



# HENRY CLAY SENIOR MEETING

## Class of 2023



**Senior Information Sheet** ~ Please complete the Senior Information Sheet by clicking on the link next to your counselor. This information is used to complete recommendations, provide specific scholarship information, and have contact with seniors. Using your last name, find your counselor below and click on their link.

**A – Ca** ~ Click here: <https://bit.ly/WesleySeniorInfo>

**Ki – N** ~ Click here: <https://bit.ly/TarrenceSeniorInfo>

**Ce - Goll** ~ Click here <https://bit.ly/CainSeniorInfo>

**O – SI** ~ Click here: <https://bit.ly/EdwardsSeniorInfo>

**Gom – Kh** ~ Click here: <https://bit.ly/HowardSeniorInfo>

**Sm – Z** ~ Click here: <https://bit.ly/HarrisSeniorInfo>

**Graduation Requirements for the Class of 2023** ~ check your transcript to make sure you are on track to graduate this year.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 4 credits in English        | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 credit in Arts/Humanities | <input type="checkbox"/> Pass Civics Test               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 4 credits in Math           | <input type="checkbox"/> ½ credit in Health          | <input type="checkbox"/> Financial Literacy in Advisory |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 3 credits in Science        | <input type="checkbox"/> ½ credit in PE              |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 3 credits in Social Studies | <input type="checkbox"/> 6 Elective Credits          |   |

\* If you attended another high school on block scheduling, you may need additional elective credits to graduate.

**Transcripts** ~ check your transcript to ensure accuracy and find any missing information. You can find your transcript in Reports on your Infinite Campus account. Check it for accuracy and for any discrepancies. Contact your counselor if you need to discuss your transcript.

**ACT, AP, and SAT Testing Dates** ~ Students who qualify for free/reduced lunch can receive up to four fee waivers (total). See your counselor. If you took the test already, you already have an account. Do not create multiple accounts with testing organizations.

- ACT - go to [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org) for dates, registration, and locations.
  - SAT - go to [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org) for dates, registration, and locations.
  - AP - May 1 to May 12, 2023.
- ACT Benchmarks for College Readiness – English 18, Math 19, and Reading 20.
- The Henry Clay Code for ACT and SAT registration is 181425.

**Test Prep** ~ see below for free, online test prep directly from testing companies. Talk to counselor for more options.

- ACT - [www.act.org](http://www.act.org) ~ On the test prep page at the bottom is a Free Study guide available for download. In addition to testing tips & descriptions, it has a full length practice test. Take this test, score yourself with the answer key provided and then go over the questions you missed. Also, online at the bottom of the test prep page is an online practice for each subject.
  - ACT offers Test Information Release (TIR) on the December, April & June tests for a small fee. They will provide a copy of the test questions, your answers & the answer key.
- SAT - <https://www.khanacademy.org/sat>

**College Search Information** ~ helpful websites: KHEAA ~ [www.kheaa.com](http://www.kheaa.com) and Big Future ~ [www.bigfuture.collegeboard.org](http://www.bigfuture.collegeboard.org)

**Check admission requirements** for colleges and universities that are of interest to you. Many colleges are test optional. You register for those with the regular SAT application or online. Make sure you understand the requirements for admissions and take the proper tests. Talk to the college admissions representatives and check their websites for possible test optional admissions.

**College Fair** ~ The 2022 Gary R. Martin Central Kentucky College Fair is **Tuesday, October 25 from 9:30 – 11:30 AM and 5:30 – 7:30 PM** at the Central Bank Center in Rupp Arena.

**College Visits** ~ A list of “visits” and registration can be found on HC Counseling Website under College Visits or go to <https://forms.gle/1C43ZzV5MGRxZvuY9> and sign-up. The list is updated regularly, so you might want to visit the form again and again. You may have also seen the flyers posted around school with the bar code. If you have questions, see our College and Career Readiness Coach, Vince Bingham, in the office across from the pictures of Henry Clay’s past principals in main foyer.

**Request for College Visit** ~ The form is on the main Henry Clay Counseling Website under College Visits.

- Seniors are permitted to have 5 excused days per year.
- You must submit the form to your counselor 3 days in advance for the absence to be excused.

**The College Application** ~ The application varies with each college. Check the college’s website for specific information.

