

COLLEGE COUNSELING: JUNIORS



Get a head start on college prep at **MUST-ATTEND after-school workshops.**

First Wednesday of the Month | 2:45 – 3:45 PM MPR

- Wednesday, February 1: Explore Majors & Core Values
- Wednesday, March 1: Personal Statement
- Wednesday, May 3: Letters of Recommendation

Upcoming College Fairs

NACAC Virtual College Fairs

Varied Dates | 11 AM – 4 PM Virtual

Drop in on Zoom sessions offered by hundreds of colleges to hear about student life, majors, financial aid, scholarships, and much more. Register online: www.nacacfairs.org/virtual/

- Sunday, February 19
- Sunday, March 19
- Sunday, April 23

Great Hearts College Symposium

Saturday, April 1 | 3 – 6 PM Scottsdale Preparatory Academy

This network-wide event is open to Great Hearts Juniors and their parents; school uniform mandatory for participation. Register today: tinyurl.com/GHJuniors2023

3 PM Optional Personal Statement Workshop

4:30 PM Optional Financial Aid Presentation

4 – 6 PM Meet with College Representatives

RMACAC College Fair

Sunday, April 2 | 12 – 2 PM ASU's Tempe campus

Free and open to the public, RMACAC fairs connect you with colleges and universities in one convenient location. Register online: www.rmacac.org/spring-college-fairs

Next MUST-ATTEND workshop: Wednesday, February 1

Watch for more information on upcoming opportunities to participate in **campus tours** with other juniors and parents in the Great Hearts network:

GH Day at Grand Canyon University | Saturday, April 15

GH Day at ASU's Barrett Honors College | Saturday, April 29

college@northphoenixprep.org | www.northphoenixprep.org/college

STANDARDIZED TESTING

Many schools are test optional for admission purposes. To receive merit-based aid, however, many will request a standardized test on file. Pick the one you favor more and test better!

SAT Testing

Register on Your Own | More information: satsuite.collegeboard.org

The SAT is a three-hour long test with two sections: math and evidence-based reading and writing. The highest possible score is a 1600 (the sum of both sections). Test cost/exam \$60. Register for free test prep with Khan Academy: khanacademy.org/sat

Registration Deadline

February 10, 2023
April 7, 2023
May 4, 2023

Anticipated SAT Testing Dates

February 28, 2023
April 25, 2023
May 23, 2023

ACT Testing

Tuesday, April 4, NPX Gym **AND/OR** Register on Your Own | More information: my.act.org

The ACT contains multiple-choice tests in four areas: English, mathematics, reading and science. ACT's writing test will not affect your composite score. Test cost/exam \$60 (no writing) or \$85 (with writing). Register for free practice tests with Revolution Prep: www.revolutionprep.com/partners/138390/

Registration Deadline

March 10, 2023
May 5, 2023
June 16, 2023

Anticipated ACT Testing Dates

April 15, 2023
June 10, 2023
July 15, 2023

Save the date Tuesday, April 4 for on-campus ACT testing!

CLEP Testing

More information: clep.collegeboard.org

CLEP allows you to demonstrate mastery of college-level material and earn college credit, regardless of where you learned the material. It offers 33 exams in five subject areas, covering material taught in courses that students generally take in their first two years of college. Average cost \$90/exam.

Advanced Placement (AP) Testing

More information: apstudents.collegeboard.org

AP Exams are standardized exams designed to measure how well you've mastered the content and skills of a specific AP course. See below for exams coordinated by Scottsdale Preparatory Academy.

Late Registration by March 10: \$136/exam

- Biology: Wednesday, May 10 at 12pm
- Calculus AB: Monday, May 8 at 8am
- Calculus BC: Monday, May 8 at 8am
- Chemistry: Monday, May 1 at 12pm
- English Literature/Composition: Wednesday, May 3 at 8am
- Latin: Friday, May 12 at 12pm
- Physics 1: Thursday, May 11 at 12pm
- Statistics: Thursday, May 4 at 12pm
- United States History: Friday, May 5 at 8 am

GreatHearts

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11th Grade Students & Parents
Please Join Us For The 15th Annual

College Symposium

Hosted by Scottsdale Preparatory Academy
Saturday, April 1
3:00 pm—6:00 pm

Schedule of Events

3:00 - 4:00 Optional Personal Statement Workshop

4:30 - 5:30 Optional Financial Aid Presentation

4:00 - 6:00 Meet with College Representatives

RSVP Requested:

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Required for participation: School uniform

