

SENECA HIGH SCHOOL



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SENIOR PARENT MEETING

**September 19th
5:30 PM**

SHS Guidance



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Senior Honors & Graduation Info

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Class of 2024 Graduation



Honors Day

Friday, May 3 9:30 A.M. – 11:30 A.M.

SHS Blue Gym

(attendance is mandatory for graduates; Senior Reception to follow)

Senior Walk

Friday, May 3 12:30

Area Elementary Schools

(optional)

Graduation Practice

Friday, May 24

(attendance is mandatory for graduates)

Graduation Ceremony

Saturday, May 25

Tom Bass Field 8:30 A.M.



Class of 2024 Graduation *Cats*

- ★ *Satisfy ALL fees before Graduation Practice*
- ★ *Attend Graduation Practice*
- ★ *Advise Guests of Any Restrictions (Clear bags, etc.)*
- ★ *Wear Proper Attire for Graduation*
- ★ *Display Proper Behavior for Graduation*



GRADUATION Supplies



September 19 (9 - 1:30) Seniors can order online at any time
with this [link](#)

****December 1 **Order by this date to avoid increased rates****

March 21 (11 - 12:30) Graduation Supplies Delivery

***** Late orders incur significant fees*****



Honors Day

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For Honors Day - please report all
scholarships and awards to Mr. Bearden by
April 26 in order for them to be added to the
class scholarship total and recognized at
Honors Day



Graduation Honors



Valedictorian and Salutatorian

1st and 2nd ranked student according to final class rank using the SC UGP GPA.

Per SDOC Board Policy: To be eligible for Valedictorian or Salutatorian, a student must be completing the fourth year of high school and have been enrolled for the last seven consecutive quarters (beginning of the second quarter of grade 11 through the fourth quarter of grade 12).



Honor Graduates



*Based on cumulative SC UGP GPA at the end of
7 semesters or 8 semesters*

★ **High Honor Graduate:** GPA at least 4.75

■ Gold cord designates High Honor Graduate

★ **Honor Graduate:** GPA 4.25 - 4.74

■ Blue cord designates Honor Graduate



Seneca Rotary Scholars



- ★ The **Seneca Rotary Club** recognizes the **top 5** students in each grade level (6-12) at a Rotary Scholars Banquet each year.
- ★ The award is based on S.C. UGP GPA for the **first three quarters of the current year only** – it is NOT based on the cumulative GPA as reported on transcripts.
- ★ Monetary awards ranging from \$100 to \$1500 will be given to seniors at the spring Rotary Banquet. If your child has been recognized as a Rotary Scholar at any time during middle school or high school, your child should attend the Rotary Banquet to receive his or her award.



Attendance



- ★ Students with more than 5 unlawful absences in a full credit course or more than 3 unlawful absences in a half credit course are at risk of failing due to attendance (FA).
- ★ Lawful absences: Parent Notes (only 3 allowed per semester), Medical Notes, Bereavement, Court Appearances, Field Trips (including Athletics/HCTC/College Visits), Principal Approved Absences (for once-in-a-lifetime, educational trips as approved by Mr. Hudson). Notes must be submitted within **three days of an absence**.
- ★ Seniors may exempt exams if they have 5 or fewer absences (of any kind) in a full credit course or 3 or fewer absences (of any kind) in a half credit course. Only Field Trips do not count toward this number.

Documentation of absences is required and must be submitted within three days of an absence.



Early Dismissal / Late Arrival

- ★ Early Dismissal / Late Arrival is a privilege
- ★ Students are not allowed on campus during ED/LA without a written pass from a teacher
- ★ ED/LA is subject to revocation due to poor grades, poor attendance, poor behavior, cutting class, etc.



Senior Pictures and Yearbooks

Friday, November 3 - SENIOR PICTURES (Tux and Drape)
Retakes - November 29

Yearbooks:

- Buy now for the best price \$70
- Price increases will occur



SCAN HERE TO ORDER TODAY

Senior Ads

- May be purchased online at Jostens.com

ORDER EARLY & SAVE

if ordered by	if ordered after	
10/1/23	10/1/23	
\$275	\$300	FULL PAGE
\$175	\$200	1/2 PAGE
\$125	\$150	1/4 PAGE

FINAL ORDER DEADLINE:
12/1/23

Questions about senior pictures or yearbooks should be directed to
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Senior Info, College Application Process, and Admissions Tests



Greg Bearden

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Senior Info



- ★ Senior CAT visits were conducted on September 6th and 13th. Seniors received updated transcripts at that time.
- ★ Counselors have verified credits for graduation. Students should double-check their transcripts for errors and make sure they are not missing any courses or credits required for graduation. If there are concerns, students should discuss with the counselor during the IGP.
- ★ The list of graduation requirements is available in Guidance and on the state's website.



