

# Pine View College Planning Overview 2024-25

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# Current In-State Applications Update

## Class of 2025 Applications to Date (Class size 160)

810 completed Applications, Approximately 300 awaiting submission

**FSU** October 15<sup>th</sup> Early Action (extended to 11/1)-Materials 11/8. Decision on 12/12/24

131 complete (2 incomplete)

Last year 106 applications (93/106) **32**

**UF** November 1<sup>st</sup> Early Action-Materials deadline 11/15. Decision on 1/24/25

127 complete (7 incomplete or late!) – *Operation GatorFlood*

Last year 107 applications (58/107) **22**

# Current In-State Application Numbers

**USF** Early Priority Deadline 11/15 - Release on 12/10. Rolling Decisions 12/16  
35 complete (39 incomplete missing SSAR or Testing )  
Last year 78 applications (77/78) **16**

**UCF** November 1<sup>st</sup> Early Action-Materials deadline 11/8  
37 complete (19 Incomplete missing SPARK & Testing)  
Last year 43 applications (42/43) **7**

**All other Rolling campuses** 31 complete (9 incomplete)  
Last year 47 (46/47) **5**

# Pine View College Counseling Website



The screenshot shows the homepage of the Pine View School College Counseling Website. At the top is a blue banner with the school's name in yellow and its seal on the right. Below the banner is a navigation menu with links for HOME, TIMELINES, PLANNING, APPLY, COLLEGE COSTS, RESOURCES, PRESENTATIONS, and CLASS OF 2025. The main content area features a search bar, a link to the Pine View College Resource, and an ANNOUNCEMENTS section. A quote is displayed: "College is a match to be made, not a prize to be won!" followed by three paragraphs of text describing the college guidance process.

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[Pine View College Resource](#) **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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Pine View School college guidance is a two-year process that begins in the fall of the junior year and culminates with senior graduation. The essential goal is to find the college that best matches a student's individual needs, personal disposition, academic profile, talents, interests, and ambitions.

Our goal is to provide a highly personal, multi-faceted approach towards college admissions. In support of this we offer a variety of resources and opportunities for learning about college admissions which include this website, web tools available through Naviance/Family Connection, group meetings, individual conferences, informational evenings, and workshops. Through these various means we hope to provide clear and accurate information that allows students to take control of the process.

We provide the timelines, important information and tools that each student needs in order to ask the right questions, obtain answers, make intelligent decisions and grapple with dilemmas as he or she ultimately finds the college that is the best fit for him/her. Throughout the process, we share and collect information, encourage students to make personal choices, and advise both students and parents. For those students who apply to private universities we write

<https://pvscollegecounseling.com>

# SchoolLinks College and Career Readiness (MySCS)

The screenshot shows a user profile for David Herring, Class of 2025 at Pine View School. The interface includes a top navigation bar with 'Student Demo Mode', 'Exit Demo X', 'Switch user', and the user's name 'David Herring'. A left sidebar contains navigation icons for HOME, SCHOOL, ACTIVITIES, COLLEGES, CAREERS, FINANCES, and PROGRAMS. The profile header features a circular profile picture, the name 'David Herring', and the school information. Below the header are options to 'Write a headline', 'Write an objective', and 'Add cover photo'. A 'Public profile' toggle is set to off, and there is a '+ Add social accounts' button. A horizontal menu below the header includes 'About me', 'My story', 'Experience', 'Bragging rights', and 'Academi'. The 'My Story' section is active and displays five goal cards: '4-Year Degree', 'Biomedical Engineering', 'Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics' (selected cluster), 'Case Western Reserve University', and 'Bioengineering and Biomedical Engineering'. A URL 'https://app.schoolinks.com/profile/edit' is visible at the bottom left.

