

Dear Class of 2024 Students and Families,

Can you believe Senior year has arrived?! The Counseling office is reaching out to inform students and families about upcoming programming and events pertaining to Seniors. Please read through this email thoroughly.

#### **SCHOOL COUNSELOR CLASSROOM VISITS:**

At this point, the School Counselors have facilitated classroom lessons with all Seniors during English classes to review post-secondary planning using Naviance and PA ACT 158 Pathway Requirements for graduation. Within Naviance, students were shown how to research college and career information as well as review their academic standing and how it relates to the application process. Students were also reminded how to sign up for rep visits with colleges, trade schools, and military recruiters that will be visiting Sun Valley this fall. Important information that was shared with students can be found here by clicking this [link](#).

#### **ASVAB TESTING:**

Sun Valley will be administering the ASVAB exam on September 28, 2023 for Seniors interested in pursuing a career in the military as well as any senior who received a letter recommending taking the ASVAB for a potential ACT 158 pathway. [Please sign up using the google form link here](#) if you are interested in taking this exam. Sign-ups will be open until September 25<sup>th</sup>.

#### **FAFSA NIGHT 2023:**

The FAFSA Simplification Act reflects changes in how federal student aid will be awarded to students beginning in the 2024-25 application year and beyond. Please join us for our webinar with Fran McKeown from the Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency (PHEAA) on November 15, 2023 at 6:30 pm to learn more about the upcoming changes when applying for financial aid. A webinar link will be emailed to students and families closer to the event.

#### **COLLEGE AND CAREER FAIRS:**

For those unsure of their plans after graduation, we ask that you please save the date as Sun Valley High School will be hosting a college and career fair on March 20, 2024. Among those invited will be: two and four year colleges, trade schools, local unions, and local employers. Additionally there are also several regional college fairs scheduled this fall. The programs listed below are open to all students and are wonderful opportunities to talk to admission representatives from colleges and universities from around the country and in the case of the NACAC fair, even around the globe.

- The Pennsylvania Association for College Admission Counseling's (PACAC) Delaware County College Fair is at PSU Brandywine on Thursday, September 28 from 6:30 – 8 pm. Students can register and see a list of participating colleges [here](#).
- The National Association for College Admission Counseling's Philadelphia National College Fair is at the Pennsylvania Convention Center on Saturday, October 14 from 11 am to 3 pm. Students can register for the fair and see a list of colleges that will be in attendance [here](#). This will be the largest college fair in the region.

Interested in touring a post-secondary institution? Seniors who wish to take a tour of any post-secondary institution with their parent on a school day should stop down in the Counseling Office to pick up a college visit form. Students are limited to two (excused) visits per year.

**Students-** your school counselor is here to help you with your postsecondary planning. Please stop down to schedule an appointment so we can further assist you in navigating your individualized plan.

**Parents/Guardians-** please stop by and meet your child's school counselor at Back to School Night tonight during your child's scheduled lunch period. We will have a table with information and handouts located outside the cafeteria. We look forward to seeing you!

Sincerely,

The Sun Valley Counselors