



# Senior Success Summit

Chalmette High  
Class of 2025



# Meet Your Counselors



**Ms. Tinnerella**

**Last Names  
A-F**



**Ms. Willard**

**Last Names  
G-M**



**Dr. Lewis**

**Last Names  
N-Z**



**Ms. Landry**

**College &  
Scholarships**

# Tonight you will learn:



**01** Graduation requirements for each diploma type

**02** How to track your senior's progress towards graduation

**03** How to apply for colleges and scholarships

**04** Important senior dates and deadlines



## TOPS University

ENGLISH	4 UNITS
1 unit of English I 1 unit of English II 1 unit of English III 1 unit of English IV	
MATH	4 UNITS
1 unit of Algebra I 1 unit of Geometry 1 unit of Algebra II 1 unit from the following courses: Algebra III, Advanced Math–Functions and Statistics, Advanced Math–Pre-Calculus, or Calculus	
SCIENCE	4 UNITS
1 unit of Biology 1 unit of Chemistry 2 units from the following courses: Biology II, Chemistry II, Environmental Science, Physical Science, or Physics	
SOCIAL STUDIES	4 UNITS
1 unit of Civics 1 unit of US History 2 units from the following courses: World History, World Geography, Human Geography AP, or Psychology AP	
FOREIGN LANGUAGE	2 UNITS
2 units in the same language – Spanish, Latin, or Japanese	
ART	1 UNIT
1 unit from the following courses: Music, Fine Arts Survey, Art, Media Art, Theater, Dance, or Chorus	
HEALTH/PHYSICAL EDUCATION	2 UNITS
1 unit of Physical Education I 1/2 unit of Physical Education II 1/2 unit of Health Education	
ELECTIVES	3 UNITS
Students must take 3 elective courses	
TOTAL = 24 Units	24 UNITS

## Diploma Types

Similarities:

4 English, 4 math  
2 science, 2 social studies  
PE I, PE II, Health

Differences:

College Track - Additional  
2 science & 2 social studies,  
2 foreign language, and art

Career Track - 9 courses  
in a career pathway

## Jump Start

ENGLISH	4 UNITS
1 Unit of English I 1 Unit of English II 2 units from the following courses: Business English, Technical Writing, English III, or English IV	
MATH	4 UNITS
1 unit of Algebra I 3 units from the following courses: Math Essentials, Geometry, Financial Literacy, Business Math, Algebra II, Algebra III, , Advanced Math–Functions and Statistics, Advanced Math–Pre-Calculus, or Calculus	
SCIENCE	2 UNITS
1 unit of Biology 1 unit from the following courses: Physical Science, Biology II, Chemistry I, Chemistry II, Environmental Science, or Physics	
SOCIAL STUDIES	2 UNITS
1 unit of US History 1 unit of Civics	
HEALTH/PHYSICAL EDUCATION	2 UNITS
1 unit of Physical Education I 1/2 unit of Physical Education II 1/2 unit of Health Education	
JUMP START ELECTIVES	9 UNITS
9 units from Jump Start Pathways	
INDUSTRY BASED CREDENTIAL	
Students must obtain an Advanced or Basic Industry Based Credential (IBC) in their identified pathway OR obtain 1 Core and 2 Complimentary credentials in their identified pathway.	
TOTAL = 23 Units	23 UNITS



# STEPS TO GRADUATION



**Meet state attendance requirements**



**Complete all course requirements**



**Jump Start students must earn necessary credentials**



**Pass all required LEAP 2025 Exams**



**Take the ACT and WorkKeys Tests**

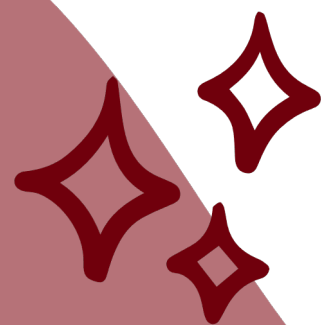


**Complete the LOSFA Consent Form**





# HOW TO:



## **Be an Honor Graduate**

To be an honor graduate, students must achieve a 3.3 CHS weighted GPA and achieve an ACT composite score of 20 or higher.