Two Routes to the Same College Degree

High school transcript
+ **ACT/SAT** scores



Begin study at a
4-year college as a
freshman



High school transcript
+ **ACCUPLACER**
scores



Begin study at
community or
technical college



Transfer to a 4-year
college or university

**No ACT or SAT
score needed**

Which Standardized Test Should Students Take?

2-Year
College

Accuplacer

4-Year
College

SAT or ACT

Workforce

WIN or WorkKeys

Military
Service

ASVAB

College Applications



Students planning to attend 4-year colleges are encouraged to apply to at least 2 – 3 schools.

Most 4-year colleges consider the following factors during the admissions process:

- Class standing (rank)
- High School GPA
- High school curriculum
- Standardized Test Scores (SAT or ACT)
- Extracurricular activities and community service
- Choice of major



College Applications



We recommend that students create a spreadsheet listing important deadlines and the documents needed for each college application. Keep dates in your phone and mark on a calendar.

COUNSELOR RECOMMENDATION FORMS:

Students should email required counselor forms to their counselor if possible or drop off a hard copy in Guidance. Allow at least a week for these to be completed.

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION:

Students should ask teachers for letters of recommendation at least 3 weeks in advance. Present them with your resume, and follow up with a thank you (note, email, etc.)



College Applications



TRANSCRIPTS: After completing online college applications, students may need an official transcript sent from the SHS Guidance Department. Students should submit a transcript request via Parchment. The link to Parchment is on the Seneca High Guidance website under “Transcript Requests.”

TEST SCORES: Many colleges allow students to self-report their scores, but some request that official test scores be sent directly from the testing agency to the college.

★ *SHS cannot mail, email, or fax official ACT, SAT, or ACCUPLACER scores to colleges. Visit the appropriate site for assistance.*



Making College Visits



- ★ It's best to visit on days when events are planned or contact the institutions ahead of time to set up visits.
- ★ Seniors are allowed **three excused school day visits**.
- ★ Students must complete the **College Visitation Form PRIOR** to the visit. *School day visits are not allowed in Anderson, Pickens or Greenville counties unless students are participating in a formal tour or special program.* The visitation form is available in Guidance.

Documentation on official college letterhead must be returned to SHS Attendance after the visit or the absence will be coded as unexcused.





Visit www.sccango.org for more information regarding state-wide events. The SHS event is October 27th! Door prizes will be awarded!





All seniors will have the opportunity to complete a **FREE** Tri-County Tech application during the month of October.

TCTC will be on campus to assist students at our October 27th College Application Day.

The TCTC application will NOT be free after Oct 31.



Bridge



TriCounty
TECHNICAL COLLEGE

CLEMSON
UNIVERSITY

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- This program is by invitation only
- Students must apply for admission to Clemson
- Selected applicants receive a Bridge Invitation in mid-February
- Housing on Clemson's campus; classes on Tri-County's campus
- See <https://www.clemson.edu/admissions/bridge/index.html> for more information



Career Exploration

Finding Your “E”

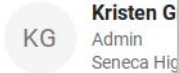

Kristen Gray, Career Specialist


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Resources




YouScience






User Administration

- Add users
- View settings
- Manage your organization




Aptitude & Career Discovery

- View aptitudes
- Describe yourself
- Discover careers




Education & Career Plan

- Pick classes
- Build a resume
- Create a plan




Industry Certifications

- Access certifications
- Certify skills
- Manage exams




Education Connections

- Find best-fit schools




Work-Based Experiences

- View work-based learning



Career Connections

- Connect with employers



Insights & Analytics

- View and export reports



Resources



Mrs. Gray's FLEX Sessions:

- Resume and Cover Letter
- Interview Prep
- Career, College, & Scholarship Research
- Career Chats
- Military Recruitment
- YouScience Exploration



