

# Senior Night

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COLLEGE ADMISSIONS, SCHOLARSHIPS, FINANCIAL  
AID, AND MORE

# Senior Schedule

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- It is **very important** to focus on the classes you are currently in
- Senior year is *just as important* as all of junior year
- Try to not drop any core classes or levels at semester
- Maintain acceptable behavior throughout senior year

Current Schedule
English (Year 4)
Math (Year 4)
Science (Year 4)
Social Science (Year 3)
Religion (Year 4)
THREE Electives

# 2-Year Colleges

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- TMCC
  - Apply between NOW and April; general education courses fill up
  - Placement test for math and English: ACCUPLACER (on campus, not timed) or ACT/SAT
- If you plan to transfer to UNR/other 4-year school
  - Maintain relationship with academic advisor so you know the classes you take are transferable
  - UNR: must complete at least 24 units; Associate's Degree is automatically accepted as a junior
  - UC/CSU: must complete 60 units of general education

# 4-Year Colleges & Universities

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- In general, apply to at least 5 schools
- Only apply to colleges you would/can attend if accepted
- Review and clean-up your online presence
  - Get a professional email address
  - Clean-up your social media accounts
- Stay organized!
  - Are there specific application requirements?
  - What are the deadlines?
  - Check the admissions website for each school on your list

# Build a Balanced College List

School Type	Description
<b>Highly selective</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Less than 10% of applicants admitted</li></ul>
<b>Reach</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Less than 25% of applicants admitted OR</li><li>• Below average GPA, mid-50% test score range OR</li><li>• Financial reach for family</li></ul>
<b>Realistic</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Fit profile of admitted students</li></ul>
<b>Safety</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• KNOW that you will be admitted</li></ul>

- You don't have to apply to every type of school
- Only apply to schools you want to attend; know why each school is on your list

# Who should apply early?

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- Students who are/have:
  - Strong applications (for the desired school)
  - Satisfied with current grades
  - Satisfied with current test scores
  - Spent time writing and revising essays
  - Requested teacher and counselor recommendations with plenty of notice
  - Sure that s/he would attend the school if accepted ED (not *required* to attend if applying EA)
- Letters of Recommendation Requirements: Counselor and teacher recommendation requests are due a minimum of two weeks prior to the application deadlines.

# Multiple Application Systems

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- Some schools accept: Common App and a school-specific application

**Only submit 1 application per school**

- Make the process easy for you
  - Choose the application system that fits the majority of your schools (we prefer Common App)
- Make the process easy for Manogue
  - Don't request these unless required or recommended:
    - Transcript, Counselor letter, Teacher letter
  - Example: UW & UC do not want this information; don't request this information for these schools

# How to apply?

	Application Opens	Regular Decision Deadline
<b>UNR (Standard freshman)</b> <i>www.unr.edu/admissions</i>	September 15	February 1
<b>UNR (Honors Program)</b> <i>www.unr.edu/honors/admissions</i>	September 15	February 1
<b>University of California</b> <i>admissions.universityofcalifornia.edu/</i>	August 1	November 30
<b>California State University</b> <i>www.calstate.edu/apply</i> (<--NEW!)	August 1	November 30
<b>Common Application</b> <i>www.commonapp.org/</i>	August 1	Varies



# UC: Application

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- One application for all campuses
- Send test scores to one campus (all will receive)
- NO TRANSCRIPTS required for the application; grades are self-reported
  - A final transcript must be submitted in June with your graduation date if you are accepted and decide to enroll
- Essays: Respond to 4 of 8 choices, 350 words each
- NO LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION Required
  - Exception: Berkeley may request 1-2 letters in December

**ONE DEADLINE: November 30**

# Non-Common App: Transcripts

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- Some schools ONLY need a transcript (i.e., no counselor or teacher letters of recommendation)
  - Examples: UNR, Arizona State, Boise State (i.e., most public institutions)
- Option 1: Enter Ms. McClintock's contact information into online form/application
- Option 2: Complete a Transcript Request Form and turn it in to Ms. Michels in the Counseling Office
- Allow at least 48 hours for processing
- UC schools **DO NOT** need a transcript in the fall

# Common App: Teacher Letters

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- Are letters of recommendation required? How many?
  - Two from core teachers and one from your counselor
    - Often required from teachers in CORE academic subjects (English, math, science, social studies, foreign language)
- Typically junior or senior year teachers
- Consider your intended major/best subjects
- Good relationship with teacher

# Common App: Essay

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- Main application: 7 choices (pick 1), 650 words max
- Supplemental questions
  - Know WHY you are applying to every school on your list
- Start this process early and spend time writing/revising

# WUE

- Western Undergraduate Exchange
- Eligible to request a reduced tuition rate 1.5 times the resident tuition rate

