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Polk State Lakeland Gateway to College Collegiate High School application for 2020-21 school year open through June 30

Monday, June 15, 2020 — Polk State Lakeland Gateway to College Collegiate High School's application remains open through June 30 for students with at least 10 high school credits interested in attending for the 2020-21 school year.

Polk State's three public, charter collegiate high schools allow students to complete requirements for their diplomas as well as college credits at no cost to them. In most cases, students graduate with both their high school diplomas and associate degrees.

Students can learn more about Polk State Lakeland Gateway to College Collegiate High School and apply online at www.polk.edu/gateway. Students should note that the school is waiving the Postsecondary Education Readiness Test (PERT) requirement this year.

Polk State Lakeland Gateway to College Collegiate High School continues to achieve great success. The class of 2020 celebrated:

- 123 graduates
- 35 who received Polk State Associate in Arts degrees
- 21 who achieved high school GPAs of 4.0 or greater
- 44 college credits earned on average
- 13,117 community service hours completed
- \$400,000 in scholarships earned
- Graduates who will continue their education at Polk State, state colleges and universities, United States Military Academy West Point, Clemson University, and more
- Graduates who will go on to enlist in the U.S. Navy and U.S. Army
- Valedictorian Brandy Barquin who achieved a 4.655 GPA
- Salutatorian Alfredo Kroll who achieved a 4.611 GPA

Polk State Lakeland Gateway to College Collegiate High School received national recognition from Achieving the Dream, Inc. in 2019 for exceeding all four benchmarks used to assess the performance of Gateway to College programs, and also maintains the highest level of school improvement ratings from the Florida Department of Education in lieu of an annual school grade per its charter.

About Polk State College

Located in Winter Haven, Florida, and established in 1964, Polk State College is a multi-campus institution serving more than 16,000 students with Bachelor of Applied Science, Bachelor of Science, Associate in Arts, and Associate in Science degrees, as well as a wide range of certificate and workforce training options. The College also operates three charter high schools.

Polk State's advantages include small class sizes; hands-on learning; dedicated faculty; day and night classes; online options; affordable tuition; excellent financial aid; and a diverse community and vibrant student life, including fine arts opportunities, clubs, and intercollegiate athletics.