



# Senior Year

Class of 2025





# Introductions

Mr. Joshua Popowycz, Assistant  
Principal

## School Counselors

Mrs. Jennifer Cecco, A-F

Dr. Brenda Zack, G-O

Ms. Jennifer Sands, P-Z



# Agenda

## Senior Year Options

- SUN Tech
- College Courses/Dual Enrollment
- Senior Service
- Geisinger Internship

College and Career Exploration  
Tool

School Counselor Junior Meetings

SAT and ACT Information

Student Athletes - NCAA

Paying for College

Contact Information



Advertising Art and Design

Automotive Technology

Carpentry

Collision Repair

Computer Networking Technology

Cosmetology

Criminal Justice

Culinary Arts

Dental Health Technology

Diesel and Truck Technology

Electrical Systems Technology

Health Professions (nurse aide, patient care technician)

HVAC and Plumbing

Masonry

Mechatronics

Precision Metal Working

Welding

Wood Design and Technology

# College Courses

## **Bucknell\* and Susquehanna Universities**

- Must not be offered at our high school (unless already taken)
- Must fit into the student's schedule
- Tuition free
- Elective courses
- \*Must be is the top 20% of the class (Bucknell)
- Course are weighted on HS transcript.

## **Commonwealth Early College (previously ACE)**

- Full-time, dual enrolled student
- Tuition reduction (75% off)
- Course can meet HS graduation requirements
- Must take 8 course and must complete graduation requirements
- Course are weighted on HS transcript.

## **SUN and Penn College Now**

# Senior Service

- **Optional - in place of an elective course**
- Can be .25 (30 hours), .5 (60 hours), or 1 (120 hours) credit, should schedule at least 6.5 credits in addition to SS.
- Must be completed during the school year either during or after school
- Must log hours and have a supervisor sign off on hours completed
- Three meetings with school counselor to monitor progress
- Schedules are not adjusted for senior service
- 1st semester, application with parent signature due 1st week, 2nd semester, prior to start of semester

# Geisinger Internship

Ambulatory Nursing (Clinics)

Environmental Services (EVS)

Food Service

Inpatient Nursing

Respiratory Therapy

Radiology

Emergency Medical Technician (EMT)

Central Facilities

Laboratory Medicine

Pharmacy

GCMC

Supply Chain



# Individual Junior Meetings

Counselor	Last Names
Mrs. Cecco	A-F
Dr. Zack	G-O
Ms. Sands	P-Z



## INDIVIDUAL STUDENT PLANNING



# College and Career Tools



## Smart Futures & Naviance

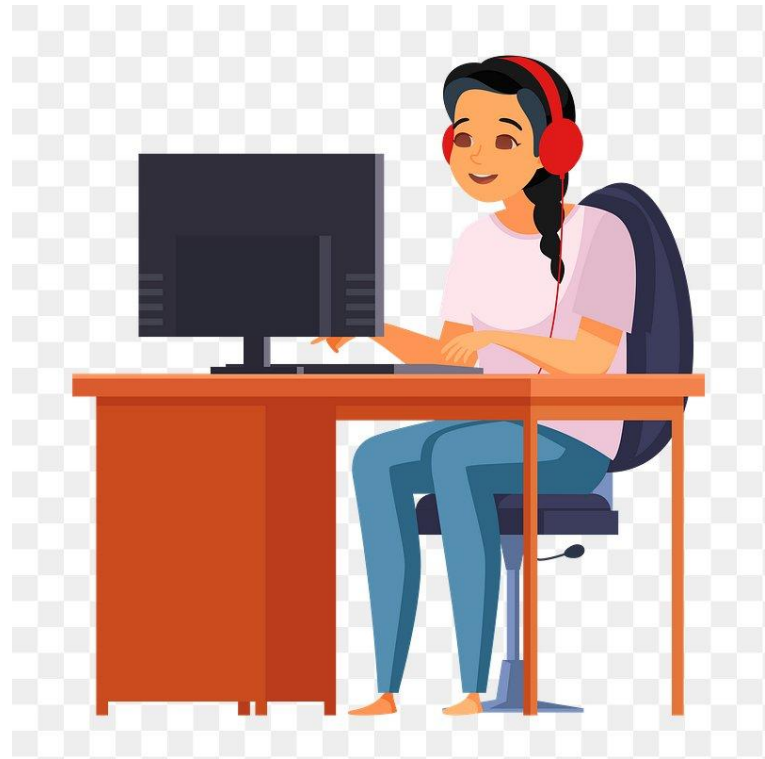
- Students have accounts in both of these programs.
- Smart Futures is a career planning tool that also tracks CEW Standards.
- Our district uses Naviance to send transcripts and letters of recommendations. When students are applying, they need to link their Common App account to Naviance.
- Time to start thinking about creating a list of colleges.

