

# SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER

## LET'S TALK APPRENTICESHIPS

### What is an apprenticeship?

An apprenticeship is more than a job, it's a career opportunity. Graduates who complete their apprenticeship training will receive a nationally recognized completion certificate, which is considered equivalent to a four-year degree. Apprentices earn a salary while they learn their craft, and the training combines on-the-job experience with classroom instruction.

Click [here](#) for more information.



### Length of apprenticeships:

Apprenticeships can last from one to six years, but most average between three to four years.

### Industries offering apprenticeships:

- Healthcare
- Construction
- Information technology
- Cybersecurity
- Business services

### Benefits of apprenticeships:

- Earn a paycheck
- Complete on the job training
- Receive an education
- Obtain national industry certification

Scan the QR code to find an apprenticeship that interests you!

# TEACHER OF THE MONTH

If a teacher has made a positive impact in your life

- through their teaching
  - their dedication
  - they inspire you to learn
  - they go above and beyond for you
- please recognize them by nominating them for Teacher of the Month.

The form opens on Monday, **September 9** and will close on **Friday September 13**.



## JUNIORS ECAP SCHEDULE

### PRESENTATION

Monday, 9/9  
1st-5th Period  
Room 225

### MAKEUP DAY

Tuesday, 9/10  
2nd Period  
Room 225

### ROTATION

Monday - Friday  
9/16 - 9/20  
1st - 5th Period  
ECAP Meeting

## BECOME A STUDENT WORKER

Looking for a little extra cash and a free meal???

**Come work in your school cafeteria before school and during lunchtime!**

It's a fun and fast way to earn a little spending money and a delicious free lunch daily. Plus, you'll still have time to eat with your friends! You must be 15 1/2 to be considered.

Come see your cafeteria manager for more info or scan the QR Code and apply under **STUDENT WORKER!**



# ASVAB

The ASVAB measures a student's ability in a really wide variety of areas. High scores in various sections of the ASVAB might suggest potential career paths that would be a good fit for you.

**Who:** Sophomores, Juniors, Seniors

**Where:** Room 225

**When:** November 14, 7:30 am

If you plan on joining the military, you must take this test.

Scan the QR to register for the ASVAB.



# PSAT

**Who:** Sophomores and Juniors

**What:** Tests your skills in reading, writing, and math. This is a practice test for SAT.

**Cost:** \$18

**Where:** Room 225

**When:** Deadline is Sept 12

Payment due to the bookstore  
Oct 15

**Test day:** Oct 29

Scan the  
QR to register!



## SENIOR REMINDERS

★ ORDER CAP AND  
GOWN BY DECEMBER

★ EXPLORE COLLEGE  
OPTIONS AND  
RESEARCH  
SCHOLARSHIPS

★ UPDATE SCHOOLINKS  
REGULARLY

★ COMPLETE  
SCHOOLINKS BRAG  
SHEET FOR LETTERS  
OF RECOMMENDATION



# IMPORTANT EVENTS

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NO SCHOOL - LABOR DAY  
**SEPTEMBER 2**



COLLEGE WORKSHOP CONSORTIUM @ CACTUS  
**SEPTEMBER 5 - 2ND PERIOD (JUNIORS AND SENIORS)**



UNLV REGISTRATION WORKSHOP - SENIORS ONLY  
**SEPTEMBER 5**



GCU REGISTRATION WORKSHOP  
**SEPTEMBER 12**



PSAT SIGN UP DEADLINE  
**SEPTEMBER 12**



PUSD COLLEGE FAIR SYMPOSIUM @ ASU WEST  
**SEPTEMBER 18**



NAU REGISTRATION WORKSHOP  
**SEPTEMBER 23**



HUNTINGTON UNIVERSITY REGISTRATION WORKSHOP  
**SEPTEMBER 24**



UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA REGISTRATION WORKSHOP  
**SEPTEMBER 26**

# Event Spotlight

## PUSD College Fair Symposium

The West Valley College Fair hosted by Peoria Unified and the AZ Tri-Universities will be held **September 18, 2024** at **ASU West!**

### College Fair 2024 Schedule

**6:00 - 7:30 pm** - ASU West, Ballroom - College Fair/Table visits with 80+ colleges and universities!

- Open visits: Come talk with College reps from multiple in-state and out-of-state universities. Open from 6:00 - 7:30 pm.
- Be prepared! See the list of questions you may want to ask by scanning the QR code below or clicking on the link [here](#).



For more information, click [here](#).

# Scholarship Spotlight

## ELKS

### ELKS MVS SCHOLARSHIP

Eligibility: High School Senior and United States Citizen.

Application opens **August 1, 2024**.

