

WELCOME PARENTS OF

"THE CLASS OF 2026"





SENIOR CELEBRATION 2026

FHS is a shining example of what is possible when you combine great staff, outstanding parent involvement, and generous community support to make our students' future the best it can be and the culmination of all this combined effort is graduation.

Since the first class graduated from the current Fishers High School in 2012, the FHS PTO has sponsored an event only for the senior class. Senior Celebration! It is a wonderful evening of fun, friends, and memories before they go onto their next chapter.

This is one of our favorite events of the entire school year: one last chance for seniors to have fun at and connect with their school. During this celebration seniors will get to enjoy carnival games, prizes, food, and a firework show to end the night. We hope to see your senior there at the end of the year!

- **Date:** TBD
- **Time:** 8:00 – 11:00 PM
- **Location:** FHS football field
- **Tickets:** Will go on sale in late spring

I DON'T KNOW WHAT I WANT TO STUDY! (and that's ok!!)

- Naviance – Career/College Searching
- Many online resources –
[College Board.com](http://CollegeBoard.com)
Learnmoreindiana.org
- In College - Use the college/university career services



SENIOR YEAR!!! *Can you believe it?*

On your radar for August -

- Students can continue career/college searching in Naviance
- The counseling office is updating transcripts to include summer school grades
- Transcripts will begin going out to colleges by early September (students request these in their Naviance account)
- Students have received emails from their counselor and need to sign up for a time – they will review graduation requirements and future plans – you are welcome to attend these
- Registration for college credit in our dual credit classes is happening in the classroom now – follow up with your student



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On your radar for August (cont'd) -

- Yearbook photo – sign up for a time at Prestige (in Carmel) - yearbook photo is free, but you can purchase more if you would like
 - <https://local.prestigeportraits.com/in/carmel/522-west-carmel-drive.html>
- Ask for letters of recommendation IN PERSON (not email) - usually 1 maybe 2 letters are enough – give teachers at least 3 weeks notice
 - Communicate with counselor if letter is from someone other than a teacher at FHS
- Create a resume
 - Can use Naviance - under the "About Me" tab or use your own template
 - Helpful for counselors/teachers for writing recommendation letters
 - Helpful when applying for scholarships
- College Visits –
 - 4 exempt attendance days– Call attendance office or enter in Skyward a few days in advance



HELPFUL LOGISTICS

- School Profile – sent to colleges with every application
- ACT vs. SAT – Send scores directly from the testing agency (College Board or ACT) if required – Most are test optional, but some are returning to "scores required"- "what is test optional" and how do you decide to include scores or not – Scores may be required for special programs, scholarships, etc. Most colleges **"Super Score"**
- NCAA Clearinghouse – Eligibility Center – for athletes interested in playing at the collegiate level – send transcript through Naviance
 - NCAA– code 9999
 - NAIA – code 9876
- Scholarships – Merit based and special scholarships are often generated through the admissions process – ASK!! – Several colleges have scholarships for out of state students
- Apply Early – "Early" does not mean "Early Decision (ED)" – ED is a binding agreement
- Deadlines – **November 1** for many schools – Fall Break is a good goal

THE APPLICATION ESSAY (COMMON APPLICATION)

Here is the full set of essay prompts for 2025–2026.

1. Some students have a background, identity, interest, or talent that is so meaningful they believe their application would be incomplete without it. If this sounds like you, then please share your story.
2. The lessons we take from obstacles we encounter can be fundamental to later success. Recount a time when you faced a challenge, setback, or failure. How did it affect you, and what did you learn from the experience?
3. Reflect on a time when you questioned or challenged a belief or idea. What prompted your thinking? What was the outcome?
4. Reflect on something that someone has done for you that has made you happy or thankful in a surprising way. How has this gratitude affected or motivated you?
5. Discuss an accomplishment, event, or realization that sparked a period of personal growth and a new understanding of yourself or others.
6. Describe a topic, idea, or concept you find so engaging that it makes you lose all track of time. Why does it captivate you? What or who do you turn to when you want to learn more?
7. Share an essay on any topic of your choice. It can be one you've already written, one that responds to a different prompt, or one of your own design

ESSAYS (Cont'd)

