

Collegiate High School Advisory Council Virtual Meeting

March 22, 2017

Agenda Item: Collegiate High School Update

Applications for the 2017-2018 school year were turned in throughout the month of February. Because the CHS had more applicants than the 75 available spots for the 10th grade, a lottery was held on March 9th.

10th Grade

67 collegiate applications submitted - 60 students offered a spot (7 placed on a waiting list)

28 pre-collegiate applications submitted - 15 students offered a spot (13 placed on a waiting list)

We do not yet know how many students, who have been offered a spot, will ultimately accept and attend CHS in the fall. We will continue to take in applications.

11th Grade

Thirty-four new juniors have been offered a spot at the Collegiate High School in the fall. They will join our current 75 sophomores in making up the junior class in the fall of 2017.

Other Collegiate News

Representatives from Auburn University came to the Collegiate High School to present information and answer questions about admissions and specific programs at Auburn on February 16th.

One hundred percent of the sophomores took the Florida Standards Assessments English and Language Arts (FSA ELA) Writing Component test on March 1st. Other state testing will occur in late April and early May (below).

All 99 seniors successfully completed their Capstone Project presentations (a graduation requirement) during the week of March 13th.

Student Accomplishments

- Senior, Cailey Ness, has been named a National Merit Scholarship Finalist.
- Senior, Savannah Gahagan, is the winner of this year's NWFSC James and Christian LaRoche Poetry contest. Savannah's poem won the \$100 prize and will be published in the college's 2017 Blackwater Review in April.
- Senior, Skylar Dennis, has been named the overall winner of the Daughters of the American Revolution Good Citizen Award and has received a \$500 scholarship from the DAR.
- Juniors, Allison Brown and Nick Gestring, were chosen to be CHELCO Youth representatives to Tallahassee in February. Nick Gestring was selected as one of four student from our region to go to Washington, DC this summer.

- Juniors, Gabe Seabrook and Kasey Rigby, and sophomore, Eric Fowler, were named to the Okaloosa County All Star Academic Team. Eric was chosen to be part of the competition team at the Commissioner's Academic Challenge in Orlando in April.
- Sophomore, Mia Cardenas, represented the Collegiate High School at the Poetry Out Loud context in Tampa this month.

Faculty Accomplishments

- Amy Krafcik, our 10th grade English Instructor, was recently selected as a high impact teacher by the Florida Department of Education. High impact teachers are determined by analyzing student performance on statewide standardized assessments (like the FSA ELA). The Collegiate High School was recently identified as number 1 out of 462 Florida high schools in English and Language Arts achievement on the Florida State Assessment test.

Upcoming Events:

Juniors (Class of 2018) will register for Fall 2017 classes and conduct their Student-led Conferences during the last week of March.

Prom

The Collegiate High School Prom will be held in the Student Services Building on the NWFSC campus on Saturday, April 8th.

Sophomores (Class of 2019) will register for Fall 2017 classes and conduct their spring Student-led Conferences during the week of April 10th.

Showcase

Showcase is an event primarily geared towards new and prospective students. It will be held in the Student Services Building and in the Collegiate High School on the evening of April 20th.

State Testing for 10th graders

The History End-of-Course (EOC) Exam will be administered on April 27th.

The FSA ELA Reading Component test will be administered during the first week of May.

The Geometry EOC Exam will be administered the second week of May.

The class of 2020 (incoming sophomores) orientation will be held May 2, 3 and 4.

NWFSC Graduation

Those seniors who have completed the requirements for the AA or AS degree, in addition to those for a Florida High School graduate, will graduate from NWFSC on May 6 at the 2:00 pm ceremony.

Minimester for CHS Juniors

The Collegiate High School Minimester will run from May 8 – May 22. All juniors will “register” for 8 different mini-classes during these 2 weeks, which cover the time they are finished with college classes (May 5) and the end of the school year (May 23). All juniors will enroll in a Financial Literacy class and a Capstone class, to get them started on their senior project. Each student can then chose 6 additional classes to take during minimester. In the past, course offerings have included: Quilting, Irish Dance, Math Games & Puzzles, Fitness Bootcamp, Beach Volleyball, Latin, Bridge, and numerous other topics. Classes are taught by NWFSC professors and staff, as well as community members. On the last day of minimester, all juniors will participate in a beach clean-up.

NWFSC Summer Semester

Those students who opt to take college classes over the summer, will begin taking classes on May 15 and fill in their free time during the school day with minimester classes.

Next School Advisory Council Meeting

Our next SAC meeting is scheduled for May 17. However, we will probably need to postpone this meeting until June, when we should have the test results for our 10th graders from the state, as these data are used to follow-up with our 2016-2017 School Enhancement Plan.

Awards Day

The Collegiate High School will have an all-school Awards Ceremony on the last school day for students, May 23, followed by early dismissal.

Collegiate High School Graduation

A graduation ceremony will be held for the seniors on the evening of May 23. Dr. Devin Stephenson, NWFSC’s new president, will attend the CHS graduation in May. Florida House District 4 Representative, Mel Ponder, will be the graduation speaker at the CHS graduation.

Collegiate High School website update

We have just unveiled an Alumni Link on the CHS webpage on the NWFSC website (<http://chs.nwfsc.edu/>). This gives us the ability to better collect feedback and updates from our alumni.

Attachment: The Collegiate High School March/April 2017 Director’s Notes Newsletter