Service Learning



- Students participate in service hours that require them to spend a prescribed number of hours at a work site related to their chosen career cluster
- Students receive course credit & hands-on work experience
- Service learning could replace late arrival/early dismissal next semester



Job Shadowing



Students who wish to job shadow should make plans to do that during the months of October-November and January-April. (once per semester)

*See Ms. Gray to make arrangements.
This will be on an individual basis.*



Scholarships and Financial Aid



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Scholarships

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- ★ Apply, Apply, Apply
- ★ **VERY IMPORTANT** - Report all scholarship offers to SHS Guidance whether or not the student plans to accept them. Keep up with these; you will be asked for these offers.
- ★ Recent SHS scholarship totals:
 - Class of 2023: **\$17.9 million**
 - Class of 2022: **\$20.6 million**
 - Class of 2021: **\$20.5 million**
 - Class of 2020: **\$16.5 million**
 - Class of 2019: **\$18 million**
 - Class of 2018: **\$16.9 million**
 - Class of 2017: **\$15.53 million**
 - Class of 2016: **\$12.1 million**
 - Class of 2015: **\$13.4 million**



FAFSA



(Free Application for Federal Student Aid)

Necessary for need-based scholarships, grants, student loans, work-study, etc.

- ★ FSA IDs are required for parents AND students –“Better FAFSA” opens in December 2023
- ★ Use “prior prior” tax info (for college financial aid starting in the fall of 2024, based on information from your 2022 tax return)
- ★ **You must complete the FAFSA prior to each college school year**



Better FAFSA



(Free Application for Federal Student Aid)

DO NOT PAY ANYONE TO COMPLETE THE FAFSA FOR YOU.
FREE HELP is available!

- ★ Come to SDOC's FAFSA Help Session when held -
DATE: TBD at HCTC (445 Ocone Business Parkway)
- ★ Tri-County Technical College will offer (once open) **FAFSA Friday**, every Friday, from 10am to 1pm in Ruby Hicks room 211 on the Pendleton campus. (No appointment is necessary). They are willing to help everyone—even those who do not plan to go to Tri-County Tech.



Better FAFSA - do this NOW

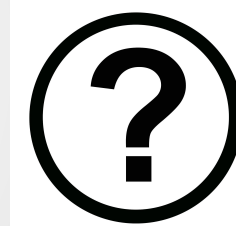
Create an FSA ID - the Student and Parent need a separate ID

- If a married couple files separately, both parents will need an FSA ID
- A married couple files together, only 1 Parent ID is needed
- Separated parent situations - parent who provides the most financial support to the student will need an FSA ID

What do you need?

If you're a dependent student, you'll need this information for you and your parents.

- ✓ You and your parents will need an FSA (Federal Student Aid) ID to access the FAFSA® and sign the form electronically. The FSA ID must be obtained at **studentaid.gov** before you start the FAFSA®, and we recommend applying 3-5 days before you plan on starting the FAFSA®.
- ✓ Your Social Security number
- ✓ Your parents' Social Security numbers
- ✓ **What do you no longer need?** Student and parent tax documents. All of this information will be automatically accessed from the IRS through the FUTURE Act Direct Data Exchange (FADDX).



Click on the question mark above for a link to additional information about Better FAFSA from the Sallie Mae Foundation

Go to [FAFSA® Application | Federal Student Aid](#) to create your FSA IDs

Better FAFSA



(Free Application for Federal Student Aid)

The US Department of Education has a YouTube channel with many helpful videos about the FAFSA and the types of financial aid available to students.

To locate the channel, go to [YouTube.com](https://www.youtube.com) and enter the words “[Federal Student Aid](#)” in the search box.



General Eligibility Requirements for Scholarships and Grants for SC Residents

- U.S. Citizen or Legal Permanent Resident*
- S.C. Resident*
- No Felony Convictions
- No second or subsequent alcohol/drug misdemeanors
- Not in default of any state or federal loans
- Enroll in a degree-seeking program at an eligible S.C. institution



*Residency must be determined no later than the date of high school graduation.

See www.che.sc.gov for more information.



Scholarships and Grants for SC Residents

Palmetto Fellows

\$6700



Some math and science majors are eligible for an enhancement which increases the PFS award to **\$7500 - \$10,000** during years 2-4.

Life Scholarship

\$5000

*Students in math and science majors are also eligible for an enhancement of \$2500 during years 2-4.