College Symposium

2023 Participants-

Air Force ROTC	Lawrence University
American University of Paris	Macalester College
Arizona Christian University	Marist College
Arizona State University	Muhlenberg College
Azusa Pacific University Honors College	New Mexico State University
Barrett Honors College	Northern Michigan University
Binghamton University - SUNY	Paradise Valley Community College
California Lutheran University	Regis University
Collegium Sanctorum Angelorum	Saint Louis University
Colorado Mesa University	St. John's College
Colorado School of Mines	The University of Alabama
Conservatory of Recording Arts & Sciences	Thomas Aquinas College
Cornish College of the Arts	University of Advancing Technology
Creighton University	University of Arizona
Davidson College	University of Dallas
Drake University	University of Denver
Elon University	University of Northern Colorado
Fashion Institute of Design & Merchandising	University of Oregon
Franklin & Marshall College	University of Wyoming
Grand Canyon University	Wabash College
Hildegard College	Willamette University
Hillsdale College	Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Justice College	

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**We look forward to seeing you at the
Great Hearts College Symposium!**



Coming to Phoenix



Phoenix

Spring College Fair

Sunday, April 2, 2023

12:00–2:00p MST

ASU Sun Devil Fitness Complex

400 E Apache Blvd., Tempe, AZ 85281

Student registration available at www.StriveFair.com



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Finding the Perfect College

Most students want to find the “perfect” college. The truth is, there’s no such thing. You can find many colleges where you can be happy and get a great education. The college search is about exploring who you are and what you want and then finding colleges that will meet your goals.

BEFORE SEARCHING, CONSIDER THESE **8 FACTORS**

Size	Location
Available majors and classes	Available extracurricular activities
Distance from home	Makeup of the student body
Housing options	Campus atmosphere

Questions to consider:

- Which of these aspects are things you feel you must have to be comfortable at a college?
- On which factors are you flexible?
- What do you want to accomplish in college?
- Do you want to train for a specific job or get a wide-ranging education?
- If you have a major in mind, do the colleges you are considering specialize in that major?

[Bigfuture.collegeboard.org](https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org) is a great option to sort through the many options out there, based on your preferences.

Here are steps you can take to find colleges where you will thrive.

KEEP AN OPEN MIND

Although it’s good to have some ideas in mind about what sorts of colleges will be good for you, stay open to all the possibilities at the beginning of your search.

TALK TO PEOPLE WHO KNOW YOU

Tell family, teachers, relatives, friends, and your school counselor about your goals, and ask if they can suggest colleges that may be a good fit for you.

DON'T LIMIT YOUR SEARCH

At the start of this process, you may rule out colleges because you think that they are too expensive or too hard to get into, but this may not be the reality. Remember that financial aid can make college more affordable, and colleges look at more than just grades and test scores.

DO YOUR HOMEWORK

Once you have a list of schools, it’s time to do some research. To learn more about the colleges you’re considering, check out college guidebooks and websites.

Jot down your questions and get answers by:

- Talking to your school counselor or teachers
- Checking out colleges’ student blogs, if available
- Contacting college admission officials
- Asking admission officials to recommend current students or recent graduates with whom you can have conversations
- Visiting college campuses or viewing virtual college tours, if possible

Campus Visit Checklist

Visiting a college campus helps you get a sense of what a college — and life at that college — is like. This can help you decide whether the college is a good fit for you.

GATHER INFORMATION

Find out what you need to do to apply, and see if the college's class and major offerings are what you want:

- ☐ Take part in a group information session at the admission office.
- ☐ Interview with an admission officer.
- ☐ Pick up financial aid information.
- ☐ Sit in on a class that interests you. If classes aren't in session, just see what the classrooms are like.
- ☐ Meet a professor who teaches a subject that interests you.
- ☐ Talk to students about what they think of their classes and professors.
- ☐ Get the names and business cards of the people you meet so you can contact them later if you have questions.

EXPLORE THE CAMPUS

Get a feel for student life, and see if this college is a place where you will do well:

- ☐ Take a campus tour.
- ☐ Talk to current students about the college and life on campus.
- ☐ Check out the freshman dorms, and stay overnight on campus if possible.
- ☐ Visit the dining hall, fitness center, library, career center, bookstore, and other campus facilities.
- ☐ Talk to the coaches of sports that you may want to play.
- ☐ Walk or drive around the community surrounding the campus.

