

# THE MEADOWS SCHOOL

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## WELCOME TO SECOND SEMESTER

Exciting news! President Trump signed the **Setting Every Community Up for Retirement Enhancement (SECURE) Act**, which aims to improve savings habits in the United States. The legislation expands the benefits of 529 college savings plans, including adding student loan repayments and cost of apprenticeship programs as qualified expenses. The new law applies to 529 plan distributions made after December 31, 2018.



Senior Jared Stone was selected from among the state's top student leaders to represent Nevada in the nation's capital during the **58th Annual United States Senate Youth Program Washington Week** in March. Each year, this extremely competitive merit-based program brings the most outstanding high school students—two from each state—to Washington, D.C. for a week-long study of the federal government. The overall mission is to instill within delegates a more profound knowledge of the American political process and a lifelong commitment to public service. Peyton Barsel, another Meadows senior, was selected as one of only two alternates. Congratulations to both Jared and Peyton!

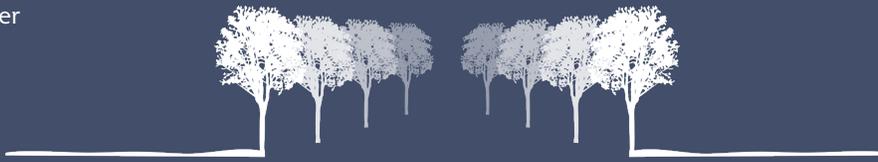
## SENIORS

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Wednesday, April 29 at 6:30 p.m. in the CFA - End of Year Senior & Parent College Night. Topics include May 1st Decision Day and the enrollment process, the transition from high school to college, the relationship and role change between parents and college students, tips for a successful freshman year, HIPAA and FERPA, and more.

### APPLICATION REMINDERS

1. **UPDATE NAVIANCE!** We cannot emphasize enough how important it is for seniors to update Naviance with their college admissions decisions.
2. Remember that colleges care about second semester senior grades. All decisions are pending successful completion of your senior year. Note that it's not enough to finish, you must finish successfully. There is a difference.
3. If you have been admitted Early Decision (binding), or deposited at your college of choice, please contact the Admissions Offices at your other colleges to withdraw your application.
4. If you have colleges listed in Naviance that you are not applying to, please inform Ms. Hines so that she can remove them from your list.



## JUNIORS

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Wednesday, February 12 at 6:30 p.m. in the Upper School Common - Junior College Tour Logistics & Prep Meeting. Important forms, details and expectations will be distributed and reviewed.

Wednesday, March 18 at 6:30 p.m. in the CFA - NCAA Student-Athlete Recruitment Presentation featuring Mr. Claude Grubair. What do student-athletes need to do to get recruited by colleges? How is the timeline and process different at the DI vs. DIII level? Learn about the steps in the highly competitive world of student-athlete college recruitment.

Wednesday, April 22 at 5:15 p.m. in the CFA - Sophomores, Juniors, AND Parents are invited to join College Counseling and more than a dozen of the country's finest admissions professionals as we guide you through mock college applications in our inaugural College Application Case Study Program. After the mock application session, there will be an opportunity to speak directly with the college representatives at a mini college fair.

The tentative schedule is as follows:

5:15 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.	Check-in at the Wanda Lamb Peccole Center for the Arts
5:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.	Opening Remarks by Admissions Directors in the CFA
6:15 p.m. - 7:15 p.m.	Case Study Exercises in various classrooms in the Upper School
7:15 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	College Mini-Fair in the Upper School Common

Please RSVP at your earliest convenience at <https://bit.ly/casestudyregistration>

### TEST PREP RESOURCES

You asked for it, we answered! All students now have access to ACT®, SAT® and SAT Subject Test® Prep through their Albert IO school accounts. Simply log in, select Subjects, then Test Prep. Albert IO offers practice problems, assessments, and answer explanations. College Counseling will be including test prep and Albert IO in Junior Advisory.

### INDIVIDUAL APPOINTMENTS

It's time to schedule your first individual junior and parent meeting with your assigned College Counselor. Students should see Ms. Linda Hines in the College Counseling Department to schedule an appointment.

## SOPHOMORES

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Thursday, February 6 at 8:15 a.m. in the CFA Art Gallery - 9th and 10th Grade College Counseling Coffee.

Wednesday, March 18 at 6:30 p.m. in the CFA - NCAA Student-Athlete Recruitment Presentation featuring Mr. Claude Grubair.

Wednesday, April 22 at 5:30 p.m. in the CFA - Inaugural College Application Case Study Program for sophomores, juniors and parents.

### SPRING TO-DO

- Meet with your College Counselor to discuss your junior year curriculum.
- Learn about the SAT and ACT and begin practicing with Albert IO.
- Attend local college fairs such as NACAC National College Fair on Thursday, April 23 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at UNLV Cox Pavilion.
- Register for and take SAT Subject Tests (if appropriate) in May or June.

## FRESHMEN

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Thursday, February 6 at 8:15 a.m. in the CFA Art Gallery - 9th and 10th Grade College Counseling Coffee.

### SPRING TO-DO

- Meet with your College Counselor to discuss your sophomore year curriculum.
- Continue working hard academically and explore extracurricular opportunities of interest.
- It's never too early to begin searching for scholarships. Check out the College Counseling Financial Aid and Scholarships page on The Meadows School website for useful links and resources.