<div align="center">**November/December Senior Bulletin**
December 4, 2023</div>

Naviance/Transcripts

Remember, all transcript requests must be made through your Naviance account. You may request your transcript at any time, even if you have not yet submitted your application. If you are applying to a college using the Common Application, you must Match your Naviance account with your Common App account and add the college to your Common App list *before* you request the transcript. If you need any assistance with this process, please see your school counselor. **If you are applying to a school with a deadline between December 15 and January 10, you must make your transcript request by Friday, December 8.**

Note Regarding Test Scores: If you take the SAT or ACT after your transcript has been submitted to a college or university, be sure to have any new test scores sent directly to the colleges through the testing agencies.

AP Exam Fees

AP Exam fees were due on November 1. If you have not yet paid your fees, please do so as soon as possible. All exam fees must be paid to the guidance office.

Subject	Amount
Psychology and US History	$98 per exam
English Lit, English Lang, Biology, Calculus AB/BC, Chemistry, Statistics	$10 per exam

If you are enrolled in the free or reduced lunch program, you need only pay $10 per exam, regardless of the subject. Please see Miss McGuire if you have any questions regarding the fees.

Financial Aid – FAFSA

Every year, a lot of financial aid goes unclaimed because families think they will not qualify to receive need-based aid. Therefore, the Indiana Department of Education is requiring the families of all graduating seniors in the class of 2024 to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Need-based financial aid includes loans, grants, and work-based study. The filing window for FAFSA in Indiana is December 31, 2023 - April 15, 2024. FAFSA is submitted online and is available at https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa. FAFSA requires parent and student tax information from 2022. To complete a FAFSA, you will need a student and a parent FSA ID, one for each. Create these at https://studentaid.gov/fsa-id/create-account/launch. Watch the Video to Create your FSA ID: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iTb7hMVtzco. Once you have your FSA ID's you are ready to complete FAFSA at https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa. It is recommended that FAFSA be completed as early as possible, so students can receive full financial aid consideration and receive award letters from colleges in a timely manner. Below is information regarding local FAFSA completion support.

Wednesday, January 10 | 3:30-6:30 | PFW Walb Classic Ballroom
Register at https://www.pfw.edu/admissions-financial-aid/financia-aid/fafsa

Wednesday, January 17 | 5:30-7:30 | Bishop Dwenger Library
Link to register will be provided later

Thursday, January 18 | 3:30-6:30 | PFW Walb Classic Ballroom
Register at https://www.pfw.edu/admissions-financial-aid/financia-aid/fafsa

Wednesday, February 7 | 3:30-6:30 | PFW Walb Classic Ballroom
Register at https://www.pfw.edu/admissions-financial-aid/financia-aid/fafsa

Tuesday, February 20 | 5:00-6:30 | PFW Walb Classic Ballroom
Register at https://www.pfw.edu/admissions-financial-aid/financia-aid/fafsa

Sunday, February 25 | College Goal Sunday | 2:00-4:00 | Ivy Tech Community College
No registration needed. Spanish speaking volunteers will be available to help.

Financial Aid – CSS Profile

There are several private colleges that require students to complete the CSS Profile, in addition to the FAFSA. The CSS Profile is a more comprehensive form schools often use to determine in-house aid distribution. The form is available at https://student.collegeboard.org/css-financial-aid-profile. CSS Profile costs $25, plus $16 per school.

Scholarships Awarded by Colleges and Universities

Once you've been admitted to a college or university, exhaust all possibilities for scholarships offered through that school. Most schools offer merit scholarships based on your academic record submitted for admission. However, there are also other scholarships offered that may require supplemental applications. Search the financial aid and/or scholarship portions of the school's website for departmental, talent, service, and leadership scholarships for incoming freshmen for which you may be qualified. The scholarships offered by the colleges and universities tend to be generous and renewable for up to four years.