- Common App essay is a max of 650 words
- Some colleges will require additional writings
- Essays should give a "window" or "insight" to the personality, interests, goals, etc. of the student – information that is not evident in other parts of the application

College Fairs



Hamilton County College Fair

Open to all students and parents
Thursday, September 11th

6:30-8:00pm

*Do you want to get a jumpstart on your college and career future?
Please come and get your questions answered!*



Fishers High School
13000 Promise Road
Fishers, IN 46038

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Previous attachment



The poster for the Hamilton County HBCU College Fair features a photograph of graduates in blue gowns and mortarboards, with some throwing their caps into the air. The text is overlaid on a white and yellow banner. The text reads: '4th Annual Hamilton County HBCU COLLEGE FAIR' in large, bold letters, with 'HBCU' in red, 'COLLEGE' in black, and 'FAIR' in yellow. Below this, it says 'October 1, 2025' in white text on a green background.

4th Annual
Hamilton County
HBCU
COLLEGE
FAIR

October 1, 2025

All are welcome to attend the 4th annual Hamilton County Historically Black Colleges & Universities Fair on:

Wednesday, October 1, 2025
6:00-8:00 p.m.
Hamilton Southeastern High School
12499 Olio Rd, Fishers, IN 46037

A COLLABORATIVE PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN
Hamilton Southeastern Schools <https://hseschools.org>
Noblesville Schools <https://www.noblesvilleschools.org>
Carmel Clay Schools <https://www.ccs.k12.in.us>



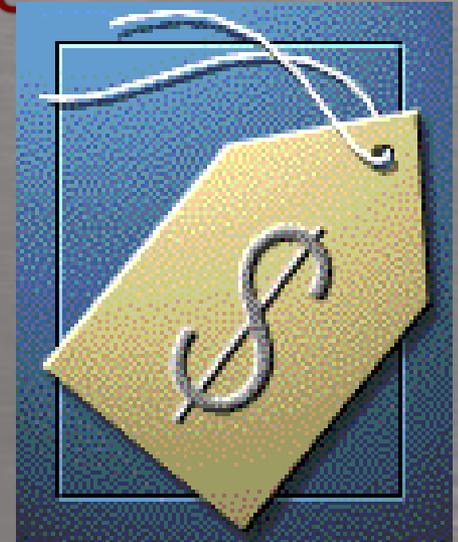
The bottom section of the poster features four logos in a row. From left to right: a red and blue 'H' logo, a gold 'N' logo, a blue and yellow 'C' logo, and a large 'HBCU' logo where 'H' is red, 'B' is yellow, 'C' is green, and 'U' is black.

College	Representative	Date
Purdue University-Main Campus	Megan Dorton	Thu August 21, 2025
John Carroll University	Brian Sabath	Thu August 21, 2025
Saint Mary's College	Sara Woroncow	Mon August 25, 2025
Savannah College of Art and Design	Rachel Anderson	Tue August 26, 2025
Elon University	Scott Carlson	Tue August 26, 2025
Butler University	Madelyn Jensen	Tue August 26, 2025
Valparaiso University	Zach Zajko	Wed August 27, 2025
Indiana University-Bloomington	Marni Blair	Wed August 27, 2025
Indiana University Indianapolis	Melissa Myroup	Wed August 27, 2025
University of Oklahoma-Norman Campus	Scott Hillman	Thu August 28, 2025
Trine University	Noah Acker	Thu August 28, 2025
University of Notre Dame	Brendan Corsones	Fri August 29, 2025
New York University	Jennie Mescon	Fri August 29, 2025
Purdue University Fort Wayne	Hayley Goltare	Fri August 29, 2025
Grace College and Theological Seminary	Drew Lyons	Tue September 2, 2025
Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology	Regina Atkins	Wed September 3, 2025
Hanover College	Aimee Scheuermann	Thu September 4, 2025
Lawrence University	Nikki Ware	Fri September 5, 2025
University of Chicago	Lily McCain	Mon September 8, 2025
Loyola University Chicago	Claire Butler-Harrison	Mon September 8, 2025
United States Naval Academy	Joseph Mullen	Mon September 8, 2025
The College of Wooster	Abby Righter	Tue September 9, 2025
Hope College	Tucker Marty	Tue September 9, 2025
Ohio Wesleyan University	Tara Pena	Tue September 9, 2025
Saint Louis University	Steve Landgraf	Tue September 9, 2025
Samford University	Jack Oliver	Wed September 10, 2025
Belmont University	Matthew Staley	Wed September 10, 2025
Capital University	Ishan Thapa	Wed September 10, 2025
University of Indianapolis	Rob Hadley	Fri September 12, 2025
American University	Kevin Mondragon	Fri September 12, 2025
Ohio Northern University	Brenda Averagesch	Fri September 12, 2025
Miami University-Oxford	Katie Broniarczyk	Mon September 15, 2025
Ball State University	Lindsey Speer	Mon September 15, 2025
University of Michigan-Ann Arbor	Zoe Mitchel	Tue September 16, 2025
Bradley University	Kaley Holden	Tue September 16, 2025
Earlham College	Jerome Dueweke	Thu September 18, 2025

