



College & Career Bulletin – October 2021



Hello Firebirds and Parents! This year is going by very fast and I am seeing the excitement our students show as we are bringing forth more opportunities for them to get involved with the school! We are starting college application season so we have plenty of events, guest speakers, and college prep items for you/your student! Ms. Schmal and Mr. Eason are open to meeting with you about any college concerns or even figuring out what that next step may be.

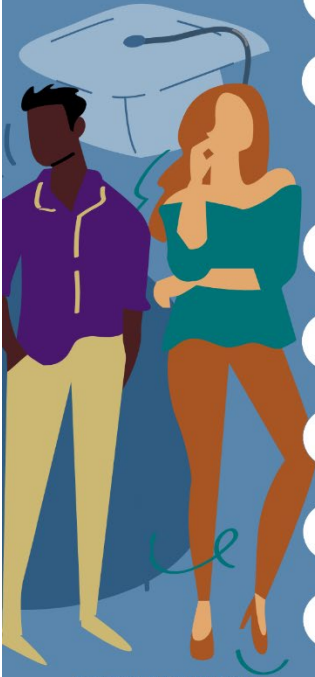
As a reminder, our CGCC college advisor is on our campus two days a week (Monday, Wednesday) so if you or your student have any questions about dual enrollment, pre-college programs (ACE, Hoop of Learning), or anything relating to the community colleges. Meet with Kenneth Creech

A flyer for Kenneth Creech, High School College Advisor. The flyer has a teal background. On the left, there is a QR code and a circular photo of Kenneth Creech, a man with a beard wearing a blue suit and tie. Below the photo is the text "MEET Kenneth" in large white and yellow letters, and "High School College Advisor" in smaller white text. On the right, the text reads "Kenneth Creech" in large white letters, "kenneth.creech@cgc.edu" in smaller white letters, "At Eastmark High School Mondays and Wednesdays" in white, and "Available to help with:" followed by a bulleted list: "Dual Enrollment", "ACE/Hoop of Learning", "Concurrent Enrollment", "Chandler-Gilbert Application", and "FAFSA Questions and more...". At the bottom right, it says "You can schedule a meeting in-person, over the phone, or via Google Meet using the QR code on the left." The Chandler-Gilbert Community College logo is in the bottom left corner.

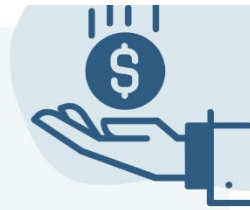
FAFSA Nights - Eastmark High School and Queen Creek High School have partnered alongside Chandler Gilbert Community College to host FAFSA Nights, Information and workshops that will help you navigate the Free Application for Federal Student Aid. It will be helpful to bring your laptop and your 2020 tax/income information. There will be workshops at both Eastmark and Queen Creek High. FAFSA opens October 1st for the Fall '22 cohort. See the flyer above for all the dates and locations. Our October dates are October 19th at QCHS and **October 20th** at EHS

FAFSA NIGHTS

Learn more information about the Free Application for Federal Student Aid and save on college



FOR INQUIRIES, EMAIL US AT
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Information Session

September 21, Eastmark High School
6pm-8pm

September 22, Queen Creek High School
6pm-8pm

FAFSA Workshops (bring a laptop/tablet)

October 19, Queen Creek High School
6pm-8pm

October 20, Eastmark High School
6pm-8pm

November 9, Queen Creek High School
6pm-8pm

November 16, Eastmark High School
6pm-8pm

December 9, Queen Creek High School
6pm-8pm

FAFSA - FAFSA is open for the Fall '22 academic year. FAFSA will be helpful for getting grants, scholarships, work study, and other financial assistance. **Students do need to know their Social Security Number and 2020 tax information to sign up** so please help by letting them know before completing the application. We are implementing our "[FAFSA Made Easier](#)" program. Students should receive an email from "Going Merry" to let them know an account has been set up for them. We know that students/parents in the past have sometimes struggled with the government version of the FAFSA. That's why this year we've partnered with Going Merry to offer you their version of the form, known as: "FAFSA Made Easier."

- This FAFSA Made Easier program is completely FREE for you to use (list EHS).
- This FAFSA Made Easier form replaces the government version. (You do not need to fill it out on the government website, only on Going Merry.)
- Going Merry has strict security protocols, including encryption of all information and safe storage of your personal data. They do NOT sell your data to third parties.