Net Price Calculator

Net Price Calculators (NPC) are available on a college's website to allow you to enter information (financial and/or academic) about yourself to find out what students like you paid to attend that institution in the previous year, after taking grants and scholarship aid into account. If you have an account with the College Board (SAT), you may also use http://studentnpc.collegeboard.org/. The purpose of the NPC is to provide students with an advanced idea of what the bottom-line cost of attendance to a specific college may be.

Scholarship Opportunities

The following scholarships are available through the guidance department. A website will be listed for online applications. If no web address is listed, paper applications are available in the guidance department.

Scholarship Name: Indiana State University Gongaware Scholarship
Criteria: Plan to attend Indiana State University to major in business
Amount: Full tuition, a laptop computer, and $3,000 stipend to be used for professional development (study abroad)
Deadline: must apply to ISU by December 1. For information on this and all other ISU scholarships for incoming freshmen, visit https://www.indstate.edu/scholarships/freshman/gongaware. The Gongaware deadline is December 15.

Scholarship Name: Indiana State University President's Scholarship
Criteria: Must have a GPA of at least 3.8 or higher AND an SAT score of 1270 (EBRW + Math) OR an ACT composite of 27. Special achievements, leadership potential, and community service are also taken into consideration.
Amount: Full in-state tuition and standard housing for up to four years
Deadline: information is available at https://www2.indstate.edu/scholarships/freshman/president.htm.   Students must be admitted to the university by December 1; scholarship application is due by December 15.

Scholarship Name: Burger King Scholars
Criteria: Must have a 2.5 GPA
Amount: $1,000
Deadline: Apply online at https://www.scholarshipamerica.org/burgerkingscholars/ by December 15.

Scholarship Name: GE-Reagan Foundation Scholarship
Criteria: 3.0 GPA; demonstrate financial need; demonstrate leadership, drive, integrity, and citizenship
Amount: $10,000
Deadline: apply online at http://www.reaganfoundation.org/ge-rfscholarships.aspx by January 4.

Scholarship Name: INACAC Scholarship
Criteria: Plan to attend a college or university in Indiana
Amount: $500-1000
Deadline: The application is available at https://inacac.org/scholar and is due on January 8.

Scholarship Name: Mensa Education and Research Foundation Scholarships
Criteria: Essays are required and are the focal point of the application. Numerous scholarships are available.
Amount: Varies
Deadline: apply online at https://www.mensafoundation.org/what-we-do/scholarships/us-scholarships/ by January 15.

Scholarship Name: Washington Crossing Foundation (WCF) Scholarship
Criteria: Competition is open to all high school seniors who are U. S. citizens and are planning careers of service to the United States in local, state, or federal government
Amount: $500-5,000
Deadline: the application is available at https://www.gwcf.org/scholarship and is due by January 15.

Scholarship Name: Next Generation Hoosier Educators Scholarship
Criteria: Must plan to pursue a degree to become a teacher at an Indiana college and plan to teach in the state of Indiana following graduation. Must currently have one of the following: 3.5 GPA **OR** 26 ACT **OR** 1130 SAT.
Amount: up to $7,500, renewable for up to four years
Deadline: Instructions for the application process are available at http://www.in.gov/che/4680.htm. You are required to create a Full Account with Scholar Track. If you are a 21st Century Scholar, you will use your current Scholar Track account, but you must change it to a Full Account. The application is due by January 31, 2024.

Scholarship Name: Lawrence A. Ackerman Scholarship
Criteria: Must plan to pursue an education and career in the stewardship of animals.
Amount: $2,000
Deadline: To download the paper application, visit https://kidszoo.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/12/ackerman.pdf. The application must be submitted by February 1.

Scholarship Name: Lutheran Foundation Health Professions and Nursing Scholarship
Criteria: Must have a 2.8 GPA and plan to attend an area college/university to pursue a degree in nursing or other healthcare related field. The list of participating colleges is on the website.
Amount: Varies by recipient
Deadline: The application is available at https://thelutheranfoundation.org/investing/scholarships and is due by noon on February 1.

