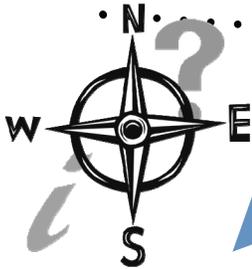


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Navigation Through and Beyond WCPS

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Tips for College Visits

Attending the right college can significantly impact outcomes and success. Visiting a college campus provides insight that can't be found on a website or in a brochure. Many colleges offer admission visits, but one can make their own schedule. Attending a group event provides a

vision of the admission staff values. Any visit can be personalized by adding a meeting with a professor in a program of interest. Research the background and projects in a specific department and email an individual or department chairperson. Requesting additional information

and a tour of the facilities will provide a clearer picture of the coursework, people, and opportunities. The best visits also include time to chat with current students. Ask the same questions at every college and keep a list of the responses. Organize this information for easy reference when it is time to make a decision.

Florida Gulf Coast Four-Year Public University

Student Enrollment:
12,155 undergraduates

Location:
Fort Myers, Florida

Deadlines:
Application: May 1
Merit Scholarship: Nov 15
Financial Aid: March 1

Mid-Range Scores:
SAT R: 470-550
SAT M: 470-560
SAT W: 450-540
ACT: 20-23

Sports:
NCAA Div I

Source:
[Florida Gulf Coast Website](#)

College of the Month

Prior to March Madness, Florida Gulf Coast University was unfamiliar. The best way to find the perfect college and career is to feed that curiosity. Florida Gulf Coast, a member of the State University System of Florida, is a medium-sized "comprehensive university with innovative programs and an outstanding faculty." Located in western Florida, with a campus beach, natural wetlands, an observatory,

and a winning athletic tradition, it might be a good fit. To enhance personal and career growth, they have established peer advising for freshman and offer an integrated service learning program. Through their coursework, students connect theory with practice and develop interpersonal skills. In addition to the traditional option for tutoring, Gulf Coast also provides both a writing lab and a learning center



where students have access to one-on-one academic support. Popular majors include business, marketing, communication, education, health professions, and protective services. One can also earn a degree in resort management or environmental sciences. Students with exceptional PSAT results and those that apply early for merit scholarships are eligible for awards up to \$20,000. Go ahead and explore!

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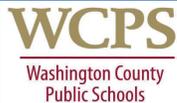
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Sharing Best Practices

Bester Elementary teachers on the Under Resourced Learners Professional Development team created this "mock diploma."

Kristi Bachtell shares, "the kids that have already received them LOVE them!! We are going to begin our year next year with one for every child."

