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One Spirit 24/7

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The Bolles Mission Statement

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The goals of the Resident Life Program are that students will:

• learn to independently manage their time and studies
• learn to live respectfully and responsibly with others
• become prepared to function confidently and competently in a less controlled college environment
• have fun
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Publications, musical organizations, debate, drama, visual arts, and more than 80 clubs are available as extracurricular activities. Approximately 80% of our students participate in more than 40 performances and gallery openings within the Fine and Performing Arts Department each year. Physical education is required and Bolles offers 61 sports teams at the middle, JV and varsity level. Bolles teams have claimed 123 state titles and 84 state runner-up finishes in 17 different sports. The School has received the Florida High School Athletic Association All-Sports Award for 21 of the last 22 years and has been recognized as one of the top overall athletic programs in the nation by Sports Illustrated, MaxPreps and ESPN Rise. Since 1972, Bolles has had swimmers represented at each Olympics. A total of 59 Bolles students, former students or Bolles Sharks swim club members have participated in the Olympics, representing a total of 28 countries or territories. Bolles swimming alumni include 13 Olympic medalists winning a total of 20 medals in swimming including 12 gold medals.

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Bolles students are actively involved in our community and host or provide countless community service hours and events each year. Bolles not only teaches but practices giving back to our School and community by involvement in these projects throughout the year. From local nonprofit groups to individual student clubs, Bolles students and their parents are always taking time to give back and help others. Community service is not required at Bolles. Students have a genuine desire to be involved because they feel it is the right thing to do, not because it is mandatory.

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The Bolles School is a diverse community of both day and boarding students. The School actively seeks students without regard to gender, sexual preference, race, creed, or national or ethnic origin and desires students who represent diverse backgrounds ethically, culturally, religiously and socio-economically. Financial assistance for families has steadily grown in recent years with more than $3.8 million being given in financial aid to our students and their families during the 2015-16 school year.

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Dorm Families
As a part of the Resident Life program, all boarders are grouped into Dorm Families headed by a member of the Resident Life staff. The Dorm Family program provides students with a small and cohesive setting and for Dorm Family Heads to act as a residential advisor. Dorm Families celebrate birthdays together, meet periodically and have formal, family-style meals monthly.

Prefects
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