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SENIOR MEETING

September 29, 2020

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VALLEY FUTURES UPDATE

Workforce /
Military

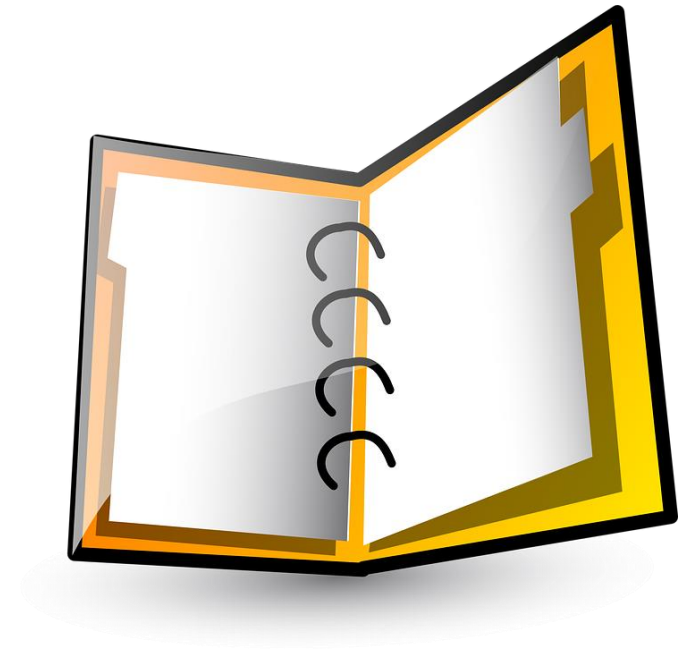
2-year college

4-year
college/university

CAPSTONE UPDATE

Build a portfolio for your post-HS pathway:

- Career exploration and assessment
- Research Paper
- Resume
- Presentation



ANNOUNCEMENTS

- College in the HS classes: It's time to sign up to receive college credit!
- Transcripts are now accessible to you in Skyward.
- If your contact information has changed, make sure to let us know on your exit survey tonight.

IMPORTANT DATES & DEADLINES



Financial Aid Night:

October 13th

5-8pm on Zoom

Must pre-register!



Drive-thru Picture Day:

October 15th & 16th



Senior Photos for Yearbook

Due: November 13th

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WELCOME!

2- & 4-Year Bound College Groups

2-YR: TIMELINE FOR THE YEAR

▶ NOW:

- ▶ Research careers & colleges
- ▶ Submit FASFA / WASFA (opens Oct. 1st)

▶ WINTER:

- ▶ Apply for scholarships
- ▶ Apply for college(s)

▶ SPRING:

- ▶ College placement tests & register for college classes
- ▶ Accept your “financial aid package”

4 YR: Timeline for the Year

▶ NOW:

- ▶ FASFA/WASFA for 2021-2022 school year (opens Oct. 1st)
 - ▶ Decide where applying
 - ▶ Early decisions deadlines approaching
 - ▶ Ask for recommendations
 - ▶ SAT/ACT testing (not needed for most schools this year)
- ▶ **NOTE JANUARY 1st is a common final date for college submissions**

Earning Credit for 4 YR Valley Futures

SEMESTER 1 (0.125 elective credit)

- ▶ Personal reflection (pages 5-8 in VF workbook)
- ▶ Show proof that you have successfully filed your FAFSA/WASFA
- ▶ Print and attach proof of application to 2 or more schools

SEMESTER 2 (0.125 elective credit)

- ▶ Copy of letter of acceptance from the school you plan to attend
- ▶ Proof of completion for at least one scholarship application

2 YR - SEMESTER 1



Big Picture Goals

- Explore career options that you're excited about, and research the related college programs.
- Begin taking steps to prepare for college.



Tasks to Complete to Earn Advisory Credit

- Finish Personal Reflection in VF Folder
- Update Resume
- File FAFSA / WASFA

2-YR - SEMESTER 2



Big Picture Goals

- Finalize your decision on career goal and college program.
- Graduate HS all ready and set for college!



Tasks to Complete to Earn Advisory Credit

- Show acceptance into a college
- Turn in 1+ scholarship application

PAYING FOR COLLEGE

Money should not be a barrier!

- ▶ First step is to complete: **FAFSA or WASFA**
 - ❖ What's FAFSA? [FAFSA Overview Video](#)
 - ❖ What's WASFA? State application for financial aid for certain non-citizens

- ▶ Next, apply for **SCHOLARSHIPS!**
 - ❖ Nooksack Valley Scholarship Foundation
 - ❖ Local scholarships in the NVHS database ([on HS website](#))
 - ❖ Sign up now for scholarship “match-makers” / databases, such as:
 - [GoingMerry.com](#)
 - [WASHBoard.org](#)

Remember! You should never pay to apply for scholarships or to get help filling out your FAFSA/WASFA.

FINANCIAL AID NIGHT

You might want to
register **RIGHT NOW**,
while you're thinking
about it 😊

[Financial Aid Night
Registration Link](#)



**Get Free Expert Help
Completing the
FAFSA or WASFA**

Register in advance at <http://bit.do/financial-aid-help>

Whatcom & Skagit

Tuesday, 10/13/20 5:00-8:00pm

CREATE FSA ID: Notes

- ▶ Both student and parent/guardian need an FSA ID for FAFSA.
(This step is not necessary if you're filing the WASFA.)
- ▶ If you have filed FAFSA before for an older child, you will need to access and use your same account.
- ▶ Only 1 parent creates an account.
 - ▶ If parents are separated, the parent who is primarily financially responsible for the student and/or claims the student on taxes will create the FSA ID account.
- ▶ It's okay if parent/guardian does not have a social security number.
 - ▶ You will NOT create an FSA ID but will send a signature in the mail. Your student's school counselor can assist in this process.

CREATE FSA ID: Steps

1. Go to fsaid.ed.gov
2. Click “Create an FSA ID” if you have never had one before.
Click “Manage my FSA ID” if you have one already.
3. **To create a new FSA ID:** Carefully enter your information as it appears on your social security card.
 - ▶ Verify your phone number and/or email address. They will send you a security code to enter.

If you already have an FSA ID account:

- ▶ Make sure you can log in.

Please complete the exit survey when you have completed your FSA ID: [Exit Survey](#)

Any other questions, concerns, or comments welcome.

Thanks!

Your school counseling team:

Ms. McReynolds (A-K) or Ms. Eastman (L-Z & Running Start)