Student Demo Mode

Exit Demo X

Switch user

David Herring

HOME

SCHOOL

ACTIVITIES

COLLEGES

CAREERS

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PROGRAMS

David Herring Class of 2025 | Pine View School

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My Story

Post-Secondary Goal

Career Goal

Career Cluster

College Goal

Major/Training Goal

4-Year Degree

Biomedical Engineering

Selected cluster:  
Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics

Case Western Reserve University

Bioengineering and Biomedical Engineering

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# Ethics in the Planning and Application Process




**Pine View Ethics Principles**

*"College admission is a match to be made, not a trophy to be won."*


*We are **Responsible to Each Other**, and to the academic and ethical standards we establish as a community.*




*We recognize that the actions of one student affect the options and opportunities available to other students.*



*As members of the Pine View Community, one that is committed to a **Tradition of Academic Excellence and Social Responsibility**, we act with Integrity and Goodwill.*



*We can achieve greater success for all members of the Pine View community if we operate according to the following common set of expectations and ethical guidelines in the college planning and application process.*



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1. Mutual Respect and Honesty Builds Trust. Pine View students, parents, and counselors have a right to expect to be treated, and a responsibility to treat one another in a fundamentally fair and equitable manner. We build trust among each other when we deal with mutual respect and honesty.
2. In the Best Interest of All. The best interest of *all* students is a primary concern in the college planning and application process at Pine View School (our goal is to facilitate the “best fit” college matches for the maximum number of graduating Pine

# College Research - Guiding Principles

- Know thyself
- The goal should be "best fit," not "best name"
- *Program, Place, People, Price, Priorities!*
- Best "fit" analysis *must* take Net Price into account
- Have "frank family discussions" about funding *before* selecting schools - "Hope is not a plan"
- Create a diversified, well balanced college list (Reach, Target, Likely)
- Be careful to not overvalue or undervalue a college
- Use trusted resources to make well-informed, timely decisions (PVSCollegeCounseling.com and Naviance)
- Your list is *your* list. Do not listen to the "noise"
- Act with integrity

# Factors in College Admission (Review!)

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- Rigor of High School Coursework (Scheduling)
- Academic Performance - High School GPA (unweighted/weighted)
- Standardized Tests: SAT and/or ACT Scores (Test Optional - Florida publics require)

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- Extracurricular Activities (depth) – “Standout factor”
  - Community Service/Volunteer Work
  - Personal Statement - Main Essay and Supplements
  - Letters of Recommendation typically required by private colleges and some public (Teacher and Counselor) – Not Florida!



# Program

## Content

Programs and Majors  
Distinctive Features  
Honors Program  
Dual Degree Programs  
Co-ops and Internships  
Study Abroad  
Undergraduate Research

## Learning Environment

Class Sizes and Student-Teacher Ratios  
Faculty Access and Credentials  
Living-Learning Communities  
Service Learning  
Leadership Development  
Support Levels

## Outcomes

Retention Rate  
Graduation Rate  
Jobs and Graduate School Placement  
Loan Default Rate  
Alumni Networking  
ROI – Return on Investment

# Place

- Public vs. private
- Size (campus size and student-body size)
- Location and distance from home or proximity to support (family)
- Climate, geography, physical surroundings
- Rural, suburban, or urban environment
- Bounded, distinct campus v. unbounded

# People

- “Personality” of the school
- Student body background and diversity
- Academic profile of students
- Interaction between school and community
- Campus life - Activities and Organizations
  - Athletic/Political/Cultural/Service/Greek Life