Hope Scholarship

up to \$2800

SC Need Based Grant

up to \$2500

Eligibility for the need based grant is based on the Free Application for Federal Aid (FAFSA). Fill out the FAFSA early, as funds are limited.

See www.che.sc.gov for more information.



Scholarships and Grants for SC Residents

Lottery Tuition Assistance - *(NOT based on need)*

Up to \$110 per credit hour to be used toward the cost of tuition at eligible two-year technical institutions, USC two-year regional campuses, and Spartanburg Methodist College. Amount varies according to funding availability and number of applicants. Students already receiving the LIFE or HOPE scholarship are not eligible for this assistance.

SC Workforce & Industrial Needs Scholarship

Students receiving Lottery Tuition Assistance who are majoring in critical workforce areas may receive up to \$975 per semester, plus book allowance for critical workforce majors.

SC National Guard College Assistance Program

\$4,500-\$9,000 per year toward tuition, not to exceed \$18,000 in total

See www.che.sc.gov for more information.



Palmetto Fellows



To be eligible, a senior must meet ONE of the two academic requirements below:

- ❖ **1200 SAT*/25 ACT*, 3.5 GPA and rank in the top 6%** of the class at the end of the sophomore, junior, OR senior year.
- ❖ **1400 SAT*/31 ACT* and a 4.0 GPA** on the Uniform Grading Scale at the end of the junior year or senior year.

**Super-scoring is allowed*



Palmetto Fellows



Early Awards – April 15 deadline

Qualifying SAT/ACT score must be earned by the March SAT/ACT Administration. Qualified students will be notified and Ms. Nation will complete the application for eligible students. Student is solely responsible for submitting designation sheet they will receive from CHE in the Spring.

Final Awards – June 30 deadline

Qualifying SAT/ACT score must be earned by the June SAT/ACT Administration. Qualified students will be notified in April. Student is solely responsible for submitting designation sheet they will receive from CHE in the Spring.

If June scores are to be used to qualify for PFS, the test scores must be reported directly to CHE from the test agency. SAT Code = 4313 ACT Code = 6326



LIFE Scholarship



NO APPLICATION IS NECESSARY – college of enrollment will determine eligibility status based on the graduate's **final high school transcript.**

To qualify for the LIFE scholarship as a first-year student at a FOUR-YEAR college or university, a student must meet **TWO** of the three requirements below:

- ◆ 3.0 SC UGP GPA on the final high school transcript
- ◆ 22 ACT or 1100 SAT (super-scoring allowed)
- ◆ Rank in top 30% of graduating class (no rounding allowed)

To qualify for the LIFE scholarship as a first-year student at TWO-YEAR college or technical institution, a student must meet the requirement below:

- 3.0 SC UGP GPA on the final high school transcript.



Keeping LIFE Scholarship



- Basically earn 30 credit hours/year
 - ◆ this does include AP or Dual Enrollment credits earned
- Life GPA - maintain a 3.0
 - ◆ this also includes Dual Enrollment grades from high school



HOPE Scholarship



NO APPLICATION IS NECESSARY – college of enrollment will determine eligibility status based on the graduate's **final high school transcript.**

Eligible students attending a **FOUR-YEAR** public or private college receive up to \$2,800 during the first year of attendance only.

To be eligible, high school graduates must have a minimum 3.0 SC UGP GPA on the **final** transcript.

Recipients must not be a Life or Palmetto Fellows Scholarship recipient.



S.C. Tuition Grants Program

- A need-based grant program awarding up to \$3,500 to students attending one of 21 eligible **private colleges in South Carolina**
- No application needed (FAFSA required)
- Must complete FAFSA between Oct 1 and June 30 and list the SC private school in the college choice section
- Must rank in **upper 75%** of graduating class **OR** score **900 SAT/19 ACT** – AND have **2.7 SC UGP GPA**
- South Carolina Tuition Grants cannot be used toward part-time enrollment, room and board charges, books, summer school enrollment, graduate school enrollment, or a second undergraduate degree. Students **MUST** enroll in the fall semester to receive the grant for an academic year.

For more information, see <https://sctuitiongrants.org/>



NCAA/NAIA Eligibility



NCAA Eligibility Center



- ★ All athletes who intend to play Division 1 or Division 2 athletics **must** register online with the NCAA Eligibility Center at <https://web3.ncaa.org/ecwr3/>
- ★ Official high school transcripts are required. Students must submit a **request for an official transcript through Parchment.**
- ★ **The registration fee is \$100.** Fee waivers are available for students, so talk to your School Counselor to find out if you qualify.