## **Be in the TOP 5**

In order to graduate as one of the “Top 5” in the class, student must be an honor graduate and schedule 8 courses in each of the four years of high school. Top 5 graduates must also schedule an advanced English and Math their senior year.



## **Receive a Community Service Diploma Endorsement**

Students who have earned 80 or more community service hours during high school can graduate with a Community Endorsement seal on their diploma.





# Tracking Your Senior's Progress

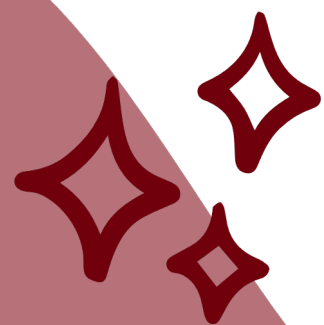
- **Student Progress Center** - track students' grades, attendance, transcript, testing history
  - Click on Grades and Attendance on the CHS website
- **Canvas** - track students' weekly assignments and assessments
- **Senior Webpage** - find senior newsletters, scholarship information, important dates
- **Social Media Pages** - stay informed about upcoming events, deadlines, and senior information
- **LOSFA Student Hub** - track students' TOPS status







# Applying for College and Scholarships



## College Applications

The Senior Newsletter contains links to all Louisiana and surrounding college applications. Some deadlines are as early as November and most are before January.

## Common App

The Common App simplifies the application process by allowing you to complete one application that can be used to apply up to 20 colleges. Over 1000 colleges accept the Common App, including LSU, UNO, Tulane, Loyola, and Xavier.

## Scholarships

The Senior Newsletter and the Senior Webpage includes updated scholarship information and application links.



# REQUEST FOR TRANSCRIPTS

## YOU'VE APPLIED TO COLLEGE, NOW WHAT?

Some colleges will request transcripts, ACT, or letters of recommendation.

- Go to the **Senior** page on the school website.
- Click on the **Request for Transcripts, Letters of Recommendation, ACT Scores**
- Complete the **Google form**.
- Ms. Landry or your counselor will complete the request.

# TOPS SCHOLARSHIPS



## How to Earn?

- 2.5 GPA in 19 Core Courses (Excludes PE & Electives)
- ACT Composite of 20 or Higher (NOT Super Scores)

## How much is the scholarship worth?

- Pays tuition at a Louisiana public institution OR amount equal to average tuition at private institution (In 2024 the amount is \$5,718 per year.)

## How to apply for a TOPS Scholarship?

- Complete the FAFSA at [fafsa.gov](https://fafsa.gov)

# TOPS SCHOLARSHIPS



TOPS Scholarship	Minimum Criteria	What does it pay?
<b>TOPS Opportunity</b>	<u>TOPS*</u> GPA – 2.5 ACT Score – LA Average (currently 20)	Tuition at a LA public college/ university or the average of LA public universities
<b>TOPS Performance</b>	<u>TOPS</u> GPA – 3.25 ACT Score – 23	Tuition + \$200 per semester
<b>TOPS Honors</b>	<u>TOPS</u> GPA – 3.5 ACT Score – 27	Tuition + \$400 per semester
<b>TOPS Tech**</b>	<u>TOPS</u> GPA – 2.5 ACT Score – 17 OR Silver on <u>WorkKeys</u>	Tuition at a 2-year public community or technical college

# KEEPING YOUR TOPS SCHOLARSHIP



- Earn 24 hours of college credit each year
- TOPS Opportunity - 2.3 GPA for 24-47 credit hours, 2.5 for more than 48 credit hours
- TOPS Performance/Honors - 3.0 GPA
- Complete the FAFSA





# FAFSA

- Free Application for Federal Student Aid
- Website: [fafsa.gov](https://fafsa.gov)
- Determines how much financial aid students are eligible to receive, which could include grants, scholarships, work-study funds, and loans.
- Students must apply every year, beginning with senior year before college.
- Students should complete the **2025-26 FAFSA Form**

# NCAA Eligibility Center

ARE YOU A STUDENT ATHLETE WHO  
PLANS TO PLAY SPORTS IN COLLEGE?