Scholarship Name: Purdue University Departmental Scholarships
Criteria: Plan to attend Purdue University in the College of Education, College of Health and Human Science, College of Liberal Arts, or Polytechnic Institute.
Deadline: Must apply to Purdue by November 1 and submit departmental scholarship by February 15, 2024. For more information, visit https://www.purdue.edu/dfa/apply/purdueaid/.

Scholarship Name: Marian University Diocesan Employee Family Grant
Criteria: Must be the dependent of an employee who works full-time for the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, including parishes, schools, and social service agencies.
Amount: Up to half-tuition for four years
Deadline: Information is available at http://www.marian.edu/Admissions/financial-aid/grants/diocesan-employee-family-grant.

Scholarship Name: PHP (Physicians Health Plan) Scholarship
Criteria: Plan to pursue a career in a healthcare related field and have a least a 3.0 GPA; 1000-word essay required
Amount: $1,000 - $3,000
Deadline: The paper application is available at https://public.powerdms.com/PHPNI/documents/1717019 and must be postmarked by February 23.

Scholarship Name: Cardinal Newman Society Scholarship
Criteria: Use the Newman Guide in your college search and plan to attend one of the recommended institutions in the Newman Guide. Recommended institutions include Ave Maria University, Christendom College, and Franciscan University of Steubenville
Deadline: The application is due on February 24 and is available at https://cardinalnewmansociety.org/the-newman-guide/essay-scholarship-contest/.

Scholarship Name: Questa Scholars - Loan Forgiveness -**If you have to borrow money, this is the way to do it!**
Criteria: Must have a 2.75 GPA if you plan to attend a 4-year college or a 2.5 GPA if you plan to attend a 2-year college. Must plan to attend a college in Indiana.
Amount: up to $5,000 may be borrowed per year ($20,000 maximum); 50% of the loan will be forgiven if the student maintains a 2.75 college GPA and lives in Northeast Indiana after college graduation for five years. Students who attend Anderson University, Grace College, Huntington University, Ivy Tech, Manchester University, University of St. Francis, Indiana Tech, Indiana Wesleyan University, Taylor University, Trine University, and Purdue University Fort Wayne will have another 25% of the loan forgiven. This is a great local program, and all qualified students are encouraged to apply.
Deadline: Student must complete FAFSA before submitting this application. The application is available at https://www.questafoundation.org/traditional-scholars-program and is due by March 15.

ONLINE SCHOLARSHIP SEARCHES
Do not limit your scholarship search to those publicized in the Senior Bulletins. There are countless websites to help you search for scholarships. The scholarship search process is yearlong and ongoing. The sooner you start, the better.
1. Check each potential college's website for scholarship opportunities for incoming freshmen.
2. Naviance has scholarship search features under the Scholarships and Money heading under the Colleges tab.
3. A few recommended websites for general scholarship searches are:
     www.commonapp.org
     www.fastweb.com
     www.collegeboard.org Big Future
     www.college-scholarships.com
     www.cappex.com
     www.scholarships.com
     https://learnmoreindiana.org/cost/
     finaid.org

Please note, you should never pay for a scholarship search nor to apply for a scholarship.

Testing
The testing season for seniors is winding down. Seniors who need to take a standardized test for the first or second time should register now. The ACT is administered at local high schools. The cost for the ACT is $68. Registration is available online at www.actstudent.org. *Test fee waivers are available in the guidance office for students who are enrolled in the free/reduced lunch program and for students who are 21st Century Scholars. See your school counselor for a waiver.* Even if your immediate plans after high school do not include college, it is a good idea to take a standardized test while still in high school. These scores are usually good for up to five years after graduation.

School Code: 151082

Test Date	Registration Deadline
ACT	
February 10	January 5