



SEPTEMBER 2020

EAST RIVER HIGH SCHOOL

DIRECTOR'S CORNER

Welcome to September RISE scholars, parents, and friends. Scholars as you begin settling into your routines, I want to make sure you are aware of the new services that are being offered to you this year.

We have several virtual learning platforms available to assist you in your educational goals. Tutor.com provides 24/7 online access for tutoring in over 200 subjects. Bilingual tutoring (Spanish & English) is available for math, science, and social studies. Rosetta Stone provides lessons and activities to boost your skills in your foreign language courses. Edmentum's Exact Path and Study Island provide supplemental instruction to assist in improving your grades and test scores. VirtualJobShadow.com provides career assessment and exploration. Kaplan SAT On Demand will also be provided for seniors to assist in preparing for the college admissions tests.

If you have not received a login for these services please contact me at coretta.cotton@ucf.edu. Don't forget that weekly activities are assigned in our Google classroom on Monday and due on Friday. Check your Remind messages for activity and login information.

Please be on the lookout for these upcoming events:

- * Virtual Orientation on 9/12 at 10am
- * Understanding FAFSA Virtual Workshop on 9/19 at 10am
- * University of Florida Virtual College Tour on 9/22 at 5pm

Login info for all events will be sent through the Remind app. Let's make it a great month!

Coretta Cotton--Program Manager

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Maryha M. Andino

Giovannie Linderman-Vargas

September is National Preparedness Month

"Disasters Don't Wait. Make Your Plan Today"

Week 1- 9/1-9/5

Make A Plan

Week 2- 9/6-9/12

Build A Kit

Week 3- 9/13-9/19

Prepare for Disasters

Week 4- 9/20-9/26

Teach Youth About Preparedness

Visit ready.gov/september
to get more details on each step

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



Want
Your
Name
Here?

Want to be Project RISE's next student of the month? Reach out to let us know how you are and what you've been up to!

TESTIMONIAL

It is with great enthusiasm that I am writing to praise Upward Bound Project RISE. My daughter joined during her sophomore year at East River High School. What an amazing whirlwind it has been. They have provided such a wealth of information and help in assisting us through her high school journey and preparing for college. Tutoring, SAT Prep, College tours and Scholarship leads are just a few of the many services provided. The staff has always been available when needed, professional and truly care for our children. I HIGHLY recommend Upward Bound, 'YOU GUYS ROCK'!-----**Vicki Williams**- Rise Parent



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Parent Chat:

rmd.at/2644kg or text @2644kg to 81010

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COLLEGE READINESS CHECKLIST

9th Grade

- Get involved in activities you care about-at school and after school (including sports, clubs, community service, jobs, etc.) List them later, on your college applications. Colleges love to see that dedication.
- Think about your current interest. What career fields might match up with them? As you get new ideas, write them down.
- Plan to take the most challenging (and realistic) course loads for which you are eligible. The classes you take in high school can set the foundation for college courses.
- Begin your college and career search. Go to FloridaShines and MyCareerShines to research colleges, majors and careers that interest you.

10th Grade

- Go to www.collegeboard.com & sign up for a free student account. Once you do this, go to "My Organizer" and it will help you with your "to-do" list for tests and applications. Take it step by step. It's easier than it looks!
- Your GPA counts! Stay on track with your courses. If you're struggling, ask for help.
- Plan a challenging 11th grade course load. Be sure to contact one of your school counselors to discuss Dual Enrollment courses.
- Look for summer opportunities that give you a taste of the college experience.
- Begin your college and career search. Go to FloridaShines and MyCareerShines to research colleges, majors and careers that interest you.
- Get involved in clubs/sports/your interests, volunteer and take practice tests. Stay ahead of everything you'll have to do.

11th Grade

- Make a special folder marked "College" with everything connected to your college planning.
- Keep those grades up! Junior year grades are very important in college admissions. If you are having trouble, ask for help.
- Make a list of 6-8 colleges (2 or 3 safety schools that will most likely accept you, 2 dream schools and 2 or 3 in between) Discuss these choices with your parents/guardians and counselors if possible.
- Look for summer opportunities that give you a taste of the college experience.
- Contact individuals you will be asking to write letters of recommendations.
- Take tours, virtually or in person.
- Use the average test scores and GPAs from your list of schools to set a goal for ACT/SAT scores. Then study up and take as many as possible!
- ** If you are currently dual enrolled, now is a time to look at possible future majors to make sure you're on track!

12th Grade

- Maintain your second semester grades & beware of "Senioritis"- Colleges can withdraw their acceptances if your grades decline drastically.
- Find out admission acceptance/enrollment fees & deadlines, write them down so when you've made your decision and are able you can pay them.
- By May 1st make your decision about what college you will attend and notify that school of your acceptance. Be sure to also notify the schools whose offers you are declining.
- Budget for college. Make a spreadsheet with your FAFSA, Bright-Futures and other scholarship amounts and estimate the costs for tuition, books and other expenses, so you have an idea of your out-of-pocket costs.
- Take a virtual tour of the college of your choice and start any orientations or welcomes the school requires
- Pay for and confirm housing, GRADUATE, CHECK YOUR EMAIL AND COLLEGE PORTALS DAILY, and start packing for college!

For more information
please visit our website:

<https://trio.sdes.ucf.edu/project-rise/>