# Price!

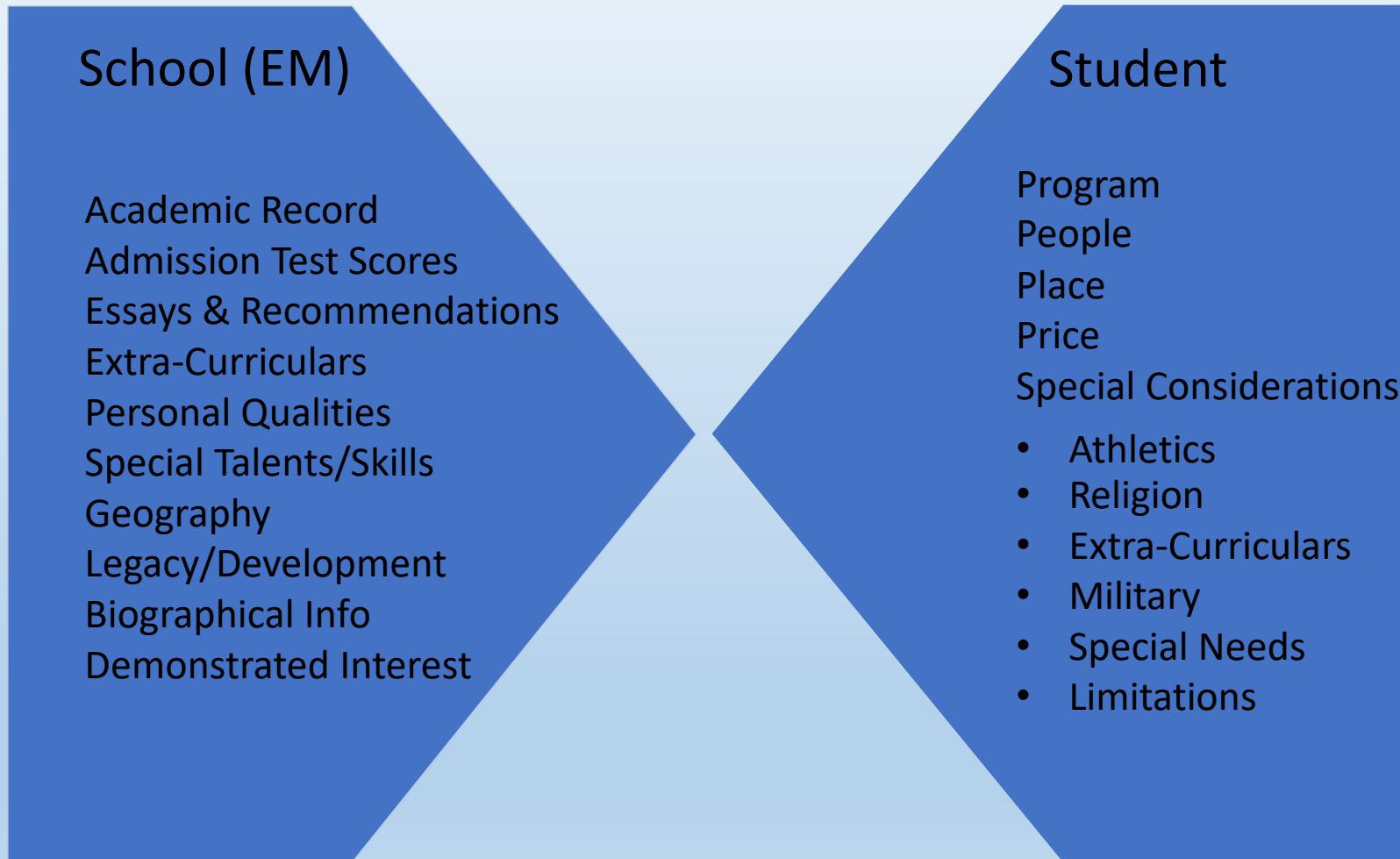
## Know your financial situation - What are your Resources?

- Come up with a number your family can contribute
- Are you eligible for need and/or merit-based aid?
- Are you and/or your parents willing to take loans?
- Are you willing to be employed during school?
- Frank family discussions! "Hope is NOT a Plan"

## Sticker Price vs. Price to You

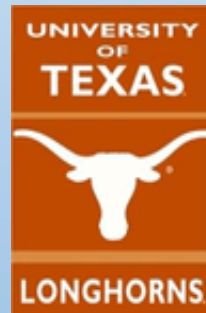
- College costs vary widely
- Total Cost of Attendance ("TCA") is Sticker Price
- Use of Net Price Calculators
- You are expected to contribute to extent able, rather than willing

