

B2L BUZZ

#FINISH**FAFSA**STRONG



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**CLASS OF 2020
MAKES IT REIGN**

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POST COVID**

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#BLM #JUNETEENTH**

Honorable Mention

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It was August 2019 when Bridge2Life Leaders officially agreed on a 5% increase goal in FAFSA submissions. To **inspire** & create a college bound FAFSA culture, Bridge2Life kicked off with a Fall Inaugural expo at MODS, a mid-year Black History Month event & end-of-year parade honoring Boyd Anderson Cobras Class of 2020. Meeting a 5% increase meant facing systemic barriers with creative **communication**, being sensitive to a multicultural audience from students to grandparents and **collaborative efforts** to strengthen partnerships with Broward Schools Superintendent's Office, Advisors, Cadets, non-profit partners and higher ed institutions. I am proud to have led the Fund Your Future movement of daily Zoom FAFSA labs, FAFSA Family Feud & Savage TikToks which proved successful as our Class of 2020 can boast a **6.49%** FAFSA increase!

BRIDGE2LIFE STANDS UNEQUIVOCALLY IN SUPPORT OF FIGHTING AGAINST RACIAL INJUSTICE AND INEQUALITY. WE ASK THAT YOU SHARE, SPEAK UP AND JOIN US TO HELP END SYSTEMIC RACISM. MORE TO COME.



Bright Futures

Pomp & Circumstance

On June 10, Florida Department of Education Commissioner Corcoran signed an executive order to temporarily suspend Bright Futures Scholarship requirements that students are unable to fulfill due to COVID-19-related restrictions. **The executive order extends the deadline for scholarship applicants to submit their ACT or SAT scores to July 31.** Although there are no SAT testing dates scheduled during this extended grace period, students will have two opportunities to take the ACT before the new deadline. In lieu of volunteer logs, students may submit a letter from their guidance counselor or school administrator stating the student's intention to complete the required hours. **For Class of 2020, this letter will be accepted to fulfill their volunteering requirement.** This policy pertains to students applying for all Bright Futures Scholarship award levels.

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PARENTS OF HIGH SCHOOL JUNIORS & SENIORS SAY THEIR CHILDREN'S PLANS FOR LIFE AFTER GRADUATION HAVE CHANGED:

31% POSTPONED

27% SWITCHED TO OPTION CLOSER TO HOME

22% SWITCHED TO LESS EXPENSIVE OPTION



ESSAY REVIEW



DACA SCHOLARSHIPS



COLLEGE KNOWLEDGE

