



- Senior Notes from Mrs. Ensley:**
- **SENIOR MAKEUP PICTURES ARE THURS., SEPT. 8<sup>TH</sup>.**  
**(Must have drape and tux photo to be in the yearbook. \$5.00 sitting fee)**
  - **SENIOR QUOTES, YEARBOOK DEDICATION, & SENIOR SIGNATURES ARE DUE SEPTEMBER 15<sup>TH</sup>.**
  - **SENIOR ADS FOR 2017 YEARBOOK ARE DUE SEPTEMBER 19<sup>TH</sup>.**

# Your counseling staff:

- **Dr. Allen:** Students with last names A-G
- **Mrs. Lawing:** Students with last names H—O
- **Mrs. Smith:** Students with last names P—Z
- **Mrs. Case:** Office administrative assistance (all transcript requests; makes appointments if we are busy when you arrive)

And....

- **Mrs. Inman:** Lead Teacher (coordinates ACT/SAT administrations at PHS)
- **Mrs. Ray:** Career Development Coordinator
- **Mrs. Clark:** School Nurse (need immunization records?)
- **Mrs. Frazier:** School Social Worker
- **Deputy Deaver:** School Resource Officer

**Please let us know how we can help you!**



# **REMIND for Class of 2017**

- To receive messages via text, text:

To: **81010** Message: **@phs17grads** **OR**

visit **rmd.at/phs17grads** *to sign up for emails*

- To receive scholarship specific messages via text, text:

To: **81010** Message: **@makebank17** **OR**

visit **rmd.at/makebank17** to sign up for emails

**How do I apply to college?**

**How do I apply for financial aid?**

**How do I find out about scholarships?**

**What makes a good application (schools/ jobs)?**



# 4-year schools

- Make sure they offer the program of study you want/need!
- Check out their admissions requirements
- Be aware of costs (tuition / room & board; in-state or out-of-state or private)
- Find out their application deadline(s):
  - Rolling Admission
  - Early Decision (binding)
  - Early Action



# 4-year schools: Your checklist!

- Submit application (online or by mail)
- Submit application fee (Free/Reduced Lunch? See your counselor for a fee waiver.)
- ACT/SAT scores (school copy or from the testing agency?)
- Transcript (see Mrs. Case): make sure you have signed “release”
- Complete the FAFSA (Opens OCT. 1<sup>st</sup>)
- Counselor statement or recommendation?
- Usually by Thanksgiving!



# Just some *typical* deadlines....

- **NC State:** First deadline is October 15; Final deadline January 15.
- **UNCA:** Early decision is November 15; Final deadline is February 15.
- **UNC Charlotte:** Priority deadline is November 1; Regular deadline February 1.
- **Western Carolina:** Early Action is November 15; Regular Action 1, February 1; Regular Action 2, March 1; Final deadline is April 1.
- **Rolling Admissions:** Spots are offered until full.

Check each school's website! Submitting by the first deadline increases your chances of maximizing scholarship assistance through the university.

# Two-year schools

- Make sure they offer the program of study you want.
- Check deadlines: CAN depend on which program of study you select!
  - USUALLY can submit application second semester....but some programs (such as allied health) have earlier deadlines!
- Keep in mind: Certificate, Diploma, and Associate Degree programs





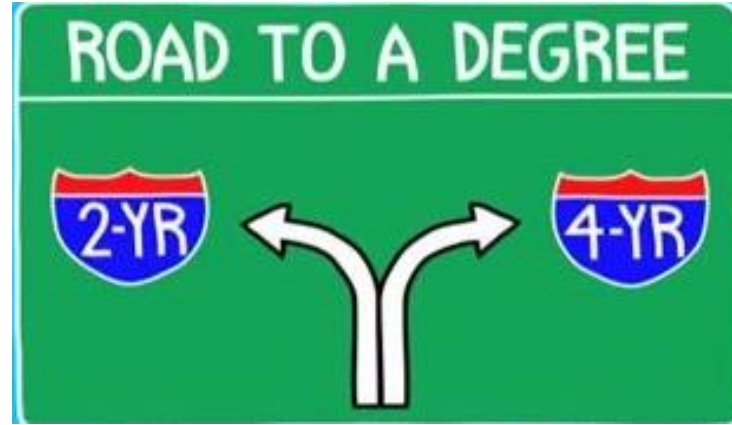
# Two Year Schools: Your checklist!