# The Optimal Fit - A Two-Sided Equation

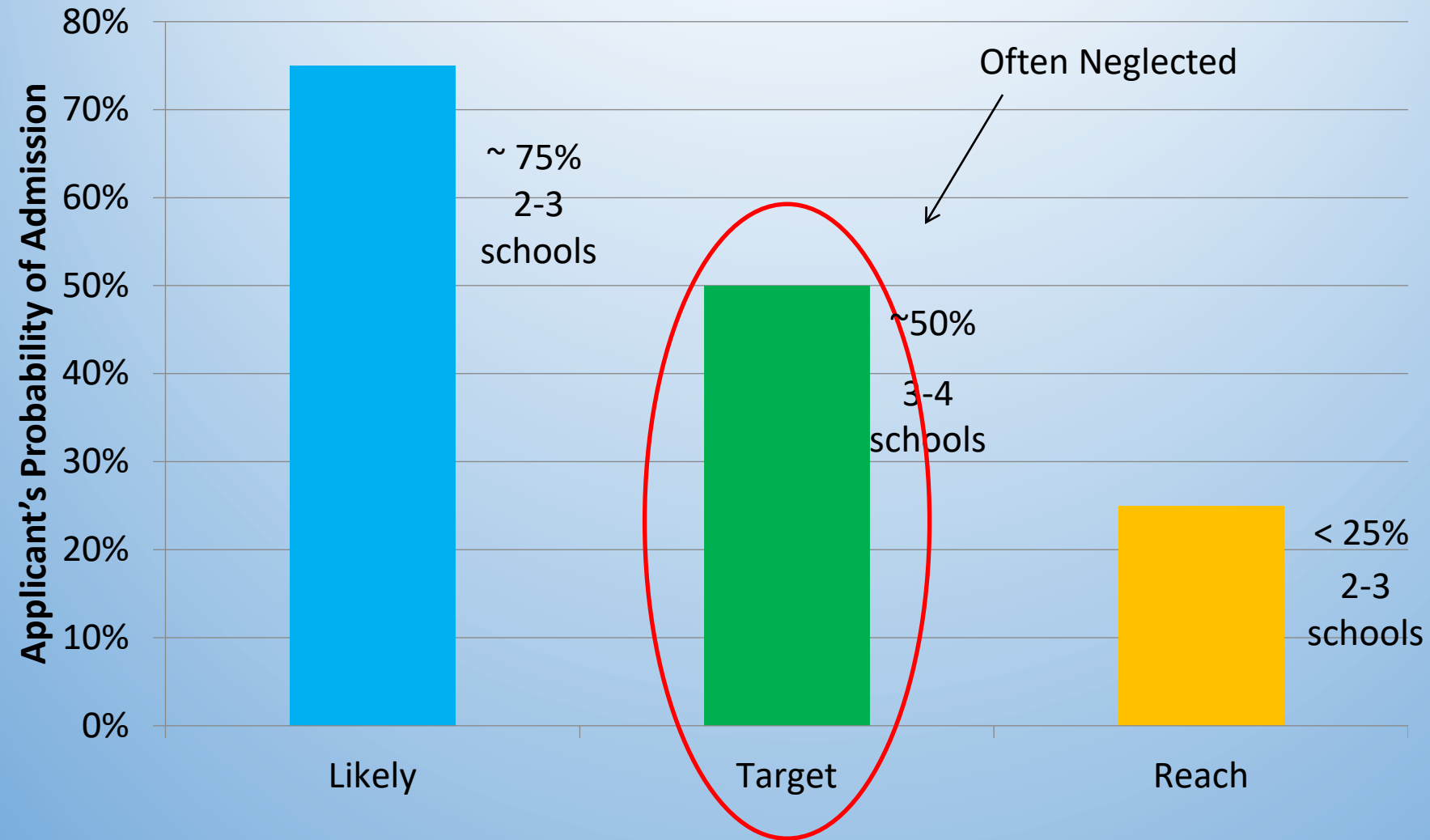


# A *Balanced* List

- Reach Schools 2
- Target Schools 3-4
- Likely Schools 3-4



# Goal: A Well-Balanced “Portfolio” of Schools



# Be Sure to Think Outside the Box \$\$

*If* you are applying out-of-state be sure to broaden your list. Include target colleges that offer merit-based aid!

