

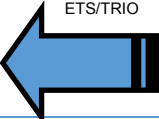
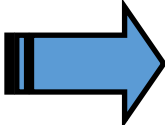


# SENIOR SCOTS BULLETIN

## Counselor's Corner—

Some of you have already received admission letters to colleges and universities—congratulations! Notify us of your #1 choice of 4-year college so we can honor you at Highland's "Academic Signing Ceremony" coming up April 27th in the Gym. Review and verify all data on your FAFSA Student Aid Report ([www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)) and view your Cal-Grant award ([www.webgrants4students.org](http://www.webgrants4students.org)). We are in the final quarter of Senior year so now is the time to keep your grades up and remember—college acceptance is **CONDITIONAL** and you must achieve a "C" or better on all A-G courses. Plan to visit your top 3 colleges over Spring Break and consider summer volunteer work, jobs or internships related to your chosen career. You must choose and complete an "Intent to Enroll" in your #1 college by May 1st. June 2nd is just around the corner so stay focused and remember, this no time for Senioritis. Class of 2016-You've got this! -Mr. Ramirez

## March/April 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Cal-SOAP	2 ETS/TRIO <b>FAFSA Priority Deadline</b> 90 Min Early Out 1:48 pm	3 Cal-SOAP	4	5 S.A.T. Test (Not @ HHS)  Cow Plop !
6	7 ETS/TRIO <b>IRON MAN</b>	8 Cal-SOAP	9 ETS/TRIO 90 Min Early Out 1:48 pm	10 <b>B.C. FIELD TRIP BIG SCOT On Campus</b>	11 <b>CSUB Admitted Students Pizza Party</b>	12
13 Time Change 2:00 am <b>SPRING AHEAD</b>	14 ETS/TRIO	15 <i>CAHSEE TESTING</i>	16 <i>CAHSEE TESTING</i> <b>NO EARLY OUT</b>	17 Cal-SOAP <b>St Patrick's Day</b> ASB Elections <b>IMPROV SHOW</b>	18 NO Cal-SOAP  1 Hour EARLY OUT 2:20 pm	19
20	<b>SPRING BREAK - March 19—March 28</b>					26
27 <b>Easter Sunday</b>	28 <b>NO SCHOOL Day After Easter</b>	29 Cal-SOAP	30 ETS/TRIO )	31 Cal-SOAP	1 Cal-SOAP <b>Sports Rally</b>	2
3	4 ETS/TRIO	5 Cal-SOAP	6 ETS/TRIO	7 Cal-SOAP <b>Drumline &amp; Color Guard Assembly</b>	8 Cal-SOAP <b>SENIOR ASSEMBLY  BC OPEN HOUSE</b>	9 ACT Exam @ HHS Gym  <b>PROM</b>
10 <b>REMINDER</b> <i>Bring your 4-year college Acceptance</i>	11 ETS/TRIO 	12 Cal-SOAP	13 ETS/TRIO 90 Min Early Out 1:48 pm	14 Cal-SOAP  <b>Powder Puff</b>	15 Cal-SOAP	16
17 <i>Letter to Ms. Courtis for the Academic Sign- ing Ceremony</i>	18 ETS/TRIO <b>\$\$\$\$ YOU CAN STILL APPLY FOR FAFSA \$\$\$\$</b>	19 Cal-SOAP	20 ETS/TRIO 10-12th Grade Class Council Elections  90 Min Early Out 1:48 pm	21 Cal-SOAP  <b>Choir POPS Concert</b>	22 Cal-SOAP	23 <b>CELEBRATE CSUB</b> 9am-1 pm College Tour Festival and Talent Competition
24	25 ETS/TRIO <b>HIGHLAND SCHOLARSHIP APP DUE</b> 4:00 pm to Ms. Courtis in Career Center	26 Cal-SOAP 	27 90 Min Early Out 1:48 pm <b>ACADEMIC SIGNING CEREMONY</b> 2:00 pm—3:30 pm HHS Gym	28 Cal-SOAP  <b>Drama Assembly</b>  Spring Production	29 Cal-SOAP  Spring Production	30  Spring Production

### CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

**Bakersfield College OPEN HOUSE**—coming up April 8th. There will be a bus taking a limited number of students to BC so sign up NOW in the Career Center. First-come, first-served! Preference given to foster youth and graduating Seniors going to BC.