- Apply (online or by mail)
- NO application fee if NC community college
- Complete the FAFSA (Opens OCT. 1<sup>st</sup>)
- Test scores (SAT, ACT, or NCDAP)\*
- Transcript (see Mrs. Case)



\*If your ACT score does not place you directly into college level English/Math courses, talk with your counselor about the NCDAP, a FREE test that you can take at HCC with an appointment. Otherwise, you will need to start in developmental English or math courses before you start college level work. This is very helpful for some students....

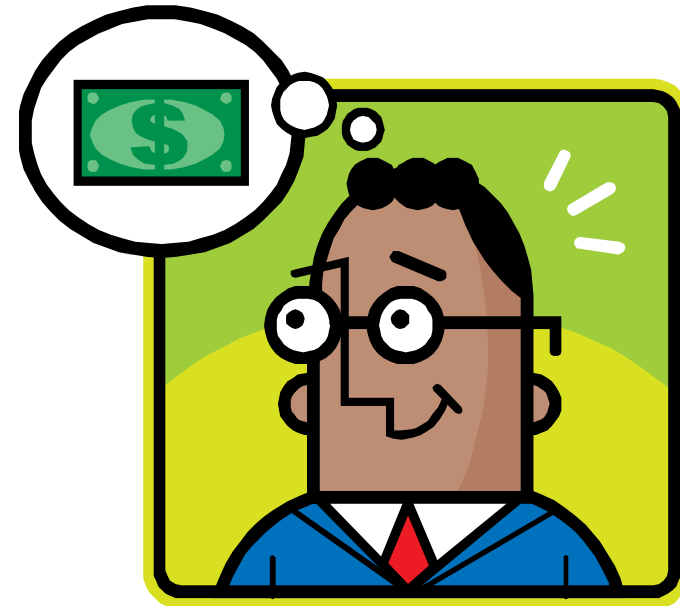
# **Really consider the two-year schools!**



- If you were planning to go right to work, a certificate or a diploma (if you do not want to pursue a degree) can increase your employability and your earning power!
- If you are planning to go to 4-year school, but you are concerned about cost, size, or academics, the college transfer option is one that might serve you well!

# Financial Aid

- Merit Based (Scholarships)
  - School or University
  - Outside Agencies
- Need Based (Grants and Loans)



# **Financial Aid: School /University**

**Find out their application process** (usually on their website)

- Is your application for admission all they need?
- OR do they have a separate application for each scholarship  
OR an additional application to be considered for all scholarships?
- Is there a deadline to be considered for scholarships?

# Financial Aid: Outside Agencies

- Weekly *“Scholarship Database”* updated online each Monday. It will also be available on our bulletin board and on the Counseling Center website (under Pages, click on Scholarships, and follow the next link on the page). Also, check the *“Calendar”* for monthly reminders.
- *Please sign up for the scholarship Remind group for texts regarding scholarship opportunities. Text to: 81010 Message: @makebank17*
- Word of mouth: your employer, an employer of a family member, church or civic organization, etc.
- SOME reputable websites (such as FastWeb, Cappex, MeritAid, FinAid)
- Beware of “scams” that ask for too much personal information or require payment!

# **Financial Aid: Need based**

- FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)
- Determines if you qualify for any federal money
- Determines if you qualify for “need-based” scholarships at school/university level (either private scholarships or state scholarships)
- Accessed at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)
- Cannot complete until OCTOBER 1<sup>st</sup>. \*New Date\*
- Helps to have your tax documents complete!
- Money is given out on “first come, first served” basis

# **Financial Aid: Decisions**

TBD due to new FAFSA window (Available October 1st): Financial Aid “offer” from schools to which you have applied (been accepted) AND to which you have submitted the FAFSA

Will include grants, loans, and work study

COMPARE! How can you get the education you need with the least amount of debt?

# **Popular Scholarship of Interest**

**Haywood County Schools Foundation Scholarships:** Over 40 scholarships and ONE application

- Two-year and four-year schools
- Application, FAFSA, letters of recommendation
- *January-March*

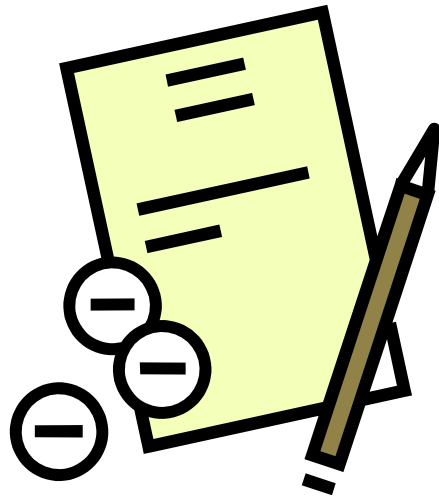


# **Military Recruitment**

- No pressure to 'sign early,' but there are advantages if you are 100% sure you want to enlist.
  - ASVAB Required
  - Jobs for 2017-2018 are now available.
- Recruiters frequent our office. Please let us know if you are interested in speaking with one.

