



Dig the well before you are thirsty
-Chinese proverb

Post-Secondary Planning, What Is Next After High School

Welcome to Post-Secondary Planning/Information Night

Overview of post-secondary options

Talk about some of the processes

Brief overview of financial aid

Reminders

Contact Information

Types of Post-Secondary Education

- **4-Year College/University:** Degrees like B.A., B.S.
- **Community College:** Associate degrees, transfer programs
- **Trade/Technical Schools:** Certifications in specific trades (e.g., electricians, plumbers)
- **Military Service:** Benefits like GI Bill for education
- **Gap Year:** Taking time to explore, volunteer, or work before college

Factors to Consider When Choosing a Path

- **Academic Interests:** What subjects or majors appeal to you?
- **Career Goals:** What professions are you considering?
- **Location Preferences:** Local, out-of-state, or international?
- **Cost and Financial Aid:** Tuition, scholarships, and financial aid availability
- **Campus Life:** Size, student organizations, diversity, and culture

Colleges and Universities

- Acquire a Bachelor of Arts or Sciences
- The difference between a college and university are graduate schools
- 7 Public Institutions and 2 Private
- Northern NM, NMHU, NM Tech, Eastern, Western, NMSU and UNM
- St. Johns and College of the Southwest
- Texas Tech and Colorado St. offer tuition breaks for NM residents
- Western Undergraduate Exchange 150% of in-state tuition

College Applications

- Online, College Fairs, school visits
- Apply early could waive application fees, UNM will waive the fee until October 15th. (Pay later)
- If qualified for free and reduced lunch there are application fee waivers

College Application Tips

- Know Deadlines
- Read the instructions
- Provide all requested information
- Proofread!!!
- Be Honest, most schools want to find a way to get the student in.
- Choose recommendations wisely
- Make sure your essay represents you
- Confirm your application materials arrived

Common Application

- I am the Counselor for the Common App.
- Even if your counselor writes the letter of recommendation I can upload her letter to the student's file
- Ability to apply to many colleges using one application
- Many colleges use Common App, UNM is on the Common Application.
- Gives Counselors deadlines and reminders

SendEdu

- Mainly used to send transcripts, sometimes secondary reports.
- For transcripts recommended to use Parchment.
- Provides Counselors with 8 pages we do not need.
- Just like Common App, gives us a list of students and tasks. We check both often, but we get emails when a student requests a document.
- NMSU will use SendEdu

College Fairs

RMACAC College Fair, over a 100 colleges and universities (September 22nd 12-3)

NMCAC (at Cibola High School in the concourse), between 25 to 30 colleges and universities

ACT/SAT

- ❑ Many Colleges/Universities have gone test optional. (California) However, not sure if it will determine scholarships
 - ❑ At this time NM universities and colleges are test optional
- ❑ Spring SAT can be used if needed
- ❑ Retake in September or October
- ❑ Practice, students struggle with the timing
- ❑ Test prep cost is between 35 to 50 dollars an hour
- ❑ Huntington and Sylvan are very effective, but can be pricey
- ❑ Unfortunately, at this time we do not have any Cibola teachers who tutors
 - ❑ Free ACT October 26th, however

Recommendation Letter

- Usually need two maybe three, usually for more selective schools
- Teachers, mentors, other adults the student as worked well with
- Give at least two weeks notice
- Recommendation letter form

Sending Transcripts

- Transcripts are sent through: Parchment
 - Parchment.com
 - Create account (Very important this is the way the final transcript is sent)
 - Can send to any college and can send to student
 - The Registrar handles transcripts
 - Admission Reps will be confusing on this
- May sometimes need to send transcripts three times
- Official vs. Unofficial

Financial Aid

FAFSA

- Scholarships
- Pell Grants
- Work Study
- Loans

A student and a parent need a FSAID, helpful to get this early

Financial Aid Night November 7th, 2024

Scholarships

- Scholarships are usually awarded based on merit or a certain criteria
- We will make announcements in regards to scholarships that come through the counseling office
- Check with where you work and where your parents work, sometimes they offer scholarships
- Apply to as many as you can
- Start researching
- Need to persevere, this can be time consuming (time-management)

UNM/NMSU Scholarship Deadline

- ❑ Offer many merit based scholarships
- ❑ Currently do offer Bridge/Opportunity and Lottery
- ❑ Many scholarships are usually awarded on gpa
 - ❑ UNM be admitted by Dec 1st
- ❑ Deadlines for high end scholarships for both universities is usually around

December 1st UNM
and NMSU deadline for
top tier scholarships

Scholarship Search Engines

Apply to many as possible

Set aside time

Check work, both parents and students

Sometimes your church

SCAMS

- Scholarship search engines that ask for money are usually a scam, same for FAFSA

Cibola Scholarships

- ❑ The Bunny Wong Scholarship
- ❑ The Gabriel DeHerrera Scholarship
- ❑ The Manuel Lujan Scholarship
- ❑ Jared Trueba Memorial Scholarship
- ❑ Phil Schroer Memorial Scholarship

New Mexico Scholarships

 Lottery

 Opportunity

Career Focused Education

- Vocational Programs offer:
 - Skills-based training
 - Apprenticeships and Certification programs
 - programs are short or accelerated
 - Hands on learning
 - In demand

Sonography/Ultrasound, IT automotive, cosmetology, masonry, carpentry, cooking

Vocational Programs

CNM

Automotive Technology Aviation Maintenance Technology
Carpentry and Construction Diesel Equipment Technology
Electrical Trades Electric Vehicle Technology
Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning and Refrigeration
Industrial Technology (Mechatronics)
Machine Tool Technology
Plumbing and Gas Fitting
Welding

ABC New Mexico Associated Builders and Contractors New Mexico
Carpentry
Electrical
HVAC
Sheet Metal
Telecommunications Technician
Plumbing

Apprenticeship Opportunities

National Apprenticeship Week

November 17-23 (Guest Speaker)

February 10th-16th (APS Career Fair)

Exploring Alternative Routes

Military Service

Benefits

ROTC Programs

Post-Service Educational

Gap Year

NM scholarships 16 months

Entering the Workforce

What's Next or Next Steps

Create a Timeline (application deadlines, FAFSA, scholarship submissions)

Reach out the Counselors, teachers and mentors for guidance (Meet with College and Career Counselor)

Stay organized (track progress, important documents, to do lists)

Research schools, programs and careers

Start applications and if needed work on personal statement

Fill out FAFSA (Does not open until Dec 1st)

Look for Scholarships

What's Next, cont.

Maintain grades, even
second semester of
Senior year

Remind

Instructions on Cibola website

Send out information on college and career info

COLLEGE AND CAREER INFORMATION IS
FROM MR. SENA

College and Career Google Classroom

- ❑ We will invite every senior in to the classroom
- ❑ Google Classroom will allow me to put up content in regards to college and career topics.
- ❑ Allows for specific topics
- ❑ Also in the process of fixing the website

Questions

Procrastination is
the thief of time
-Edward Young

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