

APRIL 2026

COUNSELING NEWSLETTER



COUNSELING HIGHLIGHTS



SAT Test – On March 18th a total of 64 juniors participated in the SAT, taking an important step in their college readiness journey. The SAT provides students with an opportunity to demonstrate their academic skills to colleges and universities, can strengthen college applications, and may open the door to scholarships and additional financial aid opportunities. It also gives students valuable experience with college-level testing expectations as they prepare for life after high school.



FCC Advising – A total of 354 seniors met with college representatives on March 25th & 26th to develop their Student Education Plans, a vital step in the matriculation process for State Center Community College District.

College Exposure– On March 24th, 47 Rising Scholars visited San Francisco State University, and on April 10th, 44 junior Dual Enrollment students visited Fresno City College. These experiences continue to expose our students to college environments, helping them build confidence and see higher education as an attainable next step.

CELEBRATING EXCELLENCE: CLASS OF 2026 VALEDICTORIANS

On April 8th, our counseling team and VP Teran had the opportunity to visit classrooms across campus to surprise and congratulate our Class of 2026 Valedictorians. It was a special moment to recognize students who have demonstrated outstanding academic achievement and dedication.

We are proud to share that this year we have 50 Valedictorians – the highest number in McLane history! This incredible milestone reflects the hard work, perseverance, and commitment to excellence of our students.


Achieving valedictorian status is no small accomplishment, and having such a large group of students reach this level is truly something to celebrate. It also speaks to the strong support system across our campus, from teachers and counselors to families, all working together to help our students succeed.

Congratulations to our Valedictorians – we are so proud of you! More celebrations to come!

COUNSELING FOCUS IN APRIL

- 26-27 Course Request Distribution to students
- Financial Aid and Web Grant Support
- SIR process (deadline - May 1st) & additional post-secondary tasks
- Individual Request Final Clean-Up and Master Schedule Section Planning

IMPORTANT COUNSELING DATES-APRIL

- April 10-Fresno City College Field Trip
- April 13-Valedictorian Photos (All day, Room T8)
- April 14-16- FCC Registration (L119)
- April 17-Dual Enrollment Workshop (L119)
- April 17-Counselor Romero's Birthday 
- April 22-23-Dual Enrollment Workshop (L119)

SENIOR CELEBRATIONS & IMPORTANT DATES AHEAD

As we head into an exciting season of senior celebrations, we're excited to share a few key upcoming events. **Senior Decision Day will take place on Friday, May 1st during lunch**, with the theme "Let's Taco-bout Your Future!" A social media post and QR code RSVP will be shared with students soon. We encourage all staff to help spread the word and build excitement as our seniors prepare to celebrate and share their postsecondary plans.

We will also be celebrating our students at the **Valedictorian Dinner and Senior Academic Awards on May 20th**. This is a meaningful event that honors the hard work and achievements of our students, and your presence truly makes a difference. We sincerely appreciate your continued support and attendance.

In the coming days, you will receive a request to submit nominations for our Department RISE Awards. We kindly ask for your timely response so we can notify families and properly prepare for this special evening.

Thank you for your ongoing support in celebrating our students and making these moments memorable!