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Senior Parent Night 2022  
SOUTH TEXAS ISD Science Academy  
Counseling Department

# SENIOR PARENT NIGHT

## SEPTEMBER 14, 2022

### SCIENCE ACADEMY

#### Counseling Staff

- ▶ Ms. Laura Villarreal      Students with the last name (A-D temporary) Gon-O
- ▶ Mrs. Beatriz Salinas      Students with the last name (E-GOM temporary) P-Z
  
- ▶ Counseling Office Secretary: Bianca Sanchez
- ▶ G-force: Pending
- ▶ Social worker: Nancy Talavera
- ▶ Wellness Counselor: Marcela Fernandez



Welcome  
Senior  
Parents!  
We are so  
glad you  
are here!

## Agenda

- ▶ Graduation Requirements
- ▶ Planning for Senior Year
- ▶ College Application Process (Fall)
- ▶ The Financial Aid Process –FAFSA/TASFA is required for Texas Graduation
- ▶ Graduation is just around the corner



# Graduation Requirements : Foundations with Distinguished Achievement

Student must complete:

- ▶ 4 credits in English
- ▶ 4 credits in Math (includes Algebra II)
- ▶ 4 credits in Science
- ▶ 4 credits in Social Studies
- ▶ 2 credits in languages other than English (LOTE)
- ▶ 1 credit in Fine Arts
- ▶ 1 credit in PE
- ▶ **At least 1 Endorsement**
- ▶ **Electives required by STISD**
- ▶ **28 credits-STISD**
- ▶ Pass all 5 STAAR EOC exams: English I, English II, Algebra I, Biology, US History
- ▶ Complete and submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)/TASFA



**75 community  
service hours  
March 24th  
Deadline**



# ENDORSEMENTS

- ▶ **STEM-Science, Technology, Engineering and Math-**  
Students who want to earn the STEM endorsement must take Algebra II, Chemistry, and Physics as well as four courses in the STEM area.
- ▶ **MULTIDISCIPLINARY**-Students who want to earn a Multidisciplinary Endorsement must complete four credits in each of the four foundation subject areas to include English IV and chemistry and/or physics
- ▶ **ARTS AND HUMANITIES**-Students wishing to earn an arts and humanities endorsement must complete five social studies credits; four levels of the same language; four Art credits; **or** four English credits to include: AP English 3, AP English 4, Research/Technical Writing and Communication Applications and Independent Studies
- ▶ **BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY**- Courses required: 2 in same career cluster and one advanced CTE course. Small Engine Technology, Small Engine Technology II, Automotive Technology I, Practicum in Transportation Systems/Ext. Practicum in Transportation or Principles of Manufacturing, Welding I, Welding II and Practicum in Manufacturing.

# Communication

The screenshot shows a Microsoft Teams chat interface. On the left is a navigation pane with icons for Activity, Chat, Teams, Assignments, Calendar, Calls, Files, Apps, and Help. The main area displays a chat window for the team 'SA Senior Class 2022-2023'. The chat is titled 'General' and shows a list of messages. The top message is a system message about Suicide Awareness Week. The second message is from Salinas, Beatriz, dated 1:07 PM, containing a PDF attachment titled 'Latinas in Progress.pdf'. The third message is also from Salinas, Beatriz, dated 1:15 PM, containing a text message about UTRGV enrichment opportunities and a registration link. The fourth message is from Villarreal, Laura, dated 1:45 PM, containing a text message about a Senior Parent Informational Meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 14th at 5:30pm. A 'New conversation' button is visible at the bottom of the chat area.

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SJ **General** Posts Files + Meet

Wear Super Hero attire  
Science Academy celebrates life by supporting Suicide Awareness Week

Reply

Today

BS Salinas, Beatriz 1:07 PM  
Females, Attached is an opportunity for community services, scholarships and connecting with women in leadership positions throughout the valley. Deadline for consideration is September 15th.

Latinas in Progress.pdf

Reply

BS Salinas, Beatriz 1:15 PM  
Hello Seniors! UTRGV will be here Monday during enrichment to discuss all the opportunities they have to offer. If you are interested, please register at <https://forms.office.com/r/Ki05E1T1XE>

Reply

Villarreal, Laura 1:45 PM  
Seniors:  
There we will be a Senior Parent Informational Meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 14th at 5:30pm in the Science Academy cafeteria. All Seniors and parents are highly encouraged to attend. This meeting will cover information regarding graduation requirements and an overview of post secondary information. We look forward to seeing you. Please let your parents know. A message was sent but  
[See more](#)

Reply

New conversation

## Seniors can view on their Teams ...



- Scholarship opportunities. Links are provided and it's updated monthly. The most current scholarships are towards the top of respective list.
- We have a College Fair on September 21st 2pm-3:00pm SA Gym. They must register through TACRAO. The steps on how to register are available on Teams.
- We have colleges visiting our campus. There is a live Google slide that states who is visiting and when. In addition, forms to sign up. The military is also coming and speaking with students in the lounge.
- The TSI testing dates are listed. In addition, we just released a sign-up form for TSI. The first test will be on September 29th.
- The SAT is on October 12<sup>th</sup> for all seniors. There is no cost to any seniors. There is a link that allows you to prepare and get information about SAT.
- Community service opportunities and connecting with the community.

