

The Collegiate Current

Moving Our Community Closer

April–May 2021



This Month's Events

April 30–May 6: *College Final Exams*

May 4-5: *Sophomore Geometry EOC (All students test in-person.)*

May 6: *History EOC (All students test in-person.)*

May 7: *Junior PERT Testing (online, either May 7 or May 14)*

May 8: *Northwest Florida State College Graduation (Times vary, in the Raider Arena)*

May 10-13 and 17-19: *Junior Minimester*

May 11-12: *FSA Reading (All students test in-person.)*

May 13: *Deadline to RSVP with Collegiate High School graduation guest count (by 4 p.m.)*

May 14: *Junior PERT Testing (online, either May 7 or May 14)*

May 18-19: *Sophomore Final Exams (All students test in-person.)*

May 20: *Collegiate Awards Ceremony (9 a.m. in the Mattie Kelly Arts Center), last day of school*

May 20: *Collegiate High School Graduation (7 p.m. in the Raider Arena)*

Looking Forward

May 21: *Summer Break Begins*

Reminders

Masks—Everyone is required to wear a mask in all campus buildings. Please remember to bring your own mask and wear it properly.

Signing in—In-person students must remember to sign in with their student IDs when they arrive on campus every day.

Senior Activities—Seniors can pick up their caps and gowns from the front office after they return all borrowed school laptops, textbooks and calculators.

NWFSC Graduation—Students can refer to the college website for full details and instructions for the Northwest Florida State College graduation, scheduled for May 8th. The commencement page can be found here: <https://www.nwfsc.edu/commencement/>

Collegiate High School Graduation—The Collegiate graduation is scheduled for May 20th at 7 p.m. in the Raider Arena. Because of the larger venue, students will be able to invite more than four guests to the ceremony. Please RSVP with your guest count by 4 p.m. on May 14th, here: https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=cj7wwM3sUEyglgVPzYTyRlbYBDp3MvpFo5K0Aa-2ie_ZUOVRHS042N0U2NEM3OEExVTM5VU9EN0VOWS4u

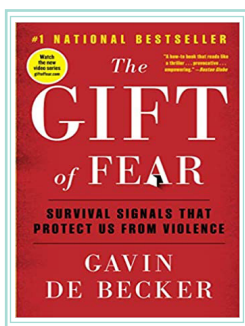


PERT Testing—Juniors will take the PERT test again on either Friday, May 7th or Friday, May 14th. They will choose their Friday and have a choice of either a morning or afternoon session.

Yearbooks—Yearbooks are here! Students who have bought a yearbook can pick theirs up from the front office. Yearbooks can be purchased for as long as supplies last for \$50 through the front office in-person by cash or check, or by a mailed check. Mailed checks must be made payable to Collegiate and mailed to the following address: Collegiate High School at NWFSC, 100 College Blvd., Niceville, FL 32578.

Book of the Month

Mrs. Franklin, our fabulous Learning Lab Coordinator, recommends *The Gift of Fear* by Gavin de Becker for this month's choice book.



About her recommendation, Mrs. Franklin prefaces, "Now, a trigger warning—this book is about using one's intuition/fear along with rational principles to predict and avoid violence, so there are some descriptions of violent acts. Honestly, though, these are pretty mild, compared to some fictional representations of violence.

And these markers of intuition can help with everyday anxiety, too. This is not a book about living in fear or living recklessly. This is a book that reduces anxiety and fear with the practical suggestions it gives.

Gavin de Becker 'has made a career of protecting people and predicting violent behavior. His firm handles security for many of the leading figures in Hollywood and Silicon Valley, and his computerized risk-assessment system helps analyze threats to members of Congress and the Supreme Court,' [according to his publisher]."

Faculty & Staff Spotlight

Mrs. Tracy Francis joined the Collegiate family as our staff assistant in 2019. She offers one of the first bright smiles you'll see upon entering the Collegiate building, she has the email address that likely brings you the most information about our school, she does so much for Collegiate on the other side of her office window, and she has answered a few questions here to help us all get to know her a little more about her.

Question: *What is one of your favorite aspects of Collegiate?*

Answer: I love that the Collegiate High School is a small school where the staff members are able to get to know all of the students and the students are able to bond with all of their classmates more easily.





Question: *What's the best part of interacting with the Collegiate community in your role?*

Answer: I really enjoy getting to know the students and watching how they grow and change throughout the year.

Question: *Would you share one thing you'd like students to remember after they graduate?*

Answer: Always strive to do YOUR best, and don't compare yourself to others.

Question: *What was your favorite subject or activity in high school?*

Answer: My favorite subject in high school was Accounting.

Question: *If you were given a free plane ticket, where would you fly and why?*

Answer: I would fly to England to see my daughter and grandchildren.

Question: *If you could be a character in any fictional story, which story would you choose and why?*

Answer: As a young girl, I wanted to be like Anne Shirley from *Anne of Green Gables*. I identified with Anne because I had red hair and freckles like her and was made fun of a lot, too. I was always so shy and afraid to speak up for myself. Anne is the exact opposite, and I always wanted to be more outspoken like her.

Student Spotlight

Here is last month's Student Spotlight question: "If you could put any one item from 2020 into a time capsule to be opened in 2120, what item would you choose?" Now, here are a couple of student answers!

Audrey Peasley said, "Whipped coffee."

Bailey Thompson said, "An iPhone."

We invite all students, in-person and online, to submit their answers to the following question on the form at this link: <https://forms.gle/HfF1E4r4CQVrMYuf7>. Student responses will be chosen for next month's Student Spotlight.

What is one thing on your 2021 summer bucket list?

Volunteer Opportunities

The following opportunities have been offered to Collegiate students and could be counted toward Bright Futures requirements. Spots may be limited.

GenU Academy in Niceville has opportunities for students to volunteer with young children, with COVID-19 guidelines in place. Schedules can be accommodated between 6:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Please call Tawanda K. Brown at 850-678-7133 for more information.



The Baker Area Recreational Association has opportunities for students to help setup for events and possibly clean up before and after events. If you are interested, please contact Ben Smith at 850-682-3133.

Questions?

If you have any questions about what's featured in this newsletter, or if we can otherwise help, please feel free to call us at 850-729-4949!