

DECEMBER NEWSLETTER

Final Exam Schedule

December 18, 2024

Final Exam Schedule Day #1

Period 1

7:20 a.m. – 8:45 a.m.

Period 2

8:50 a.m. – 10:20 a.m.

December 19, 2024

Final Exam Schedule Day #2

Period 3/4

7:20 a.m. – 8:45 a.m.

Period 5

8:50 a.m. – 10:20 a.m.

College Workshops

Vito's College Workshops will be in the **CHS Library** from **3:00 - 6:00 pm.**

January 13, 2025
March 3, 2025
April 7, 2025

Winter Break

Winter Break is from December 20 - January 3.

We return to school **January 6!**

You will be in **NEW** classes.

Check your schedule on StudentVue before returning to school in January.

WEST MEC

West MEC Applications are due to your counselor on **December 13, 2024.**

MET

MET applications are due to your counselor on **December 6, 2024.**

Testing Tips

7 Best Strategies for Test Prep

1. Cultivate good study habits
2. Don't "cram"
3. Gather materials the night before
4. Get a good night's sleep!
5. Eat a healthy breakfast
6. Arrive early
7. Develop positive rituals, such as breathing exercises



7 Bests Test-Taking Tips for Success

Listen to the Instructions

Read the Entire Test

Do a "Brain Dump"

Answer the Questions You Know First!

Answer the Questions You Know Skipped

Be Sure the Test is Complete

Check Your Work

Ways to Cope with Test-Taking Anxiety

1. Prepare the night before by getting enough sleep and eating a healthy meal.
2. Use relaxation techniques (breathing, changing seating positions), and take a quick break to clear your mind.
3. Stay present by focusing on the question you're currently working on and avoid thinking about other content.
4. Use positive self-talk and remind yourself that you're doing your best!
5. Don't panic! If you're not done when other students finish, don't worry. There's no benefit to finishing first.



Upcoming Events

THE FAFSA FORM IS OPEN!

Dec 3: FAFSA Workshop

Dec 10: FAFSA Workshop

Dec 17: FAFSA Workshop

Dec 18 – 19: Final Exams

Dec 20: No School

Dec 23 – Jan 3: Winter Break

FAFSA

Free Application For Student Aid

FAFSA WORKSHOPS

FAFSA advisors will be available to help you and your family create an FSA ID and apply for the FAFSA. Scan the QR code to make an appointment or just walk in!

Dates?

December 3
December 10
December 17

Time?

2:30 - 5:00 pm

Location?

CHS Library

THE FAFSA FORM IS OPEN!

Complete the **2025-2026** Application whether you are attending university, community college, or trade/technical school.

FSA ID Pro Tip

- You and your parents need to enter the same information when creating an FSA ID

For example:

✗ 123 West Elm Street
123 W Elm St

✓ 123 W Elm Street
123 W Elm Street

Need FAFSA help?

Text "Hi Benji" to 602-786-8171

Click this [link](#) to visit the Arizona Board of Regents for additional FAFSA help.

More pro-tips via [StudentAid.gov](#)

[Parent Wizard](#) to determine which parent should contribute to the student's FAFSA.



Black, Brown, and
COLLEGE BOUND

*Early College Awareness and
Planning Tools*

presented by Phoenix AKARAMA Foundation in partnership with
Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated® Delta Beta Omega
Chapter and Arizona State University

Thursday, February 20, 2025

 *Arizona State University West Campus
4701 W. Thunderbird Rd., Glendale*

Learn about the college admission
process, pathways to transfer,
hear from current students and
parents about their experiences
navigating the journey to college.

**FREE
BOOTCAMP**
for 8th grade, high
school, & community
college students

Workshops, Resource Fair, Panel
Discussions and more!
open to students and parents

Registration opens in late December

 phxakarama.org/bbcb

Northern Arizona University **CULTURAL AND ACADEMIC RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

*Recruiting High School Students
for the Spring*

Workshops will be held in-person and virtually from 5-8pm

- February 5, 2025
- March 5, 2025
- April 9, 2025
- May 7, 2025

Participants will receive:

- Up to a \$500 stipend
- Priority enrollment for summer research

The deadline to apply is January 1, 2025

Socio-economically challenged and underrepresented students highly encouraged to apply!
(BIPOC, differently abled, first-generation, etc.)



Visit this [link](#) for more information or scan the QR code to apply.

SCHOLARSHIP UNIVERSE

ScholarshipUniverse can help admitted ASU, NAU, and UA students find and apply for scholarships that match with their unique profile. This platform can connect them with numerous scholarship opportunities within the university and their partners. Once a student is admitted and has activated their ASU, NAU, or UA User ID, they can start using ScholarshipUniverse right away.