- Most charge a fee, but if you are on free or reduced lunch, you can request a fee waiver from your counselor.
- **Be Aware of Deadlines**
  - Make a Timetable for Admissions and for Scholarships to remind you of the deadlines.
  - Early Decision – Binding – You must attend the college. If admitted, you will enroll.
  - Restrictive or Single Choice Early Action – You are indicating to the college it is your first-choice and you will file only one early application at a private institution.
  - Early Action – Nonbinding – You will receive an early response to your application, but you do not have to commit to the college until the normal reply date deadline.
  - Regular Decision – Nonbinding – You have the option to apply to several schools, review offers and financial aid, and then make a choice.
  - Scholarships within the colleges and universities vary. Be aware of these deadlines. They start as early as December 1 for some colleges and universities. There are also scholarships within the departments of the universities. Make sure to search for specific majors.

**Common Application** ~ If you are applying to several schools, go to [www.commonapp.org](http://www.commonapp.org) and consider using the Common Application. If you are applying to 1 or 2 schools, it is advised to use the colleges’ admissions website.

- Check the Common App website to see which schools use it.
- Invite your counselor or academy coordinator and check with them to make sure they received the invitation.
- Please allow at least two weeks for processing applications.

**Coalition for College** ~ The Coalition for College member schools are united in their mission to support lower-income, under-resourced, and/or first-generation students; to provide responsible financial aid; and to bolster students’ success in college—and beyond. Go to [www.coalitionforcollegeaccess.org](http://www.coalitionforcollegeaccess.org) for more information.

**Transcripts ~ Requesting an Official Transcript ~ Colleges require an official transcript.**

- Go to [www.parchment.com](http://www.parchment.com) and create your account then order transcript to be sent. Please make sure you become familiar with Parchment. You will need to send your final transcript after you graduation using Parchment.
- **Parchment is free until August 1, 2023.** A fee is charged starting on August 1 after your graduation for each transcript.
- If you are using Common App, your transcript will be sent by your counselor on the Common App website. You do not have to request it in Parchment. However, you do need to let them know where to send your final transcript after graduation.

**Resume** ~ Go to <https://bit.ly/Resume4Student> for examples and a resume builder.

A resume is a document that lists your education, extracurricular activities, leadership/offices held, involvements, skills, credentials, qualifications, and any other accomplishments. This information is vital in helping the counselor or teacher when writing a thorough recommendation letter. The more that is known about you and your background, the better the quality of the rec letter.

**Letters of Recommendation** ~ Some colleges and Scholarships require a Letter of Recommendation.

- Please complete a resume worksheet or provide a resume that lists your accomplishments, activities, awards, experiences, and future goals when requesting a letter of recommendation.
- Include the scholarship information if you are requesting a letter of recommendation for a scholarship.
- Always **allow at least two weeks** for your counselor or the teacher to complete the letter of recommendation. If you need a recommendation sent before January 1, request it by December 5.

### Paying for College

**KEES** ~ get paid for good grades – Go to [www.kheaa.com](http://www.kheaa.com) for more information and award amounts.

- Awards for GPA start at \$125/year for 2.5 unweighted GPA and go to \$500/year for 4.0 unweighted GPA.
- Awards for ACT start at \$36/year for 15 and go to \$500/year for 28 and above.
- Students who qualify for free/reduced lunch also get bonus for AP test scores.
- Go to [www.kheaa.com](http://www.kheaa.com) to set up an account and review your KEES earnings.
- **You need to have your Social Security Number entered into IC in order to receive your awards.**
- If you need to talk to someone at KHEAA about your account, you can call 1-800-928-8926.

**FAFSA ~ OPENS OCTOBER 1 ~ Free Application for Federal Student Aid** ~ [www.fafsa.gov](http://www.fafsa.gov) is the website.

- Fill it out as soon as possible. You will need your parents/guardians' 2021 tax return.
- Go to [www.kheaa.com](http://www.kheaa.com) and find the FAFSA Completion Guide under their publications.
- Even if you don't think you qualify for FAFSA, many scholarships require it to be completed.
- Create your FAFSA FSA ID now. This will give you access to the online Federal Student Aid. This can serve as your legal signature when completing the FAFSA. Go to <https://fsaid.ed.gov> to create your username and a password. **MAKE SURE YOU WRITE YOUR FSA ID DOWN ON SOMETHING AND KEEP.**
- **FSA ID Help** sessions during 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and Advisory periods on September 12, 19, and 26, 2022. You must sign up at <https://forms.gle/bWJDGHxu4mWoTN9u6> to attend.

**Scholarships at Colleges** ~ Always apply for scholarships directly from colleges.

- At some schools the admissions application will include the scholarship application.
- Make sure you meet the college deadlines for scholarships. These dates vary, but many are as early as December 1.
- Go to [www.henryclay.fcps.net](http://www.henryclay.fcps.net) and click on the Counseling webpage or find scholarships. These are updated frequently.