Arizona State University	
Resident (in-state) tuition	\$9,684
Non-resident tuition	\$25,784
<b>WUE tuition</b> (in-state x 1.5)	<b>\$14,526</b>

- Search by major and/or state on website
- [www.wiche.edu/wue](http://www.wiche.edu/wue)

## Participating States

Alaska

Arizona

California

Colorado

Hawaii

Idaho

Montana

Nevada

New Mexico

North Dakota

Oregon

South Dakota

Utah

Washington

Wyoming

Commonwealth of the  
Northern Mariana Islands

# WUE Application/Eligibility

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- Eligibility
  - Resident of WUE state (Nevada)
  - Minimum GPA may be required, depending on school
  - ACT/SAT may be required, depending on school
- Apply directly to institution(s) of your choice
- Indicate on application that you are seeking WUE rate (i.e., do not apply as out-of-state student)
- WUE funds are limited: apply early!

# Millennium Scholarship

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- NO APPLICATION
- Eligibility Requirements
  - Citizenship status
  - Graduate with a diploma from a Nevada high school
  - Must finish high school with 3.25 GPA for all coursework OR earn  $\geq 21$  ACT or  $\geq 1070$  SAT
  - Be a Nevada resident for @ least 2 years at Nevada high school
  - Completed the core curriculum

English	4 years
Math (including Algebra II)	4 years
Natural Science	3 years
Social Science & History	3 years

# Where to find scholarships

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- Bishop Manogue website:  
<https://www.bishopmanogue.org/academics/counseling/graduating-senior-scholarships/>
- Nevada Community Fund: [nevadafund.org/receive/](https://nevadafund.org/receive/)
- General website searches: [www.fastweb.com](https://www.fastweb.com)
- RaiseMe: [www.raise.me](https://www.raise.me)
- Check colleges/majors of interest for additional applications and deadlines
- Make a list of all hobbies and organizations → Google



# Financial Aid: Federal Aid

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- Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

<b>Available</b>	October 1
<b>Deadline</b>	Check school website (February 1)
<b>Cost</b>	Free
<b>Website</b>	<i><a href="http://www.fafsa.ed.gov">www.fafsa.ed.gov</a></i>

- Both student and parent need separate FSA IDs (<https://fsaid.ed.gov/>)
- TMCC Workshop On October 5<sup>th</sup> to get assistance filling out eh FAFSA form. RSVP [HERE](#).

# NEVADA ADMISSIONS

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## NEVADA Core Classes

4 Years of English

3 Years of Math (Alg I and Higher)

3 Years of Science

3 Years of Social Science

3.0 Weighted/Unweighted GPA in Core Classes

**Test Waiver: 22 ACT/1120 SAT**

# NEVADA Scholarships



## New Freshmen Scholarship Levels

Unweighted Cumulative GPA (at admission)	Test Score (ACT composite or SAT)															
	ACT	36	35	34	33	32	31	30	29	28	27	26	25	24	23	22
	SAT	1600	1560	1520	1490	1450	1420	1390	1350	1310	1280	1240	1200	1160	1130	1100
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Scores must come from a single exam sitting. Students awarded Nevada Advantage or WUE reduced tuition may only receive the National Merit, Presidential or Departmental scholarships.

**Presidential Level**  
\$8,000

**Nevada Scholars Level**  
\$2,500

**Pack Pride Level**  
\$1,500

# USAC Study Abroad

- 6<sup>TH</sup> Largest Study Abroad Organizations in US
- Become a Global Citizen
- Summer, Semester, YEAR....
- Major qualified
- Study in 28 different countries...
- NEVADA Scholarships
- Millennium Scholarship



# Standardized Tests

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- Register online at
  - ACT: [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org)
  - SAT & SAT Subject Tests: [sat.collegeboard.org](http://sat.collegeboard.org)
- BMCHS school code: 290140
- Request official score reports through testing agency website to go directly to schools
  - Request at test registration or on test day
  - If requested after test day, could take up to 4 weeks for school to receive scores

# End of the Year Notes

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- Student Responsibilities
  - Advocating for yourself (*if you are waitlisted*)
  - Turn in **ALL** acceptance letters and scholarship offers!
  - Send in **ONE** Statement of Intent to Register by May 1
  - Request a final transcript be sent to the college of your choice from Ms. Michels before graduation
  - Follow all timelines and due dates

September 5, 2019



# BMCHS

## COLLEGE & COUNSELING NEWS

### From Your Counselors

*Welcome to the new BMCHS College and Counseling newsletter!*

*This bi-weekly newsletter will be your destination for pertinent information about college prep, programming, scholarships, and counseling information. We hope you enjoy this new resource and look forward to helping our students feel successful and empowered!*

*-BMCHS Counseling Staff*

### Featured Article

#### ***Choosing a College***

Need help deciding which college is best for you? Dr. McBride gives her advice on finding your fit.

[READ MORE](#)

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