# Naviance

Students log in through Clever.com

Find the Naviance icon

<https://student.naviance.com/main>



# College Testing - ACTs & SATs - at LAHS

## **ACT**

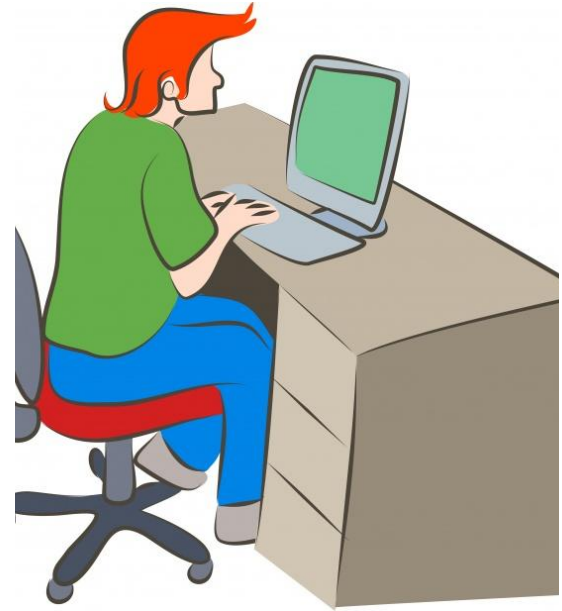
April 6, 2024

## **SAT**

March 9, 2024

June 1, 2024

- Typically offered in the fall -Aug. Nov., Dec.



# Student Athletes - NCAA Eligibility Center

- Student athletes must register with the NCAA Eligibility Center to be eligible to play NCAA Division I or II sports in college. Athletes playing in Division III do not have to register.
- The NCAA Eligibility Center reviews the student athlete's academic record (Core course credits and GPA) to ensure conformity with NCAA rules.



# Paying for College

**GRANTS**

Need-based money  
without repayment

Merit or performance-  
based money without  
repayment

**SCHOLARSHIPS**

**WORK STUDY**

Need-based campus  
jobs; earnings go  
toward tuition, fees, etc.

Fixed low-interest  
rate money that  
must be repaid

**FEDERAL LOANS**

# Financial Aid Resources

**Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)** - [StudentAid.gov](https://studentaid.gov) - usually opens Oct 1st.

**PHEAA** - Pa Higher Education Assistance Agency - [pheaa.org](https://pheaa.org) Information on Grants, Loans, other funding programs, and college planning.

**CSS Profile** - Application used to award non-federal institutional aid.

**MySmartBorrowing.org** Salary rule of thumb - Do not borrow more for your education than you will make in your first year out of college.

**FinAid.org** - Financial aid information and tips to ease the financial burden of college expenses.

**LAHS Guidance website**

# Scholarships

- Counselor List
- Scholarship Websites
- Senior Awards
- Institution Scholarships
- Affiliation Scholarships
- Military Academy and ROTC

## Junior opportunities

[Horatio Alger Association Scholarship Programs](https://scholars.horatioalger.org/about-our-scholarship-programs/) - Targeted to students who have faced significant adversity in their lives and demonstrate critical financial need (\$55,000 or lower adjusted gross family income). The State and National Scholarships are now available to high school juniors!

<https://scholars.horatioalger.org/about-our-scholarship-programs/>

[Cameron Impact Scholarship](https://www.bryancamereducationfoundation.org/scholarship#eligibility) - Applications are open for the Class of 2025. Four-year, full-tuition, impact-driven undergraduate scholarship awarded to 10-15 exceptional students who have demonstrated excellence in leadership, community service, extracurricular activities, and academics. Deadline May 22, 2024

<https://www.bryancamereducationfoundation.org/scholarship#eligibility>

[QuestBridge](https://www.questbridge.org/) - Rising seniors who have excelled academically despite financial hardship. Students apply to the National College Match. Recipients are granted early admission to one of QuestBridge's college partners with a full four-year scholarship. There are other awards available through QuestBridge as well for juniors.

<https://www.questbridge.org/>

[Coca Cola Scholarship](https://www.coca-colascholarsfoundation.org/apply/) - Achievement based scholarship with an early deadline in October of senior year.

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