



# AACT Senior Bulletin

## Fall 2018

### Reminders for the CLASS OF 2019

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- **College and Career Center Website:** <http://aactcareercenter.weebly.com/>
- **Remind:** If you are not receiving the texts from Mrs. Erickson with the latest college/career/senior related info then:
  - Enter "81010" in your text message "to" field; "@ge3dae" in the "message" field.
  - Or visit: <https://www.remind.com>
- **FAFSA, FAFSA, FAFSA!!!:** The FAFSA (<https://fafsa.ed.gov/>) is used by colleges and community colleges to help determine Financial Aid Packages. UNR's financial aid offers are generated on a first-come, first-served basis, and REQUIRE a FAFSA application. Both must be submitted for a student to be considered for aid no later than January 31, 2019. **EARLIER SUBMITALS = MORE \$\$\$**
- **FAFSA, Did you know?** The FAFSA application is required for most scholarships, including merit/academic scholarships, not just financial need aid awards. (<https://fafsa.ed.gov/>). Even if you do not think you will qualify for financial assistance, fill out and submit the FAFSA.
- **Applying to UNR?** Apply now! Want to live in the dorms? Submit your application fee and deposit (\$325) now, Priority Housing closes January 31, 2019 and is on a first-come, first-served basis.
- **Nevada Bound Tours:** Recommended for seniors considering University of Nevada, Reno. Register at <http://webservices.unr.edu/targetx/events/calendar/nevada-bound>

### Important Dates: Calendar at [www.aacttrailblazers.com](http://www.aacttrailblazers.com)

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- **University of Nevada, Reno Application Workshop:** Tuesday, December 11. 4<sup>th</sup> Period at the Compass. ~ At this workshop you can get help with the following: Completing the UNR application and UNR admissions questions answered.
- **University of Nevada, Reno FAFSA / Financial Aid Workshop:** Thursday, December 13. 4<sup>th</sup> Period at the Compass. ~ At this workshop you can get help with the following: completing the FAFSA application (for any college, not just UNR), UNR financial aid and scholarship information. Please have FSA ID before the workshop, it can take up to three days to be processed!

### College/Career/Military Visits to AACT: Calendar at [www.aacttrailblazers.com](http://www.aacttrailblazers.com)

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- **University of Nevada, Reno (Admissions Workshop):** December 11. 4<sup>th</sup> Period @ the Compass
- **University of Nevada, Reno (FAFSA / Fin. Aid Workshop):** December 13. 4<sup>th</sup> Period @ the Compass
- **University of Nevada, Reno (Admissions & FAFSA / Fin. Aid Workshop):** January (check calendar)
- **Truckee Meadows Community College (TMCC):** January (check calendar)
- **Sierra Nevada College (SNC):** January (check calendar)

### Testing Dates: Register early!

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- **SAT / SAT Subject Test Dates ([www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org)):**
  - **March 9, 2019** (register by February 8, 2019 late registration by February 27, 2019)
  - **May 4, 2019** (register by April 5, 2019, late registration by April 24, 2019)
  - **June 1, 2019** (register by May 3, 2019, late registration by May 22, 2019)
- **ACT Test Dates ([www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org)):**

- **February 9, 2019** (register by January 11, 2019, late registration by January 18, 2019)
- **April 13, 2019** (register by March 8, 2019, late registration by March 25, 2019)
- **June 8, 2019** (register by May 3, 2019, late registration by May 20, 2019)
- **July 13, 2019** (register by June 14, 2019, late registration by June 24, 2019)

## Testing News and Resources

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- **FREE Online Resources:** SAT ([www.sat.collegeboard.org/practice](http://www.sat.collegeboard.org/practice)) check out the Khan Academy partnership on the College Board website which allows you to pull your PSAT/SAT test and customize a study plan for FREE; ACT ([www.actstudent.org/testprep](http://www.actstudent.org/testprep))
- **College and Career Center (the Compass):** Study guides are available in the Compass.

## What Should College Bound Seniors be Doing?

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- **FAFSA:** File ASAP (<https://fafsa.ed.gov/>). Requires 2017 tax information -> **SEE PAGE 1!**
- **FSA ID:** An FSA ID (<https://fsaid.ed.gov/npas/index.htm>) is required to begin your FAFSA application. Create a FSA ID for yourself and one parent or legal guardian also needs to create a FSA ID. Create ASAP, it can take up to three days to process. See a helpful tutorial at the bottom of the Career Center's web page, (<https://aactcareercenter.weebly.com>) "How to apply for a FSA ID."
- **Letters of Recommendation Requests:** Colleges often request letters from teachers and/or counselors as part of the application process. Provide teachers/counselors with a resume and plenty of notice. Allow a minimum of 10 school days for your recommender to write a good letter. Many colleges also require secondary forms to be filled out by counselors.
- **Order Transcripts:** Official transcripts can be ordered at <https://washoeschoolsnv.scriborder.com>
- **Finalize your College List:** The goal is to have options. Options are created by a well- balanced list of schools. If you have your heart set on a highly selective school, offset that by applying to other schools that you are more certain you will be accepted to.
- **Get Good Grades!** Now is not the time to slack. Your grades matter for scholarships, college entrance and work readiness. Good grades = merit aid = options! ☺
- **Retake ACT or take SAT Test:** To be placed in the correct Math, ELA and Science classes at the college you are attending. Do not let your ACT test scores from your junior year in high school determine your first-semester courses, this will almost always put you behind academically.

## Scholarships/Financial Aid

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- Looking for money to pay for college? Check out the "**Scholarships**" page at <http://aactcareercenter.weebly.com/scholarships.html> for an updated list of upcoming scholarships. Outside scholarships can help. Be smart and strategic, go local first.

## Scholarship Tips

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- Submit applications at least one week before the due date. Online servers can get overloaded and stop working properly on the last day when large numbers of students are submitting them. Remember to account for delivery time if mailing an application.
- **DEADLINES!** The majority of free money is first-come, first-served. September through January is a great time to review potential scholarships and determine what is due when.
- **NEVER pay to submit a scholarship application.**
- Always spell check and proof-read applications.
- Don't submit anything that isn't asked for and stay under required word counts.
- Photocopy everything before you submit it, in case your application needs to be re-submitted.
- Professionalize your online presence, remove potentially embarrassing content from social media. Use an appropriate email address.

\*For further information, please email Mr. Bingham at [Keith.Bingham@WashoeSchools.net](mailto:Keith.Bingham@WashoeSchools.net) or stop by the Compass during school hours. ☺