

**2020-21 Florida Lottery Lighting the Way to a Bright Future
Project Summaries**

County	Foundation	Project Title	Project Abstract
Broward	Broward Education Foundation	2Bright 2Be 4Gotten - Broward's Illumination to Bright Futures	This project will identify interested degree and certificate bound students of low socio-economic backgrounds with test scores slightly below the eligibility to receive Bright Futures funding or who have not tested at all, and provide BRACE Cadet and BRACE Advisor-supported training and application events to assist them in tutoring, test prep and application assistance. Special attention will be provided to Vocational/Technical bound students to illuminate their path to a Brighter Future. Students, who have not already taken the appropriate pre-tests or actuals, will be guided to take baseline pre-tests to establish their needs to meet the goals of receiving Bright Futures funding following graduation. Students who pre-test within Bright Future's eligibility, but not qualified for 100% funding, will be targeted for improvement of test scores to maximize benefits. Students who do not qualify will be reviewed for Gold Seal interest and eligibility and provided the assistance and tools to obtain funding not previously qualified to receive. Our goal is to help 1,000 students receive help with FAFSA, training and test-preparation and to celebrate achievements.
Clay	Clay County Education Foundation	Future Ready Clay	In a collaborative effort between the Clay County School District, the Clay Education Foundation and business partners, the "Future Ready Clay" initiative offers students and families across Clay County vital information regarding college and career planning. With the goal of preparing all Clay County students for a successful life after high school, this initiative will expand the current and convenient web-based resource already available for free to all Clay County students, families, and faculty, with information regarding Florida Bright Futures, FAFSA completion, scholarships, virtual college tours, and career pathways information, to include one-on-one advising and test prep services for more than 1,000 students in grades 9th-12th at three of our seven county high schools with the highest percentage of students from low socio-economic households. To incentivize attendance at workshops and test prep bootcamps, students will be entered to receive a test fee waiver of their choice for the spring 2021 ACT/SAT test dates. Students and families will walk away from workshops with resume building tips, FAFSA completion, college financial literacy information, Florida Bright Futures requirements, and a grade-level specific high school success plan for each student. Workshops will be recorded and available to those unable to attend in person as well.
Franklin	Franklin Education Foundation	Success For Every Seahawk	Success For Every Seahawk is dedicated to raising the aspirations and improving the performance of FCS students. This program will engage students in leadership and education through service activities, mentoring and exposure to various pathways in their post-secondary future, ultimately preparing FCS students for enrollment, enlistment or employment.
Levy	Levy County Schools Foundation	A Spark Lights the Flame	<p>Just 22% of Levy County residents have a high quality degree or credential. While that number has increased in recent years, it does not hold the promise to meet the upcoming industry needs and career opportunities that the future Florida has been projected to have. Our district's main goal is to graduate students who are college and career ready. How do we need to prepare our students? First, they have to be INFORMED. We must start early informing them of opportunities available and the requirements that those opportunities have.</p> <p>Our district recently became AVID certified and we are working from the ground up in our Pre-K thru 12th grade classrooms to build a college and career culture, where students are given information on the opportunities available to them. This project will support parent and student college and career workshops with sessions on FAFSA completion, ACT/SAT testing and prep information, district CTE programs, Gold Seal Medallion scholarships, Bright Futures requirements and local scholarship opportunities. Guidance counselors and graduation coaches will also receive training and materials to support students in test preparation.</p>
Orange	Foundation for Orange County Public Schools	Aspire to Excellence Virtual Reality (VR) College Tours	The Foundation for Orange County Public Schools seeks to support the school district's Aspire to Excellence Program and implement virtual reality (VR) college tours for high-school seniors from low socio-economic backgrounds and their families. The project will benefit youth who are aspiring first-generation (FIRST-GEN) college students and who would not otherwise have access to visiting college campuses. Aspire to Excellence counters the emerging problem of students self-suppressing their own college aspirations. By systematically building and entrenching the academic self-efficacy of high-performing minority students, we raise the college and career trajectories of low-income and FIRST-GEN college hopefuls. Last year, Aspire to Excellence served 85 college seniors: 17 attended Top-20 Colleges and 68 earned Bright Futures Scholarships to attend Florida public universities. In 2019-20, some visited colleges in person, which is currently not possible due to COVID-19. The 2020-21 project plans to offer virtual reality college tours to 88 traditionally underserved seniors and their families in 2020-21 in 16 high schools. Equity of access to virtual college visits will be supported for all participants. The desired outcome is for all Aspire to Excellence students to attend a "best-fit" postsecondary program.

