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VOLUNTEER CALENDAR 2016-2017



ASPIRE is a program of the Higher Education Coordinating Commission's Office of Student Access and Completion.

SEPTEMBER

“A goal without a plan is just a wish”

FRESHMAN/ SOPHOMORE

- Take PSAT
- Register for and take ACT Plan
- Explore career possibilities in CIS, Naviance or College Navigator (nces.ed.gov/collegenavigator)
- Explore OregonStudentAid.gov to learn about post-high school options
- Research colleges/universities/career-technical schools and their majors and fields of training

JUNIOR

- * Review courses for this year and plan for senior year and beyond
- Review high school transcript: Are you on track for graduation?
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- Attend financial aid nights, workshops and events with a parent or guardian if possible
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SENIOR

- * Review SAT or ACT scores if tests were taken last year, to determine if they need to be retaken
- * Register for SAT or ACT if not already taken or needs to be retaken
- * Get FSA ID: fsaid.ed.gov
- * Visit FAFSA.ed.gov to download FAFSA worksheet online. Questions? Call the Federal help line at 800-433-3243 or the local community college financial aid office.
- * Attend financial aid nights, workshops and events
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- Research colleges' minimum admissions requirements
- Review transcript to be sure colleges' admissions requirements can be met
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- Attend college visitation events at your school
- Narrow down list of colleges
- Begin work on college admissions and scholarship essays; have your ASPIRE mentor proofread your work
- Fill out request forms for letters of recommendations to give to teachers, counselors and/or employers. Give letter writers at least 4 weeks advance notice.
- Planning on attending a private college? Find out if they require an additional financial aid application, the CSS Profile
- Begin submitting college applications; monitor deadlines
- If applying to a private college, find out if they will accept the Common Application; check the list of participating schools at CommonApp.org
- Attend college/career fairs
- Complete Oregon Promise application (Community college applicants)
- Undocumented students and DACA students: Complete ORSAA to be eligible for Oregon Promise and/or Oregon Opportunity Grant Funds
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SEPTEMBER 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 SAT registration for 10/1 test	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10 ACT test
11	12	13	14	15	16 ACT registration for 10/22 test	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
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OCTOBER

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SENIOR

- * Complete FAFSA: Opens October 1
- * Review Student Aid Report (SAR) and make FAFSA corrections
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						1 SAT test
2	3 Douglas County College Fair	4 So. OR/No. CA College Fair	5	6 Central Oregon College Fair	7 SAT registration for 11/5 test Lane County College Fair	8
9	10	11	12	13	14 ASPIRE Fall Conf. OSU Fall Preview Your World @ WOU UO Duck Preview	15
16	17	18 Boise College Fair	19	20	21 UO Duck Preview	22 ACT test
23/30 Portland College Fair	24 Portland College Fair Salem Area College & Career Fair Portland Performing & Visual Arts Fair	25	26	27	28	29 PSU Freshman Preview OSU Cascades Fall Preview PSU Campus Preview D

NOVEMBER

“EDUCATION is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the WORLD” - Nelson Mandela

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		1	2	3 SAT registration for 12/3 test OSU Early Notification UO Early Action	4 ACT registration for 12/10 test UO Duck Preview Day	5 SAT Test OSU Beaver Open House WOU Fall Preview EOU Fall Preview
6	7	8	9	10	11	12 OR Tech Fall Preview
13	14	15	16	17	18 SOU Fall Preview PSU Bridges	19 UO Duck Preview Day
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
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DECEMBER

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11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21 SAT registrataion for 1/21 test	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

JANUARY

It takes less time to do things right than to explain why you did it wrong. -Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

FRESHMAN/ SOPHOMORE

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- Start creating a resume to continue throughout high school that will include classes taken, extra-curricular activities, volunteerism, jobs held, leadership positions, awards, received, etc.
- Look at college or training school admissions requirements to get an idea of what kinds of classes need to be taken now
- Start exploring the differences in schools to determine what might be a good fit after high school graduation: career-technical, community college, or 4-year college
- Continue exploring career possibilities in CIS, Naviance or College Navigator (nces.ed.gov/collegenavigator)

JUNIOR

- Review results of PSAT
- Start gathering information on college costs and financial planning
- Continue exploring career possibilities in CIS, Naviance or College Navigator (nces.ed.gov/collegenavigator)
- Consider taking an SAT or ACT prep course
- Register and take ACT and/or SAT
- Research colleges/universities/career-technical schools and their majors and fields of training
- If planning on attending a 4-year school, put together a list of 10 colleges of interest. Plan on applying to 3-6 schools during senior year.
- Research colleges' minimum admissions requirements
- Start seriously investigating private scholarships and other student aid programs
- Find information on federal financial aid at: StudentAid.ed.gov
- Attend financial aid nights, workshops and events with a parent or guardian if possible
- Attend campus preview days
- Create account in OSAC Student Portal
- Start working on OSAC personal statements and Activity Chart

