

CLASS OF 2020 Seniors

- MEET with the school counselor or Career Center to complete and submit college applications.
- TESTING, check each college for specific admissions requirements.
 - Take or retake SAT, www.collegeboard.org; take or retake ACT, www.ACT.org.
- ADMISSIONS
 - Speak with college, military and technical program representatives through WA-HI Career Center presentations, schedule campus visits.
 - Make final list of colleges or programs. Use www.bigfuture.collegeboard.org for comprehensive college search and comparison.
- SCHOLARSHIPS
 - Create a student profile on www.thewashboard.org, an online scholarship matching tool for WA state students.
 - Check out the Career Center or www.wahibluedevils.org for an updated list of local scholarships.
- APPLYING
 - Complete Personal Statement early. Apply to Walla Walla Community College
 - Be aware of application deadlines. Check out each college, program, or scholarship for deadlines.
 - Create a resume to use for college, scholarships, and job applications.
- PAYING
 - Use the net price calculator at www.collegesavings.org to get an estimate for what you as a family might pay at a particular college.
 - Required FAFSA application opens October 1. Submit online as early as possible.
 - **Look for information about annual FAFSA nights at your school.**

CLASS OF 2021 Juniors

- MEET with the school counselor or the Career Center to:
 - Make sure schedule and grades reflect your aspirations and/or plans for after high school.
 - Start the college search process.
 - Become familiar with individual college entrance requirements.
- TESTING - Sign up and take the PSAT (offered at WA-HI)
- ATTEND fall and spring conferences. Check-in with teachers routinely.
- MAKE grades count!
 - Check SKYWARD regularly to stay current on grades and cumulative GPA.
- ADMISSIONS
 - Speak with college, military and technical program representatives through WA-HI Career Center presentations, campus visits and GEAR UP sponsored trips.
 - Use www.bigfuture.collegeboard.org for comprehensive college search and comparison.

CLASS OF 2022 Sophomore

All Sophomores are GEAR UP students!

- MEET with school counselor and/or GEAR UP Student Achievement Specialist to review college and career options.
- MAKE grades count!
 - Check SKYWARD regularly to stay current on grades and cumulative GPA.
 - Visit the GEAR UP room in A33 for additional help and resources.
- ATTEND fall and spring conferences. Check-in with teachers routinely.
 - VISIT College websites. Use www.bigfuture.collegeboard.org for comprehensive college search and comparison.
- RESEARCH Career interests, to build your career and college interest list.
- GET involved in WA-HI clubs, sports, activities, and events to help identify interest areas and stay engaged in school.
- REVIEW 4-year high school coursework plan and community service hours with your GEAR UP Student Achievement Specialist.
- USE Academic Support available through GEAR UP, including after school homework help, tutoring and one on one mentoring in A33.
- LOOK for upcoming College and Career focused trips hosted by GEAR UP.

CLASS OF 2023 Freshman

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- MAKE grades count!
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- ATTEND fall and spring conferences. Check-in with teachers routinely.
 - VISIT College websites. Use www.bigfuture.collegeboard.org for comprehensive college search and comparison.
- RESEARCH Career interests, to build your career and college interest list.
- GET involved in WA-HI clubs, sports, activities, and events to help identify interest areas and stay engaged in school.
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