



**Senior Year and Beyond
Class of 2024**

What will we talk about today?

- ▶ Who is your BHS counselor?
- ▶ Options after high school
- ▶ College application process
- ▶ Financial Aid and Scholarships



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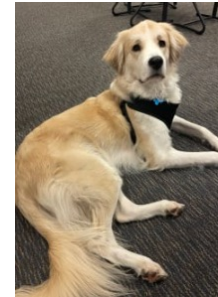
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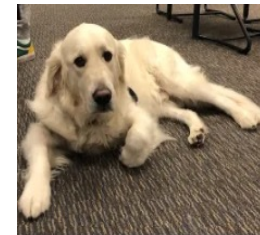
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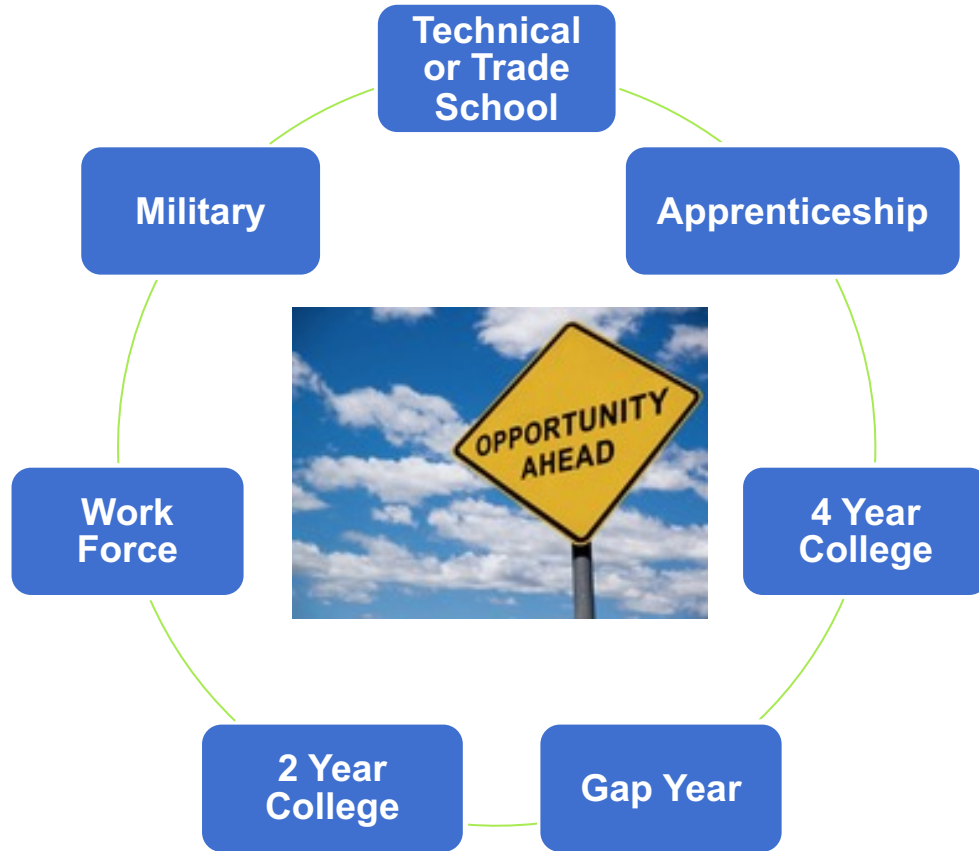


Reggie Eckle -
Mondays



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Fridays

Post High School Options



Apprenticeships

- Earn money while you learn your job. Training and supervision by skilled journey worker (Lineworker, Electrician, HVAC, etc. Wages vary.
- Most often affiliated with a Community College. Requires a minimum of a GED or HS diploma. Typically takes 2 to 4 years to complete
- Often earn a slightly higher wage at graduation than a University graduate
- Learn more about how to become an apprentice at [this link](#).



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COLLEGE

APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMS





Military

Enlist: 3-8 years avg. commitment, depending on branch

ROTC: (Reserve Officer Training Corps) Receive merit-based scholarship or financial aid to attend college/university while receiving military training. Military service upon graduation.

Serving in the military is not for everyone, but the perfect fit for some! Contact B.J. Dawson if you're interested in meeting a recruiter.

Academies: Every major military branch has academies with competitive entry for 1st time applicants.

Technical & Community Colleges

- Earn a Certificate or Transfer/Associate Degree
- Tech college trains you for specific career in 1-2 years
- Community colleges offer some tech programs but specialize in transfer degree to a university – about 2 years
- Affordable – Full Time 2023-24 yearlong tuition:
 - Lake WA Institute of Technology = **\$5,223**
 - Cascadia = **\$4,623**
 - U.W. Seattle = **\$12,645**
 - Gonzaga U. = **\$52,540**
- Apply online!
 - Apply in spring (March)
 - No SAT, ACT, letters of recommendation or World Language required for acceptance
 - Can be easier to be admitted to a 4-year college with an AA degree



4-Year College/University

- Earn Bachelors degree in about 4 years
- Competitive application process
- Usually live on or near campus
- Apply online this fall!
- Application deadlines will range from Oct – March. Check with the college.



A top-down view of a wooden desk. On the left, a white notebook with blue lines is open, with a blue pen resting on it. On the right, a white computer keyboard is partially visible. The text 'College Applications' is centered on the desk in a large, white, sans-serif font.

