

# RHS Senior Bulletin...October 2017

## Helping students become Competitive College & Career Applicants

### Reminders

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- **New website:** [www.washoeschools.net/renohsccc](http://www.washoeschools.net/renohsccc) . Information about Scholarships/Financial Aid, a calendar with up to date college visits, parent info nights, FAFSA sessions...
- **College Club:** most Tuesdays at lunch in the CUBE. October sessions include Early Decision/Early Action Pros/Cons, WUE schools, UNR Application Workshop. See the website for the agenda.
- **Remind101:** Sign up for occasional Remind texts from Mrs. Lerude for updated happenings in The CUBE (college visits, College Club, career panels)
  - o Enter "81010" in your text message "to" field; "@g39f7" in the "message" field.
- **Appointments with students/families:** Email Mrs. Lerude ([slerude@washoeschools.net](mailto:slerude@washoeschools.net)) if you would like to set up an appointment.
- **Applying to UNR?** Apply by 11/15 (allows you early access to class registration and to housing if you pay your deposit).
- **Nevada Bound tours:** Recommended for seniors considering UNR. Register at <http://webservices.unr.edu/targetx/events/calendar/nevada-bound>
- **TMCC/Nevada Promise Scholarship Application Workshop**, 10/19, 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> periods. SIGN UP IN THE CUBE PRIOR!

### Important Dates:

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- **College 101:** September 28<sup>th</sup>, 6pm, location TBD (RHS). Info session for parents of juniors/seniors about the college application and financial aid process and tips as to how to support your student.
- **Been There, Done That!:** October 10<sup>th</sup>, 6pm, location TBD (RHS). Info session for parents of seniors who have a basic understanding of the college application process but have specific questions related to supporting students applying to highly selective colleges, financial aid, etc.
- **ASVAB:** October 17<sup>th</sup>, Career Exploration program (aptitude test) designed for the military but relevant to all students interested in aligning skills/aptitude/interest with careers. MUST sign up prior in CUBE.
- **FAFSA Workshop #1:** October 19<sup>th</sup>, 6pm, Location TBD (RHS). The FAFSA opens October 1<sup>st</sup>. General discussion about the FAFSA then breakout sessions to 1. Fill out the FAFSA (bring 2016 taxes) and 2. discussion on maximizing other types of financial aid (merit aid, CSS Profile, etc).
- **FAFSA Workshop #2:** November 14<sup>th</sup>, 6pm. Location TBD (RHS)
- **College Fair at UNR:** November 5<sup>th</sup>, 12-4pm in the Joe Crowley Student Union

### College/Military Visits to RHS: *visit the [www.washoeschools.net/renohsccc](http://www.washoeschools.net/renohsccc) website under calendar for up to date info*

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- **University of Portland:** October 11<sup>th</sup>, lunch
- **Service Academy Info Session:** October 13<sup>th</sup>, lunch (Senator Amodei's office)
- **TMCC Application Workshop:** October 19<sup>th</sup>, lunch-6<sup>th</sup> period. Sign up in The CUBE. Last chance to apply for Nevada Promise Scholarship.
- **Northwestern University:** October 23<sup>rd</sup>, lunch
- **Evergreen State College:** October 26<sup>th</sup>, lunch
- **Military Branch Visits:** The first week of the month, at lunch, in the dome

## Testing: *Register early!*

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- **SAT/SAT Subject Test Dates** ([www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org)): 11/4 (reg. by 10/5); 12/2 (reg. by 11/2); 3/10 (reg. by 2/9), 5/5 (reg. by 4/6), 6/2 (reg. by 5/9)
- **ACT Test Dates** ([www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org)): 10/28 (reg. by 9/22); 12/9 (register by 11/3); 2/10 (register by 1/12); 4/14 (register by 3/9); 6/9 (register by 5/4)
- **ASVAB**: October 17<sup>th</sup>, 7:40am in the RHS library. ADVANCE SIGN UP REQUIRED in the CUBE.

## Testing News/Resources:

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- **Free online resources**: SAT ([www.sat.collegeboard.org/practice/](http://www.sat.collegeboard.org/practice/)); ACT ([www.actstudent.org/testprep/](http://www.actstudent.org/testprep/))
- **College and Career Center/RHS Library**: Study guides are available in The CUBE & library.
- **ZAPS at RHS: PSAT/SAT**, Sat. 9/30, 9am-3pm; [www.register.doorwaytocollege.com](http://www.register.doorwaytocollege.com), \$89.99
- **For-profit testing companies**: There are plenty of options. Their effectiveness depends upon the student. Come see Mrs. Lerude in The CUBE to discuss.

## What Should College Bound Seniors be Doing?

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- **Request your counselor recommendation online for Common Application schools NOW!** Your counselor will upload your transcript for COMMON APPLICATION schools only!!
- **Official transcripts** for all other schools to be ordered at <https://washoeschoolsnv.scribborder.com/>
- **Letters of recommendation requests**: Many (not all) colleges require a recommendation letter from your counselor and 1-2 teachers. Identify which teacher/teachers (ideally from your junior or senior year) know you the best, have taught you in a core subject, and can speak to how you show up in the classroom. Ask what they need from you to write an effective letter. And, GIVE THEM A MINIMUM OF 2-3 WEEKS! Respect their time.
- **Finalizing your college list**: The goal is to have options. Options are created by a well- balanced, well thought out list of schools. Schedule an appointment with Mrs. Lerude in The CUBE to review your list if you are unsure. There are hundreds of choices.
- **How will you be paying for college?** Have those critical conversations now. Fill out the **NET PRICE CALCULATORS** for the schools that you are applying to. They give you an estimate of your family's EFC (what it is going to cost you to go there).
- **Get good grades!** Your grades matter for scholarships, college entrance and work readiness.
- **Fill out the FAFSA**. It goes live on 10/1/17. <https://fafsa.ed.gov/>
- **Fall Break is a GREAT time to tour schools** and work on college applications!
- **BYU online classes**: Make sure that your counselor knows which class/classes you are taking.

## Scholarships/Financial Aid

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- **RHS General Scholarship** available at [www.washoeschools.net/renohsccc](http://www.washoeschools.net/renohsccc) "Scholarships/Financial Aid/Local Scholarships" Deadline is 12/20/17! One application makes you eligible for many alumni donor scholarships.
- **"Scholarship and Financial Aid"** link on ([www.washoeschools.net/renohsccc](http://www.washoeschools.net/renohsccc)) is the most up-to-date source for LOCAL scholarships. Check the "Scholarship Grid", and fill out a **Scholarship Matching Sheet** in The Cube. It is YOUR job to search and fill out the applications. College Greenlight or Finaid.org are great ways to search for National Scholarships.