## *Colleges That Change Lives*

<http://www.ctcl.org> Agnes Scott, Clark, Beloit, Reed, Rhodes, Allegheny, Wheaton, St. John's (SF)

## *Fiske's Best Buy*

Private: Centre, Cooper Union, Rice, Olin College of Engineering, Warren Wilson,

Public: UF, Purdue, Arizona State University, Truman State, SUNY-Stony Brook

## **\*Pine View Class of 2024\***

- Applied to a greater variety of schools (216 to 201)
- More student acceptances to a greater variety of colleges (170 v. 145 = +17.2%)
- Students matriculated to 62 different colleges, up from 48 (+29%)
- *Increases occurred despite a reduction in class size (172-156)*
- In-state attendees declined by 10% (from 71-61.5%) – a 13% decrease
  
- Outcomes suggest greater knowledge and intention

# Florida Public Universities



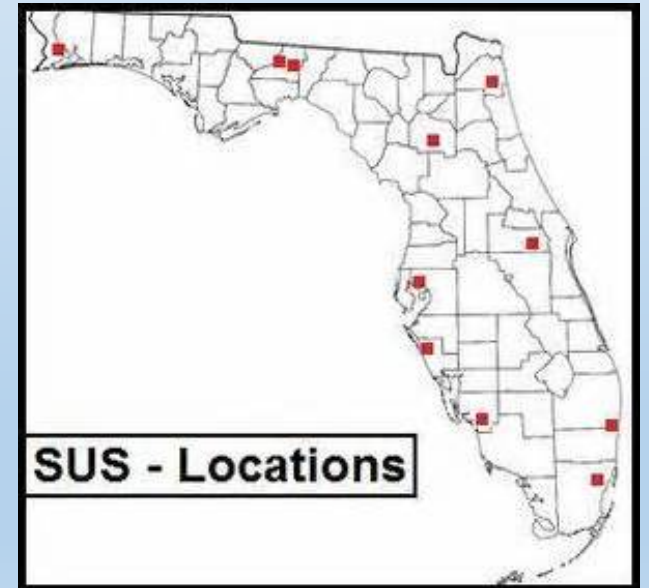
You are strongly encouraged to apply to one or more Florida public universities (and not just UF!)



Refer to the [State University Matrix](#) and specific admissions information



Pay close attention to SUS timelines and requirements as changes may occur between now and Fall 2025



[State University System of Florida Matrix \(2024-25\)](#)

