



SENIOR CLASS OF 2021

There's Something Special About Being First...

...especially being the first in your family to attend and graduate from college. *I'm First* is an online community for first-generation college students—and their supporters. Hear inspiring stories and share your own, discover colleges that care about first-gen students, find answers to your questions about college, and receive guidance on the road to and through college. <https://imfirst.org/>

Virtual Campus Tours

Campus Tours builds video tours, photorealistic interactive campus maps, mobile walking tours and custom data-driven multimedia applications for education, non-profit and government clients worldwide. Click [Virtual Campus Tours](#) to access the interactive tour site.

Texas Technical and Vocational Schools

Technical schools, colleges, and institutes located throughout the country provide a multitude of education courses and programs that may help you pursue the certification or degree you may need to move forward in today's competitive job market. Whether you are interested in specialized technical training, making a career change, or just concerned with staying on top of the latest and greatest technology. Find the technical school that interests you and use the links provided to request their information. For more information, click [Accredited Vocational and Technical Schools in Texas](#).

U.S. Community Colleges

Many high school students have a sense that they should go to college, but they aren't sure why and aren't really fond of school. If this describes you, community college can be a good option. You can try out some college-level courses without committing years of your life and tens of thousands of dollars to the experiment. Click [U.S. Community Colleges by state](#) to explore several community colleges in the United States.

College Admission Glossary—Are you unfamiliar with terms related to college and the admissions process? College Board has a great glossary that students/parents can access to make sense of all the information. Click [Learn the Lingo](#) to read more about the unfamiliar terms that are used in the college admissions world.

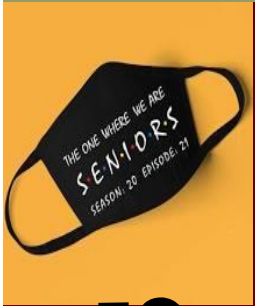
APPLY, APPLY, APPLY – The college application process has started, so make sure you pay attention to college deadlines and review each universities test optional policies.

[Apply Texas](#)

[Common Application](#)

[Common Black Application](#)

[Coalition Application](#)



Financing College

Scholarship Bulletin-The bulletin is updated and on our website under counselors and [scholarship information](#). You may follow us on Twitter@PearlandHS for upcoming events college information.

College Virtual Preview Days- This is a time when students may virtually visit college campuses to learn more information about majors and campus life. To view a comprehensive list of the universities and dates of their scheduled virtual open house, please click on this on [college visitations link](#).

FAFSA is now open

FAFSA is the Free Application for Federal Student Aid form that can be prepared annually by current and prospective college students in the United States to determine their eligibility for student financial aid for college.

TAFSA application is now available

TASFA is the Texas Application Student Financial Aid. This application is for students who are not U.S. citizens, U.S. legal permanent residents, or eligible noncitizens who do not qualify for *federal* financial assistance (FAFSA) to pay for college. In this instance, students may be eligible to be classified as a Texas resident for tuition purposes.

Great video resources in English and Spanish explaining the completion of the TASFA/FAFSA are available on [AIE link](#).

CSS Profile

The CSS profile allows institutions to ask financial questions not on the FAFSA and to customize the questions. It is more detailed, so it may take more time to complete, but it can result in additional nonfederal financial aid.

Texas Veterans Hazelwood Act- Military Benefits

The Hazelwood Act is a State of Texas benefit that provides qualified Veterans, spouses, and dependent children with an education benefit of up to 150 hours of tuition exemption, including most fee charges, at public institutions of higher education in Texas. This does NOT include living expenses, books, or supply fees. For more information, visit the [Texas Veterans Commission](#) website.



Did You Know??

Fee Waivers

SAT/ACT Fee Waivers are available via email from Mrs. Dana Williams (williamsdn@pearlandisd.org) in the counseling office for any student on free or reduced lunch or who has a documented economic hardship. If you have not applied for free lunch this year, ALL students are encouraged to apply on the PISD website under [Food Services](#).

College Application Fee Waiver?

