# Senior Parent Meeting Wednesday September 19, 2018 6:30pm **BHS** Cafeteria





# 2018 B.E.S.T. College Night

#### Bastrop High School Cafeteria Wednesday, September 26, 2018 6:30-8:30pm

Find out what you want to do and where you want to go after high school! \*Meet with college and career recruiters \*See scholarship opportunities from colleges \*Much more

Your GTFCU Senior Scholarship Application is Due 09/26/18 (Applications on BHS website or in Career Center, Rm 205)

> Financial Aid Sessions at 6p.m. & 7p.m In the Bastrop High School Library

# CLASS OF 2019**REMIND:** Text (a)54ba42 to 81010



### Your Support Team

**Assistant Principals** 

Counselors

A-G: John Gosselink

A-G: Stephanie Wade

H-P: Missy Schuelke H-P: Christine Rector

Q-Z: Natalie Bennight Q-Z: Paula Rodriguez

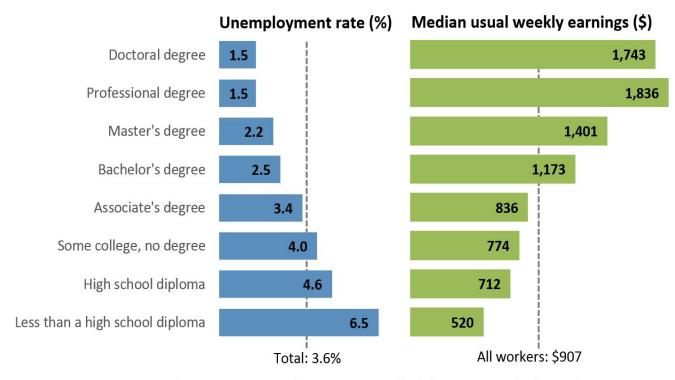
Career Center - Nathan Mouser & Tammy Johnson Social Worker - Barbara Gaona Registrar - Leslie Crouch



### LIFE AFTER HIGH SCHOOL: What's your plan?

#### **EDUCATION PAYS**

#### Unemployment rates and earnings by educational attainment, 2017



Note: Data are for persons age 25 and over. Earnings are for full-time wage and salary workers. Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Current Population Survey.

### There's a school for you.



Type of Institution	Degree	Occupation Examples
Public Two-year Community Colleges	Associate Degree Technical Certificate	Dental hygiene Automotive technology Welding LVN RN
Public Universities	Bachelor's Degree Master's Degree Doctoral Degree	Engineer, architect, teacher Physical therapist Physician, Lawyer, College professor BSN
Private Universities	Same as Public	Usually more expensive but often have good financial aid packages.
Technical Colleges	Certification	Automotive technology IT-Information tech Radiology technician

### Pick the best place for you.

- Campus Digital Tours
  <u>http://www.campustours.com/</u>
  <u>http://www.youvisit.com</u>
  - Program/degree offerings
  - 🗆 Size
  - Location
  - Retention and graduatior
  - Housing
  - Where would you fit in?



### What will colleges look at?

- Grades/GPA/Class Rank
- Courses
- Test scores
- Essays
- Letters of recommendation (some will)
- Extracurricular activities, awards, volunteer hours
  - Resume on Apply Texas, fill this portion out on the Application.
- Employment

Top ten percent graduate = guaranteed admission



- Admission to public postsecondary institutions is guaranteed to students who graduate in the top ten percent of their class at a public or private accredited high school in Texas.
- Except for the University of Texas at Austin...
  UT will only be required to accept students in the top 6% of the 2019 graduating class.

### IS COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOR YOU?

- □ Are you unsure about where to go or what to study?
- Do you need to cut the cost of a four-year college degree?
- Do you want to continue to work at your job while going to college?

Nearly 60% of undergraduates attend junior/community college.

#### Kinds of education:

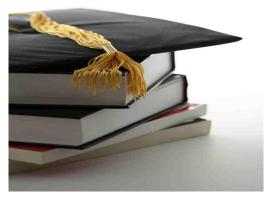
- o occupational certificate
- o associate's degree
- or course hours to transfer to a 4 year college



# ACC – Is this your plan?

Campuses in Austin & surrounding area:

- Elgin, South Austin, Riverside, Round Rock, Highland, Pinnacle, Cedar Park, Hays, Eastview, North Ridge
- Complete Application
- Complete ACC Scholarship Application by the ACC Deadline
- Attend ACC Info Session
- Check in the Career Center for other requirements



### College Readiness Tests



### <u>Texas Successive Initiative</u> <u>TSI</u> <u>It's NOT just for Austin Community College</u>

The TSI is a **Texas** program that requires students to demonstrate their college readiness in reading, writing, and math before they can take *college-level credit classes*. You must take the TSI when you enroll at any **Texas** public college or university unless you show proof of exemption or waiver from the requirement.

### **College Readiness**

- Texas Success Initiative (TSI) placement test
- Required to enroll in a Texas public two or four year college
- May exempt based on SAT, or ACT scores
  - New SAT 480 evidence based reading & writing/530 math
  - ACT 23 Composite (Minimum 19 English / 19 Math)
- Register to take the test in the Career Center through Beyond The Bell



### College Admission Exams

### Go to the Career Center

□Take SAT or ACT before December!! Hopefully you took it last spring. It's NOT too late.