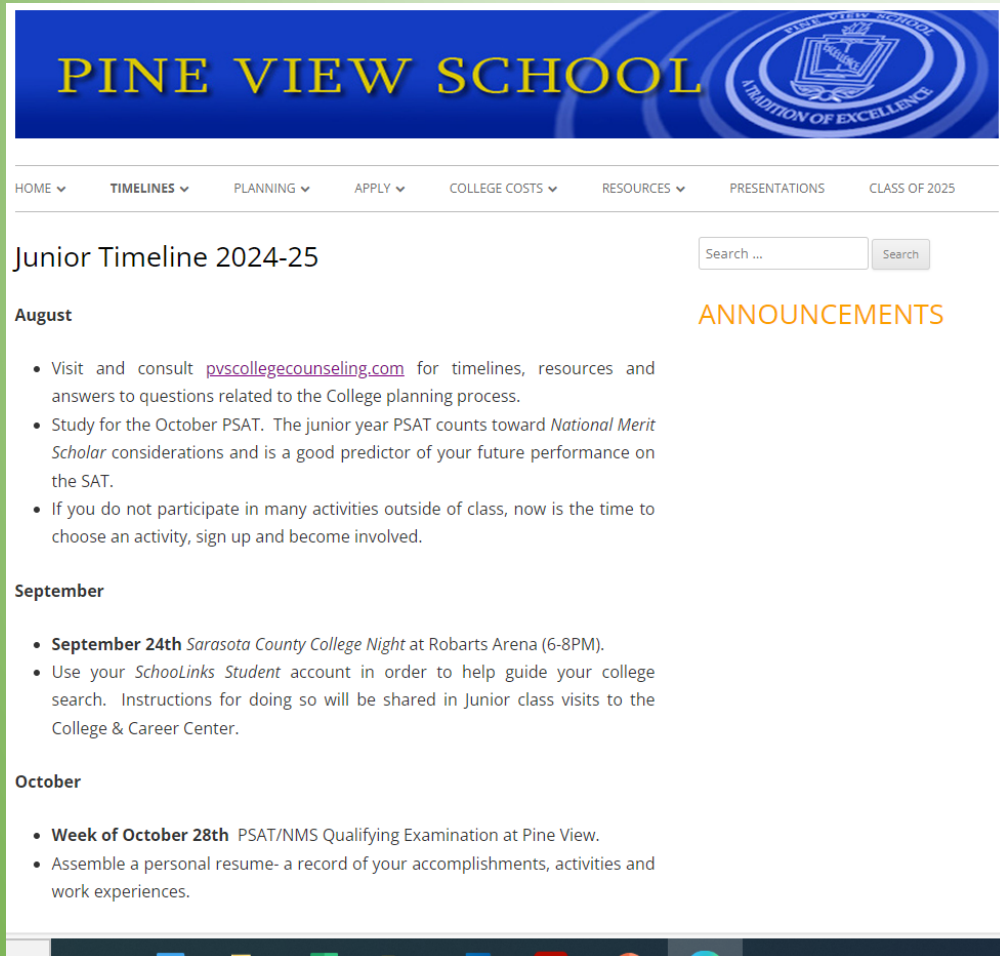


# Costs & Financial Aid at State Public Universities

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- Considerably lower costs v. out of state public/private universities (UF tuition \$6380)
- Bright Futures - **Top Scholars** Award covers 100% of *tuition*. Second-level Medallion Award covers 75% of tuition at in-state universities
- Most State Universities offer merit-based scholarships in addition to Bright Futures
- In-state publics accept *all* Dual Enrollment and Advanced Placement credit up to 45 credit hours (1.5 years)
- Important to consider length of educational trajectory (graduate or medical school)

# Junior Timeline and Upcoming 'Things To Do'



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Junior Timeline 2024-25

**August** **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Visit and consult [pyscollegecounseling.com](http://pyscollegecounseling.com) for timelines, resources and answers to questions related to the College planning process.
- Study for the October PSAT. The junior year PSAT counts toward *National Merit Scholar* considerations and is a good predictor of your future performance on the SAT.
- If you do not participate in many activities outside of class, now is the time to choose an activity, sign up and become involved.

**September**

- **September 24th Sarasota County College Night** at Robarts Arena (6-8PM).
- Use your *SchoolLinks Student* account in order to help guide your college search. Instructions for doing so will be shared in Junior class visits to the College & Career Center.

**October**

- **Week of October 28th** PSAT/NMS Qualifying Examination at Pine View.
- Assemble a personal resume- a record of your accomplishments, activities and work experiences.

- Finish your Fall *and* Spring Semesters **strong** (semester-based grades)
- Prepare for and take additional SAT/ACT testing (testing matters *especially* for FL colleges)
- Keep busy and engaged with extracurricular activities. Compose or add to your resume!
- Leverage *SchoolLinks* Self-Assessment and Career and College Research tools
- Research and compare colleges (visit if possible). *Know Thyself* and the *Five Ps*!
- Expand then narrow your college choices. Do not apply if you are not able/willing to attend *Match and Fit (and Balance)*!
- I will be visiting classrooms throughout the Spring. Meetings to discuss your college interests and plans begin in March

# Tools for Your College Search

- [PVSCollegeCounseling.com](https://www.pvscollegecounseling.com) Resources and Links
  - College Search Engines and Guidebooks
  - Campus Visits and Virtual Tours
  - College Fairs and College Representative Visits
  - First Gen, Special Needs, NCAA Eligibility
  - Financial Aid Planning
  - Scholarships and Loans
  - College Affordability and ROI Comparison Tools
  - Gap Year, Military, and Other Alternatives
- [SchoolLinks](#) Tools and Resources
- [State University System of Florida Matrix \(2024-25\)](#)



# Thank You for Coming!

## ***Citation and Credits***

*Additional information has been drawn from the National Association for College Admission Counseling (NACAC), of which Pine View School is a member, The College Board, the Department of Education (Federal Student Aid, The National Center for Educational Statistics), the Common Application, and other not for profit organizations.*

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