

Senior Year: Planning for After High School

Parent & Student Presentation

September 11, 2023

Agenda

- Senior class information
- Post-secondary options – process & timeline
- Q&A / short break
- Financial aid information
- Q&A

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2024

Bridgett Hubbard

Senior Class Advisor

- Measure for caps & gowns during Resource on November 15. Deadlines to order will be in December and are VITAL to follow!
- Local scholarships
 - Released in January (class meeting to explain)
 - Due end of February
 - Scholarship FAQ
- Scholarship database on SS website for scholarship opportunities
 - Extremely important this year!

Options for the Future

- Work
 - Apprenticeship
- Military
 - ROTC
- Higher education
 - 2 year technical college
 - 2 year freshman/sophomore college
 - 4 year college/university
 - Trade school



Work and Military Process

- Work
 - Prepare a resume & cover letter
 - Practice interviewing skills
 - Consider your professional image
 - Network
- Military
 - Take the ASVAB (October 17 at OHS)
 - Talk to a recruiter

Academics are just as important because employers need highly skilled and knowledgeable employees!

College Application Process

Steps to a complete application

A = All schools

4 – 4 yr schools

* = varies by school


- Apply online (A)
 - Apply early
 - Consider your professional image
 - Is your school on the Common Application?
- Payment (A)
 - Online payment (non-refundable)
 - UW Schools \$25-\$70 - Most free, Western \$30
 - See counselor for help with fees
- High school transcript (A) OR self-reported grades
 - Request via Google form on OHS [website](#) OR provide your counselor's email address if requested electronically

Self-Reporting Grades on Common App

- UW Madison, U of MN, other 4 year campuses

Transcript #1 - Onalaska High School

School Name * School Year * Grading Scale *

Subject *	Course Name *	Course Level *	Semester Grades *			Semester Credits *		
			S1	S2	Final	S1	S2	Final
Geometry	Geometry	Regular/Standard	A	A-		0.5	0.5	1
English	English 9	Accelerated	A-	A-		0.5	0.5	1
Foreign/World Language	French 1	Accelerated	A-	B+		0.5	0.5	1
Science (Other)	Physical Science	Regular/Standard	A	B		0.5	0.5	1
History/Social Science	US History	Regular/Standard	A	B+		0.5	0.5	1
Art (Visual or Performing)	Men's Chorus	Regular/Standard	A	A		0.5	0.5	1
Art (Visual or Performing)	Concert Band	Honors	A	A		0.5	0.5	1
Physical Education/Health	PE/Wellness	Regular/Standard	A			0.5		0.5

College Application Process, continued

- Test scores*
 - Most colleges are test optional at this time
 - Double check with your college(s)
 - Consider sending if happy with your score
 - ACT/SAT
- Essay(s) (4*)
 - Be aware of cutting & pasting essays
 - Many are used for scholarships also

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SHARED ESSAY

All campuses use the following essay:

This part is all about you. Tell us about something you've done—academically or personally—and what you've learned from it. Was it a success or a challenge? Did it represent a turning point in your life? How did this particular moment in your life influence you, and how will it continue to influence you as you pursue your college education?

ADDITIONAL ESSAYS

A couple of campuses have additional essays.

CAMPUS

ADDITIONAL ESSAY

UW-La Crosse

Please respond to the following: How will your life experiences, commitments, and/or characteristics enrich the University of Wisconsin–La Crosse campus community? Tell us why you are interested in attending UW–La Crosse and what aspects of the campus are especially important to you?

UW-Madison

Tell us why you would like to attend the University of Wisconsin–Madison. In addition, please include why you are interested in studying the major(s) you have selected. If you selected undecided, please describe your areas of possible academic interest.

College Application Process, continued

- Letters of recommendation (*)
 - *If* needed/required
 - UW-Madison requires one
 - Email school counselor/teacher if an electronic recommendation is needed
 - Pink profile sheet in GC
- Help Days
 - Oct. 18-19 at OHS During Resource

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Onalaska High School
Letter of Recommendation Request - Student Worksheet

Name: _____

Date Due: _____

Purpose of Letter: ( one) ___ college app. ___ scholarship app. ___ other _____

Letter to be addressed to: (please include name, title and complete address)


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Academic Awards, Honors & Activities (please provide dates):

Extracurricular Awards, Honors & Activities (please provide dates):

Community Awards, Honors & Activities (please provide dates):

**Find this in the Senior Google Classroom  
& our website under "Important Forms"**

# Resources

- Senior Google Classroom
  - Ask your student to invite you to a guardian account
  - Military recruiters/college rep virtual meetings
  - College fairs
  - Financial Aid
  - Cap/gown info
- STAR Conference folder from junior year
- Xello (assessments, occupations, education)
  - Access through PowerSchool
- OHS Student Services office & website
- Assessments (ACT, ASVAB, etc.)
  - UW System pre-tests (math &/or Eng)
    - November 8-9 during Resource
- College websites - college fairs & tours

# Resources continued

- Western Career Coaching
  - Once EVERY month at OHS (Sept 12 - first meeting)
  - Career Coach will meet/plan with students individually
  - Sign up in Student Services
- Western Open House
  - Tour programs
  - Apply for FREE! (\$30 fee waived)
  - October 11 between 4-7 pm



# FAFSA Assistance

## Free Application for Federal Student Aid

- College Goal Wisconsin (virtual)
  - Fill out & submit your FAFSA for FREE
  - Jan 23 at OHS LMC 6 - 8 PM
- FAFSA Completion & Scholarship Workshop
  - Jan. 31 & Feb. 1 at OHS during Resource



START HERE  
GO FURTHER  
FEDERAL STUDENT AID



# Questions?

**5 minute break**

*next up*

**Financial Aid Presentation**