

Senior Notes

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SPSCC – Apply now!

Applications for fall quarter at SPSCC (South Puget Sound Community College) are now available online at www.spscc.ctc.edu. The earlier your application is received, the earlier you get to register for classes, so apply now! The same form can be used to apply to any Washington community college. Current Running Start students who plan to continue at SPSCC after high school graduation also need to apply.

MID-YEAR TRANSCRIPTS

Now is the time to request your mid-year report/transcript! For colleges requesting mid-year information, please come into the Career Center to do so. If you would like your counselor to write a short update about you, complete a MidYear Student Information form. Colleges have often commented that the strong MidYear Report from OHS helps boost a student's chance of admission.

The transcripts will be available to be sent to your colleges on February 6th once grades have been posted. All the necessary forms are in the Career Center. Dates and times to order transcripts are:

Monday: 7:15am-2:30 pm
Tuesday: 7:15am-12:15 pm
Wednesday: 7:15am-12:15pm
Thursday: 7:15am-12:15pm
Friday: 7:15am-2:45pm

HIGH SCHOOL & BEYOND

If you have not started your High School and Beyond Plan for this year or just need help, please check in with your counselor, or Mrs. Boelts and/or Mrs. Dale in the Career Center. The High School and Beyond Plan is a graduation requirement. We are here to help so please connect with us if you need anything! The portfolios will be reviewed beginning on March 1.

GRAD NIGHT PARTY UPDATE

Thank you to the seniors who participated in the poinsettia sales and wrapping paper donations. We raised enough money that we will not need to do another fundraiser this year.

Grad night party update: Have you purchased your ticket for your senior to attend the all-night graduation party? Statistics show that graduation night is the most dangerous night of the year for a high school student. There is proven data that schools who host all-night graduation parties for seniors save lives. Our party will head north and includes multiple stops, tons of great food, really amazing prizes, professional entertainment, and cool venues reserved entirely for our senior class. More information is available [here](#). We have 180 kids signed up to attend and full and partial scholarships available for kids who need them.

ACADEMIC PLACEMENT TESTING PROGRAM – Math Placement Tests

The Mathematics Placement Test (MPT) is required for most students who are planning to enroll in first-year math courses at several of the state's public universities. The MPT is used for course placement and

for college readiness testing. Statewide test administration takes place in May and June each year. The test fee is \$15. For more information or to register for a test, visit www.placement.washington.edu.

IMPORTANT DATES

January 25-27	1 st Semester Final Exams (Final class rank & Honor Cords are finalized using 1 st sem. grades!)
February 28	High School & Beyond Plan portfolio due
March 3	Senior Class Meeting in Gym ~ during Showcase
May 1-12	AP Exams (go to www.collegeboard.org for schedule)
May 25	Graduation Speaker tryouts ~ 3:00-4:00pm in a TBD location
May 30	Honor Cord purchasing and Graduation ticket pick up begins during lunch & before school
June 5	Night of Stars ~ 6:00-7:00 Alumni Reception; 7:00-8:30pm awards program in OHS PAC
June ?	Senior Get-Together ~ Time & location TBD (seniors only ~ event not finalized yet)
June 9	Senior Awards Assembly ~ 10:50 am in the Gym
June 13	Baccalaureate ~ St. Mike's Church
June 14	Graduation Practice ~ Time TBD @ St. Martin's Marcus Pavilion
June 14	Graduation at St. Martin's Marcus Pavilion
	* Students arrive at Worthington Center at 6:00pm; doors open at 6:00pm
	* Ceremony starts at 7:00pm
	Grad Night Party ~ after graduation; <i>sponsored by Senior parents</i>

Scholarships

The following scholarships will have a link to the paper application at <http://olympia.osd.wednet.edu/ccenter/seniors/scholarships>

Filipino-American Community of South Puget Sound. \$1000 scholarship. Application, official transcript plus copy of current grades, GPA of 3.0 or higher. Evaluation will be based on academic performance, financial need, participation in school & community activities and educational goals. [Click here for more information and a copy of the application.](#) Deadline: January 28, 2017

Ewing C Kelly Scholarship. \$2500. Must be attending a 4 year college/university, have a composite score of 20 on the ACT or a composite score of 1400 on the SAT, must be a U.S. citizen or have a green card. [Click here for more information and a copy of the application.](#) Deadline: March 10, 2017

Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc: Epsilon Epsilon Sigma Chapter, Seattle, WA. (3) \$500. This scholarship is open to seniors planning to attend a four year university or institution in the Fall of 2017. GPA of 3.0 or higher, application, essay, photo, two letters of recommendation. [Click here for more information and a copy of the application.](#) Deadline: April 1, 2017

Olympia Choral Society. \$1500. Recipient must be intending to study vocal/choral music in college but not necessarily major. Application, 2.5 GPA or higher, 2 letters of rec and audition. [Click here for more information and a copy of the application.](#) [Click](#)

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Renton Community Foundation - Jeremy Gidlund Memorial Scholarship. Up to \$5000. Scholarship will be awarded to high school seniors with identified learning disabilities who are eligible to receive services on an IEP and wish to pursue post-secondary education towards a degree or specific career. GPA of 2.0 or higher. Application, personal essay, high school transcript, two letters of recommendation and a completed School History & Information Form. [Click here for more information and a copy of the application](#). Deadline: April 10, 2017.