Register - <https://web3.ncaa.org>

Fee - \$100 unless qualifies for waiver

GPA - 2.3 Minimum NCAA GPA

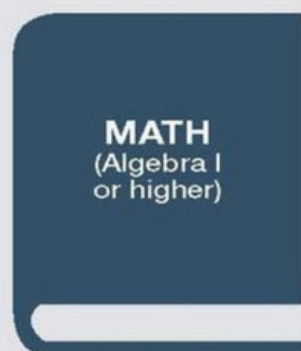
Courses Included in NCAA GPA -

## Core-Course Requirement

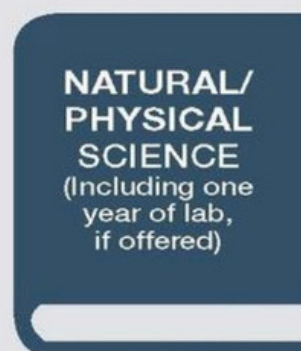
Complete 16 core courses in the following areas:



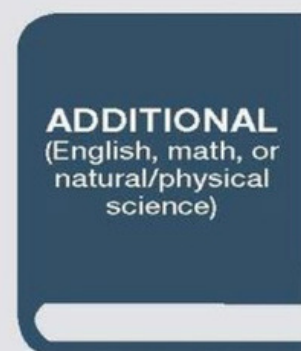
4 years



3 years



2 years



1 year



2 years




4 years



# TECHNICAL TRADE SCHOOL

**Links to several local technical and trade schools can be found on the Senior page on our school website**

- Academy of Interactive Entertainment
  - Associated Builders and Contractors
  - Carpenter's Union
  - Electrical Union
  - Iron Workers Local Union
  - Louisiana Workforce Commission
  - Plumbers & Steamfitters Local Union 60
  - Riverboat Pilot Training
  - Tri Parish Works
  - Universal Technical Institute
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# TRI-PARISH WORKS

## **Location**

- Nunez Community College
- Kane Building A-122

## **Job Seekers**

- Get connected to career opportunities
- Get you prepared for an interview
- Possibly get you on-the-job experience

## **Training**

- If you meet qualifications, they can possibly help you with tuition, books, supplies, fees, transportation, childcare, other supportive services.

