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College Counseling News October, 2018



Scottsdale Preparatory Academy
A GREAT HEARTS ACADEMY

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Upcoming Events

Conference Week

Oct 15-19

PSAT 10/24/18

Great Hearts

CollegeSymposium &

College Fair @ SPA

Sat, 10/20 9-11:00 am

High School Preview

Night 11/7 at 6:00 pm

SAT School Day

4/9/19

Quick Links

[College Counseling Website](#)

[ACT](#)

[CollegeBoard SAT](#)

[Naviance for high school students](#)

Standardized Testing Dates With Registration Deadlines

[ACT](#)

Conference Week - Sign up to Meet with a College Counselor

Mrs. Fletcher and Mrs. Sterner will be available to meet with parents and students during conference week. Students are not assigned to specific counselors until the end of the junior year, so either college counselor will be happy to help you. [Sign up](#) We are also always available for family meetings after conference week. Email Roslyn Fletcher - RFletcher@scottsdaleprep.org or Diane Sterner - Dsterner@scottsdaleprep.org to pick a time that better fits your schedule.

Congratulations to SPA National Merit Semifinalists

Congratulations to **Nick Gleason and Sean Holford** who qualified as Semifinalists in the 2019 National Merit Scholarship Program. Semifinalists are the highest scorers in their state and represent less than 1% of Arizona's high school seniors. To progress to Finalist standing they must complete a comprehensive application. A list of Semifinalists is sent to four-year U.S. colleges to enhance the opportunities for these students. Students will be notified in February if they have become National Merit Finalists and Scholars. National Merit, corporate-sponsored merit scholarships and college-sponsored merit scholarship are offered to those students who reach Finalist standing.

PSAT Test Wednesday Oct. 24

All you need to know!

School will start at the normal time when the PSAT test is administered to all freshman, sophomore and junior students on Wednesday, 10/24. College Counseling distributed practice test booklets to all classrooms. Students can also prepare by taking advantage of the FREE [Khan Academy](#) test preparation.

Students should bring two #2 pencils (no mechanical pencils) and a calculator with fresh batteries. It is a half day and students will be dismissed at 12:20 p.m. All students should report to their first period class. The fee to take the PSAT is \$25 and families can pay on the Scottsdale Prep Payment Portal [Testing Fee](#). To check if you paid in the

past 6 months, go to Configio portal, *Account, Orders and History*. If you haven't paid, please pay now.

Oct 27; Late Regis.
Dec 8; Register 11/2
Feb 9, Register 1/11
April 13; Register 3/8
June 8; Register 5/3
July 13, Register 6/14
[Register](#)

SAT

11/3; Late Regis.
12/1; Register 11/2
3/9 Register 2/8
5/4; Register 4/5
6/1; Register 5/3
[Register](#)

Seniors

Families can now file for federal financial utilizing [FAFSA](#). Remember, FAFSA stands for **Free** Application for Federal Student Aid. There is no fee to apply. In addition to federal aid, many colleges offer additional institutional aid. Your financial aid package may include federal and state grants, college work study and scholarships. It is very important for families to check the financial aid website of the college to determine what forms are required to access their financial aid and to know the PRIORITY financial aid deadline. Families may need to file the FAFSA, the [CSS Profile](#) and additional college specific documents. The earlier you apply the better!

College Presentations - All High School and College Symposium for Juniors & Parents

Hundreds of colleges will be visiting the Phoenix in the fall. Many will be on our campus and students can sign up for these visits on Naviance. In addition, Great Hearts will host a College Symposium and College Fair for all Juniors and their parents on Saturday, 10/20 from 9:00-11:00 a.m. on the Scottsdale Prep campus. This is an exclusive event for Great Hearts students and uniforms must be worn.

Evening programs are also hosted at various hotels. All grade levels and family members are welcome to attend these events.

[NACAC Performing/Fine Arts Fair](#) Sun, 10/14 @ 1-3:00 p.m

[Johns Hopkins](#) - Wed .10/17 @ 7:00 p.m.

[Discover Duke](#) - Thurs 10/18 @6:30 p.m.

[American University](#) - Thurs 10/18 @ 6:45 p.m.

[NACAC Phoenix College Fair](#) - Sun, 10/21 @11:00 - 3:00 p.m.

[Tulane](#) - Tues, 10/23 @ 6:30 p.m.

Your College Counseling Team

Don't forget to check our [website](#) for regular updates!

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