SUMMER FOR SUCCESS
JULY 5 – 24, 2020
A 3-WEEK IMMERSION EXPERIENCE
FOR RISING HIGH SCHOOL JUNIORS & SENIORS WHO LEARN DIFFERENTLY
PREPARING FOR THE TRANSITION FROM HIGH SCHOOL TO COLLEGE
LEESBURG, FLORIDA
ONE HOUR FROM ORLANDO
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Beacon connects meaningful studies with student interests for an unforgettable summer of learning.

**Summer for Success**

Our summer program aims to give college-bound students who learn differently the skills, confidence and preparation to successfully transition from high school.

We do so by helping them better understand their learning differences, recognize early stumbling blocks and know what they need to succeed in their first year of college.

Our core courses are structured to meaningfully prepare students for college to be more effective and confident learners. Most importantly, students get to experience what it’s like to live — and learn — on a college campus.

**Program Highlights**

Students attending our exciting summer program:

- Participate in three classes, including two electives
- Experience real college life with exposure to the expectations, assignments and time management skills needed for college success
- Gain important strategies and life skills that can be applied immediately to their high school studies
- Meet current Beacon faculty and students
- Learn how to self-advocate and make the most of essential college support programs
- Participate in a variety of campus activities and join in weekend excursions to Orlando area theme parks and other outdoor ventures

**On the Journey to College**

**More Opportunities for Summer for Success Students & Their Families**

After completing our summer program, participating students and their families also are offered these valuable opportunities:

**Transition Recommendations**

At the end of Summer for Success, every student is given in-depth transition recommendations on potential barriers to student success in college. Developed by an educational psychologist from the College’s Center for Transition with input from Summer for Success faculty and staff, these written recommendations summarize a student’s strengths as well as identifying areas requiring additional focus in order to successfully transition to college.

**Early Admission Option**

Qualifying students who successfully complete the Summer for Success are invited to apply early to Beacon College to receive an admission decision before October 1.  
Learn more at BeaconCollege.edu/admissions

**Navigator PREP & Other Beacon Transition Programming**

Navigator PREP is the country’s first virtual transition-to-college program for neurodiverse students and their families. Summer for Success graduates who elect to participate in Navigator Prep receive a discounted rate, which offers three to nine months of skill-based strategies in preparation for transitioning to any college in the country. The program features a unique parents track, and assists students in developing their executive function, planning, and social and emotional regulation skills.  
Learn more at BeaconCollege.edu/NavigatorPrep

**WHY BEACON?**

For more than a quarter century, Beacon College has been the recognized leader in offering affordable, career-focused baccalaureate degree programs for students with learning disabilities, ADHD and other learning differences.

Located an hour’s drive from Orlando, Fla., Beacon College is the nation’s leading four-year college for students who learn differently.

FIND A COMPLETE PROGRAM DESCRIPTION AND A TYPICAL DAY’S SCHEDULE AT: BeaconCollege.edu/summer
Summer for Success 2020 Courses
As a Summer for Success student, you’ll choose one core course and two electives.

CORE COURSES
Build Your Skills For College
To better prepare you for your academic transition to college, you will be placed in one of the following two courses. We’ll show you the expectations and work involved in an introductory college course, while also teaching you practical study strategies and skills to use during your freshman year.

1. WRITING STRATEGIES FOR COLLEGE
Most colleges require at least one writing intensive course. Students who struggle with writing and reading often must take non-credit bearing classes to prepare for an intensive writing class. This course will help you develop strategies to improve your understanding of academic text when writing and reading. You’ll also learn how to organize and plan your studies.

2. PREPARING FOR COLLEGE MATHEMATICS
Nearly half of all college students fail freshman math. But at Beacon, nearly all our students successfully complete their math courses, thanks to our individualized approach to mathematics and the support of artificial intelligence. This course is custom designed to meet you where you are in your math abilities. You’ll build your confidence and develop the fundamental skills needed for success across various college math courses.

ELECTIVES
Explore Your Interests
Choose two electives. Each includes authentic, project-based work through a capstone experience. The capstone will help develop your executive functioning and collaborative skills by actively teaching planning, prioritizing, time management and social skills.

1. A SPECIAL DYNAMIC: HUMANS & ANIMALS
Anthrozoology studies human-animal interaction. In this hands-on course, you’ll explore the relationships that develop between humans and animals. Whether in our homes, in shelters, on farms, in zoos or aquariums, animals are in integral part of the human experience. Topics include shelter operations, cat colonies and stray dogs, service animals vs. emotional support animals, and more!