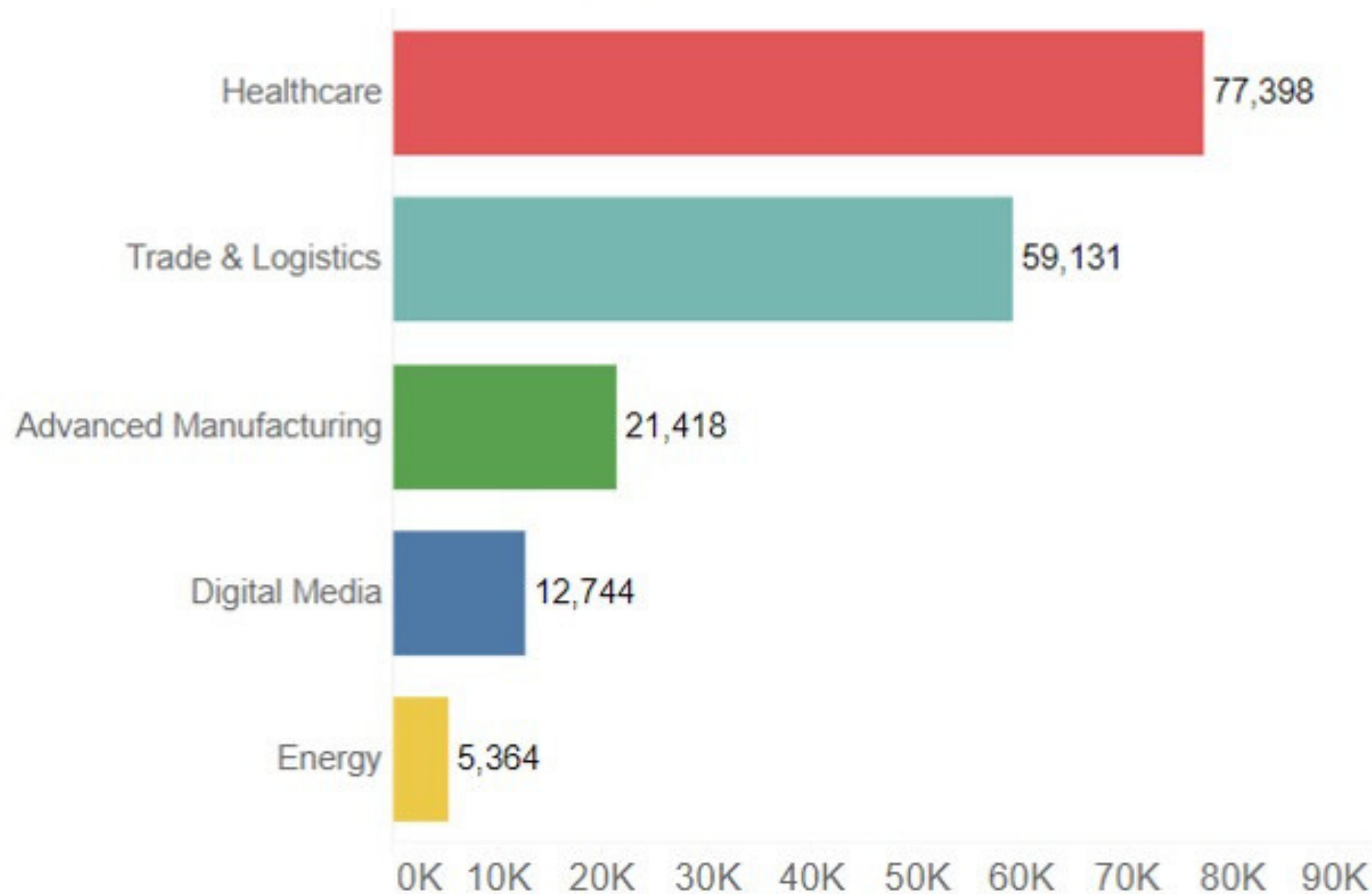
## **Youth Program Ages 16-24**

- Provides Work Ready and Real Life Skills
- Paycheck and Bonuses
- Real Job Experiences



# WHERE ARE THE JOBS IN OUR REGION?

Total Jobs in Key Industries (2023)



## GNO Inc. Jobs Report

- **Healthcare Jobs**
  - RNs, LPNs, Radiological Techs, Medical Records Specialists
- **Trade and Logistics**
  - Truck Drivers, Maintenance Workers, Captains and River Pilots, Supervisors
- **Advanced Manufacturing**
  - Production Workers, Inspectors, Operators, Fabricators, Electrical, Instrumentation
- **Digital Media**
  - Software Developers, Computer System Analysts and Support, Film and Video Editors
- **Energy**
  - Surveyors, Drillers, Engineers, Technicians

# LOUISIANA WORKFORCE COMMISSION

- Students > Star Jobs
- “Find My Career Choices” and search current opportunities available
- “Show Me All Choices” and narrow it by outlook, education, and salary

2 Help us narrow your search.

Occupational Outlook: Select from one to five stars



Educational Requirement

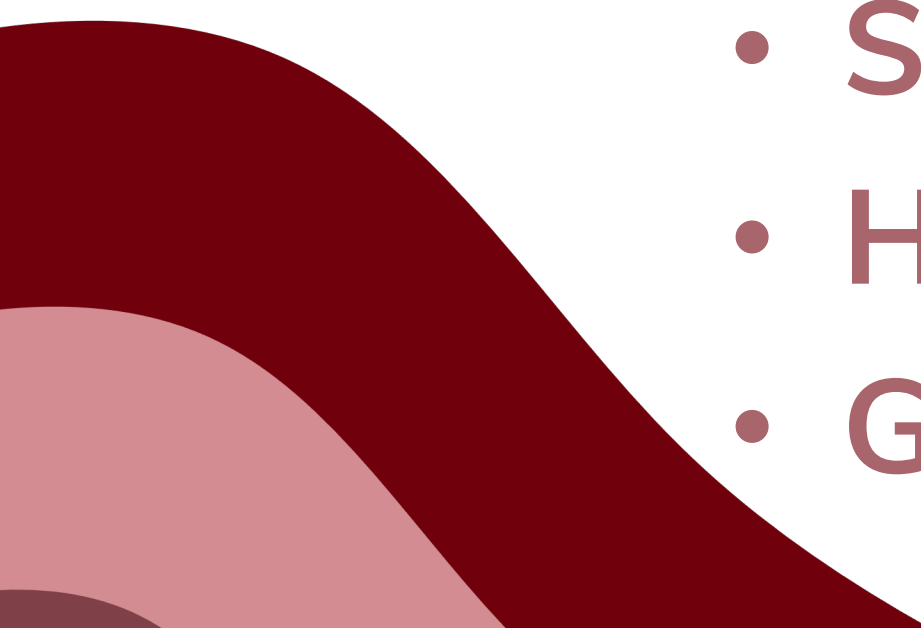
Less than High School High School Diploma Postsecondary, Non-degree Associate Degree Bachelor's Degree Master's Degree Doctoral / Professional

