



Pine Bluff High School - 2020-21

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"SENIORS, R-U-Ready??"

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SEEMS
IMPOSSIBLE
UNTIL
It IS
DONE.

Tips for Success

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| A. Career Assessments | D. Financial Aid |
| B. Career Plans | E. CTE/Apprenticeships/WBL |
| C. College Admissions | F. Business and Industry |

Take a Deep Breath!! YOUR SENIOR YEAR IS HERE! There's a lot to do. Remind yourself that you CAN do this! You WILL do this! STAY FOCUSED!!

- **Practice Writing Essays.** Many college admission applications require you to write an essay. Also, many private scholarships require you to write an essay to be considered.
- **Continue Taking the ACT/and/or SAT.** Register for and take the Fall ACT or SAT, preferably before December because many college scholarship deadlines are February or March. The Governor's Distinguished Scholarship deadline is February 1st of each year.
- **Continue Solid College Prep Courses.** Meet with your counselor to make sure your course schedule is on the right track for graduation and fulfilling the college admission requirements. Consider CTE and apprenticeship programs, and work-based learning opportunities.
- **Continue Building your High School Resume.** Colleges will be interested in what type of student you were during high school and will be especially impressed with volunteer and community services you performed. Remember CTE/Apprenticeships, business and industry internships, job shadowing, work-based learning opportunities, and certificate programs.
- **Create/Update Your Timeline.** With all that you will need to do in your senior year, it's an excellent idea to create a senior year timeline. Add registration deadlines, application deadlines, test dates, and other important events to your timeline in order to be better organized and not so overwhelmed. A good GPA may help you pay your way! Second-semester grades can affect scholarship eligibility, so practice good study habits. Prioritize school, work, and extra-curricular activities. Be diligent! Also, speak to business and industry to see if volunteer opportunities are available.
- **Continue to Talk to your parents about the cost of college.** Arkansas residents can log on to scholarships.adhe.edu to obtain information about scholarships, grants and federal aid.
- **Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)** - complete the YOUNiversal application, conduct scholarship searches. (visit: scholarships.adhe.edu.) Available, October 1.
- **Continue to look and apply for scholarships - lots of them!** Look online, check with your school counselor, and keep lists of Arkansas scholarships. Write your scholarship essays and get them critiqued and proofread by a teacher. Continue to compile your resume and learn how to ace those scholarship and internship interviews. Consider taking the Military ASVAB test, as an option. Good benefits are available for those who qualify.
- **Visit College Campuses and Narrow down your School Choices.** Narrow a list of possible colleges, universities, technical schools, or other postsecondary institutions to three. Apply for admission to selected schools. Review Acceptance Letters and complete necessary documents required by the college you have selected, including: financial aid forms, housing information, On-Campus Orientation and/or registration sessions.