**ACADEMIC SIGNING CEREMONY** Wednesday, April 27, 2016 at 2:00 pm the Gym

The Academic Signing Ceremony is an event where you may invite friends and family to celebrate your acceptance to a FOUR (4) YEAR UNIVERSITY. In order to attend this event, students must submit to Ms. Courtis either the letter or email of acceptance for their #1 top choice college they are planning to attend. Deadline to submit this information is Friday, April 22nd.

**SENIOR AWARDS CEREMONY** Monday, May 9, 2016 at 6:00 pm in the WAH

The Senior Awards Ceremony is another event you may invite friends and family to celebrate any scholarships received, as well as any merit awards (CSF, etc.) as well as military enlisted students. Other merit award recipients will be notified by various groups (CSF, Honor Society, President's awards, etc.) You must notify Ms. Courtis by providing a letter or email of your scholarship award by May 6, 2016.

**PLEASE NOTE:** *Students being honored at either the Academic Signing Ceremony or the Senior Awards Ceremony will receive a letter invitation sent home to parents and a hand invitation to the student being honored.*

**SPRING is the time to...**

- ◆ **Make updates to FAFSA application** based on parent’s actual taxes filed. Consider sending a letter of “Special Circumstance” to colleges if your parent’s income has changed since (due to lay-offs, etc.).
- ◆ **View Cal-Grant awards** by creating an account at [www.webgrants4students.org](http://www.webgrants4students.org). If you change campuses—you must notify CSAC (via your Webgrants account) right away. Hand-out available in Career Center.
- ◆ Continue your quest for \$cholarships. Did you know that **college campus scholarships** are one of the best sources of money for college? Check your college website(s) and complete apps—many have early deadlines.
- ◆ **Notify Ms. Courtis of 4-year college acceptance** to be included in Academic Signing Ceremony (April 27) Must provide letter of admission. *Bring in a copy or email to [denise\\_courtis@kernhigh.org](mailto:denise_courtis@kernhigh.org)*
- ◆ **Notify Ms. Courtis of 4-year college acceptance or scholarship/merit awards** to be included in Senior Awards (May 12). Must provide letter or email notice of award. *Bring in a copy or email to [denise\\_courtis@kernhigh.org](mailto:denise_courtis@kernhigh.org)*
- ◆ IMPORTANT—if you **DO NOT** pass one of your A-G Requirement courses during your Senior year with a grade of C or better, you could be **DISQUALIFIED** for admission to a 4-year college or university. So keep up your grades throughout second semester—this is no time for SENIORITIS—it could cost you dearly!
- ◆ If you are planning to take **Summer courses at BC**—complete the 2015-16 (current year) FAFSA and submit BOG fee waiver to BC. Also apply to BC/EOP for additional services and another \$500-\$600 money for tuition, fees or books.
- ◆ You must **complete “Intent to Enroll” for most 4-year colleges/universities by May 1st**—compare financial aid packages and other factors to help with your decision. Consult advisors if you have questions—Highland Counseling is here for you Class of 2016 !!!