**FHS
College
Rep
Visits
Sign up
in
Naviance**

FINANCIAL AID AND SCHOLARSHIPS

- Cut college costs with dual credit, AP/IB exam scores, and college placement tests
 - Registration for dual credit is happening in the classroom now
- Scholarships from Colleges
- Local Scholarships – HSESF - Uniform Application – November -
- Fishers HS Scholarship Guide – FHS Website –
 - Scholarship/Financial Aid Information
- FAFSA – **Financial Aid Night - coming soon**
 - FAFSA opens in October
- Website searches
- Enter to Win \$1000 – Right now -
 - InvestedIndiana.org –
 - Under the “Resources” Tab then choose “Scholarship Giveaway”



Scholarships Cont'd

- **Be on the lookout for special opportunities!!**
 - University of Indpls. – One Fishers HS student will be awarded a full tuition scholarship if they are accepted for Engineering or Computer Science – Let Mrs. Brown know if you apply to Univ. of Indpls. for one of these majors
 - Anderson Univ. is offering a \$1000per year scholarship for students who schedule an official visit and then attend Anderson Univ.
- **FAFSA? Financial Aid Night Help sessions will be scheduled in October/November**

Important Senior Dates

1

October 1



Senior Graduation Name Survey

A Parent Square message will be sent to the Guardian/Parent to complete an online survey recording how you would like your student's name spelled on their diploma, written in the program and listed on their yard sign. Surveys must be completed by November 1.

2

October 1



Herff Jones Senior Presentation

Seniors will attend a Herff Jones Presentation during Employability to learn more about graduation and ordering graduation regalia.

3

October 9



Cap & Gown Ordering

Herff Jones representatives will take student orders of caps and gowns in the CCA at Fishers High School. 11am-6pm. Orders must be placed by November 30, 2025

4

April 29



Cap, Gown & Yard Sign Pick Up

Seniors can pick up their Cap, Gown and Yard sign during Employability.

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June 3



Graduation Rehearsal & Ceremony

A Mandatory Graduation Rehearsal will be held in the morning on June 3. Students will then report for Graduation Ceremony staging at 5:30pm.

SENIOR SERVICE HOURS and SCHOLARSHIP CORDS

- 15 Hours required to earn a service cord for graduation
- Scholarship Recognition Cord – Notify us of any scholarship to earn your scholarship cord to be worn at graduation
- The counseling office will provide links for students to record this information – keep an eye on Canvas, newsletters, Parent Square messages, etc.

College Admissions - Data

Indiana University

- Average student at IU has already earned 9 dual credits through AP, ACP, etc.
- Averages for admitted students
 - ❖ Average ACT– 30
 - ❖ middle 50% 28-33
 - ❖ Average SAT – 1324
 - ❖ middle 50% 1230-1430
 - ❖ Average GPA 3.98
 - ❖ middle 50% 3.73 – 4.0

Purdue University:

“Test Preferred”

Middle 50% of freshman

- SAT: 1210 – 1470
- ACT: 27 – 34
- GPA: 3.62 – 4.0

Ball State University

Middle 50% of freshman

GPA: 3.17-3.81

SAT: 1080-1210

ACT: 21– 23

QUESTIONS???

Contact Linda Brown at
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