Every senior who uses an SAT fee waiver will receive four [college application fee waivers](#) from the College Board. These waivers will be delivered directly to students via their College Board online accounts and do not require counselor verification.

Official transcript requests

Students can request an official transcript using the online [link](#) from the registrars' office. The cost is \$1 per university/college transcript requested.

College Bound Athletes

If you are an athlete who plans on participating in collegiate sports in college, should register with the NCAA Eligibility Center and have completed your Core 16 courses. Visit www.eligibilitycenter.org for more information, speak to your coach or counselor, Mrs. Lee, if you need more information.

TSI Testing— Pearland High School offers limited testing for students. This test determines if a student is academically eligible to take college algebra and college English the first semester of their freshman year. Please register by going on the Pearland High School website, then click academics and TSI testing. Click on this [link](#) to view the fall testing dates.

Wellness/Mental Health Resources

Our campus Student Support Counselor, Ms. Jimia Baker, continues to provide both individual and group counseling this school year. She has posted a wealth of information on her webpage such as videos, hotline support phone numbers and a listing of Pearland-area counseling support resources. If you have questions, click this [link](#) to contact her directly and request counseling services.

Upcoming College November Events

- **San Jacinto College** hosts virtual enrollment and application events to assist students with their college application and to inform them about the steps in the admissions process. – For more information, the flyers are attached and the login links for each event are below.
Marathon Mondays: <https://sanjac.zoom.us/j/91636474294>
Steps to Enroll Tuesdays:
<https://sanjac.zoom.us/j/98788144725?pwd=UVo3QXFxWU11R2w2WXFkckttK1pKQT09>
- **11/5-** There will be a **Texas A&M University Zoom meeting** during 3rd period- 9am-10am. The university representative will be live to answer questions, discuss majors and scholarship opportunities with students. Please email Harriet Stewart at stewarth@pearlandisd.org or sign-up in the counseling before November 4th if your child is interested in attending.
- **11/5-Colleges on the Fenway** – Students who are interested in attending college in the Boston area. To learn more information about these universities and to register for this event, visit: <http://www.colleges-fenway.org/discovercof/>
- **11/7-NCAA Eligibility Center** will be hosting a high school recruiting webinar for athletes- [Register Here](#) to sign-up if you are interested in participating in the event.
- **11/11-** There will be a **Sam Houston State University** Zoom meeting during 4th period 10am-11am. The university representative will be live to answer questions, discuss majors and scholarship opportunities with students. Please email Harriet Stewart at stewarth@pearlandisd.org or sign-up in the counseling before November 14th if your child is interested in attending.
- **11/13- The Texas Virtual Black College Expo** will be held on November 13th @ 3PM-7PM- All attendees must register at [The Black College Expo- Virtual College Fair](#) if you are interested in attending.
- **11/16-** There will be a **University of Texas at Austin** Zoom meeting during 2nd period 8am-9am. The university representative will be live to answer questions, discuss majors and scholarship opportunities with students. Please email Harriet Stewart at stewarth@pearlandisd.org or sign-up in the counseling before November 14th if your child is interested in attending.
- **11/18- TACRAO Virtual College Fair**–Pearland ISD/Friendswood ISD College Fair. **All students and parents** are encouraged to attend, but must register for this event in order to participate. Currently, there are over 300 colleges and universities who have committed to being online and available to speak to students and parents in a group or individually to answer any questions about their institution. Please review the attached flyer to register and for more information.
- **11/18-** The **San Jacinto College** representative will be available during 5th period in the College and Career Center for students to complete their application and ask questions regarding financial aid and scholarships. Students may come to the center during lunch, study hall or class with a pass from their teacher.
- **11/20- The Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB)** will be given in December 1st and 3rd this year. The ASVAB measures developed abilities and helps predict future academic and occupational success. There is no military obligation and the test is free. All students interested must [sign-up](#) by **November 20th**.
- **11/23- College/military acceptance** letters and emails have been sent and we are ready to start our celebration. Send an email to GONZALEZYD@pearlandisd.org, Mrs. Gonzalez, showing confirmation of your acceptance along with a picture of in your college or military attire. All pictures sent must be school appropriate.

