

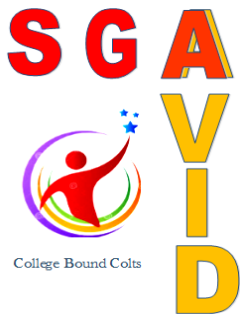


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# Gaines News

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College Bound Colts

## Principal's Message

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Dear Colt Families,

Welcome back to the 2016-2017 school year!

I am very excited for the upcoming year as we share the common goal to “Reach for the Stars.” It is with great enthusiasm that I share the news that Samuel S. Gaines Academy moved up a school letter grade of a “C”! This is all due to our joint efforts and commitment to student achievement.

Our faculty and staff are committed to prepare our students to become future leaders of our community. We will continue to provide rigorous standards-based instructions at every grade level along with a strong focus on the fine arts and sports to support our students’ talents and interest.

Here are some highlights of what Samuel Gaines students and families may look forward to:

**AVID** (Advancement Via Individual Determination) with a focus on Kindergarten to 8<sup>th</sup> to prepare our students for high school and college

**21<sup>st</sup> Century After School Program** – focusing on academics and sports (basketball, soccer, volleyball, etc.)

**Arts and Sports** - Chorus, Music, Band, Art, Intramurals Sports that include girls’ volleyball, cheerleading, basketball, soccer, and step

**Community Volunteers** with a focus on providing reading support

**Education Talent Search:** partnership with Indian River College to promote college readiness

Our doors are always open to communicate with our Colt families.

Reaching for the Stars!

Sincerely,

*Roberto Bonseñor*

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*Principal and Treasure Hunter*