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<u>California School Employees Assoc/Chapter 81 (CSEA)</u> . Min GPA 3.0 in grades 10-12. Parents member in good standing with CSEA for at least 1 year. <u>Paper app in Career Center</u> or call Monica Guerrero/Shafter High (661) 746-4961, ext. 14.	Mar 31
<u>Bakersfield Chinese Women’s Club</u> . Students of Chinese descent, 3.0+ GPA, activities, community service and family needs considered. <u>App in Career Center</u> .	Mar 31
<u>Brighthouse Networks—Future Leaders Scholarship</u> . 2.5+ GPA, community service, activities, leadership skills. Laptop and Carry Case. <a href="http://www.brighthouse.com/futureleaders">www.brighthouse.com/futureleaders</a> .	Mar 31
<u>Beyond the Cure Ambassador Scholarship</u> . College aged (25 under) cancer survivor—diagnosed before the age 18 with cancer or high grade anaplastic brain tumor. \$3,500 given to 40 survivors for 2015-16 school year. <a href="http://www.theNCCS.org">www.theNCCS.org</a>	Mar 31
<u>Fresno Pacific University—Samaritan Scholarship</u> . Demonstrate Christian commitment, undocumented students planning to attend FPU. Full-tuition scholarship. Must complete and submit CA Dream Act Application. <a href="http://www.fpu.edu">www.fpu.edu</a>	Mar 31
<u>Harvey &amp; Laura Brockmeyer Kiwanis Scholarship</u> . FFA, Key Club members of Kern County High School or child/grandchild of Kern County Kiwanian. 2.5+GPA, community service, leadership, financial need. NEW APP in Career Center, NOW \$750 per year/\$3,000 total. NOTE: ANY STUDENT WHO APPLIES ON OLD FORMS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED! <u>Apps in Career Center</u> .	Mar 31
<u>Assistance League of Bakersfield</u> . GPA 3.0+. App based on financial need, academic accomplishment and community service.	Apr 1
<u>American Petroleum Institute (API) San Joaquin Valley Chapter</u> . Students pursuing a career in petroleum industry or related field. <u>Apps in Career Center</u>	Apr 1
<u>Augustine Family Scholarship</u> . Must be high achieving, low income student who could not attend college without financial assistance. Apps in Career Center.	Apr 1
<u>Bud Ray memorial Scholarship</u> . Must be child or grandchild of a veteran or active military member. Must be graduating high school Senior with a Bakersfield address. Apps in Career Center.	Apr 1
<u>Bo-Peeps by Kern County Wool Growers Auxiliary</u> . Must be pursuing ag or an ag-related field. 3.0 GPA. Based on academic record, 4H and FFA membership, farm experience, extracurriculars and community service. \$1,000. Apps in Career Center.	Apr 15
<u>San Joaquin Achievers Scholarship Network</u> . Must have visited a Cal-SOAP college peer advisor/academic tutor at least 9 times throughout 2015-16 academic year; wtd. GPA 2.5+, must provide a copy of FAFSA EFC (Student Aid Report). Apps in Career Center .	Apr 8
<u>Sun Pacific Scholarship</u> . Based on scholastic achievement, extracurricular activities, community activities, leadership, personal interview and financial need. Must be employee or children of Sun Pacific. Apps in Career Center.	Apr 8
<u>Wilma Addington Memorial Scholarship - Desk &amp; Derrick Club of Bakersfield</u> . Resident of Kern County, must be pursuing a degree in energy (or petroleum/chemical engineering, geology and the sciences. Apps in Career Center.	Apr 21
<u>Bill Dolan Kern County Law Enforcement Foundation Scholarship</u> . 250 word essay, 3.0+ GPA, law enforcement or criminal justice major, may be a dependent of active or non-active law enforcement parent or family member. \$1,000/year up to 4 years. Apps in Career Center.	Apr 22
<u>Well’s College 21st Century Leadership Award</u> (must be nominated). Must be attending Wells College, 3.5+ GPA, based on leadership ability, community in-	Apr 22
<u>Highland High School Scholarships</u> . Various memorial scholarships, counseling scholarship and more. Must have 2.0+ GPA and complete application including one letter of recommendation, unofficial transcript, 250 word essay. Due Monday, April 25th by 4:00 pm in the Career Center. \$\$Varies. Apps in Career Center.	Apr 25
<u>Mayor’s Scholarship. Mayor Hall-Hall Ambulance</u> . Major in medical related field. <u>Paper apps in Career Center</u> or by visiting <a href="http://www.hallamb.com">www.hallamb.com</a>	Apr 29
<u>HENAAC—Great Minds in STEM Scholarship</u> . 700 word essay “Describe your educational and cultural background, what attributes of a STEM leader do you possess and why.” <a href="http://www.greatmindsinstem.org/college/scholarship-application-information">www.greatmindsinstem.org/college/scholarship-application-information</a>	Apr 30
<u>A.W. Bodine/Sunkist Scholarship</u> . Must have a background in California or Arizona agriculture (student or someone in the student’s immediate family must have derived the majority of his or her income from agriculture); financial need, GPA and extracurricular activities indicative of potential for success.	Apr 30
<u>Rain for Rent Scholarships</u> . Jerry Lake Memorial Scholarship (Eagle Scout). Must be majoring in agricultural, mechanical, civil or manufacturing Engineering. <a href="http://www.rainforrent.com">www.rainforrent.com</a>	Apr 30
<u>Moose Scholarship</u> . 3.0+ GPA. Graduating high school Senior, academic excellence, demonstrated leadership, extra-curricular activities, community service, volunteerism and innate desire to help others.	May 1
<u>CSUB Hispanic Excellence Scholarship Fund (HESF)</u> . Incoming CSUB Freshmen. 3.0+ GPA, academically excellent, financially needs students with leadership potential. <a href="http://www.csub.edu/hesf">www.csub.edu/hesf</a>	May 2