Application deadline **November 12, 2024**.

500 Four-Year Awards

- 20 awards worth \$30,000
- 480 awards worth \$4,000

Scan the QR code to apply!



Applicants must select from a list of Lodges closest to their home address zip code.

Please choose **Sun City Elks Lodge #2559** as your sponsoring Lodge.

### ELKS LEGACY AWARDS

Eligibility: College-bound high school seniors who are the children or grandchildren of dues-paying Elks are welcome to apply.

Application opens **September 1, 2024**.

Application deadline **February 3, 2025**.

- 350 awards worth \$4,000

Scan the QR code to apply!



# SCHOLARSHIPS

## QUESTBRIDGE

Connects high-achieving connects high-achieving students from low-income backgrounds with a thriving community and transformative educational, career, and life opportunities that help propel them to lives of fulfillment, meaning, and purpose



## DORRANCE

Need-based scholarship for students who plan on attending ASU (Tempe), NAU, or U of A.

- Provides \$12,000 per year for 4 years, valued at over \$100,000
- Must be an Arizona resident
- Will be first-generation college student
- Minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0
- Minimum of 22 ACT or 1110 SAT
- Agree to live on campus freshman and sophomore year



## FLINN

Opens September 12  
Deadline is October 21, 5pm

A value of more than \$135,000 - covers tuition, fees, housing, and meals at one of Arizona's public universities, plus study abroad.



## COCA-COLA

Applications are open now!  
Deadline is September 30, 5pm

- Achievement based scholarship that awards \$20,000 to 150 recipients
- Current high school seniors
- Planning to pursue a degree at an accredited U.S. college or university
- U.S. citizens
- Minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0





# MORE SCHOLARSHIPS



Some of these scholarships are open now, some are still currently closed. It doesn't hurt to do a little research!

Click on each scholarship to find out more information.

[US Bank Scholarship](#)

[Veterans of Foreign Wars](#)

[The Capital Family & Divorce Law Group](#)

[Citizens Scholarship](#)

[Phoenix Chinese Week](#)

[GE - Reagan Foundation Scholarship Program](#)

[Ron Brown Scholar Program](#)

[Live Mas Scholarship](#)

[Mensa Foundation Scholarship](#)

[Asian & Pacific Islander American Scholarship Fund](#)

[Amazon Future Engineer Scholarship](#)

[Union Plus Scholarship Program](#)

[Daughter of the American Revolution](#)

[Arizona CPA Foundation for Education and Innovation](#)

[American Legion Auxiliary](#)

[Desert Schools Federal Credit Union](#)

[EMCC President's Honor Scholarship](#)

## **Scholarships From Foundations**

[Arizona Community Foundation](#)

[College Board's Big Future](#)

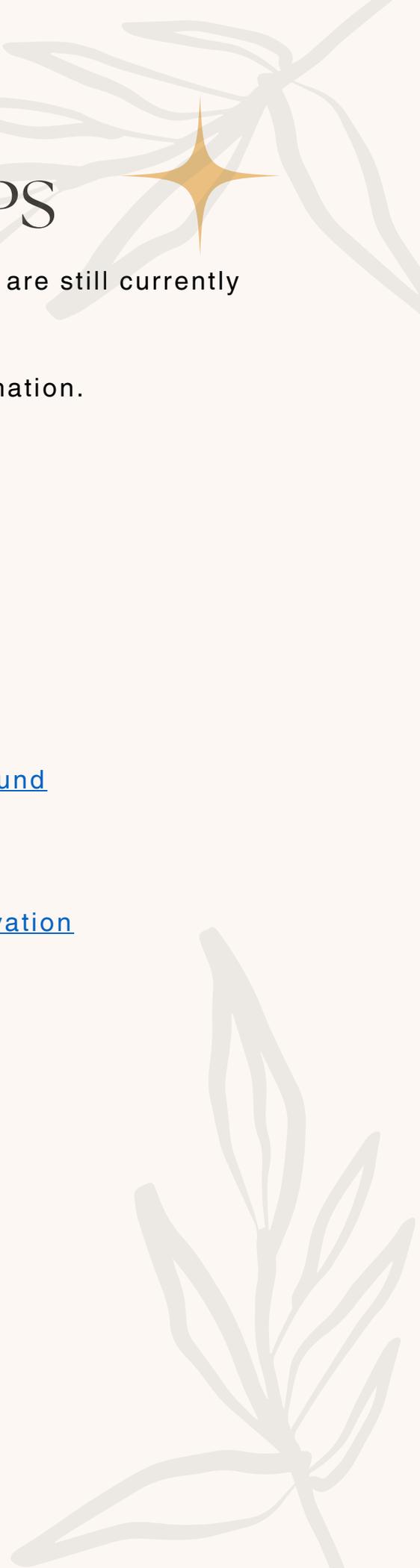
[Peoria Education Foundation](#)

## **Scholarship Search Engines**

[College Depot](#)

[Fast Web](#)

[WUE Program](#)





# HOW TO WRITE A COLLEGE APPLICATION ESSAY

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## **1. OPEN STRONG**

Knowing how to start a college essay can create a strong opening paragraph that immediately captures the reader's interest. You want to make the admissions officer reading your essay curious about what you say next.