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Palm Beach	Education Foundation of Palm Beach County	Raiders Rock the SAT: Growing College Ready in a Virtual World	This project will provide 11th and 12th grade at-risk students, many of which will be first generation high school graduates, the opportunity to participate in a structured SAT preparation program. The program will utilize a group of AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination) students to facilitate preparation groups using the AVID tutorial process to increase students' SAT performance. The AVID tutorial is proven to improve students' academic performance, accountability and self image. Along with the tutorial, students will utilize Khan Academy as an online resource to enhance their skills. This program will be closely monitored by the AVID Elective and Site Coordinator to ensure that students receive rigorous instructional support necessary to increase their skills. During this program, students will become familiar with the SAT test content and format while learning appropriate test-taking strategies. Participation will improve their readiness and performance on the SAT. Additionally, this program will provide economic assistance through SAT fee waivers which will be provided to students who demonstrate an 80% attendance rate during the program and improved their practice test score by displaying measurable learning gains. AVID's objective is to close the achievement gap by preparing students for college readiness and success in a global society.
Polk	Polk Education Foundation	Knowledge is the Power to a Bright Future!	Have you ever wanted to tackle a project like redesigning your kitchen, but felt woefully unprepared to successfully make it happen? No matter the task before us, there are many resources available to support our endeavors, if we only know about them. Many parents and students feel the same when trying to maneuver the FAFSA and Bright Futures process and need support in understanding the requirements and the application process. Without significant guidance, many would give up and not apply. We have a plan to assist thru our program "Knowledge is the Power to a Bright Future!" In order to increase knowledge about FAFSA, SAT/ACT and Florida Bright Futures, specifically the Gold Seal CAPE and Gold Seal Vocational opportunities, informational videos, printed materials and parent communication will be developed and shared with career academies. Communication methods and those reached would be tracked along with FAFSA and Gold Seal application completion. We think working collaboratively with counselors and using multiple modes of information and communication sources, will make the FAFSA and Bright Futures process easier to understand and students and parents more confident going into the process, which is pivotal for them to take full advantage of this post-secondary opportunity.
Sarasota	Education Foundation of Sarasota County	Student Success: Promoting Access to Post-Secondary Pathways for Students of Sarasota County	The Education Foundation of Sarasota County made a commitment three years ago to develop and implement programming to help prepare students for life after high school. Our array of Student Success programs focuses on helping students develop plans for their lives after high school and to provide students the tools they need to implement their plans. Two years ago, we opened our first Student Success Centers with a focus on College, Career, and Life Readiness at two of our high schools and this summer we opened our fourth center at our new education innovation site, LaunchPad4U. At these sites, our College Career Advisors work with students on planning for life after high school and helping students utilize the Naviance software that we provide as a planning tool to these schools. Our array of services is open to all public-school students in the county, and we make efforts to identify and assist students with the greatest needs through our Student Success Centers and Mentoring Program along with our close relationships with our district schools. Services include: assisting students and families with FAFSA completion; life readiness skills; SAT/ACT test prep; college planning; and one-on-one student mentoring. We expect to impact more than 13,500 students with this program in 2020-21.
Okaloosa	Okaloosa Public Schools Foundation	Post Secondary Success	This project provides students of low socioeconomic backgrounds access to college test prep workshops, information about eligibility for Bright Futures and other financial resources to attend postsecondary institutions, including FAFSA completion support. A virtual forum will be held that focuses on career readiness with students selected by high school principals and guidance counselor and include students eligible for Gold Seal Scholarship. All workshops will encourage family involvement and include presentations and trainings by College Board member.