Fall 2012 • 10th & 11th grade

APPLICATION PERIODS

Limited space available

Priority: **February 1 - 29** March 1 - 31 Second: General: April - December

Information Sessions:

■ Get answers to your questions and information about the application process

■ Talk with school personnel ■ Hear from current students

NWF State College Niceville Campus, K Gallery

January 5, Thursday, 5:30 p.m. January 9, Monday, 5:30 p.m.

Crestview Public Library

January 12, Thursday, 5:30 p.m.



Since the first graduating class in 2001, Collegiate High School alumni have successfully transferred to top colleges and universities nationwide. Pictured are Class of 2008 graduates Matt Haemmerle, currently at Villanova University, and Christine Jacobson, a student at Stetson University, who met in Bosnia and Herzegovina when they were both studying abroad the summer of 2011.

Call (850) 729-4949 or Visit our website www.nwfcollegiatehigh.org



Apply for Admission to the 10th & 11th grades

Download the application packet and application instructions for the 2012-13 school year online at:

www.nwfcollegiatehigh.org

✓ Please note that the Priority Application period is February 1 to 29, 2012. Interested students are strongly encouraged to submit a completed application during the priority application period as space in the school is limited.

✓ Be aware that required test scores must be submitted with your application. - either ACT, SAT or the PERT (Postsecondary Education Readiness Test). Your application is not complete without the test scores. It often takes six weeks or more for ACT or SAT scores to be sent, so plan ahead. Students may take the PERT test and submit PERT scores in place of ACT or SAT scores. Students may schedule the PERT test now at any NWF State College location – the test is free of charge and is offered weekly at various times. Students may take the PERT test multiple times if they wish to attempt to improve their test scores, but there must be 30 days between each test attempt – so plan ahead!

To schedule your free PERT test, call:

729-6016 (Niceville) 200-4141 (Crestview) 863-6500 (Fort Walton Campus) or 892-8100 (DeFuniak Springs)

✓ Your completed application must also include official high school transcripts. Request your transcript from your current high school and allow time to receive it.

✓ Attend a Collegiate High School information session at Northwest Florida State College's Niceville Campus on either January 5 or 9 at 5:30 p.m. in K Gallery, and January 12 at 5:30 p.m. at the Crestview Public Library. See the Collegiate High School application packet for detailed instructions on applying for admission to the school or call the CHS Office at (850) 729-4949.

Collegiate High School at Northwest Florida State College 100 College Boulevard, Niceville, FL 32578

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With a proven track record of academic and student success, parent satisfaction and accolades from state and national education officials, the Collegiate High School at Northwest Florida State College (NWFSC) is a true testament to the power of choice. The students enrolled in this innovative public school consistently earn among the top scores in Florida on standardized tests and have helped the school place among the top five A+ high schools in the state each year on the Florida School Accountability report. The school has also been the highest scoring A+ high school in Okaloosa and Walton Counties each year since it opened in 2000 and has achieved the prestigious honor of being named a 2006 Blue Ribbon School. This nationally recognized award is presented by the United States Department of Education for superior academic achievement.

Consider the unique features of the Collegiate High School. Visit the website for more detailed information (www.nwfcollegiatehigh.org), attend an information session, or call the school at 729-4949 to get personal answers to your questions – you just might find that the school will provide the opportunity of a lifetime . . .



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- Instruction by college faculty who hold doctorates or other advanced degrees in their field of expertise
- Small school atmosphere with 275 students
- Personal attention and free academic tutoring
- Use of all NWF State College state-of-the-art facilities
- Individualized program of study to meet specific interests, academic goals and meet the prerequisite requirements of more than 200 Florida university bachelor's degree programs

Blue Ribbon School

Clubs, activities, honors groups and more . . .

What is the Collegiate High School?

The Collegiate High School (CHS) is a charter school that is part of the Okaloosa County School District. This innovative public school is operated by Northwest Florida State College and is located on the college's Niceville campus. The Collegiate High School is fully accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools and is free of charge to students.

What is the purpose and mission of the school?

The Collegiate High School provides a unique educational environment for motivated high school students in grades 10, 11 or 12. The school's rigorous program of study enables students to complete a standard high school diploma, an associate college degree and transferable college credits at the same time.

What are the admission requirements?

