



# SENIOR SCOTS BULLETIN

## Counselor's Corner—

Seniors—Can you believe it's time for graduation? As things begin to wind down with high school, remember, this is not the end but instead it is the Beginning! So, prepare as much as you can:

-Work for good grades !!!

-Make sure you have everything set up for future!!! What are your plans for next year? College, Military, Vocational/technical school, workforce?

### For those of you attending a 4 year or 2 year college make sure you are:

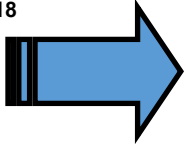
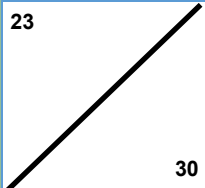
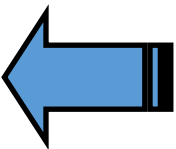
- Checking your College portals;
- Finishing up the To Do List items on your portal;
- Applying for your Housing and Food Plans;
- Registering for you classes, make it early so you get the classes at the times you want!
- Financial Aid and when to expect to see info on portals;
- Signing your SIR and paying the fee;
- Going to Orientation Days;
- Taking your English and Math placement tests if you need to!
- Notify Ms. Courtis where you are going to college or what you plan on pursuing after high school (4-year College? BC? Military? Workforce?)

- Last but not least, if you want your diploma and to walk at graduation – clear your debts, take care of your absence/period cuts, PASS YOUR CLASSES!!!

Prepare for rest of your life by doing your BEST!

Ms. Barrick

## April 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 CSUB EPT/ELM Exams
2	3 <b>Springfest</b> "Mercia Monday"  60 Min Early Out	4 <b>Springfest</b> Tailgate Tuesday	5 <b>Springfest</b> Wild Wednesday (Mix-n-Match)	6 <b>Springfest</b> Fun-in-the-Sun Thursday  <b>B.C. Priority Registration</b>	7 <b>Springfest</b> Fluorescent Friday  2 Hour Early Out	8 <b>ACT @ HHS</b> Check in 7:30 Gym
9	10	11	12	13	14 <i>Good Friday</i>	15
<b>SPRING BREAK April 10—April 14 Return April 18</b>						
16 <i>EASTER SUNDAY</i>	17 <b>EASTER MONDAY</b>  <b>NO SCHOOL</b>	18 	15 REMINDER <b>Senior Awards</b> is <b>Monday, May 15th</b> Notify Ms. Courtis of scholarships or merit awards.	20	21 <b>HIGHLAND SCHOLARSHIP DUE</b> 4:00 pm Deadline Ms. Courtis	22
23 	24  60 Min Early Out 2:16 pm	25	26 <b>REMINDER</b> <b>Academic Signing</b> is <b>Monday, May 1st</b> . Notify Ms. Courtis of your #1 4-year college choice.	27 	28 <b>BAKERSFIELD COLLEGE FIELD TRIP</b>	29 <b>Celebrate CSUB</b> 9am-1 pm College Tour, Festival and Talent Competition
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### COLLEGE & FINANCIAL AID WORKSHOPS

- **Bakersfield College Priority Registration Workshops** Thursday 04/06 and Friday 04/21—Career Center
- **Academic Signing Ceremony 4-Year College/University Students**, Monday, May 1st—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, to the #1 college they are planning to attend. Each student will be honored for only ONE (1) college at the Academic Signing Ceremony.
- **Senior Award Ceremony Scholarship & Merit Award Students**, Tuesday, May 12th—WAH  
The Senior Awards Ceremony is an 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. You must notify Ms. Courtis by providing a letter or email of your scholarship award. Other merit award recipients will be notified by various groups (CSF, Honor Society, Golden State Seal, etc.).

**NOTE:** Students being honored at either the **Academic Signing Ceremony** or **Senior Awards Ceremony** will receive a letter invitation sent home to parents and a hand invitation to the these events. Forward a copy of your acceptance letter (or email notification) to 4-year colleges and universities AND scholarship award letters to Ms. Courtis (Career Center) or via email at [denise\\_courtis@kernhigh.org](mailto:denise_courtis@kernhigh.org).

## April is the month to...

- ◆ Make updates to FAFSA application based on parent's 2015 taxes and income 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). Must submit first-choice college to activate award. Instructional hand-out available in Career Center.
- ◆ Complete Community Service for Gov/Econ class (need 10 hours). Forms and opportunities in Career Center.
- ◆ Continue your quest for Scholarships. 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. Scholarships are FREE MONEY for college that DOES NOT have to be repaid.
- ◆ Remember to write THANK YOU CARDS to anyone who wrote a Letter of Recommendation.
- ◆ 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!

