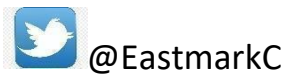




College & Career Bulletin – September 2021



Hello Firebirds and Parents! We are one month in and we are excited that our students are staying busy and doing amazing in their progress academically and in their outside of school ventures! We are approaching college application season so we have plenty of events, guest speakers, and college prep items for you/your student! Ms. Schaml and Mr. Eason are open to meeting with you about any college concern 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, a High School College Advisor at Chandler-Gilbert Community College. 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 white, followed by "kenneth.creech@cgc.edu" in a smaller font. Below that, it says "At Eastmark High School Mondays and Wednesdays". A section titled "Available to help with:" lists several services: Dual Enrollment, ACE/Hoop of Learning, Concurrent Enrollment, Chandler-Gilbert Application, and FAFSA Questions and more... At the bottom, it states "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.

Financial Aid Information and Events- We want to make sure that college stays affordable for our students so this month we have multiple events tailored to helping you understand financial aid applications

HEFAR Financial Aid Presentation- On **September 7th from 6-8pm**, we have the HEFAR Group, a non-profit company dedicated to helping families plan for college and making education more affordable for everyone, coming to our EHS learning stairs to give a financial aid presentation to lower your cost for colleges through scholarships, grants, and more. More about HEFAR can be found at hefar.org. See the below flyer for more information.

You're Invited to...
**Beat the High
Cost of College!**

Find Out How Your Child Can Qualify for More Grants, Scholarships and Financial Aid!

The HEFAR Group is a non-profit company dedicated to helping families plan for college and making education more affordable for everyone. Our college planning specialists offer these services at no cost to your family. Come to financial aid night and learn how you can:

- Navigate the maze of financial aid paperwork
- Lower your EFC to qualify for more financial aid
- Analyze and select the right schools that offer the most money
- Position yourself to qualify for more grants, more scholarships and more financial aid at any school
- Give your child the education they deserve – without breaking the bank

Time: 6pm-8pm

Date: September 7th, 2021

Location: Eastmark High School Learning Stairs



Visit our website at
money4college.org

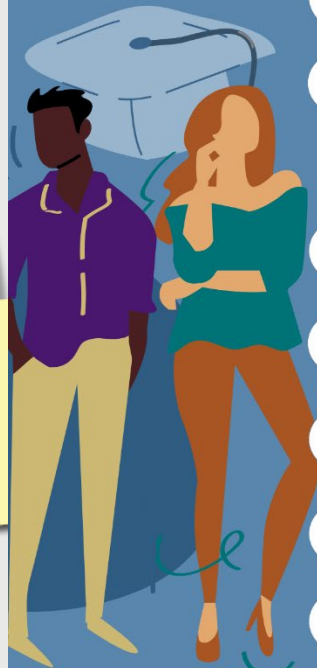


HEFAR.ORG



FAFSA NIGHTS

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



FOR INQUIRIES, EMAIL US AT
TSCHMAL@QCUSD.ORG
AEASON@QCUSD.ORG OR
CPRICE@QCUSD.ORG



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 Nights - Beginning on **September 21st**, 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

FSA ID - In the week of **September 13th**, Ms. Schmal and Mr. Eason will be going into Senior's A Hour class to have them all sign up for their FSA ID. This is necessary to complete that FAFSA and will be helpful for getting grants, scholarships, work study, and other financial assistance. **Students do need to know their Social Security Number to sign up** so please help by letting them know before this week. If you have any concerns or questions, please contact us

Parents also need to have a FSA ID to fill out the FAFSA. Here is a video to help you set it up [How to Create Your FSA ID](#)

PSAT 8/9 and PSAT NMSQT - we will be conducting the PSAT this year again for students who are looking for College in their Post High School plans. The test will be Tuesday, October 26th here on campus.

The **PSAT 8/9** measures what you're learning in school and helps determine if you're on track for high school and beyond.

The **PSAT NMSQT** offers the opportunity to connect to \$300 million in scholarships, Juniors taking the test are eligible for the National Merit Scholarship Program, students will learn their academic strengths and with the Khan Academy partnership, students can create a personalized SAT study plan.

You can register your student for these tests through your parentvue under fees

PSAT 8/9: Costs \$20 PSAT NMSQT Costs \$25

Payment deadline is Oct 15, 2021. Once you pay, your student is signed up for the test. Feel free to contact us or your counselor for additional questions.

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

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

Upcoming University Presentations

*All presentations will take place during "A" hour. Passes and Codes (Virtual presentations) must be requested in **ADVANCE** from Ms. Schmal for you to attend.*

	September 20 9:20-9:50am during A Hour
	September 23 9:20-9:50am during A Hour
	October 14 9:20-9:50am during A Hour
	October 18 9:20-9:50am during A Hour
	October 28 9:20-9:50am during A Hour

ECAP Conversations

This month, counselors and college and career advisors will be talking with all students about where they are in their pursuit of their college and career goals and making sure they are on track for success. 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.

ASVAB Test

On September 22, we will be conducting with the Junior class the ASVAB test (Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery) in our EHS gym. This test measures developed abilities and helps predict future academic and occupational success. Participation does not obligate them to the military in any way but can give a way to explore their career options and make a plan.

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!

Interesting Industry News Articles

[Survey: 7 in 10 College Leaders Say Microcredentials Could Help Enrollment and Revenue](#)

[THE ATTRIBUTES EMPLOYERS SEEK ON STUDENTS' RESUMES](#)

[Financial Aid Checklist](#)

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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