CHECK OUT CAMPUS MEDIA

Tune in to learn what's happening on campus and what's on students' minds:

- ☐ Listen to the college radio station.
- ☐ Read the student newspaper.
- ☐ Scan bulletin boards to see what daily student life is like.
- ☐ Go to the career center and learn what services it offers.
- ☐ Browse the school's website and any campus blogs.
- ☐ Read other student publications, such as department newsletters, and literary reviews.

GET THE MOST OUT OF A CAMPUS VISIT IN 6 STEPS

1 DECIDE WHERE AND HOW

See if your school arranges group trips to colleges or if you could get a group of friends together and visit the campus. A family trip is another option and allows you to involve your family in the process.

2 PREPARE FOR YOUR VISIT

Before you set out, get a map of the college campus and pick out places of interest. Call the college's admission office to schedule a guided tour of the campus.

3 TAKE YOUR OWN TOUR

Just wandering around the campus on your own or with friends can be the best way to get a feel for what a college is like.

4 EXPLORE THE FACILITIES

Finding the spots on campus where students gather or asking a student where the best place to eat is can give you a feel for the character of the college. Visit the library and check out the gym or theater. Ask an admission officer if you can tour a dorm and a classroom.

5 MAKE CONNECTIONS

Talk to current students. Ask the students at the next table or sitting nearby what they like best about the college.

6 TAKE NOTES

During your visit, write down some notes about your experience. What did you see that excited you? Are there aspects of the college that you don't like? If so, what are they?

Questions to Ask During Your Visit:

ASK TOUR GUIDES/STUDENTS

- What are the best reasons to go to this college?
- What's it like to go from high school to college?
- What do you do in your free time? On the weekends?
- What do you love about this college?
- What do you wish you could change about this college?
- Why did you choose this college?
- What is it like to live here?
- What does the college do to promote student involvement in campus groups, extracurricular activities, or volunteerism?

ASK PROFESSORS

- What are the best reasons to go to this college?
- Can a student be mentored by professors, graduate students, or upperclassmen?
- How are professors rated by the college? Does the college think mentoring and meetings for project guidance are important?
- How does the college help students have access to professors outside class? Do professors join students for lunch, help with community service groups, or guide student organizations?
- How many students do research or other kinds of projects for a semester or more?

ASK FINANCIAL AID OFFICE

- How much has your total college cost for each student risen in the past year?
- How much do your students usually owe in loans when they graduate?
- What is the average income of graduates who had the same major that interests me?
- Will my costs go up when your tuition goes up, or can we use the same tuition rate I started with so I'll know the costs for four years? What should I expect in terms of increases in living expenses?
- How many students usually graduate in the major that interests me? How long do these students usually take to get their degrees? In what ways does the college help students graduate in four years?

Scholarship Resources

Institutional Aid – Students are automatically reviewed for merit-based scholarships when they apply and send official test scores to the institution.

In-State Institutional Aid – Available once you are admitted to the institution.

- Arizona State University: [New American University Scholarship](#) up to \$8,000 per year for four years.
- Northern Arizona University: [Undergraduate Tuition Awards](#) ranges from \$4,000 to full tuition per year for four years.
- University of Arizona: [Wildcat Awards](#) range from \$750 to \$12,500 per year for four years.
- Maricopa Community Colleges: [President's Honors Scholarship](#) (must apply) covers tuition for up to 15 units per semester. Additional [Maricopa Foundation scholarships](#) become available early March.

In-State University Scholarship Search Engines – Typically available once you are admitted to the institution.

- Arizona State University: [ASU Scholarship Portal](#) is available to students once they are admitted to ASU.
- Northern Arizona University: Check out [Departmental Scholarships](#) and [NAU Foundation Scholarships](#).
- University of Arizona: [Scholarship Universe](#) allows students to match to scholarships within and outside the university. Students can set up a profile once they are admitted to the UA.

Scholarships and Scholarship Search Platforms –

- [Barrett Specific Scholarships](#) – Available to prospective and current Barrett students, available starting November 1 each year.
- [Arizona Community Foundation](#) – The ACF allows high school seniors throughout AZ apply for more than 100 scholarships online with one application.
- [Scholly](#) – A mobile app that provides students with a fast and simple way to find scholarships for college.
- [Peerlift](#) – Scholarships, internships, summer programs, and more gathered by students.
- [Fastweb](#) – Create a profile and get connected to scholarships, internships colleges and more.
- [Cappex](#) – Great search engine for college searches and scholarships.
- [Scholarships.com](#) – A free college scholarship search and financial aid information.
- [College Depot](#) – College Depot's mission is to expand access to higher education opportunities for underserved populations in the Phoenix community by offering free, comprehensive re-engagement and college planning services.
- [HS Finder \(Hispanic Scholarship Fund\)](#) – Scholarship information for Latinx students.
- [Thurgood Marshall College Fund](#) – Provides scholarships, programmatic and capacity building support to the 47 public Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs).
- [Asian & Pacific Islander American Scholarship Fund](#) – The nation's largest non-profit organization devoted to providing college scholarships for Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders (AAPI).
- [UNCF](#) – Awards 10,000 students each year through 400 scholarship and internship programs so that students from low- and moderate-income families can afford college tuition, books and room and board.