# Scholarship Scoop

<u>Bakersfield College Apprenticeships</u> for Carpenters, Electricians, Operating Engineers, Plumbers/Pipefitters and Sheet Metal workers. Info available in Career Center.	Varies
<u>Assistance League Scholarship</u> . Financial need, community service, 3.0+ GPA, Kern County Resident.. Apps in Career Center or NOW ONLINE <a href="http://www.bakersfield.assistanceleague.org">www.bakersfield.assistanceleague.org</a> .	Apr 7
<u>Bakersfield Rotary Club 2 or 4 year College Scholarship</u> . Financial need, community service. Apps in Career Center.	Apr 7
<u>Kern County 999 Foundation—Officer David Nelson Memorial Scholarship</u> . Highland or South High ONLY. 3.0+ GPA, law enforcement or public service field of study. Apps in Career Center.	Apr 7
<u>Bo-Peeps: Kern County Wool Growers Auxiliary Scholarship</u> – Ag related field (Examples of agriculture related fields include, but are not necessarily limited to: Fashion and Textiles, Nutrition, Marketing, Biological Science, Genetics, Environmental Research and Conservation) 3.0+ GPA Apps in Career Center <a href="http://www.kcwoolgrowersauxiliary.com">www.kcwoolgrowersauxiliary.com</a>	Apr 10
<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 17
<u>Harvey L. Hall/Hall Ambulance Service, Inc. Medical Scholarship Program</u> . Major in medical field (paramedic, EMT, nurse, physician, dentist, dental hygienist, etc.) 3.0+ GPA. \$250	Apr 17
<u>Youth2Leaders Education Foundation—College Dream Fund Scholarship</u> . Must be undocumented student. 2.0+ GPA, academic potential, financial need. Apps in Career Center.	Apr 17 Postmark
<u>Military Officers Association of America—Bakersfield Chapter</u> . JROTC Program student or parent/grandparent DD Form 214 or military ID. 200-500 essay "WHAT AMERICA MEANS TO ME>" Apps in Career Center.	Apr 19
<u>Highland High School FFA Alumni Association Scholarship</u> . 3.0+ GPA, 2 letters of recommendation (not from Ag teacher), must be in good standing with HHS and FFA. Apps available in Career Center.	Apr 21
<u>Student View Scholarship</u> . Complete online survey about colleges in your area <a href="http://www.student-view.com">www.student-view.com</a>	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, and must have completed the FAFSA application. Due Monday, April 27th by 4:00 pm in the Career Center. \$\$Varies. Apps in Career Center.	Apr 21
<u>Laurelglen Elementary School Parent Club Scholarship</u> . Recipients must have attended Laurelglen Elementary School for at least one year. \$500. Apps in Career Center.	Apr 25
<u>American Public Works Association Scholarship</u> . 2.5+ GPA, majoring in engineering, public works admin, architecture or other major that supports public works. Attending a "Southern California" college (CSUB and BC count!!). <a href="http://www.southernca.apwa.net">www.southernca.apwa.net</a>	Apr 28
<u>Gamma Phi Beta Bakersfield Alumnae Chapter</u> . One of Gamma Phi Beta's philanthropic focuses is building strong girls and proactively providing them with opportunities for long-term success by inspiring them to be leaders of tomorrow. How do you contribute to building strong girls? Apps in Career Center.	Apr 28
<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. Apps in Career Center.	Apr 30
<u>Rain for Rent Scholarships</u> . Two scholarships available 1) Charles Pl Lake/Rain for Rent (agriculture, irrigation technology, pumps or fluid dynamics) and dependents of Rain for Rent employees or 2) Jerry Lake Memorial Scholarship (Eagle Scout). <a href="http://www.rainforrent.com">www.rainforrent.com</a>	Apr 30
<u>Kern County Officials Association (KCOA) Joanie Harper Memorial Scholarship Committee</u> . Participate in a minimum of one season of a varsity sport, 2.5+ GPA, attending a 2 or 4 year college/university in the fall 2017. 1-2 page paper including academic/future goals and a narrative "What Sportsmanship Means to Me, 2 letters of recommendation (1 teacher, coach or counselor) and 1 teammate. \$1,000. Apps in Career Center.	May 1
<u>CSUB Hispanic Excellence Scholarship Fund</u> . 3.0+ GPA attending CSUB Fall 2015, \$1,500 renewable scholarship. Apps in Career Center. Apply as Freshman entering CSUB.	May 19

## **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. Curtis 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. Curtis on or before April 24th to attend and get a star of the Highland Scholars “Wall of Fame” (coming soon!!!)

**ALSO Notify Ms. Curtis 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!!!