## **2. SHOW YOU CAN WRITE**

Colleges want to see that you have a command of the basics of good writing, which is a key component of success in college.

## **3. ANSWER THE PROMPT**

Admissions officers also want to see that the student can give a direct answer while sticking to a comprehensive narrative. When writing college essays, consider the point you want to make and develop a fleshed-out response that fits the prompt. Avoid force-fitting prewritten pieces. Approach every personal essay prompt as if it's your first.

## **4. STICK TO YOUR STYLE**

Writing college essays isn't about using flowery or verbose prose. Avoid leaning too heavily on the thesaurus to sound impressive. Choose a natural writing style that's appropriate for the subject matter. Also, avoid stressing about trying to write what you think colleges want to see. Learning how to draft a good essay for college is about showcasing who you are. Stay true to your voice. Keep in mind that authenticity is more important than anything else.

## **5. PROOFREAD**

Correct grammar, punctuation, and spelling are essential. Proofread several times after you've finished. Then ask a teacher, parent, or college English major to give it a quick read as well.

## **6. KEEP TRACK OF LENGTH**

Finally, admissions officers value succinctness. Remember to pay attention to the recommended essay length or word count.

# UNIVERSAL PATHWAYS

## TAKE COLLEGE CLASSES AT ASU

### What is ASU's Universal Pathways?

Universal Pathways allows you to jumpstart your path to higher education through Universal Learner Courses (ULCs) - an affordable, low-risk way to earn college credit at your own pace. The following programs let you take first and second year ASU courses for college credit. Only pay to add them to your transcript if you're satisfied with your grade.

### Who can take Universal Learner Courses?

Universal Learner Courses are specifically designed for those who haven't yet enrolled at ASU but are interested in taking ASU courses and earning college credits. Select the category below that best describes you.

### Interested in getting ahead?

Through Universal Pathways, **you can earn high school credit** for your senior English class (English IV).

You must take English 101 and 102, pass the class, and submit your transcript to Guidance.

Talk to your counselor first!

### How does it work?

#### 1. Get Set Up

Register online and log in to the learner portal.

#### 2. Sign Up For Courses

Select courses. Verify your identity. Pay \$25 per course to start.

#### 3. Take Course

Start learning! Take exams. Earn your grade.

#### 4. Get Credit

Like your grade? Pay \$400 to add it to your transcript for college credit. Don't like your grade? Try again until you do.

Scan the QR or click  
the [here](#) for more  
info



# H O O P O F L E A R N I N G

Maricopa Community Colleges' **Hoop of Learning (HOL)** is an early high school-to-college bridge program

To qualify you must:

- Be a registered member of a state or federally recognized tribal nation
- Have a 2.0 minimum high school grade point average (GPA).
- Be actively enrolled in high school and on track to graduate on time.

The HOL Program has four primary goals for its students:

1. Support high school graduation
2. Increase enrollment and participation in college
3. Empower students to reach their goals
4. Prepare students to succeed by removing barriers

**Applicants can apply in the fall semester of their 9th, 10th or 11th grade year.**

**Scan the QR code or click the [here](#) to apply!**



# A C E P R O G R A M

**Attention SOPHOMORES!** Interested in the **ACE** Program at GCC?

You can...

- Earn 24 college credits during Junior and Senior year
- Experience life in college now
- Discover if college is right for you
- Attend weekly college classes during the summer
- Attend classes on Saturdays for the rest of the year



All high school sophomores are eligible to apply for the ACE program or click the [here](#).

← Scan the QR code for more information and to apply.

# DUAL ENROLLMENT

## Most Commonly Used Links

[Password Reset](#)



[Find your MEID](#)



[Get Admitted to GCC](#)



[Submit ID](#)



[Domicile Affidavit](#)



[EdReady](#)



[Maricopa Grant](#)



[Student Center](#)



[Maricopa Email](#)



Help with DUO and MEID log in: 1-(888)-994-4433

All other log in issues: (623) 845-3555 option 1

Need to contact GCC Dual Enrollment: [DualEnrollment@gccaz.edu](mailto:DualEnrollment@gccaz.edu) or (623) 845-4821