If you have any concerns or questions, please contact us

College Presentations and Lunch and Learns with Employers

Throughout the year, we will have colleges and employers coming to campus to talk to students about their programs, admission requirements, and learning more about career fields. We do ask students to register for these in advance through the link below. These are the scheduled events for the next two months but more is to come. If you as a parent are also interested in giving a presentation about your career or know a great contact that would be good for our students. Contact Mr. Eason at aeason@qcusd.org

Upcoming Presentations:

Federal Bureau of Investigation- October 15th

Arizona State University- October 18th

Queen Creek Vet Clinic- October 18th

ASU Mary Lou Fulton Teachers College- October 21st

Benedictine University Mesa- October 28th

Eastern Arizona College- October 28th

[September/October College and Employer Sign Up](#)

ECAP Conversations

Counselors and college and career advisors will be continuing to talk with all students about where they are in their pursuit of their college and career goals and making sure they are on track for graduation. We encourage you to continue these conversations with your students! Look out for an email with your students' responses to our questions and we ask you to complete the parent form so we know you have seen it.

College Fair

On **October 27th**, Queen Creek High School and Eastmark are partnering to host our College Fair at QCHS from 6:00pm-7:30. This is an opportunity to talk with colleges from across the state and across the country to learn about their programs and ask them any questions you may have about college. We will be sending further messaging about this event as it comes up with the participating colleges.

[Girls Get IT](#) - Friday, November 19, 2021 - Mesa Community College is sponsoring the Girls Get IT 2021. This hands-on experiential workshop will allow High School young women to connect with other IT professionals and learn more about a Career in IT. Students must sign up to attend, please email me at TSchmal@qcusd.org if you would like to attend. There are a limited number of spots available.

ACE/Hoop of Learning- Applications for Chandler Gilbert Community College early college access programs ACE and Hoop of learning are now open.

Achieving a College Education (ACE) allows eligible sophomores to earn up to 24 college credits during junior and senior year on the CGCC camps to get used to the college experience and ease transition. Eligibility and more information can be found at cgc.edu/ace

Hoop of Learning empowers 9-11th grade American Indian students to earn college credits while still in high school earning up to 36 total credits if they start after their freshman year (12 credits per year). More information can be found at cgc.edu/admissions/high-school-students/hoop-learning

Sophomores, find out more and apply online by scanning the QR code below!

ACE

Optimize Your Early College Opportunities

cgc.edu/ace

American Indian Students, find out more and apply online by scanning the QR code below!

HOOP OF LEARNING

Optimize Your Early College Opportunities

cgc.edu/hoop

Scholarships

Going Merry (www.goingmerry.com) - makes scholarship applications as easy as college applications are when you use the Common App! You sign up here: [Going Merry Scholarship Search](#)

Going Merry is completely different from the older scholarship search engines:

- Matching - Once you fill out your profile, you are automatically matched with scholarships you are most eligible for.
- Direct Applications - You can apply directly to multiple scholarships, you never need to leave the site.
- Autofilled Applications - All of the information from your profile is autofilled into each application, saving you time.
- Estimated Application Times - Every scholarship has estimated application time to help you prioritize them.

- Scholarships Grouped By Essay Topics - Scholarships are grouped by common essay topics so you can minimize the number of essays you have to write.

[College Scholarships for Minority Students](#) - 45+ Scholarships for Minority students to fund their dreams!

Seniors - check the Class of 2022 Google classroom for the latest scholarships open to you now such as:

- Flinn Scholarship, a near full ride scholarship with mentoring, additional programming
 - Must have 3.5 GPA unweighted, Top 5% class ranking, Arizona resident for 2 years
- Coca-Cola Scholarship, a \$20,000 achievement based scholarship
 - Must be pursuing a postsecondary education and contribute greatly to the community
- Ayn Rand Essay Scholarship, opportunity to win thousands of dollars in prize money
 - Essay is required

Start searching for scholarships now!

Join the Virtual College & Career Center - Your CCC is now a Google Classroom that you can join! Get the latest on College information, Leadership and Volunteer opportunities, Scholarship information, and everything you need to prepare for after high school! **Class Code is 5mp6msr**

Class of 2022 = lc4idir

Class of 2023 = myqfa4h

Class of 2024 = p2k376w

Class of 2025 = egvly2o

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