Admission for the 2012-2013 school year is open to any public, private or home school student with high school credits for grades 10 or 11. Applicants must submit a completed application packet by the established deadlines. Limits in enrollment based on availability of space in grade, class, building or program may apply.

What is the program of study?

The Collegiate High School offers a Collegiate-Dual Enrollment and a Pre-Collegiate program of study. Students enroll in regular NWF State College courses and earn both high school and college credit for these classes. This program of study meets statutory requirements for both a standard high school diploma and either an Associate of Arts or Associate of Science college degree.

Students may individualize the Associate of Arts degree to meet the specific prerequisite requirements of more than 200 Florida university bachelor's degree programs through NWF State College's vast selection of more than 250 different college courses. Students who earn the AA degree are guaranteed admission and a seamless transfer of college credits to meet degree requirements in the Florida university system and may also transfer credits to universities nationwide. The option to earn a technically oriented Associate of Science degree is also available.

The Pre-Collegiate program of study assists students who are not yet prepared to directly enter a full program of college level classes and provides students the opportunity to increase their skills to the college level through an individualized program of study. Upon successful completion of the Pre-Collegiate program of study, students may enter the core Collegiate-Dual Enrollment program of study and enroll in a full slate of college credit classes.

When & where do students attend classes?

Students attend at least 180 days per year and follow the college calendar. The hours of the school day may vary but normally run from 9:15 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. with classes at the NWFSC Niceville campus.

What unique learning strategies are available at the Collegiate High School?

The Collegiate High School, while embracing technology and reading across-the-curriculum, sets itself apart from tradition based education with several innovative programs. Among these are a unique academic seminar experience that helps students bridge the gap between high school and college and between college and career. An innovative "culture of reading" integrates reading in unique and applicable ways throughout the entire curriculum and has resulted in top FCAT scores. From our guest reader program, a READ THIS! selection guide, and visiting guest authors on campus to reading specific courses and seminars, the Collegiate High School is replete with opportunities to celebrate and cultivate excellent reading and writing skills.

A philosophy of education by demonstration at the Collegiate High School is practiced from the sophomore year to the senior year with student led conferences and the Capstone program. The annual student led conference allows our students a scheduled time to review their academic progress and goals with their parents to demonstrate personal responsibility and accountability. The Senior Capstone project, a Collegiate High School graduation requirement, provides students an opportunity to study their own interests in greater depth and breadth. Through the Capstone experience students assume responsibility for their own learning by active involvement in collecting, selecting and reflecting on their education experiences at the Collegiate High School.

What benefits does the Collegiate High School provide that differ from other programs which offer college credit, such as Advanced Placement or IB?

Collegiate High School offers a wider selection of hundreds of college-level courses. Thus, students may customize their program of study to meet the specific transfer prerequisites of the university bachelor's degree program they intend to pursue. Students follow a detailed program of study that leads directly to a college degree rather than acquiring random college credits.

How do college credits earned transfer to other colleges and universities?

The Florida statewide articulation agreement provides a statutory guarantee that college transfer credits earned at NWF State College are acceptable at all public universities and colleges in the state. College credits are also accepted at other universities nationwide. NWFSC participates in Florida's common course numbering system which ensures that college courses at NWFSC are the very same courses and course numbers offered at all other Florida colleges and universities.

Are Collegiate High School graduates eligible for Florida Bright Futures Scholarships?

Collegiate High School graduates are fully eligible for scholarship awards through the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship program just as any other high school graduate. Students need to fulfill the same requirements to receive the award as other Florida high school students.

Is transportation available?

Students who live farther than two miles from the school have the option of riding to and from school in busses on routes provided within Okaloosa County.

What student activities and clubs are available?

The Collegiate High School provides a wide array of student activities such as student government, academic team, National Honor Society, yearbook, prom, Schools for Schools, Circle K, Math team, Science Bowl team and more. Students may also participate in NWF State College activities such as Forensics and Brain Bowl teams, dance line, cheerleading, Phi Theta Kappa college honor society, Show Choir, jazz band, youth symphony orchestra and more. Collegiate High students may also continue to participate in extra-curricular activities, such as band and sports teams, at their regional public high school if these activities fit into the student's daily schedule.

In addition to activities at the Collegiate HS, students are able to participate in extra-curricular activities at their zoned school. Pictured (r) is Collegiate HS senior Ray Nilsson, a member of a local high school's track team.



2011 Collegiate High Prom