2. PEOPLE, WILDLIFE & WILD PLACES
We now live in the age of Anthropocene, a new geological age named for humanity’s impact on climate and the environment. In this course, you’ll explore conservation issues and solutions from an anthrozoological perspective. Topics include endangered species, wildlife protection, human-wildlife conflict, government agencies and conservation laws, and conservation research and strategies.

3. DIGITAL VIDEO
Editing digital video and audio is an essential part of developing multimedia web content for education, entertainment, business and advertising. You’ll learn both the technical and artistic aspects of video post-production and experiment with visual effects – including digital animation and green screen compositing.

4. INTRODUCTION TO THEATER ARTS
The world of Broadway is brought to life in this course as you explore theater production, design and performance. You’ll develop your acting ability while also learning the steps needed to create and produce short live performances. You’ll also have the opportunity to improve your overall performance art skills in singing, dancing, improvisation and more.

5. COLLEGE READINESS 101
This course will introduce you to key concepts that are critical to effective decision-making — in and out of the college classroom. You’ll learn practical strategies and explore some of the typical situations students face during their first year away from home. Topics include effective organizational techniques, methods of problem-solving and the essential social skills needed to navigate a new college campus.

6. TECHNOLOGY SKILLS & APPLICATION
Technology has changed the way the world works. Individuals who understand how technology works and how to apply it are in high demand. Enhance your computer literacy and build your skills through this important hands-on course focusing on desktop productivity!

7. THE SCIENCE & STUDY OF HUMAN BEHAVIOR
What’s going on in the human mind? Why do people do the things they do? This course provides an introduction to psychology and examines the mind, brain and human behavior. Gain a better understanding of your own thoughts, feelings and behaviors, as well as those of the people around you.

8. FOUNDATIONS OF ART
Drawing, painting, and sculpture are forms of visual thinking that let you express emotion or record a moment in time. Learning the basic methods and techniques of art can help you develop focus, improve your concentration, jumpstart your creativity and develop a greater appreciation for the artistic process.

CONTINUING YOUR LEARNING
Have questions or need help?
Your professors are available to meet one-on-one during summer office hours and other academic support services are available to help maximize your learning.
Activities & Get-Aways

In the afternoons and evenings, summer students have the opportunity to:

• Stay fit in Beacon’s workout center
• Enjoy films and follow-up discussions
• Showcase their talents at karaoke and open mic nights
• Unwind with video or board games, table tennis, billiards, or foosball matches
• And much more

Weekends feature a variety of on-campus and off-campus activities, such as:

• Day trips to one of Orlando’s many famous theme parks, such as Universal Studio’s Islands of Adventure and Disney World
• Swimming and water sports
• Special student life events, including movie nights, music and dancing, picnics and team competitions

Costs & Scholarships

The all-inclusive cost for Beacon’s Summer for Success is $5,250. This includes tuition, room and board, materials, transportation and admission fees to all off-campus activities.

Scholarship support is available to students with demonstrated need.

Getting Involved: Summer Clubs

As a Summer for Success student, you’ll participate in a special interest clubs of your choosing. Our summer clubs area a great way to meet new students outside of class, develop your leadership skills — and just unwind and have fun.

Pinterest Club
Love the catalog arts, crafts and cooking ideas on Pinterest? This is your chance to work on a project that lets you express your creative side as you chat with friends and reflect on the day. Possible activities can include integrated coloring, cookie decorating and knitting. The week will end by scrapbooking your experiences and memories. No arts and crafts experience needed.

Sports and Recreation Club
Whatever your level of play and the game or sport played, this club gives you the option to explore and play various indoor and outdoor sports every day. As a member of this club, you’ll try out different kinds of sports designed to increase your skills of friendly competition. You’ll be part of a team that’s committed to having fun — no matter what the game.

Indoor Adventures Club
This is your chance to play tabletop, electronic and indoor sport games — and increase your skills of friendly competition. Whether you’re a novice or expert, come expand your awareness of the good fun that can be had any day of the week, rain or shine. Members of this club come together in the spirit of good gaming to roll the dice, pick players and celebrate each other’s wins.

Performing Arts Club
Do you enjoy expressing your emotions and feelings through music, dance and theater? In this club, you’ll increase your awareness of performing arts, a type of art which uses the voice, body and objects to convey creative expression. You’ll connect with fellow artists in a setting where you and others will share your talents and explore who you are as artists in a safe and nurturing environment.

Where You’ll Live

All Summer for Success students will be housed at Beacon’s newly opened residence hall, which features suite-style living with private rooms for every student. Led by an experienced resident life professionals, the residence hall also features multiple gathering spaces for student activities.

Enrollment in Beacon’s Summer for Success is limited for maximum participation and attention, so families are encouraged to register early.

Apply online at BeaconCollege.edu/summer

Questions? Call the Office of Admissions at 352-638-9731 or 855-220-5376 (toll free).