

# Class of 2021!!

This news is for you. Take a look over the summer.

## SAT / ACT TESTING

If you're thinking of going right to a four-year college, you will need to take the SAT or ACT test: The scores are used by most colleges during the admission process. The sooner you can take one of these tests, the better. (The March, April, and May tests were canceled because of COVID-19. Testing begins again this month.) There are two reasons to test soon:

1. Your test scores must be received by the college(s) where you apply before the application deadline;
2. Testing early allows you time to retake the test if you want to improve your scores.

Here are the next two SAT dates. Please review the "Important Note" below before registering. **To test on Aug. 29, you must register by July 31. To test on Sept. 26, you must register by Aug. 26.** Register for either one here: <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat/register/dates-deadlines>

- You can study for the SAT for **free** at The Khan Academy -- <http://khanacademy.org>

***IMPORTANT NOTE:** Priority registration for the August, September, and October administrations is open now for students in the class of 2020 or 2021 who don't have an SAT score. Students who registered for the June SAT or Subject Tests, and didn't cancel, can transfer their registration now. Later this week, registration for the August, September, and October test dates will be open for all students. If you are unable to find a seat in a test center near you, please check other dates. Colleges are rightfully being flexible with their testing requirements. Check college websites to get the most accurate information on their policies and deadlines. [Get more information.](#)*

Here are the next two ACT dates. **To test on July 17, you must register by June 18. To test on Sept. 12, you must register before Aug. 14. You can register here:** <https://www.act.org/content/act/en/products-and-services/the-act.html>

- You can study for the ACT for **free** here: <https://www.test-guide.com/free-act-practice-tests.html>

Please check [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org) and/or [www.act.org](http://www.act.org) to confirm dates.

## COLLEGE VISITS

Since we weren't able to take a field trip to a college this spring, try taking a virtual tour of any or all of Oregon's eight public universities, 16 community colleges or 14 private colleges. Just open this link ["Virtually Visit Oregon Colleges."](#)

Here's a great opportunity if you're considering one of the private colleges. It's called **Oregon Private College Week**, and it will be held **July 27-July 31, 2020**. Ten private, independent colleges will each host three 80-minute virtual visit experiences that include information about admissions, financial aid, and academic programs. It's free, and you can register here: <https://oaicu.org/oregon-private-college-week/>.

If you can't attend during "Private College Week," this link will give you lots of insights into those colleges: <https://oaicu.org/private-colleges/>

You can visit this Oregon Goes to College link: <http://oregongoestocollege.org/blog/virtual-college-night> to get the kind of information we'd planned to provide you at our annual "Options After College Night" in April. The presentation will fill you with a lot of the college knowledge that you missed out on.

## CAREERS

**A career is a commitment; a career is hard work; a career is your passion. Are you ready to find yours?**

Here are two links to help you investigate careers of all shapes and sizes.

- **Find Your Dream Career:** <https://www.learnhowtobecome.org/>
- **Connect with Industry Professionals:** <https://oregonconnections.nepris.com/home/v4>. First, follow this link to set up a free account: <https://oregonconnections.nepris.com/account/signup/roleselector>

## THIS SUMMER

Want your senior year to be a little less busy? There are some college-related things you can take care of over the summer.

- **Do some volunteer work:** colleges and scholarship committees love to see community service on applications.
- Use these three forms to:
  - List what you've done at YC on the "[Activities Chart](#);"
  - Ask a teacher, minister, coach or boss to write a "[Letter of Recommendation](#)" for you;
  - Spend some time talking about yourself on the "[My Unique Qualities](#)" form. Don't be shy about asking family and friends to fill one out for you, too. Tell them that their input just might enable you to get scholarship money to help pay for college! Truly, this insight into yourself can reap benefits when you sit down to write college and scholarship essays. ASPIRE mentors will be glad to proofread and help you perfect those essays.
- **Apply for some scholarships:** Many have deadlines over the summer or in early Fall. Why not get that financial aid ball rolling at a time when you're not busy managing classes and homework, too. Here are two great places to find great collections of scholarships: <https://oregongearup.org/calendar/scholarship> and <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/scholarship-search>

## GOOLE CLASSROOM

One last and important tip: All of this information and more is available to you in Google Classroom. Go to "[ASPIRE -- College and Career Readiness Info](#)." Use the access **code s5x3g3k**, then go to "Classwork."

## WORK WITH AN ASPIRE MENTOR

All you need to do to work with a YC ASPIRE volunteer mentor is sign up. He or she will help you with things like researching careers, college applications, finding scholarships--and staying on top of deadlines.

To work with a mentor at the start of your senior year, please complete the [ASPIRE "Student Participation Agreement."](#) You are welcome to fill it in and return it electronically or by mail to: ASPIRE Coordinator [Janet Herring-Sherman](#) or YCHS, 275 N. Maple St., Yamhill 97148.



**HAVE A REALLY GREAT SUMMER!**