



# January Newsletter

New year  
New you  
New schedule!

Don't forget to check your StudentVue for your 2nd semester schedule. You are in new classes!



## Welcome Back!

Hopefully you had an amazing, restful break and you're coming back to school ready for a brand new semester! Don't forget...

- **ATTENDANCE** matters. Make sure you are **on time** to every class every day!
- **WEAR YOUR ID!** If you don't have one, take a trip to the bookstore. It will cost you \$5.





# UPCOMING EVENTS

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**January 6**

**Back to School**

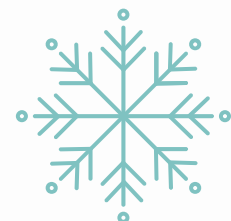
**January 13**

**FAFSA All Day Workshop in the Library**



**January 15**

**FAFSA All Day Workshop in the Library**



**January 20**

**MLK Day - NO SCHOOL!**

**January 22**

**FAFSA All Day Workshop in the Library**





# FAFSA WORKSHOPS

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**Need help with the  
FAFSA? CHS is hosting  
FAFSA All Day  
Workshops in the  
Library.**

**Dates:  
January 13  
January 15  
January 22**

## What do you need to complete the FAFSA?



1. Your StudentAid.gov account (FSA ID)
2. Your contributor information
3. Your and your contributor's federal income tax return (accessible online)
4. Records of your and your contributor's child support received
5. Records of your and your contributor's assets
6. List of school you're interested in attending




Students and parents  
are welcome to attend  
these workshops.

Scan the QR code to  
make an appointment.






# Which parent is my contributor when filling out the FAFSA form?



Parent's Marital Status	Provide Information For
Never Married	Provide information about the parent who provided more financial support during the last 12 months. If both parents provided an exact equal amount of financial support or if they don't support you financially, provide information for the parent with the greater income and assets.
Unmarried and both legal parents living together	Both of your parents
Married	Both of your parents
Remarried (after being widowed or divorced)	Parent and Stepparent
Divorced or Separated	Provide information about the parent who provided more financial support during the last 12 months. If both parents provided an exact equal amount of financial support or if they don't support you financially, provide information for the parent with the greater income and assets.
Widowed	Your parent





# NAU First Scholars




Interested in applying for NAU's First Scholars program? Visit this [website](#) to learn more about the program and to start your application.

## Eligibility requirements


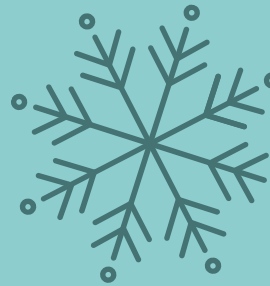


Students who apply to the First Scholars program must:

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- Be a first-generation student, meaning neither parent(s) or guardian(s) have earned a bachelor's degree.
  - Be a first-time student who has been admitted to NAU for the 2024–2025 year. This includes submitting appropriate application and enrollment fees, and high school transcripts.
  - Demonstrate financial need and [complete the FAFSA](#) (Free Application for Federal Student Aid). (Due to changes concerning the 2024-2025 FAFSA, we recommend that you complete the application as soon as possible.)
  - Be a US citizen or qualified non-citizen as defined by federal law.
  - Be eligible for in-state tuition.
  - Be willing to participate fully in the First Scholars program and activities for four years.

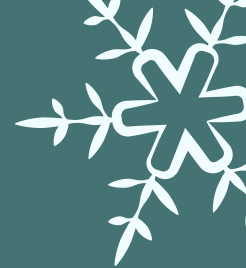
## Program requirements

Students selected to be a First Scholar must:

- Commit to four years of support and guidance from the First Scholars Program
  - Attend an NAU new student orientation
  - Attend the First Scholars orientation (date to be determined for Fall 2024)
  - Participate in designated socials, events, workshops, and service projects for four years
  - Meet with a peer mentor their first year
  - Meet with a professional staff mentor for four years
  - Maintain a 2.0 GPA, semester and cumulative.
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# Scholarships



## Amazon Future Engineer Scholarship

The Amazon Future Engineer program will award 400 students up to \$40,000 each toward college expenses, paired with opportunities to intern at Amazon.

**Deadline: December 19, 2024**

Click [here](#) for more details.

## Bank of America Student Leaders

**Program: 8 week paid internship at a local nonprofit organization where you will learn about leadership skills.**

**Current junior and senior high school students may apply**

Click [here](#) for more details and to apply!



## Union Plus Scholarship Program

**Current and retired members of participating unions, their spouses and their dependent children.**

**A GPA of 3.0 or higher is recommended. The required essays can account for up to half your total score. Amounts range from \$500 to \$4,000. These one-time cash awards are for study beginning in the Fall of 2022. Students may re-apply each year.**



**Deadline: January 31, 2025**

## Taco Bell Live Mas

**No grades.**

**No test scores.**

**No Essays.**

**Submit a 2 minute video describing what you're passionate about and how to you plan to make a difference.**

**Deadline: January 8, 2025  
5:00 pm PST**

**This is your change to be part of something bigger.**



# WHY SHOULD I TAKE THE ACT?

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## **Applying to a Test-Optional school.**

Even at test-optional schools, submitting an ACT score can be highly beneficial. Students who provide test scores often have higher admission rates<sup>1</sup>, and many test-optional schools require scores for scholarships or entry into specific programs like nursing and engineering. ACT results can also meet math, English, or STEM prerequisites, helping students avoid extra placement tests.