# **College, Scholarship, Job, & Military Applications:**

- ✓ Write / type neatly in blue/black ink
- ✓ Proofread: Spell check and capitalize
- ✓ Appropriate E-mail address and use of social media



# **College, Scholarship, Job, & Military Applications:**

## **References:**

- ✓ Ask first, and choose carefully
- ✓ Provide them with at least 2 weeks notice
- ✓ Provide them with form or what letter should include
- ✓ Resume helps!
- ✓ Provide stamped or addressed envelope
- ✓ Give them a specific deadline
- ✓ Tell them thank you!

# **College, Scholarship, Job, & Military Applications:**

**Resume** (or list of activities, accomplishments, experiences)

- Specific list of activities (school and/or community), awards, work / volunteer activities
- Include any leadership positions, special training or skills, projects you have led or initiated
- Approximately one page
- ***What do you want them to remember about you?***

# **College, Scholarship, Job, & Military Applications:**

## **Personal Statement:**

- ✓ Good writing: spelling, grammar, and punctuation count
- ✓ Again: type or neatly written in blue/black ink
- ✓ NOT a list: Should be a focused statement (such as what activity has been most meaningful and why OR why this school/job is your top choice OR what you have to offer this school/job)
- ✓ What do you want them to remember about YOU?
- ✓ Proofread

# **College, Scholarship, Job, & Military Applications:**

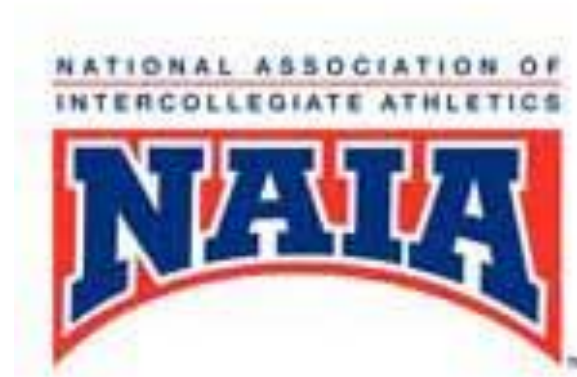
## **Counselor Statement?**

If so, let us know! (We will not know where you have applied!)

Resume or interview helps us a great deal!

# College Athletics

- NCAA Eligibility Center
- NAIA Eligibility Center



Are you a prospective college student-athlete and planning on taking Essentials of College Math for your fourth math?

See Mrs. Lawing ASAP to pick up a NCAA flyer or if you have questions.

# WorkKeys®



- Scheduled for December 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>
- Part of ACT suite of assessments.
- All PHS CTE “completers” will test for *free*.
- Part of PHS accountability.
- Earning Silver may lead to a Career Endorsement
- ***Employers (such as Evergreen) consider these tests as part of the application process!***
- There will be 4 required review tutorials before the December test.



# Important Coming Events

- **College Fair:**
  - **HCC, Monday September 12 (6pm to 7:30pm) or**
  - **UNCA, Thursday, September 15 (6pm to 9pm)**
    - **Financial Aid Workshops (6:30pm - 7:15pm) (7:30pm – 8:15pm)**
  
- **SAT / ACT: 5 more opportunities**
  - **September 20 is LATE registration deadline for October 1 SAT (at PHS). (\$57.00 + \$28.00)**
  - **September 16 is registration deadline for October 22 ACT. (\$58.50)**
  - **October 7 is registration deadline for November 5 SAT (at THS). (\$57.00)**
  - **November 3 is registration deadline for December 3 SAT (\$57.00)**
  - **November 4 is registration deadline for December 10 ACT (at PHS) (\$58.50)**
  
- **Financial Aid Night**, Location TBD, October 6, Time TBD
- **College Application Week** (November 14<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup>): MANY NC private universities waive their application fee that week. We will have computer lab reserved for students on Wednesday, Nov. 16<sup>th</sup> to complete and submit applications with help from counselors.
- **FAFSA Day** (at HCC on October 29): Assistance completing the FAFSA

**Don't forget: You still need to graduate from Pisgah High School!**

***Second semester does count!***

***(All schools will request a "final" transcript for students they have "accepted.")***

See your counselor TODAY if:

- you would like to play a sport in college and have NOT registered with the NCAA?
- you qualify for Free/Reduced Lunch this year?
- you are registered with the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians?
- you are interested in meeting with a recruiter?
- you are in need of Spanish translations of resources?