On-line Scholarships

These scholarships have all information and applications online.

There is no further information in the Career Center.

[Gates Millennium Scholars](#) - Varies, but the average award between 2000 and 2014 was \$12,942. This program was designed to help talented low-income minority students attend college without taking on debt. Applicants must have a 3.3 cumulative GPA. The awards cover any unmet need after other grants and scholarship money have been applied to a student's college bills. Awards are renewable each year.

[National Society of High School Scholars Foundation](#) - Varies. These scholarships are meant for rising college freshman, with preference given to students from underrepresented minorities. The goal is to increase diversity in STEM fields as well as in business, economics, and public policy.

[Ron Brown Scholars Program](#) - \$10,000 a year, renewable for four years. This money is awarded to highly talented African-American high school seniors with significant financial need. Awards are chosen based on interest in public service, community engagement, business entrepreneurship, and global citizenship, but recipients may pursue any academic discipline.

[BBB Foundation Students of Integrity Scholarship](#) - \$10,000. Recognize high school juniors and seniors who personify and communicate ethics in the real world, as demonstrated through community service, personal integrity, and academic accomplishments. A scholarship of \$10,000 will be award to the winning application submitted by students residing in Alaska, Oregon, Idaho, Montana, Washington, or Western Wyoming. High school juniors and seniors from across the Northwest are encourage to apply by creating a 90-second video that demonstrates how BBB helps people become smart consumers. We recommend getting as creative as possible, *telling us the story of a person harmed by unethical business practices and how the BBB can help educate consumers in advance to prevent scams or to help consumers report scams or bad business keeping other consumers safe*. Deadline February 13, 2017.

ESA Foundation. Amount varies. Epsilon Sigma Alpha Foundation awards numerous scholarships annually. Scholarship applications for the 2015-16 academic season are

currently available at www.epsilonalpha.org. Click on "Scholarships" and follow the information. Deadline: February 2, 2017.

Scholarships for students of families that have served or are currently serving in the United States military. Amount varies. [Click here to see the list of scholarships.](#) Some Deadlines are based on previous year and may be subject to change. This list was provided by our Air Force recruiter and none of the links are connected. Deadline: Varies

Cancer Unwrapped (formerly Gilda's Club Seattle). Several \$1000 scholarships. Application and essay. For Washington State high school students who have survived cancer or watched a loved one or friend deal with cancer. The goal of this scholarship is to open a dialogue with teens about the emotions they have felt when dealing with cancer. <http://cancerpathways.org/cancer-unwrapped/> Deadline: March 12, 2017.

Fair Chance Scholarship: \$3000. The Fair Chance Scholarship is awarded to fourteen students from across the state of Washington pursuing higher education at an accredited two or four year college, university or trade/technical school. Students must be either a graduating high school senior or an adult learner/returning student. All applicants must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.7. Applicants must also be currently working, volunteering, or involved in a school-sponsored activity at least 8 hours per month, on average. Prior involvement with the Fair (4H, FFA, etc.) and financial need may be considered, though neither is a requirement. The \$3,000 awards are payable over two years (\$1,500 each year). All funds are paid directly to the recipient's college or university to be used toward tuition or books. Deadline: February 12, 2017. <https://thefairfoundation.awardspring.com/Home/ScholarshipDetails/26846>

Anderson Criminal Justice Scholarship: \$5000. The Anderson Criminal Justice Scholarship is awarded to a student in Washington state pursuing a career in the field of criminal justice. Washington residents who are either graduating seniors or returning students/adult learners are applicable for this scholarship. Preference will be given to students pursuing a career in law enforcement. The \$5,000 award is payable over two years (\$2,500 per year). All funds are paid directly to the recipient's college or university to be used toward tuition or books. For renewal, the recipient must be a full-time student, continuing in the field of criminal justice. Deadline: February 12, 2017. <https://thefairfoundation.awardspring.com/Home/ScholarshipDetails/28295>

Washington NASA Space Grant Consortium Scholarships. \$2000-\$4000 renewable. For students who plan to study science, technology, engineering or math at the **University of Washington**. For more information and to apply, visit www.waspacegrant.org. Deadline: January 27, 2017

Washington State Association for Justice (WSAJ). American Justice Essay and Video Scholarships. (2)\$2000. Application with essay or video option. Deadline: March 17, 2017. For more information, visit <https://www.washingtonjustice.org/Scholarship>

Washington State Association for Justice (WSAJ). Past Presidents' Scholarship. (2)\$2000. Winners must have a history of achievement despite having been a victim of injury or overcoming a disability, handicap, or similar challenge. Must have need and community service. For more information, visit <https://www.washingtonjustice.org/Scholarship> Deadline: March 17, 2017.