**Scholarship Web Search** ~ There are several websites, but you should not pay any fees if they are legitimate sources.

- [www.goingmerry.com](http://www.goingmerry.com)
- [www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com)
- [www.bigfuture.collegeboard.org](http://www.bigfuture.collegeboard.org)
- [www.blackstudents.blacknews.com](http://www.blackstudents.blacknews.com) (some are for all students)
- [www.scholarships.com](http://www.scholarships.com)
- [www.chegg.com](http://www.chegg.com)
- [www.cappex.com](http://www.cappex.com)
- [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com)
- [www.imfirst.org](http://www.imfirst.org) (great website for first-generation college students that allows you to find colleges who have special programs and scholarships specifically for first generation college students), Go to [www.salliemae.com/scholarshipsearch](http://www.salliemae.com/scholarshipsearch) for Sallie Mae's enhanced Scholarship Search Tool.

**Getting a Jump Start on College** ~ You might be interested in applying for Opportunity Middle College and start your college classes in January at BCTC. OMC focuses on, but not limited to: 1) Students first in their family to attend college, 2) Free/Reduced lunch status, and/or 3) Minority students. The application opens on September 12 and the deadline to apply is October 14, 2022 for current seniors. Go to <https://bit.ly/omcapp> to apply. You would start attending class AT the BCTC campus in January.

**BUILDING INSTITUTE OF CENTRAL KENTUCKY** ~ Carpentry, Electric, HVAC, Property Maintenance, and Plumbing.

Evening classes two nights per week September through April. Tuition is approximately \$3,000 per year and includes textbooks, lab fees, safety equipment, and access to OSHA10 and CPR. Employment rate by the end of the first semester is 80%+ and 95%+ by the end of the 2<sup>nd</sup> semester. Students work while attending classes and current salaries are around \$20,000 annually. Once the program is complete, students can expect \$30,000 to \$45,000 starting salaries plus benefits depending on the program completed. They also have an articulation agreement with KCTCS colleges such as BCTC which means your classes could be transferred to earn college credit. Go to [www.buildinginstituteky.com](http://www.buildinginstituteky.com) then click on the "Building Institute of Central KY" at the top of the page or call 859-229-6641.

**Getting In Books** ~ KHEAA provides a tremendous amount of information and resources for you.

- Publications can be accessed through [www.kheaa.com](http://www.kheaa.com) and click on “Students and Parents” and then Click “Publications” on the left. There are several helpful publications on this website.
- There are also hardcopies of this booklet in the counseling office.

**Athletics in College:**

**NCAA** ~ If you are planning to play Division I or II college sports, you will need to register with the National Collegiate Athletic Association Clearinghouse. Go to [www.eligibilitycenter.org](http://www.eligibilitycenter.org) to register online.

- If you are on free or reduced lunch, you are eligible for a fee waiver. This will be at the end of the registration process.

**NAIA** ~ Smaller colleges use the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics. Go to <https://play.mynaia.org> to register.

- If you are on free or reduced lunch, you are eligible for a fee waiver. This will be at the end of the registration process.

You can sign up at <https://bit.ly/hchsappointmentrequest>  
to schedule an appointment with your counselor.

If you last name begins with:

**A – Ca** ~ Your counselor is Sharron Wesley-Porter ~ [sharron.wesley@fayette.kyschools.us](mailto:sharron.wesley@fayette.kyschools.us)

**Ce – Goll** ~ Your counselor is April Cain ~ [april.cain@fayette.kyschools.us](mailto:april.cain@fayette.kyschools.us)

**Gom – Kh** ~ Your counselor is Rachael Howard ~ [rachael.howard@fayette.kyschools.us](mailto:rachael.howard@fayette.kyschools.us)

**Ki – N** ~ Your counselor is Jordan Tarrence ~ [jordan.tarrence@fayette.kyschools.us](mailto:jordan.tarrence@fayette.kyschools.us)

**O – Sl** ~ Your counselor is Josh Edwards ~ [joshua.edwards@fayette.kyschools.us](mailto:joshua.edwards@fayette.kyschools.us)

**Sm – Z** ~ Your counselor is Ashley Harris ~ [ashley.harris2@fayette.kyschools.us](mailto:ashley.harris2@fayette.kyschools.us)

Questions about FAFSA or College Visits, sign up with Vince Bingham. [vincent.bingham@fayette.kyschools.us](mailto:vincent.bingham@fayette.kyschools.us)

**NOTES AND QUESTIONS TO ASK MY COUNSELOR:**

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