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May 7, 2008

Dear Student:

First, let me commend you on your significant academic accomplishments. As a student ranked in the top 20% of your senior class, your achievements represent a level of college preparedness that is valued by our State University System. The State University System has committed, within space and fiscal limitations, to ensure enrollment in a state university for Florida's Talented 20 high school seniors. I would encourage you to continue to prepare yourself for admission to a state university as part of the Talented 20 program.

Florida's Talented 20 program cannot guarantee admission to the campus of your choice, but eligible students are guaranteed admission to one of the eleven state universities. To maintain your eligibility, you must meet the following criteria:

- Graduate with a standard diploma in 2008
- Take the ACT or SAT prior to enrollment in university (no minimum score is required)
- Complete all eighteen core course requirements for state university admission

Talented 20 students are in a position of priority for the award of funds from the Florida Student Assistance Grant, a needs-based grant. Please visit [www.FloridaStudentFinancialAid.org](http://www.FloridaStudentFinancialAid.org) for eligibility requirements and additional information on state financial aid and scholarship opportunities, including the Bright Futures Scholarship program.

High school counselors are prepared to assist you with the application process for state university admissions. You may wish to search [www.FACTS.org](http://www.FACTS.org) for information concerning individual universities. Additional information and Frequently Asked Questions regarding the Talented 20 program are available online at [www.fldoe.org/Talented20](http://www.fldoe.org/Talented20).

Sincerely,

Dr. Eric J. Smith  
Commissioner