NCAA Eligibility



Full Qualifier for Division II:

Complete 16 Core Courses - 10 of the 16 must be completed before the senior year and 7 of those 10 must be in English, math, or science.

Minimum Core GPA 2.2 (Minimum Core GPA 2.3 for Division I)

Division I - Academic Redshirt: (practice but not compete)

Complete 16 Core Courses

Minimum Core GPA of 2.0



NCAA Recruiting

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ARE YOU BEING RECRUITED?

» You're being recruited if a college coach:



Calls



Texts



Emails



Messages via
Social Media



Visits Your
High School



Pays Expenses
to Visit Campus



Issues National
Letter of Intent



Writes Offer
of Financial Aid

» Recruiting can begin as early as freshman year.

- In most cases, recruiting starts before junior year.



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NCAA Recruiting



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INSTITUTIONAL REQUEST LIST

- » An IRL is a list of college-bound student-athletes an NCAA school is interested in recruiting.
 - You **must** be on an NCAA school's IRL to receive an Eligibility Center certification.
 - > Receive athletics aid.
 - > Practice.
 - > Compete.



NCAA Recruiting



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RECRUITING CALENDARS

NCAA Division I and II recruiting calendars promote your well-being and ensure fairness among schools by defining certain periods during the year in which recruiting may or may not occur in a particular sport.

*Division, Sport and Grade Level Determines Recruiting Activities**

Contact Period	Evaluation Period	Quiet Period	Dead Period
College coaches may call, write, text or email you and your family.	College coaches may call, write, text or email you and your family.	College coaches may call, write, text or email you and your family.	College coaches may call, write, text or email you and your family.
College coaches may watch you compete.	College coaches may watch you compete.	College coaches may not watch you compete.	College coaches may not watch you compete.
College coaches may visit your high school.	College coaches may visit your high school.	College coaches may not visit your high school.	College coaches may not visit your high school.
College coaches may have face-to-face contact with you and your family.	College coaches may not have face-to-face contact with you or your family off the college's campus.	College coaches may only have face-to-face contact with you and your family on the college's campus.	College coaches may not have face-to-face contact with you or your family.



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NCAA Recruiting

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ELIGIBILITY CENTER

OFFICIAL VS UNOFFICIAL VISITS

OFFICIAL VISITS

Official visits are any visit to a college campus paid for by the NCAA school you're visiting. Before a Division I or II official visit, you must:



Register for a
Certification Account



Be on an IRL



Send Your High
School Transcripts

UNOFFICIAL VISITS

Unofficial visits are any visit to a college campus paid by you or your family members.



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NAIA Eligibility Center



- ★ All athletes who intend to play NAIA athletics must register online with the NAIA Eligibility Center at www.playnaia.org
- ★ **Now** is the time for seniors to register
- ★ SAT/ACT scores may be submitted by the Testing Agencies (Code 9876). The Eligibility Center super scores the SAT and ACT. Official Transcripts are required.
- ★ Students must use Parchment to have transcript sent
- ★ **The registration fee is \$80**



Final Reminders



Guidance Website



- ★ Updated frequently! Includes current scholarship information organized by the monthly deadlines.
- ★ Includes information relevant to the senior year

Visit our [SHS Website](#) for helpful information!
Look under the Services tab for links to Guidance
and Class of 2024

Also, visit the [Guidance Course in Canvas](#) for
additional resources for your student!



Remind your Senior to...

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- ★ Stay on track and GRADUATE!
- ★ Check your email!!!
- ★ Pay attention to deadlines and give folks plenty of time to write a recommendation letter
- ★ Check your email!!!



Remind your Senior to...

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- ★ Visit the SHS Website and Canvas to look for scholarships and other important resources
- ★ Check your email!!!
- ★ Sign up for Flex visits with your Counselor to get help with college apps, scholarships, etc.



Stay in Touch



Seniors - Text Reminders

Text the code below to 81010

Seniors A-G: @c6g2h2

Seniors H-O: @d7c4bh

Seniors P-Z: @4aee8b9

****and, check your email!!!**





Questions, Concerns, Comments?



**Please scan to
let us know you
were here!**

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