Benefits of using ScholarshipUniverse:

- **Personalized matching:** By providing information about their academic achievements, interests and background, students will receive personalized scholarship recommendations based on their eligibility.
- **Comprehensive database:** Students can access a wide variety of scholarships from various sources, including those offered by ASU, NAU, or UA and external organizations.
- **User-friendly app:** Students can easily apply for multiple scholarships at once, saving time and effort.

Most scholarships have deadlines! Act now on opportunities and be organized with your time.

Below are links to ScholarshipUniverse portals by school:

[Arizona State University](#)

[Northern Arizona University](#)

[The University of Arizona](#)

SCHOLARSHIPS

Calvin Coolidge Presidential Fund Inc.

Current High School Juniors can apply to the 2024-2025 Coolidge Scholarship.

The Coolidge Scholarship is a **full-ride, four year, merit** scholarship that can be used at *any accredited college or university* in the United States.

Any high school **Junior** who plans to enroll and is an American citizen or legal permanent resident is eligible to apply.

Deadline:

Wednesday

December 11, 2024

5:00pm (pacific time)

A complete description of the scholarship's criteria, along with the online application and more information, is available at coolidgescholars.org.

Mission 228

Mission228's goal is to provide an annual scholarship to a student who plans to attend **nursing school** or has chosen to advance their education in the field of nursing by returning to school. The \$10,000 scholarship is a way of giving back to all of those amazing nurses that helped Linkyn Reischl in her short but impactful life.

Eligibility

- Must be an Arizona resident
- Must be in good academic standing
- Must be a prospective Nursing student

For information on how to apply, visit

Mission228.com.

Application deadline:

January 31, 2025

Notification of Award:

February 28, 2025

Announcement of Award: February 28, 2025

SCHOLARSHIPS

College Depot

College Depot is an extremely useful tool that can help you with:

- FAFSA
- College Applications
- Scholarships

You can search for scholarships [here](#).

Taco Bell Live Mas Scholarship

How to enter:

Submit a video (2 minutes or less) that answers the following:

- What is your passion and how are you currently pursuing it or planning to pursue it?
- How do you plan to use your passion to make your community, country, and/or world, etc. a better place?
- What is your education plan and how will it help you pursue your passion and create a positive impact?

For eligibility and more information, visit this [link](#).

GE-Reagan Foundation

Earn a \$10,000 (renewable, up to \$40,000 total) scholarship for tuition, school fees, books, supplies, and on-campus room and board.

Eligibility:

- Strong academic performance (3.0 GPA or higher)
- Current US citizen
- Current high school senior
- Enroll in a full-time undergraduate program

Visit this [link](#) to get started!

Skill Pointe Foundation

Skill Pointe Foundation offers several scholarships for students.

Click the [link](#) to start your scholarship search.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Dorrance Scholarship

The Dorrance Scholarship Program provides academic and financial support to Arizona's first-generation college students.

The program funds up to 60 awards annually for incoming freshman attending ASU Tempe, NAU, and U of A.

The award includes \$12,000 per year for 4 years, a semester abroad, academic support, and other enrichment opportunities.

Register for virtual information session below:

- [Thursday December 9 @ 11 am](#)

There are also virtual information sessions for students. You can register for the events below:

- [Monday, December 9 @ 5 pm](#)

If you are interested in more information, click [here](#)!

McDonald's HACER Scholarship

The McDonald's HACER National Scholarship Program offers scholarships to up to 30 outstanding students from all over the country.

There are 3 tiers of funds:

- Tier 1 recipients are awarded up to \$100,000
- Tier 2 recipients are awarded \$20,000 or \$10,000
- Tier 3 recipients are awarded \$5,000

Recipients are selected based on

- academic achievement
- community involvement
- personal statement
- financial need.

The deadline to submit your application is February 6, 2025.

For more information on eligibility and requirements and to apply to the scholarship, click [here](#).

SCHOLARSHIPS

Citizens Scholarship

Citizens wants to honor the dedication of students and families pursuing higher learning!

Fill out the registration form [here](#) to be entered for a chance to win a Grand Prize of \$15,000 to use towards school expenses and one of the \$2,500 monthly prizes for use towards school expenses.

Additionally, each quarter a student who meets the required criteria for the Citizens Building the Workforce of the Future Scholarship will be eligible to win a \$2,500 quarterly prize for use towards school expenses

Amazon Future Engineer Scholarship

The Amazon Future Engineer program will award 400 students up to \$40,000 each toward college expenses, paired with opportunities to intern at Amazon.