## **Not sure what to do after high school.**

Even if plans aren't clear yet, having an ACT score can help students be prepared for future college and career opportunities. Students who may be reluctant to take the ACT initially are often pleasantly surprised when they score better than expected and discover new options to consider for college and career success. Also, completing the interest inventories on [MyACT](#) or [Encourage](#) can reveal strengths and interests to help guide students' paths. [Get helpful suggestions for deciding next steps after high school.](#)

## **Going to trade school.**

While ACT test scores aren't usually required for trade schools, submitting an ACT score may help a student stand out. A high score may allow students to bypass placement exams and qualify for certain programs or scholarships. It also keeps options open if students decide to transfer to a college later.




## **Going to college later, but not immediately after high school.**

Taking the ACT in high school is often easier than preparing for the test a few years later and ensures students will have a score whenever they choose to apply to college.

## **Enlisting in the Military.**

Students enlisting in the military will need to take the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB) exam. However, having an ACT score can be beneficial if a student decides to pursue college while in the military or after service, making the college application process easier.





# JOAQUIN BUSTOZ MATH-SCIENCE HONORS PROGRAM AT ASU



The Joaquin Bustoz Math-Science Honors Program (JBMSHP) is an intensive summer mathematics program designed for high school students in grades 10-12 who are interested in STEM careers (Science, technology, engineering, and math).



## Dates

June 1 - July 11, 2025



## Courses

Mat 117: College Algebra

Mat 170: Pre-Calculus

Mat 265: Calculus for Engineers I

Mat 266: Calculus for Engineers II



Experience college life firsthand at ASU



Live at an on-campus student residence hall



Earn 3 math college credits



Start satisfying math prerequisites for STEM majors



Learn about STEM majors and careers



Receive valuable academic success tips and guidance on transitioning to college from current ASU students



Meet like-minded students from across Arizona



## Location

ASU Tempe Campus



## Cost

FREE (all expenses included)



## Application Deadline

February 18, 2025

**Click here for more  
information.**






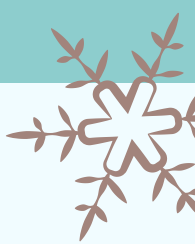


# Arizona Teachers Academy

The **Arizona Teachers Academy** (ATA) is a program to help pay for tuition and fees for those students in a state university or community college Educator Preparation Program (EPP). The scholarship covers tuition and mandatory fees after a student has accepted all other non-loan aid such as institutional scholarships, federal Pell grants, and other private scholarships. To receive the ATA scholarship, you must commit to one year of teaching in an Arizona public school for each year you receive the scholarship. Visit this **website** for more information.



You are eligible to be considered for the Arizona Teachers Academy scholarship if you:

- Have submitted a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
  - Are admitted to a program that leads to initial teacher certification
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To apply for the ATA scholarship, and for specific program and scholarship requirements, click the institution you wish to apply at:

[ASU](#)

[NAU](#)

[UA](#)



[Maricopa Community Colleges](#)

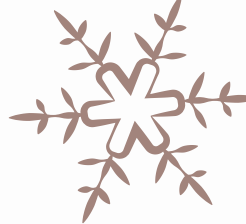
[Central Arizona College](#)

[Pima Community College](#)

[Rio Salado College](#)

[Scottsdale Community College](#)





# GIRLS GET IT

## REGISTER TODAY

**FRI | FEB 28, 2025**

Estrella Mountain  
Community College

Celebrating the countless opportunities available in the field of **Information Technology**, Girls Get IT (GGIT) welcomes high school students from schools across the Valley for an interactive day of experiences introducing them to their possibilities.

## WHAT TO EXPECT

- Attend workshops to explore your future study and career opportunities.
- Enjoy a speed-networking lunch with a rotating group of professionals sharing their experiences.
- Understand the diverse range of educational and professional opportunities available for you in IT.
- Have a fun day filled with dynamic experiences, making new friends, and getting cool swag!
- Girls Get IT is FREE to attend for all students - lunch is included!

## TO REGISTER OR LEARN MORE:

[go.estrellamountain.edu/GGIT](https://go.estrellamountain.edu/GGIT)



## WHO CAN ATTEND

- Any high school students interested in learning about the IT field can attend.
- Students can attend as part of a class or as an individual (as long as an adult is present).

## WHEN AND WHERE

**Date:** Friday, February 28, 2025

**Time:** 8:30am - 1:30pm

**Cost:** FREE

**Location:**

Estrella Conference Center at  
Estrella Mountain Community College  
3000 N. Dysart Rd, Avondale, AZ

