

UPCOMING EVENTS

College Board Big Future Days

BigFuture Days can help students get a strong start on building their college list. Whether they've already started their college search or have no idea where to begin, students can attend the BigFuture Days to connect with colleges that might be a good fit. BigFuture Days gives students a chance to get information about multiple colleges from college admissions officers and current college students.

Here are five reasons to attend BigFuture Days:

1. Explore colleges in a way that's informative but not overwhelming.
2. Connect directly with colleges to get answers to questions and show interest in attending.
3. Hear from current college students who know what it's like on campus.
4. Take key college planning steps like searching for colleges and exploring scholarships.
5. Join these free events from a computer or mobile device.

Find out more by visiting their [website](#)

COMMUNICATION THROUGH REMIND.COM

One of the primary ways we communicate is through Remind.com. We have set up the Class of 2022 Remind and have started sending important reminders out through this account. Parents and students can sign up to receive messages by following the instructions below. This will follow you into your senior year (college visits, application deadlines, presentation reminders, scholarship lists, etc.)

Send a text to 81010 with the following code based on the your last name

A-E Text the message **@6kh9bb**

F-L Text the message **@keg77bd**

M-R Text the message **@hb2gbf**

S-Z Text the message **@324cd3h**

COLLEGE CHECKLISTS

If you are looking for a checklist to see what you can be doing from now until graduation, take a look at these sites.

[NM Career Solutions Countdown to College Checklist](#)

[College Board's College Planning: 11th Grade](#)

RESEARCHING COLLEGES

The College Board's BigFuture website is a great way to start your college search. I created this PowerPoint to help you understand how to use the site.

[BigFuture PowerPoint](#)

[BigFuture College Search Site](#)

COLLEGE RESEARCH WORKSHEET

Below is a link for a generic College Research Worksheet. I encourage you to make a copy of it and change it to make it your own. For instance, you can add a section or delete a question to list what is important to you. It is often hard to remember what each college offers when you are researching and it helps to write it down as you go.

[Google Docs Version](#)

ACT/SAT

We may offer the SAT in person at Sandia between April 13 & April 27. This test is free and will be computer based. If you decide to take the test at Sandia you will need to follow all security & health procedures established by the state of New Mexico & the College Board. This test is not needed as a graduation requirement but if taken, it may be used to fulfill a graduation requirement. In addition, students may take this test for college admissions. Any junior interested in taking the test needs to register using the link below. Only students who sign in with their school's google account are allowed to access the registration form. Deadline to submit the form is Friday, March 5th at noon. If you have any question, you may contact our testing coordinator carlos.pachecotorrado@aps.edu or at 505.862.9017

Link to register: https://sandia.aps.edu/pf4/cms2/news_themed_display?id=1613727894841

All schools across the nation accept either the ACT or SAT so it is your choice which one you want to take. You will need to sign up on your own. If you are on Free or Reduced Price Lunch you can get a fee waiver from the Counseling Office.

[Link your PSAT scores to the Khan Academy](#)

[Khan Academy & SAT Prep Program](#)

[SAT Practice Tests](#)

[SAT Registration Site](#)

[ACT Registration Site](#)

[ACT Test Prep and Practice Tests](#)

[ACT Academy - Test Prep](#)

[ACT Kaplan Test Prep](#)

NCAA

[NCAA COVID-19 Response](#)

[NCAA Informational Brochure](#)

NM COLLEGE GUIDE

The link below will take you to a NM College Guide. It gives details for all of our NM colleges including costs, admissions information and fast facts.

[College and University Guide](#)

CAREER INFORMATION

Below are some links you might find helpful if you are interested in exploring careers, looking for a job or creating a resume.

[Career Interest Inventory](#)

[How to write a resume](#)

Tip: If you go to Google Docs and click on Template Gallery at the top of the page, you can click on the General tab and scroll down to Resume. These are templates that make it a lot easier to get started with a new Resume.

[NM Career Solutions](#) - information on Career Exploration, internships, jobs and more

[Apprenticeship Information](#)

COLLEGE BOARD OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP

College Board Opportunity Scholarships

The College Board Opportunity Scholarships offer nearly \$5 million in scholarships each year as a way to reward students for their efforts to plan and pay for college. The program is currently open to the class of 2022. Students should plan to complete six college planning steps for six separate chances at \$500. When they finish all six, they'll be entered into a drawing for a \$40,000 scholarship, but they can still earn money even if they don't complete them all. The first two steps are now open to juniors. The rest will open up over the next year.

1. **Build Your College List:** Get started by exploring colleges of interest and build and save a college list on College Board BigFuture™ (bigfuture.collegeboard.org) with at least six (6) schools. You must be logged in to BigFuture™ using your College Board account.
2. **Practice for the SAT:** Log in and complete either (a) a Timed Mini Section or (b) a Diagnostic Quiz to practice for the SAT using Official SAT Practice on Khan Academy® (www.satpractice.org). Your College Board and Khan Academy® accounts must be linked.
3. **Explore Scholarships (not open for juniors yet)**
4. **Strengthen Your College List (not open for juniors yet)**
5. **Complete the FAFSA (not open for juniors yet)**
6. **Apply to Colleges (not open for juniors yet)**
7. **Complete Your Journey**

SCHOLARSHIP SEARCH SITES

<https://www.albuquerquefoundation.org/>

[APS Scholarship List](#)

[UNM's General Scholarship Resource](#) (general list, don't have to be going to UNM)

[Texas Tech's External Scholarship Search](#) (general list, don't have to be going to Texas Tech)

[New Mexico State University Private Scholarship List](#) (general list, don't have to be going to NMSU)

[Scholarships.com](#)

Fastweb.com

Finaid.org