Hearthstone Housing Foundation Scholarship Fund. \$500-\$5000. Application, personal statement, and letters of recommendation. Awards will be based on financial need and determination to accomplish academic goals. For more information, visit www.hearthstonehousing.org. Deadline: March 30, 2016.

Washington State School Retirees' Association. (9) \$1500 & (16) \$900 x 4. For seniors who are committed to a career in education. For more information, visit www.wssra.org Deadline: March 1, 2017

WSECU. Two-year college - \$1500, Four-year college - \$2500. Must be a WSECU member. For more information and how to apply, visit <https://wsecu.org/community/2016-scholarships-available>. Deadline: February 13, 2017.

WA State Opportunity Scholarship. Up to \$22,500. The WSOS supports low-and middle-income students pursuing eligible, high-demand majors in science, technology, engineering, math (STEM) or health care. For more information and to apply, visit <http://www.waopportunityscholarship.org/scholarship/overview>. Deadline: February 28, 2017.

Leadership 1000 Scholarship. Up to \$20,000. Provides scholarships to students who will be attending an eligible four-year college or university in Washington state. Some scholarships are renewable. For more information and to apply, visit <http://www.collegesuccessfoundation.org/wa/students/leadership1000/eligibility>. Deadline: February 28, 2017.

Governor's Scholarship. Up to \$20,000. The Washington's State Governors' Scholarship for Foster Youth helps young people from foster care continue their education and earn a college degree. For more information and to apply, visit <http://collegesuccessfoundation.org/wa/scholarships/governors>. Deadline: February 28, 2017.

Edmund F. Maxwell Foundation. Varies (Renewable). The Maxwell scholarship is designed to assist outstanding students with a portion of their cost of education. Other financial aid may be applied for and received. Students must reapply to the Foundation to renew their scholarships each year they meet eligibility requirements for a total of up to four years. Students who plan to attend accredited private colleges or universities (not state funded colleges or universities) and who are bona fide residents of Western Washington may apply for a scholarship. For more information, visit <http://www.maxwell.org/guidelines.aspx> Deadline: April 28, 2017.

Lewis Family Member Scholarship Fund. \$750-\$3000. Family members of active duty Army Soldiers, mobilized reservists and retirees are eligible to receive scholarships. Also eligible are family members of Soldiers who died while on active duty. Application packets are available online at: www.fortlewisscholarship.com
Deadline: March 24, 2017

Sound Credit Union. \$500-\$1000. Member of Sound Credit Union and 3.0 or higher GPA. For more information and a copy of the application, visit <https://www.soundcu.com/about-us/our-community/scholarships/> Deadline: March 4, 2017

TwinStar Credit Union. (15)\$2000. Applicant must be a member in good standing with TwinStar Credit Union. Completed application, essay and transcript. For more information, visit <https://www.twinstarcu.com/scholarships>. Deadline: March 31, 2017.

American Indian Endowed Scholarship. Amount Varies. Applicants must have close social and cultural ties to an American Indian tribe or community in Washington and plan to continue education to benefit the American Indian community in state. Have demonstrated financial need determined by their college's financial aid office. Be a Washington state resident. [Click here for more information and a copy of the application.](#) Deadline: March 1, 2017.

BECU Foundation Scholarships. (25) \$3000. As a not-for-profit credit union, BECU is committed to social responsibility. As a result, scholarships are awarded based on a student's academic performance and passion for helping others. Applicants are required to submit their hours of community service, grade point average, and a recommendation. Selection is made without regard to applicant's race, color, national origin, religious belief, sex, marital status, age, or physical handicap. Eligibility: Only BECU members may apply. Accounts must be in the name of the applicant. [Learn more about membership.](#) Applicants must be students with a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher. Students must be a graduating high school senior or a full-time college undergraduate. All scholarship recipients must attend college full time. [Click here for more information.](#) Deadline: March 31, 2017.

Association for Learning Environments 2017 Merle Kirkley Merit Scholarship. \$3000. The Merle Kirkley Merit Scholarship Award is a competitive merit-based scholarship program designed to provide financial support for Washington State high school students planning to obtain a post-secondary education. Applicants must demonstrate that their intent is to major, or obtain a certificate in, a field relating to educational facility planning and design. Fields related to educational facility design include (but are not limited to): school planning, architecture, engineering, product services and construction management. [Click here for more information and a link to the application.](#) Deadline: April 21, 2017.

SCHOOL SPECIFIC SCHOLARSHIPS

Each year we have the opportunity to nominate students from our school for scholarships given by specific colleges. If you are planning to apply to any of the schools below please see Mrs. Dale in the Career Center.

The Evergreen State College

Regional High School Counselor Award

\$900 tuition fee waiver

MILITARY SCHOLARSHIPS

[US Army ROTC](#) [Click here to read a story that Cadet Tran \(Class of 2016\) wrote regarding his ROTC experience at UW Seattle.](#)

[US Navy ROTC](#)

[US Marine Corps ROTC](#)

[US Air Force ROTC](#)

[US Air National Guard ROTC](#)

[US National Guard Scholarships](#)