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College Counseling News August, 2018



Scottsdale Preparatory Academy
A GREAT HEARTS ACADEMY

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Upcoming Events

UA Application

Workshop 8/23 at 2:45

Tech Lab

ASU Application

Workshop 8/27 at 2:45

Tech Lab

NAU Application

Workshop 8/28 @2:45

TechLab

Junior Parent Night

9/6 at 6:00 p.m.

Auditorium

**Seniors Financial Aid
Night - Filing for**

FAFSA Hosted by

ASU Financial Aid 9/6

@ 6:30 p.m.

Auditorium

PSAT 10/24 @ SPA

Grades 9-11

High School Preview

Night 11/7 @ 6:00

Financial Aid

Education Event -

Ryon Frisch @ 6:30

All grades welcome!

NEW COLLEGE ESSAY CLUB

Scottsdale Prep is very fortunate to have a new Humane Letters teacher, Dr. Carter, who is hosting a college essay club on Fridays from 2:35-3:30 in Room 233. Dr. Carter is a graduate of Claremont Graduate University and served as an Instructor of English at Scripps College. She has also run her own college admission business, helping students write admission essays. Show up on Friday and she will help you brainstorm ideas, develop a draft, or perfect a final essay!

ASU Barrett Great Hearts Day for Seniors

Senior families, mark your calendar for ASU Barrett Day on Saturday, September 15th. This is a Great Hearts exclusive event. Information sessions and tours will be held at 9:00 or 11:00 a.m. Due to limited space, only one parent can attend with the student. A sign up email will be sent out Wednesday, 8/29 to families. The Barrett application goes live on September 5th. Don't forget your ASU application must be submitted before you can apply to Barrett.

Seniors - New Application Workshops

The application portals are now open to apply to ASU, NAU and UA. All three in-state colleges now utilize self reporting of grades and students can obtain their transcript from College Counseling to help with this process. Application Workshops will be held on our campus after school: UA 8/23, ASU 8/27 and NAU 8/28 at 2:45 pm the Tech Lab. A Barrett Application Tips session will be held on 9/6/ during Lyceum.

Please note that the University of Arizona and ASU now use the Common Application and students have the option of applying via the Common App or directly to the institution. **HINT:** You will pay a lower "in-state" application fee if you apply directly to ASU or UA and will hear back sooner. Please remember the student (not SPA) sends SAT and/or ACT test scores directly from CollegeBoard or ACT. Students are automatically evaluated for scholarships based upon GPA *and* test scores.

Quick Links

[College Counseling Website](#)

[ACT](#)

[CollegeBoard SAT](#)

[Naviance for high school students](#)

Standardized Testing Dates With Registration Deadlines

ACT

9/8

10/27; Register 9/21

12/8 Register 11/2

2/9, Register 1/4

4/13; Register 3/8

6/8; Register 5/3

7/13, Register 6/14

[Register](#)

SAT

8/25

10/6; Register 9/7

11/3 Register 10/5

12/1; Register 11/2

3/9; Register 2/8

5/4; Register 4/5

6/1; Register 5/3

[Register](#)

[ASU](#)

[University of Arizona](#)

[Northern Arizona University](#)

The Common Application opened on August 1st. [Link](#) If a Common App account was established last year in College 101, the information will automatically roll over for you! The Common App also utilizes self reported classes and grades.

You still have time to take the SAT or ACT one last time if you would like to obtain a higher score. Tests taken in the fall of the senior are generally still accepted. Check the college website for final testing deadlines. Verify if SAT Subject tests are **required OR recommended**.

PSAT–Freshman, Sophomores and Juniors

Freshman, Sophomore and Juniors will take the PSAT/NMSQT on **Wednesday, 10/24** during the school day. The fee is \$25 and families can pay on the Scottsdale Prep Payment Portal [Testing Fee](#). While the PSAT is not used for college admissions, it is excellent practice for the SAT, one of the tests that is utilized for college admission and scholarships. The **JUNIOR** year scores are very important because students with the highest PSAT/NMSQT Selection Index scores qualify for National Merit or Commended distinction. Students who qualify for this distinction are notified in September of their Senior year. National Merit Finalists are eligible for National Merit Scholarships, Corporate Based Scholarships and College-Sponsored Scholarships. [National Merit Corporation](#)

College Presentations - All High School

Hundreds of colleges will be visiting the Phoenix metro area in the fall. Many will be on our campus and students can sign up for these visits on Naviance. In addition, Great Hearts hosts a College Symposium and College Fair for all Juniors on Saturday, 10/20 in the morning at Scottsdale Prep. More information about this event will come out at a later date, but Juniors should mark their calendars now. Evening programs are also hosted at various hotels. All grade levels and family members are welcome to attend the following evening or weekend events. Students should register for the event beforehand at the links provided.

[Pomona, Carleton, Swarthmore, Bowdoin Information Session](#) on 9/9 from 3:00-5:00 p.m. at the Sheraton mesa hotel @Wrigleyville West

[Washington U Near You](#) on 9/12 from 7-8:00 p.m. at Burton Barr Library

[Coast to Coast College Tour](#) - Dartmouth, Northwestern Princeton, UC Berkeley and Vanderbilt on 8/30 at 7:00 p.m. at DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel, 2100 S. Priest Drive, Tempe, AZ 85282

[Greater Phoenix Performing and Visual Arts College Fair](#), 10/14 from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. at ASU Memorial Union. This is a good opportunity for students to learn how to create a portfolio for visual or performing arts majors.

[Johns Hopkins Presentation](#) on 10/17 at Chaparral High School at 7:00 p.m.

[Greater Phoenix NACAC College Fair](#), Sunday, 10/21 from 11:00 - 3:00 p.m. Phoenix Convention Center

[Christian College Fair](#), 10/23 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. @ Scottsdale Christian Academy

[Meet Tulane](#) event on 10/23 @ Phoenix Country Day School @ 6:30 p.m.

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