# College Entrance Exams



- ▶ ACT <https://www.act.org/content/act/en/products-and-services/the-act/scores.html>
- ▶ SAT <https://satsuite.collegeboard.org/sat/scores>
- ▶ TSI <https://accuplacer.collegeboard.org/students/scores/getting-scores>
  
- ▶ Student must send SAT/ACT scores directly to universities
  - ▶ Students can take them multiple times
  - ▶ Send to prospective universities
  - ▶ Fee Waivers (Free/Reduced Lunch See Counselor)

# COLLEGE APPLICATIONS

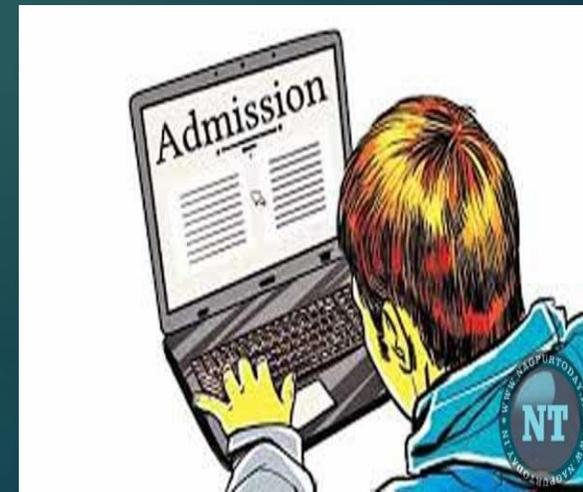
- ▶ College Applications—ApplyTx/Common Application Drives
  - ▶ ApplyTx <https://www.goapplytexas.org/>
  - ▶ Common Application <https://www.commonapp.org/apply>

- ▶ Transcripts

- ▶ Common Application
- ▶ TReX
- ▶ Mail
- ▶ College Portal
- ▶ OnRamps
- ▶ STC
- ▶ UTRGV



or <https://forms.office.com/r/UNMCvTQLLE>





# FAFSA/TASFA

- ▶ FAFSA/TASFA OPENS OCTOBER 1st, 2022
- ▶ FAFSA/TASFA Parent night October 19th, 2022
- ▶ FAFSA/TASFA Guidance through classes
- ▶ **All Current seniors must complete the FAFSA/TASFA for graduation ( TEA Requirement)**
- ▶ **Financial aid : grants, scholarships, work study**



# SCHOLARSHIPS

- ▶ [Science Academy Senior Teams](#)
- ▶ Fastweb
- ▶ Scholarships.com
- ▶ ScholarshipMonkey.com
- ▶ CollegeBoard.com
- ▶ CollegeNet.com



SCHOLARSHIP

# Graduation Accolades

- ▶ Latin honors (3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter GPA)
  - ▶ Summa cum laude (95 + GPA) (black stole)
  - ▶ Magna cum laude (90-94 GPA) (silver stole)
  - ▶ Cum laude (85-89 GPA) (green stole)
- ▶ Distinguished level of achievement (yellow cord)
- ▶ Certification (cord)
- ▶ OnRamps (passed the course) (orange & silver cord)
- ▶ Performance Acknowledgements (cord)
- ▶ Completion of Coursework (Medallion)
- ▶ Community service (red cord)
  - ▶ 75 hours
  - ▶ Three different organizations

March 24, 2023

Heritage High School  
Hogans, Arkansas



# Senior Info

- ▶ Senior Dues \$80 (Prom & Field trip;not picking up yet)
- ▶ Senior Portraits September 30th
- ▶ Makeup Day Nov 1st (in the morning before underclassmen photos)
- ▶ STISD Graduation Commencement May 20th & 21st @ Bert Ogden
- ▶ SA Sunday, May 21st @ 10:00am (tentative)
  
- ▶ Senior Sponsor    Mark Orta                    [mark.orta@stisd.net](mailto:mark.orta@stisd.net)





# Final reports/Transcripts

- ▶ Final transcript will be sent to selected university after graduation
- ▶ Students will submit requests in April via Form
- ▶ Verify Community Hours [bianca.sanchez@stisd.net](mailto:bianca.sanchez@stisd.net)

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# Science Academy Website

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