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College Counseling News August, 2017



Scottsdale Preparatory Academy
A GREAT HEARTS ACADEMY

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Upcoming Events

Curriculum Night
8/24 at 6:00 p.m.

Junior Parent Night
9/28 at 6:00 p.m.
Auditorium

**Seniors Financial Aid
Night - Filing for
FAFSA Hosted by
ASU Financial Aid
Office 9/28 @ 6:30
p.m.**

Quick Links

[College Counseling
Website](#)

[ACT](#)

[CollegeBoard SAT](#)

[Naviance for high
school students](#)

Standardized

College Counseling Newsletter

Scottsdale Prep College Counseling will be publishing timely information regarding financial aid, leadership programs, standardized testing, scholarships, etc.

Science Research Opportunities

High achieving sophomores, juniors and seniors can gain exposure to science research under the guidance of ASU faculty. Selected students will do background work during the fall semester and decide upon a question to investigate. Eligible students will compete in the Arizona Science and Engineering Fair. Interested students should apply by August 31st. [ASU Website](#)

PSAT

All high school students will take the PSAT/NMSQT on 10/25 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](#)

Seniors

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 step. Please note that the University of Arizona is now a Common Application school, and students have the option of applying via the Common App or directly to the institution. HINT: It only makes sense to use the Common App if you are applying to other Common App schools. Please remember the student (not SPA) sends SAT and/or ACT test scores directly from the CollegeBoard or

Testing Dates With Registration Deadlines

ACT

Sept 9

Oct 28; Register 9/22

Dec 9; Register 11/3

Feb 10; Register 1/12

April 14; Register 3/9

June 9; Register 5/4

July 14; Register 6/15

Register

SAT

8/26

10/7; Register 9/8

11/4; Register 10/5

12/2; Register 11/2

3/10; Register 2/9

5/5; Register 4/6

6/2; Register 5/3

Register

ACT. Students are automatically evaluated for scholarships based upon GPA and test scores.

[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.

College Counseling will hold a series of application workshops over the next few weeks for hands-on help completing applications.

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 recommended.

College Presentations

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 hosts a College Symposium and College Fair for all [Juniors](#) on Saturday, 10/21 during the day at the Falls Center in Mesa. More information about this event will come out at a later date. Evening programs are hosted at various hotels. All grade levels and family members are welcome to attend the following evening events.

Colleges That Change Lives, 8/15 at 7:00 p.m. Embassy Suites [Scottsdale](#)

Greater Phoenix Performing and Visual Arts College Fair, 10/5 at

7:00 p.m. [Website](#)

Christian College Fair, 10/16 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. @ Scottsdale Christian

Academy [Website](#)

Greater Phoenix NACAC College Fair, 10/22 at 11:00 a.m. [Phoenix](#)

[Convention Center](#)

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