SENIOR

- Submit applications to at least three colleges
- Check with colleges you have applied to make sure they have received all necessary documents. Continue to monitor applications
- Check to see if mid-year transcripts have been sent to colleges applied to
- Complete Oregon Promise application (Community college applicants)
- Undocumented students and DACA students: Complete ORSAA to be eligible for Oregon Promise and/or Oregon Opportunity Grant Funds
- Apply for local, regional and college scholarships
- Complete work on OSAC Scholarship Application and submit to OSAC
- Track scholarship application deadlines
- Check your email and OSAC Student Profile for notifications

JANUARY 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12 Making WOU Happen	13 ACT registration for 2/11 test	14
15 UO Regular Application and Priority Scholarship deadline	16	17	18	19	20	21 SAT test
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31		January: College Goal Oregon See CollegeGoalOregon.gov for dates and locations		

FEBRUARY

“Everybody is a genius. But if you judge a fish by its ability to climb a tree, it will live its whole life believing that it is stupid.”-Albert Einstein

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SENIOR

- * Request high school transcript for OSAC Scholarship Application
- * Feb 15: Submit OSAC application by Early Bird deadline; includes Activity Chart, personal statements, and transcript (Volunteers can help by proofreading everything before submission)
- Submit applications to at least three colleges
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FEBRUARY 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Regular & Scholarship Deadline for EOU, OSU, OSU Cascades, and PSU	2	3	4 WOU Winter Preview Day
5	6	7	8	9	10 SAT registration for 3/11 test	11 ACT test
12	13	14	15 OSAC Early Bird Deadline SOU Priority Appl. and Priority Scholarship Deadline	16	17	18
19	20 OIT Tech Trek OIT Wilsonville Winter Preview EOU Campus Preview Day	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28				

MARCH

Do the best you can until you know better. Then when you know better, DO better.” -Maya Angelou

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SENIOR

- * Submit OSAC application by final deadline of Mar 1; includes Activity Chart, personal statements, and transcript
- * Complete the ASPIRE Senior Exit Survey
- Submit applications to at least three colleges
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MARCH 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 OSAC Scholarship Appl. Deadline Oregon Tech Priority Deadline WOU Criminal Justice Careers Day	2	3 ACT registration for 4/8 test	4
5	6	7	8	9	10 UO Duck Day	11 SAT test
12	13	14	15	16	17 UO Duck Day	18
19	20 OSU Spring Preview 1	21	22	23 PSU Viking Scholars	24 UO Duck Day	25
26	27 OSU Spring Preview 2	28	29	30 OSU Juniors Only Spring Visit WOU Spring Break Visit	31	

APRIL

It is our CHOICES that show us what we truly are far more than our ABILITIES” -*Albus Dumbledore*, J.K. Rowling

FRESHMAN/SOPHOMORE

- Meet with school counselor: Register for challenging classes
- Continue to explore career interests; start researching which schools offer a major or training in your field of interest
- Continue to add to your resume or portfolio any new activities, honors, or achievements
- Volunteer in a field you may enjoy or in a career field that is of interest to you
- Consider taking an SAT or ACT prep course

JUNIOR

- Consider taking Advanced Placement (AP) exams while information is still fresh
- Continue to research schools of interest; narrow down list of choices
- Review high school transcript: Are you on track for graduation?
- Register and take the ACT and/or SAT
- Meet with school counselor: Register for challenging classes
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SENIOR

- * Complete the ASPIRE Senior Exit Survey
- Keep your grades up! Colleges pay close attention to the second half of senior year!
- If you are on a college wait list, notify that school if you are still interested in attending
- Submit any requested tax forms or other documentations to the college financial aid office
- Learn how to compare financial aid offers from different schools in the Students and Families section of OregonStudentAid.gov
- Consult the Loan Comparison Chart in the Students and Families section of OregonStudentAid.gov for information on various types of student loans
- Accept financial aid offer from the college you will be attending
- Notify all schools of your decision
- Check your email and OSAC Student Profile for notifications
- Write thank you notes to scholarship donors
- If community college bound, take placement test
- Continue logging into your OSAC student account to check for notifications and/or scholarship awards
- Go over sample student budgets (Volunteer Toolkit)

APRIL 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Boise Spring College Fair
2	3	4	5	6	7 SAT Reg. for 5/6 test OSU Spring Preview 3 SOU Spring Preview EOU Spring Preview UO Duck Day	8 ACT test
9	10	11	12	13	14 OSU Spring Preview 4	15
16	17	18	19	20	21 UO Duck Day	22
23/30 4/30: Portland Spring College Fair	24	25	26	27	28 UO Duck Day	29 OR Tech Spring Open House

MAY

If you find a path with no obstacles, it probably doesn't lead anywhere."-Frank Clark

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7	8	9 SAT registration for 6/3 test	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26 PSU Junior Visit	27
28	29	30	31			

JUNE

The best way to predict your future is to create it -Abraham Lincoln

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- Sophomores, consider taking the ASVAB Aptitude Test
- Visit college campuses
- Contact business owners and professionals in your area to inquire about job shadowing opportunities
- Track all hours spent working for pay, volunteering, and working in community activities
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- Be sure to request your year-end transcript is sent to the college you will be attending
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23/30	24/31					

AUGUST

It is better to light a candle than curse the darkness. -Eleanor Roosevelt

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27	28	29	30	31		