



RICK SCOTT

GOVERNOR

2018: Securing Florida's Future

Dear High School Graduate:

Congratulations on your graduation from high school. You can be proud of your educational success as you head to college or start your career. As Governor, I have worked to make sure you have every opportunity to achieve the American dream here in Florida. During the next stage of your life, know that Florida offers many opportunities to start a career or continue your education.

Florida's future is in the hands of students like you. A quality public education allowed me and my wife, First Lady Ann Scott, to live our dreams. Florida has invested historic amounts of funding in K-12 public schools and state universities so that you have every resource and opportunity to ensure your success and achieve your dreams. We also permanently expanded the Bright Futures scholarship to cover 100 percent of tuition and fees for Florida Academic Scholars (FAS) and 75 percent for Florida Medallion Scholars (FMS). This expansion includes summer courses for FAS beginning in 2018 and FMS beginning in 2019.

We have worked tirelessly to make college more affordable by holding the line on tuition and enacting college affordability reforms. An affordable higher education system and a strong job market are essential for allowing Florida students like you to pursue your dreams here in Florida.

To ensure that you have every opportunity for success, we have worked during the past seven-and-a-half years to cut taxes, reduce regulation and encourage economic growth. Today, Florida is strong and I am proud of our hard work to grow the economy, invest in education, protect the environment and keep our families safe. The creation of over 1.5 million private sector jobs since December 2010 shows the strength of our economy.

If you are continuing your education at a college or university, I encourage you to choose a major that will prepare you for a great career. Your decision will provide you opportunities to get a good paying job. If you are ready to start your career, I invite you to explore great job opportunities here in Florida by visiting the online job listings in Employ Florida Marketplace at employflorida.com. With nearly 250,000 job openings advertised online in our state, the marketplace works directly with Florida businesses to connect candidates with employers.

Again, congratulations on your graduation. I wish you a great future as you pursue your dreams.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Rick Scott".

Rick Scott
Governor