



Cactus Career Center Update

All Students

ACT Practice Test with The Princeton Review

Are you wondering how you will do on the ACT? The Princeton Review is having an ACT practice test at Cactus. This is a real deal, full length, content based, admissions ACT test. **Advanced registration is required**, register by calling 888-955-4600 or online at www.princetonreview.com:

- Click on Attend a Free Practice Test in your area, choose ACT
- Enter Cactus High School's zip code and scroll down to Cactus HS
- Choose Free ACT Practice Test at Cactus HS and click enroll
- Create an account to register

Saturday, March 28th

9:00 am – 1:15 pm
Cactus High School
Cafeteria



Feed My Starving Children – MobilePack in Peoria



The Community of Grace church in Peoria is hosting a FMSC MobilePack™ event **March 27-28th**. One way to serve is to be a Volunteer to Pack. Each packing session is 2 hours long. Sign up for 2 or more packs to complete more **volunteer hours**. Student volunteer hours will be signed off when you arrive. You will pack about 216 meals per session. To learn more visit

www.boldrecklessgrace.org/fmsc/ or <http://www.fmsc.org/mobilepack/events>.

Grand Canyon State Games Essay Contest

The Grand Canyon State Games Essay Contest promotes creativity through writing as an effective method for authors of ALL ages (grades K-12 and adults ages 18 or older) to express their dreams and ideas for a successful life and a better community. The Essay Contest provides an opportunity to encourage writers of all ages to convey their ideas through words as well. Visit <http://azsportsent.com/gcsg/essay-contest/2015-essay-contest/> to learn more about the contest and eligibility requirements.



Sophomores and Juniors

ASU César E. Chávez Leadership Institute

The César E. Chávez Leadership Institute (CCLI for short), is a week-long summer program filled with workshops, lectures and activities designed to build communication skills, develop critical thinking, and inspire a passion for community service. Applications are now being accepted; stop by the Career Center to learn more about the program and application process. Completed applications and recommendations must be submitted or postmarked by Wednesday, March 4th.



Sophomores, Juniors, and Seniors

ASVAB Testing – Date Change

It isn't too late to sign up to take the ASVAB! The test is being offered on Wednesday, March 4th, from 7:20am – 10:50am. The Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB) is a multiple choice test, administered by the

United States Military Entrance Processing Command, used to determine qualification for enlistment in the United States Armed Forces. It is also a great tool to help you figure out what types of careers fit the skills you possess. So even if you are not considering the military it is a valuable tool. Visit the Career Center to learn more about the test and sign up.

Juniors and Seniors

RMACAC - Arizona Phoenix & Tucson Spring College Fairs

The Rocky Mountain Association for College Admission Counseling will be hosting two fairs in Arizona for Spring 2015. A list of colleges and universities registered to attend is available at <http://rmacac.org/college-fairs/spring-college-fair-in-phoenix-az/> and <http://rmacac.org/college-fairs/spring-college-fair-in-tucson-az/>. The fair is automated and your students are invited to attend. If you are not familiar with the automation process, please take a look at the student registration website www.gotocollegefairs.com where students will register to create a profile and print out a barcode to bring to the fair. The college recruiters will have a scanning device to capture their information easily and this gives the students more time to converse and ask questions to the college representatives.

Saturday, March 21st
 Noon – 2:30 pm
 Arizona State University Tempe
 Campus, Memorial Union
 Host Contact: Brad Baertsch,
brad.baertsch@asu.edu
 or
Sunday, March 22nd
 Noon – 2:30 pm
 University of Arizona, Student
 Union Memorial Center
 Host Contact: Ryan Burton-
 Romero, rbr13@arizona.edu

Admissions Representatives:

Glendale Community College	Rob Zito	623-845-3617	robert.zito@gmail.com
Arizona State University	Cassandra Snarr	602-543-7205	ASUCassandraSnarr@asu.edu
University of Arizona	Chelsea Meraz	602-827-2199	chelsea.meraz@arizona.edu
Northern Arizona University	Micheleen Pennington	888-628-2968	Micheleen.Pennington@nau.edu

Seniors

Arizona Community Foundation



The Arizona Community Foundation is now inviting Arizona high school seniors, current students at colleges and vocational-technical schools and graduate-level students to apply for college scholarship funding available for the 2015-2016

academic year. **Completing just one application automatically matches students with every scholarship opportunity for which they qualify from among ACF's 80 awards.** To learn more about ACF and to start your application visit <http://www.azfoundation.org/Scholarships/ScholarshipOpportunities.aspx>.