College Applications

4 Year College -What you need to know!!

College/University applications

- [Common Application](#) or School Application? Many state school applications take significantly less time and are easier to navigate.
- Use our helpful [Step by Step Common Application](#) guide to help you complete your Common Application. Trust us - you'll need it!
- Common App requires you to invite counselor to complete School Report. This is how you get your transcript uploaded.
- Use this guide to filling out the UW Seattle application:
<https://admit.washington.edu/apply/freshman/how-to-apply/>
- For help, visit their website!! <https://appsupport.commonapp.org>
- Get organized!

Common App Help Session
Counseling Center
Wednesday, October 18th
1:45 pm – 3:30pm

These schools now use Common App

Public Four-year Colleges and Universities



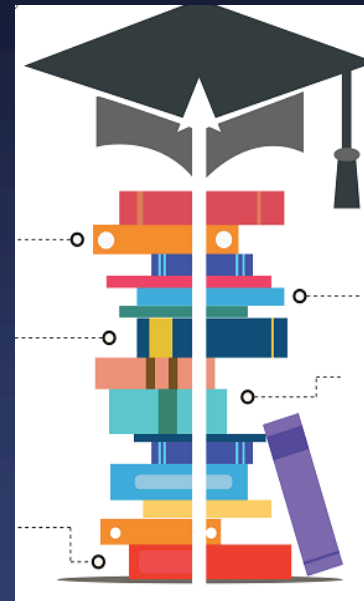
Common Parts of the Application

Transcripts

- Some schools like UW Seattle do not require a transcript at time of application, but do require you to enter your courses
- Transcripts uploaded by counselor as part of Common Application School Report
- Request transcripts through [Naviance](#) (for those not in Common App)

Letters of Rec

- Must invite teachers and counselor (if required) in Common App.
- Ask school staff **3 weeks prior** to your first deadline
- Meet with your counselor if the college you are applying to requires a counselor letter of recommendation
- Please provide your counselor with a completed L.O.R. packet ([found here](#)). Some teachers may also request the packet.



Transferring College & AP Credits



- College in the High School, Running Start & Pacific NW College Credit
 - Request official transcripts from the awarding college and send them to your college

- AP Credit
 - College credit awarded depends on your AP test score and the institution's policies: [AP Credit Policy](#)

- All high school students (including Running Start) apply to college through the first-year/freshman application. Do not apply as a transfer student!

Test Policies

Pre-COVID:

SAT/ACT mandatory

Now:

All 4-year colleges and Universities in WA are now permanently SAT/ACT **TEST OPTIONAL**. Send scores from the [College Board](https://collegeboard.org) or [ACT.org](https://act.org) ONLY IF YOU WANT TO. Check fairtest.org for out of state test optional schools!

***Contact admissions offices at schools you are applying to outside of WA to learn about their policies.*



Financial Aid

FAFSA – apply at [FAFSA.gov](https://fafsa.gov). application opens in December (exact date TBD).

- Requires parents' 2022 tax information
- Limited amount of funds available.

WASFA – Washington Application for State Financial Aid

- You can apply if:
 - You or your parents are undocumented
 - You or your parents do not/will not file federal income tax
- Don't know which to complete? Go to <https://wsac.wa.gov/wasfa>

For more help with your loans: studentloaned.wa.gov





Financial Aid

To be eligible for all of the above, apply at [FAFSA.gov](https://fafsa.gov).

Text Otter at any time with FinAid? (Also sends reminders and periodic info)

What do you want to know
about financial aid?

Ask Otterbot!



Sign up for text messages to get
information about financial aid as you
get ready for college.

Text (360) 928-7281 and write "Hi Otter" to start.
You can opt out at any time.

Scholarships

→ Colleges

- Complete the FAFSA
- Check if a separate application is required to apply for scholarships
- Apply to your school by the priority financial aid deadline as listed on their website

→ Scholarship Foundation of Northshore

- 40+ Scholarships available to NSD seniors only!
- Complete ONE application, opens in November

→ District Scholarship Bulletin on the BHS website

→ Washboard.org: Washington specific

→ Other scholarship website out there. Never pay to apply.



Bothell HS Website

- First stop if you have questions
- Hover over 'Counseling' and review all the various tabs available
- Book appts., senior year resources, transcript request instructions, events calendar, job opportunities, AP Exam info, college visit info, internship opportunities and much more!

The screenshot displays the Bothell High School website. At the top, the school's logo and name are visible, along with navigation links for District, Schools, Students, Families, Community, and Staff. A search bar and a 'Translate' button are also present. The main navigation bar includes links for OUR SCHOOL, ACADEMICS, RESOURCES, COUNSELING (which is highlighted), ATHLETICS, ACTIVITIES, and CONNECT. The Counseling page is open, showing a sidebar with links to Counseling Appointment, Enroll at BHS, Test Registration and Information, Bothell High School Credit Options, Career Readiness, and News of 2023. The main content area is titled 'Counseling' and includes a section for 'Office hours' and a list of services such as Counseling Appointment, Enroll at BHS, AP Test Registration and Information, Bothell High School Credit Options, Career Readiness, Class of 2023 Resources, College Readiness, College Visits, Course Registration, Electives, and Dual Credit. A 'BOTHELL HIGH SCHOOL COURSE CATALOG' button is visible. On the right, there is a 'Calendar' section with dates for September 16, 2022 (University of Redlands [In-person Visit]) and September 20, 2022 (Hawaii Pacific University [In-person Visit]).

Questions? Contact your Counselor!



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