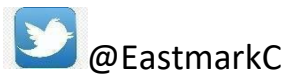




College & Career Bulletin – September 2021



Hello Firebirds and Parents! We are one month in and 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. Schmal and Ms. Manzo 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 Christina Mason cmason@qcusd.org



Meet Ms. Christina Mason
High School College Advisor

- Dual Enrollment
- Concurrent Enrollment
- CGCC Application Workshops
- ACE Program
- Hoop of Learning Program

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Financial Aid Information and Events- We want to make sure that college stays affordable for our students so in October we have multiple events tailored to helping you understand financial aid applications. Students who apply for the FAFSA open up the chance to receive merit scholarships and other financial aid from the college they are attending!

[Be A Leader Foundation](#) - initially began as a scholarship organization with supports for families of Junior High students with the financial resources and mentoring needed to complete their education. Be A Leader has also established multiple partnerships with local school districts, postsecondary institutions, corporations, nonprofits and municipal entities throughout Arizona. Today they provide resources for all students in the areas of "College Going, Financial Aid, and College Applications.

Questions about the FAFSA? - [AskBenji](#) is a first-of-its-kind chatbot, specifically designed to help Arizona students, parents, and educators get quick answers to a wide variety of questions about the FAFSA, the *Free Application for Federal Student Aid* form to apply for financial aid for college.

[The HEFAR Group](#) is a division of STF Wealth Management dedicated to helping families and individuals plan financially for college.

Our mission is lower your out-of-pocket expense and increase your eligibility for financial aid by helping you qualify for all of the grants, scholarships and other aid you are entitled to. In addition, we create a strategy to help you pay for what costs are left uncovered so that paying for college is not such a heavy burden!

The success of our planning services is rooted in the expertise of our team. All of our college planning specialists are highly trained and meet rigorous certification requirements. With us, you can beat the high cost of college by doubling or even tripling your eligibility for financial aid. And the best part is — our service is completely RISK FREE!

[HEFAR Money4College Video Link](#)

Every Eastmark Junior will take the ASVAB on Wednesday, September 28th. It is a valuable career assessment tool which can help identify which career is best for each student. Since the test is an aptitude test, it will also inform test takers what their weaknesses are. Though the test is developed by the Department of Defense, it is not just for those going into the military. It's a great start to finding the perfect career for students by highlighting those skills which students naturally have. Even if you know what field you want to go into after high school, it's still a good idea to know your strengths and weaknesses. Remember: the test isn't about failing or passing; it's about figuring out what things you're already good at so that you can make informed career decisions. The test will help better prepare students for their future.



ASVAB @ Eastmark HS



What is the ASVAB?

Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery

It is a multi-aptitude test - designed to help determine Career Placement.

ASVAB Standard Score

1. General Science (GS)
2. Arithmetic Reasoning (AR)
3. Word Knowledge (WK)
4. Paragraph Comprehension (PC)
5. Mathematics Knowledge (MK)
6. Electronics Information (EI)
7. Auto & Shop Information (AS)
8. Mechanical Comprehension (MC)
9. Assembling Objects (AO)

All Juniors will take the ASVAB September 28nd, 2022

If you have questions, Contact: Tami Schmal, College & Career Advisor
- TSchmal@qcusd.org or 480-474-6950 x5070



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 25th 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 TODA Sept 9th 2022. 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 Ms. Schmal at TSchmal@qcusd.org

[College Speaker Sign-Ups](#)

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.

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

[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 of 2023 = myqfa4h

Class of 2024 = p2k376w

Class of 2025 = egvly2o

Class of 2026 = w2xvhyp

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