Deadline: December 19, 2024

Click [here](#) for more details.

Asian & Pacific Islander American Scholarship Fund

APIA Scholars offers a range of scholarships to support Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander (AANHPI) students who are underserved, with a focus on those who are living at or below poverty level, who are first-generation college students

Deadline: January 15, 2025

Click [here](#) for more details.

Mensa Foundation Scholarship

Applicants write an essay of not more than 550 words explaining their career, academic and/or vocational goals and how they plan to achieve those goals.

The Mensa Scholarship Program includes one or more scholarships of \$2,000.

Deadline: January 15, 2025

Click [here](#) for more details.



PEORIA EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS

The Peoria Education Foundation is committed to assisting learners at all levels of their education. Scholarship programs have been established to enable students to continue their post-secondary education. Scholarships are awarded to recognize outstanding accomplishments as well as to provide encouragement and incentives as students continue to work toward meeting their educational goals.

Each spring, the Foundation Board celebrates the scholarship recipients at an awards reception.

Scholarships are due on Friday, Dec. 13.

The following Foundation scholarships are available for students to apply:

- Against All Odds Scholarships
- Community Service Scholarships
- Joseph McCord Memorial Scholarships
- Dr. Santarelli Leadership Scholarship
- Project Unify Scholarship
- Peoria Future Farmers of America (FFA) Baskett Scholarship

A complete list of these scholarships and their descriptions can be found **[here](#)**.

More information about each scholarship is on the next page.



PEORIA EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS

Against All Odds Scholarships are awarded to high school seniors who have overcome significant adversity to complete their high school coursework and plan to continue with post-secondary education. These remarkable young men and women face health issues, language barriers, adult responsibilities, family tragedies, and/or financial hardship with courage and fortitude.

Community Service Scholarships are awarded to select high school seniors who have demonstrated academic excellence and a strong commitment to the community in which they live. Each of the winners contributed over 60 hours of community service and plans to attend a community college or career and technical education school.

Joseph McCord Memorial Scholarships are given to deserving seniors who share Mr. McCord's passion for history, politics and giving back to the community. Mr. Joseph McCord, who served on the Peoria Unified School District Governing Board, had an affinity for history and a strong commitment to community service. His wife, Mary Lynn, and the Peoria Education Foundation established this scholarship in his honor and Mrs. McCord reviews the scholarship applicants each year.

Dr. Santarelli Leadership Scholarship is in honor of Peoria Unified's former superintendent. Dr. Santarelli served the Peoria Unified School District for 35 years as a teacher, assistant principal, principal, K-12 administrator, assistant superintendent, deputy superintendent and superintendent. He is well-known for his contributions to school improvement and is recognized across Arizona for his leadership and mentorship. This scholarship is intended for graduates who have demonstrated excellence in leadership throughout their high school career. Dr. Santarelli reviews the scholarship applicants each year.

Project Unify Scholarship is intended for Peoria Unified seniors who participated in Unified Sports activities for at least one year during school. Special consideration is given to students who plan to work with individuals with disabilities, or who plan to serve as a future educator, social worker, or other related services.

Peoria Future Farmers of America (FFA) Baskett Scholarship is intended for Peoria Unified seniors who have participated in FFA a minimum of two semesters during their high school career.

SENIORS

If you are attending **ASU** next year and qualify for financial assistance, please check your email and look for one of these programs:

Group I: President Barack Obama Scholars Program eligibility:

- Students must have had a completed application for admission on file by Jan. 15, 2025.
- We currently know which of your admitted students are academically eligible for the program, and these are the students who are selected to receive the letter.
- Students in this group will receive both email and print communications explaining that they meet the academic eligibility requirements. The financial eligibility requirements are listed in addition to the other financial aid commitments as part of this program. The communications will also review that if the student does not meet the financial eligibility for the Obama Scholars program, they likely will qualify for the Arizona Promise Program and what to expect with their financial aid package.

Group II: Arizona Promise eligibility notification

- We currently know the students at your school who have been admitted to ASU, but do not meet the Obama Scholars Program academic eligibility criteria.
- Students in this group will receive both email and print communications explaining that they likely meet the eligibility requirements for tuition and fee coverage through the Arizona Promise Program.

Make sure you are meeting with your counselor for:

- ✓ College applications
- ✓ Scholarship help
- ✓ Updating your SchoolLinks

ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

Seniors, remember **attendance matters!** You need to come to school and pass your class in order to receive credit.

There are only a few more months left of the school year, you can do it!