Additional Scholarship and Financial Aid Resources –

- [StudentAid.gov](#) – Federal aid opportunities (includes the Free Application for Federal Student Aid/FAFSA).
- [CashCourse](#) – Information that helps college students stay financially informed.
- [Scholarship America](#) – Provides information and resources for your scholarship search.

Highly Competitive Scholarships

National Scholarships

Jack Kent Cooke Foundation - The Jack Kent Cooke Foundation College Scholarship Program is an undergraduate scholarship program available to high-achieving high school seniors with financial need who seek to attend and graduate from the nation's best four-year colleges and universities. Selected from a nationwide pool of applicants, up to 40 students will become Jack Kent Cooke Scholars and have access to funding for up to four years for undergraduate studies.

Each award is intended to cover a significant share of the student's educational expenses – including tuition, living expenses, books and required fees. Awards vary by individual, based on the cost of tuition as well as other grants or scholarships he or she may receive.

GE Regan Foundation Scholarship Program - Each year, the Program selects numerous recipients to receive a \$10,000 scholarship renewable for up to an additional three years – up to \$40,000 total per recipient. Awards are for undergraduate study and may be used for education-related expenses, including tuition, fees, books, supplies, room, and board. In addition, Scholars are invited to participate in a special awards program.

Gates Millennium Scholarship - The Gates Millennium Scholars (GMS) program, established in 1999, is a 1.6 billion dollar initiative funded by grant from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. The Goal is to promote academic excellence and to provide an opportunity for outstanding minority students with significant financial need to reach their highest potential.

The Davidson Fellows Scholarship - The Davidson Fellows Scholarship awards \$50,000, \$25,000 and \$10,000 scholarships to extraordinary young people, 18 and under, who have completed a significant piece of work. Application categories are Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics, Literature, Music, Philosophy and Outside the Box. Davidson Fellows are honored every year in Washington, D.C. with Congressional meetings and a special reception.

Coca Cola Scholars Foundation - An achievement-based scholarship awarded to graduating high school seniors each year. Students are recognized for their capacity to lead and serve, and their commitment to making a significant impact on their schools and communities. With the 30th class in 2019, the Foundation has provided over 6,150 Coca-Cola Scholars with more than \$69 million in educational support. 150 Coca-Cola Scholars are selected each year to receive this \$20,000 scholarship.

QuestBridge - Are you a low-income high school senior who has excelled academically, but feels that the nation's best colleges are financially out of reach? The QuestBridge National College Match can be your pathway to a top college. Through this college and scholarship application process, you can apply for free to [the nation's best colleges](#) and be considered for early admission and a full four-year scholarship from the college.

Arizona Specific Scholarships

Flinn Foundation Scholarship - The Flinn Scholarship—valued at more than \$120,000—covers tuition, fees, housing, and meals at one of Arizona's public universities, plus study abroad. Each year, 20 top high-school seniors are chosen to learn from amazing faculty, business leaders, and civic innovators and join a vibrant, eclectic community—including a powerful alumni network.

Dorrance Scholarship - Specifically for low-income, first-generation college students. The Dorrance Family established the Dorrance Scholarship Program in 1999 to provide financial and academic support for Arizona's eligible first-generation college students. The Program awards up to 36 scholarships annually to incoming freshman attending the state's three public universities: Arizona State University (Tempe), Northern Arizona University (Flagstaff), and University of Arizona (Tucson). The scholarship and program value are estimated at more than \$100,000. Scholarships are renewable based on academic achievement and exemplary participation in scholarship program activities.

Baird Scholarship - The Baird Foundation offers four-year scholarships to exceptional students graduating from Arizona high schools every year. This small and elite group of students will join the community of Baird Scholars at the University of Arizona and the Honors College. This prestigious award is specific to the Honors College and the UA. A University of Arizona committee selects approximately 20 finalists for the scholarship.