## **MARCH IS THE MONTH TO...**

**Parents work on your taxes** if you have not finished them already. Did you know you can submit the FAFSA by the March 2 deadline with limited parental tax info AND THEN go back and “Update” your application after the March 2 deadline? It’s true so don’t wait—submit your FAFSA today.

**Consider sending a letter of “Special Circumstance”** to financial aid office at each of your colleges—if your parents income has changed. Financial aid officers have the ability to increase financial awards based on “unusual” family situations.

**Continue your quest for Scholarships!** Local scholarships are here! Request letters of recommendation early (give 2 weeks notice to recommenders). Also, listen up in the daily bulletin for newest scholarships available.

**Apply for campus specific scholarships** at colleges and universities. UC and CSU campuses have funding available for first-time freshmen. Most have a single online application to complete which searches scholarship money at your school of choice. This is one of the BEST sources of scholarship money—don’t overlook this “easy money!!!” for college.

**Cal Grants** are the state of California grant money for college that **DOES NOT** have to be repaid. Did you know that your GPA determines how much Cal Grants money you qualify for-it now takes a 3.0 GPA to get a Cal Grant A to attend a 4-year college?

**How to apply for Cal Grants ???** Students in the Kern High School District have their GPA “uploaded” automatically by the district office to the Webgrants website based on their Social Security Number. This is considered the “GPA Verification”. A FAFSA application must be filed as well to be considered for Cal Grant or Dream Act \$\$

**Students can visit [www.webgrants4students.org](http://www.webgrants4students.org)** and create an account to view their Cal Grant awards. Instructional handouts available in the Career Center.

**Notify Ms. Courtis when you receive 4-year college acceptance(s)** to be included in the Academic Signing Ceremony April 29th. College acceptance letter must be provided to Ms. Courtis on or before April 24th to attend and get a star of the Highland Scholars “Wall of Fame” (coming soon!!!)

**ALSO Notify Ms. Courtis if you receive ANY scholarship or merit awards** to be included in Senior Awards Night 05/12/15.

**Keep your grades up!** Did you know that failing to maintain a grade of “C” or better on A-G courses can revoke your acceptance to 4-year colleges? Don’t get Senioritis—your future is on the line!!!