Minimum Required Salary: Hourly wages \$7.46 -> \$90

Star Rating	Occupational Title	Best Match or Related	Currently Advertised Jobs	Wages		
				hourly	annual	
				Entry-level	Typical	Experienced
★★★★★	Diagnostic Medical Sonographers <a href="#">Find Training</a>	Best	92 <a href="#">Show Current Listings</a>	\$22.86	\$29.68	\$38.45
★★★★★	Physical Therapists <a href="#">Find Training</a>	Best	382 <a href="#">Show Current Listings</a>	\$30.54	\$45.94	\$62.13
★★★★★	Architectural and Civil Drafters <a href="#">Find Training</a>	Best	29 <a href="#">Show Current Listings</a>	\$17.74	\$25.31	\$38.20
★★★★★	Civil Engineering Technologists and Technicians <a href="#">Find Training</a>	Best	14 <a href="#">Show Current Listings</a>	\$14.00	\$29.60	\$76.67
★★★★★	Computer Network Support Specialists <a href="#">Find Training</a>	Best	32 <a href="#">Show Current Listings</a>	\$19.04	\$29.33	\$46.80
★★★★★	Dental Hygienists <a href="#">Find Training</a>	Best	32 <a href="#">Show Current Listings</a>	\$29.01	\$36.96	\$39.30
★★★★★	Electrical and Electronic Engineering Technologists and Technicians <a href="#">Find Training</a>	Best	56 <a href="#">Show Current Listings</a>	\$17.74	\$33.94	\$53.28
★★★★★	Electro-Mechanical and Mechatronics Technologists and Technicians <a href="#">Find Training</a>	Best	22 <a href="#">Show Current Listings</a>	\$18.17	\$29.54	\$39.42
★★★★★	Environmental Engineering Technologists and Technicians <a href="#">Find Training</a>	Best	7 <a href="#">Show Current Listings</a>	\$14.43	\$29.21	\$47.62
★★★★★	Geological and Hydrologic Technicians <a href="#">Find Training</a>	Best	-1 <a href="#">Show Current Listings</a>	\$20.23	\$49.85	\$70.25
★★★★★	Industrial Engineering Technologists and Technicians <a href="#">Find Training</a>	Best	18 <a href="#">Show Current Listings</a>	\$27.95	\$37.27	\$47.56
★★★★★	Mechanical Drafters <a href="#">Find Training</a>	Best	3 <a href="#">Show Current Listings</a>	\$18.06	\$35.70	\$60.43

# Important Senior Dates



- College & Career Night – October 22
  - Senior Prom – March 15
  - Senior Awards Ceremony – April 23
  - Senior Spring Semester Exam Days – April 23 & 24
  - Graduation Rehearsal – April 29
  - Senior Check-Out Day – April 30
  - Honors Recognition Ceremony – May 2
  - Graduation Day – May 8
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# Mark Your Calendars



College/Career  
Night

October 22



October ACT

October 26  
Register by  
September 20



Ring Day

October 31



Balfour Deadline

December 2



# NEXT STEPS

Build your resume - join extra-curriculars that match your interest

Register for the October ACT by September 20 (waivers available)

Look for Balfour information to order graduation supplies

Complete the LOSFA Consent Form and return to your counselor



Thank you  
for coming!

