

## SENIOR College Planning Information 2021-2022

### Virtual Financial Aid Events

- BHS Financial Aid Night, Tue, Oct 26th @ 7PM via Teams Live. More info on BHS website
- 12<sup>th</sup> Year Campaign Financial Aid Completion Events (<https://wsac.wa.gov/apply>), Sept 29<sup>th</sup>, Oct 13<sup>th</sup>, Oct 27<sup>th</sup>, Nov 10<sup>th</sup>, Nov 17<sup>th</sup>, Dec 1<sup>st</sup> – All events begin @ 5:30 PM, see website to register.

### FAFSA/WASFA

- All Seniors should complete the FAFSA (*Free Application for Federal Student Aid*) or WASFA (*Washington Application for State Financial Aid*) to be eligible for financial aid. A person should complete the WASFA if they are undocumented or do not qualify for federal financial aid because of their immigration status. Everyone else should complete the FAFSA.
- To complete the FAFSA or WASFA online go to: [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov) or for WASFA [www.wsac.wa.gov/wasfa](http://www.wsac.wa.gov/wasfa)
- The FAFSA and WASFA are available starting Oct 1<sup>st</sup> (be sure to fill out the 2022-2023 version)

### Virtual College Fairs (<https://virtualcollegefairs.org/conventions>)

- NACAC Virtual College Fairs (all times listed are Pacific Standard Time)
  - [Northeastern US Fair](#) 9/28 1pm- 5pm, [National College Fair](#) 10/3 10am-3pm, [Midwest College Fair](#) 10/14 2pm-6pm, [National College Fair](#) 10/24 10am-3pm, 11/2 [Arts & STEM College Fair](#) 1pm-5pm & 11/14 [National College Fair](#) 10am-3pm
- Virtual Black College Fair Expo - Friday, October 15th, 2021 2:30 to 4:30pm - Register at [www.ncrfoundation.org](http://www.ncrfoundation.org)

### College Visits at Ballard

- College admissions reps from all over the country will be hosting virtual college visits throughout the fall. To sign up, log onto Naviance, select "What's New," then "More Info" to sign up for visits. Email Counseling Secretary Carol Bristol, [chbristol@seattleschools.org](mailto:chbristol@seattleschools.org) if you have questions. Students may use the Commons as a space to access your virtual visits on your laptop (please bring headphones).

### College Essay Writing Resources

- *The Greater Seattle Bureau of Fearless Ideas* (8414 Greenwood Avenue North, (206) 725-2625) - <https://www.fearlessideas.org>
- The College Essay Guy <https://www.collegeessayguy.com/>
- WWU Essay & Activities Tips <https://admissions.wvu.edu/first-year/essay-and-activities>

### National Portfolio Day – Art and Design Schools

- Sunday, November 14<sup>th</sup> 12pm – 4pm @ Cornish College of the Arts - Register at <https://nationalportfolioday.org/>

### ACT/SAT - Many institutions are now test optional – check with your school to see if they accept / require test scores

- ACT Fall Test Dates ([www.act.org](http://www.act.org)) – October 23, December 11
- SAT Fall Test Dates ([www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org)) – *October 13 at Ballard during the school day*, November 6, December 4
- Do not wait for the deadline to register - testing sites fill up early
- SAT Subject Tests – Be sure to check your college websites to see if they require these additional tests
- If you qualify for free/reduced lunch, please see your counselor for a fee waiver for the ACT or the SAT

### ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- BHS Counseling Center: <https://ballardhs.seattleschools.org/resources/counseling-center/>
- WUE (*Western Undergraduate Exchange Program*) - tuition break for some out of state colleges [www.wiche.edu/wue](http://www.wiche.edu/wue)
- Naviance - online college & career planning tool; access Naviance by logging in to the SPS student portal
- Career Bridge – Go to <https://www.wtb.wa.gov/career-resources/>
- NCAA Eligibility Center – to be academically eligible to participate in Division I or Division II college athletics, you must register with the NCAA Eligibility Center and make sure you have completed the necessary academic requirements [www.eligibilitycenter.org](http://www.eligibilitycenter.org)
- College Search Websites – <https://collegesearch.collegeboard.org/home> [www.ucan-network.org](http://www.ucan-network.org)  
<http://nces.ed.gov/collegenavigator/> [www.knowhowtogo.org](http://www.knowhowtogo.org) [collegescorecard.ed.gov](http://collegescorecard.ed.gov)