Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators (FASFAA), and is the Director of Financial Aid Services for State College of Florida, Manatee-Sarasota. Thomas earned his Bachelor Degree in Marketing from Penn State University and is an MBA candidate from University South Florida.