

SAT Corner: Reading

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Don't forget...

Thanksgiving and winter breaks are coming up. This is a great time to do some college planning and do some community hours. Some things to think about during these times are: Which schools are on my "short list"? What kinds of programs do these places offer to me as a student?

As far as community service, look around your area for possible opportunities. A few opportunities are:

- Food banks
- Retirement homes
- Main county library

See what these places can offer you!

University profiles

University of South Florida was founded in 1956 in Tampa. The university ranked #104, according to the 2020 edition of Best Colleges and National Universities in *U.S. News & World Report*.

As of 2018, the student-faculty ratio was 22:1. The graduation rate as of 2018 was 55% and there were 43,838 students that started there this past year. The acceptance rate for incoming freshmen was 43% in the 2018 class. Some of the best programs there include Engineering, Medicine and Education.

Some famous alumni include Grace Gealey (Actress from *Empire*) and H. Lee Moffitt, former Speaker of the Florida House of Representatives and founder of The Moffitt Cancer Center in Tampa.

What's New

Team Success now has an Unidos Now club! The goal of this organization is to empower our student population and their families to achieve their own version of the American Dream. "UDN" will have workshops to address community and social issues, work with families of our students and hold informational seminars about college application. The group is now open for membership and waiting for you!

Upcoming important dates:

Family Involvement night: December 5, 2019

Next SAT test opportunity: March 14, 2020

Register online for this test by February 14, 2020

Missed it?

If you missed the Virtual College Week, don't worry. The videos and webinars will soon be posted on the Florida Shines! website. These will help you in getting more of an idea about how to navigate the the process for college application.

However, make sure that you do attend next year's Virtual College Week!

Did You Know...

There are many top colleges that you can attend with little to no debt when you graduate. When you fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), you will be asked to enter the "estimated financial contribution", or EFC. This amount is how much you expect to contribute to your education. Based on this, you "financial need" will be determined.

Dartmouth College in New Hampshire launched an initiative in 2018 to fundraise and eliminate loans from all of its financial aid packages for eligible undergraduates. Currently, Dartmouth provides no-loans aid awards to students from families with total incomes of \$100,000 or less.

Come see Mr. Howe to see what your options are.