Important Financial Aid Deadline for ASU

Submit your FAFSA before ASU's priority filing date of March 1 each year to maximize the amount of aid you receive. Eligible students who apply by this date have a greater chance of receiving need-based aid.



It Is Not Too Late to Start Your FASFA!

All seniors who plan on continuing their education, whether it is community college, state university, a private institution, or vocational school, are encouraged to apply. There are many publications available to answer a lot of common questions at <https://studentaid.ed.gov/resources>. **Be sure to use the correct website:** <https://fafsa.ed.gov/>! The U.S. Department of Education also has a helpful blog entry with a video titled **6 Steps to Filling Out the FASFA** at <http://www.ed.gov/blog/2015/01/6-steps-to-filling-out-the-fafsa-2/>.

Upcoming College Visits

Fall college visits are only open to seniors. They are held from 11:40 am to 12:10 pm in the Career Center or Library (check your pass for location). You must sign up in the Career Center in order to receive a pass. This is **with your teacher's permission only**. Any make-up work is your responsibility.

Date	School
Friday, March 13 th	Glendale Community College
Wednesday, March 25 th	University of Wyoming
Thursday, March 26 th	Arizona State University
Friday, March 27 th	University of Arizona
Wednesday, April 8 th	University of Alabama

Scholarship Spotlight

This section contains scholarship information that has come into the Career Center. This spotlight is not inclusive of all the scholarship opportunities available to you. Information about scholarships can also be found at <https://www.peoriaud.k12.az.us/ProgServ/Guidance/Pages/Scholarships%20and%20Other%20Opportunities.aspx>.

Maricopa Community Colleges Foundation



The Maricopa Community Colleges Foundation is now accepting scholarship applications for the Fall 2015 semester. Foundation scholarships are privately funded opportunities open to all Maricopa Community Colleges students and in some cases, non-Maricopa colleges and universities as well. A FAFSA and verified lawful presence are not eligibility requirements for the majority of Maricopa Foundation scholarships. Visit <https://mcccdf.academicworks.com/> to review and apply for the scholarships.

Arizona Cattlemen's Association

One of the major purposes of the Foundation is to provide funds for education programs and scholarships for persons pursuing studies in topics and subjects directly and indirectly related to the cattle industry. Each year, the Foundation awards scholarships to deserving high school seniors and college undergraduates. The amount of scholarships awarded varies, depending on available funds and number of applicants. Students with high scholastic achievements, financial need and ranching or farming experience will be given greater consideration. Visit <http://azcattlemensassoc.org/arizonacattleindustryfoundation.aspx> to learn more and view the application.

Scholarships with February and March Due Dates

Click on the scholarship name to access the website with additional information and application process.

NIAAA Student Athlete Scholarship	February 28 th
Kaibab Scholarship (ASU)	March 1 st
University of Arizona Alumni Association Black Alumni-Phoenix	March 2 nd

Peoria Pioneer Lions Club Scholarship.....	March 6 th
Phoenix Suns Charities SunStudent Scholarship	March 6 th
The Sybil B. Harrington Scholarship	March 13 th
University of Arizona American Indian Alumni (AIA) Club Scholarship	March 13 th
GFWC-Desert Jade Women’s Club	March 14 th
Arizona Cattlemen’s Association	March 15 th
Ayn Rand Essay Contest: Anthem Essay	March 20 th
UA Alumni Association Scholarship	March 20 th
Chinese American Citizens Alliance, Phoenix Lodge	March 21 st
Maricopa Community Colleges Foundation	March 22 nd
Annabelle InPower Dream Big Scholarship.....	March 31 st
The Calcot-Seitz Foundation	March 31 st
Old Breed Detachment #767 Marine Corps League.....	March 31 st

Helpful Scholarship Search Engines

Check out these sites during your scholarship search:

- www.fastweb.com
- www.scholarships.com
- www.finaid.org
- www.cksf.org
- <http://careerinfonet.org/scholarshipsearch/>

Useful FASFA Links

- <http://www.financialaidtoolkit.ed.gov/tk/>
- <https://fafsa.ed.gov/fotw1516/pdf/fafsaws15c.pdf>
- <http://www.nasfaa.org/students/Student Aid Tips for Unique Student Populations.aspx>
- <https://studentaid.ed.gov/sites/default/files/financial-aid-and-undocumented-students.pdf>