□You can take it more than once, but you should send all scores to your selected schools. You will have to go back to website and pay to send to other schools.

□Most colleges/universities take either test.

- SAT (Register online www.collegeboard.org)
  - Tests reading, math and writing.
    - SAT Prep FREE ONLINE PERSONAL TUTORING -Khanacademy.org (\*BTB\*)
- ACT (Register online www.act.org)
  - Tests English, math, reading, science and writing.
    FREE TUTORING ACT Academy OpenEd.com

### MORE ABOUT TESTS



Fee waivers available in the College/Career Center

- Eligible for free or reduced lunch program
- Good for college applications and test fees
- Most schools don't superscore, but some do! Check with YOUR university.
  - Superscore your best subscores regardless of test date. Be sure to send in all your test scores for consideration.

### Seniors, start today.

#### Resume

- Letters of Recommendation for scholarships/financial aid
- Apply: <u>ApplyTexas.org</u>
- Texas A&M and University of Texas applications and scholarship deadlines are December 1st . November 1st is the priority deadline for certain programs & scholarships! Other deadlines can be found at *ApplyTexas.org*.
- Scholarship, Financial aid, and housing have separate applications and deadlines. Be aware!
- Keep up with deadlines/due dates.
- Choose a major.
- Each school you apply to will require you to send them a copy of your high school transcript. (Request it from Ms. Crouch \$2.00 each)
  - If you have taken dual credit classes, you also need to send your ACC
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### Keep things rolling.

- Begin financial aid process by applying for a FSA ID. (both parent and student will need one, the FSA ID is your digital signature.)
  www.fsaid.ed.gov
- Complete the FAFSA as soon as possible.
- □ FAFSA opens on October 1st this year
- This is EARLIER than in years past!
- □ FAFSA Monday hosted at BHS:
  - October 1, 2018 from 4:30 7 pm
  - BHS Computer Labs

### THINKING ABOUT THE MILITARY?

- Contact a recruiter.
- Take the ASVAB test
  - Get info. in the Career Center
- Prepare for test by using the website <u>www.march2success.com</u>
- Ask lots of questions.
- What opportunities will you receive for education?
- Consider an ROTC scholarship. Go to the College and Career Center for information.



### SCHOLARSHIPS



There is a great deal of free money available (and lots that goes unused every year), SO LOOK FOR SCHOLARSHIPS:

- Scholarship Bulletin Board outside of Counseling Office
- Career Center
- Local Scholarship booklet available in December.
- Twitter@BTXHSCounselors
- Twitter@BastropHighCCC
- Counseling Office has a running list of current outside scholarships
- ] www.myredkite.com
- www.raise.me
- Hispanic Scholarship Fund, FFA, FHA, NCAA

### Scholarship Tips:



- Search for scholarships that are a match for you.
- Write your essays about something that is unique to you. What are your personal successes/challenges?
- Does your essay address exactly what the scholarship requests?
- You cannot win any scholarships unless you apply for scholarships.
- CHECK EACH College/University Scholarship
  Application Deadline They are all different

### Check out the Career Center!

- Do research on the computers about colleges & careers.
- Work on your resume.
- Complete an interest inventory. (Texas Genuine & ONet)
- Attend sessions with representatives from different colleges.
- Register for the SAT, ACT, or TSI.
- Do test prep for SAT, ACT, TSI, ASVAB.
- Complete your college application.
- Work on your FAFSA application.



### Contact us

- www.bhs.bisdtx.org
- Twitter@BTXHSCounselors
- Twitter@BastropHighCCC
- Counseling Office 512-772-7219
- Career Center 512-772-7217

College Tours – October 10 Sign up in College & Career Center!!!

#### **COLLEGE CAMPUS VISIT LOCATIONS**

Blinn College - Brenham Central Texas Beauty College **Concordia University** Huston Tillotson University St. Edwards **Texas State University Texas State Technical College - Hutto** University of Texas @ Austin University of Houston @ Victoria Texas A & M University



 Copies of our presentations, local scholarship information, and other college/career planning tools can be found on the BHS website under the Counselors tab

### WHAT IS YOUR PLAN???

- **COLLEGE**
- **TRADE/TECHNICAL SCHOOL**
- MILITARY
- JOB SOME COMPANIES PAY FOR YOUR SCHOOL OR HAVE INTERNSHIPS AVAILABLE

DON'T PANIC JUST PLAN IT

### GET YOUR BARCODE AND ATTEND COLLEGE NIGHT

Provide your information one time through our simple, online registration page instead of dozens of times on prospect cards at each college table.

Ensure your personal data is accurately and securely shared with colleges and universities of your choosing.

Increase face-to-face time with admissions

To register for 2017 Central TX TACRAO Fairs students should:

- 1. Visit <u>www.gotocollegefairs.com</u>
- 2. Click on "Students Register Now"
- 3. Click on Texas in the map
- 4. Click on "9/24/2018 9/28/2018 College Day/Night Fair" (TACRfA 2nd logo)
- 5. Fill out the questionnaire with their information
- 6. Click Submit

7. Print Bar Code or have bar code ready on a mobile device (Take a Screen Shot or a Picture of the Bar Code)



