



Welcome

to your senior year

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Let Your Dreams Take Flight



- Got your college acceptance letter?
- Next Step: Take a photo in front of our Senior Wings display!
- Show everyone you are following your dreams.



BELLEVUE EAST
— CHIEFTAINS —

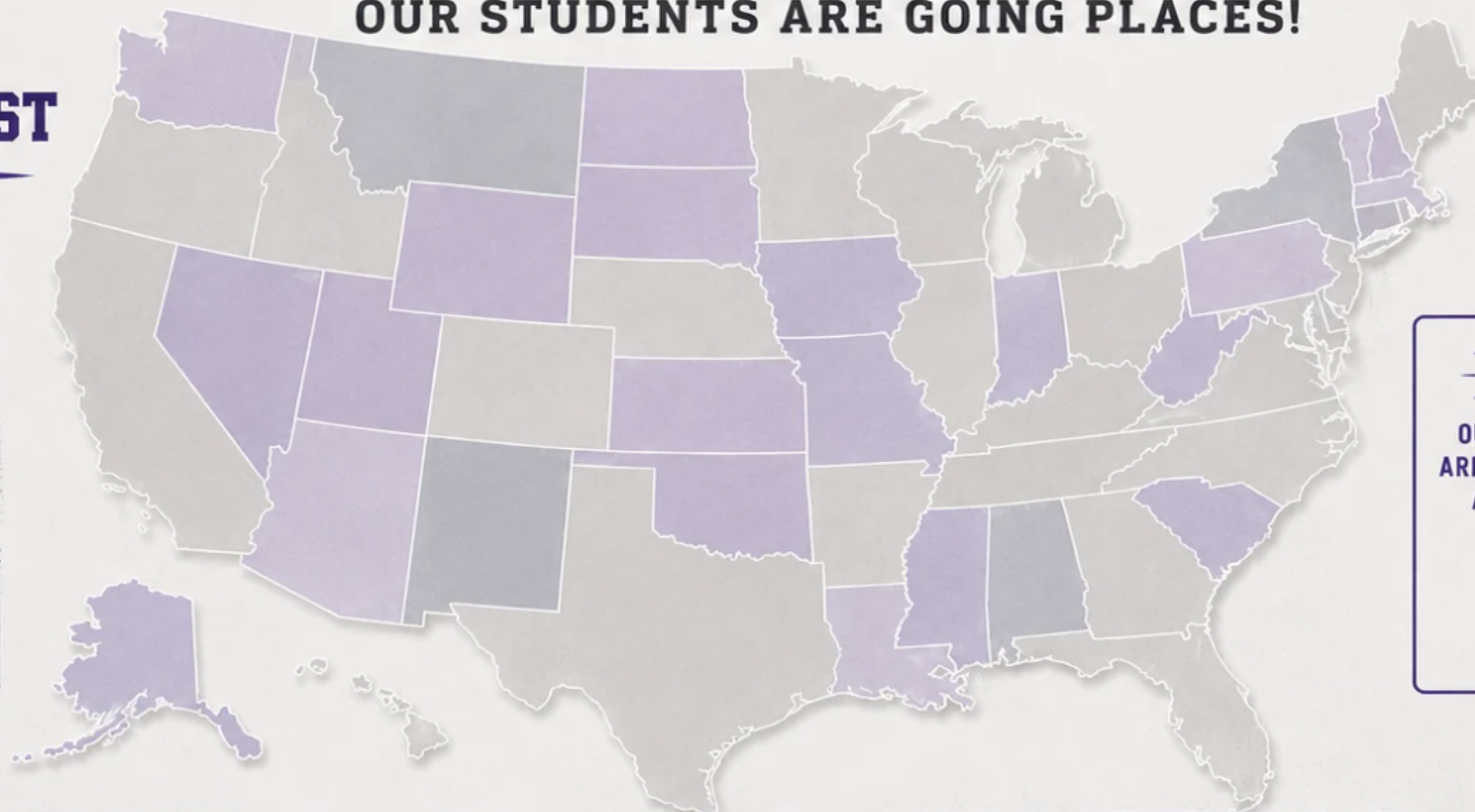
ONE APPLICATION
CAN CHANGE
EVERYTHING.



DREAM.
APPLY.
ACHIEVE.

Where Our Students Are **ACCEPTED!**

FROM SMALL TOWNS TO BIG CITIES,
OUR STUDENTS ARE GOING PLACES!



OUR STUDENTS
ARE ALSO HEADED
AROUND THE
WORLD!



PROUD TO BE HEADED TO BE GREAT PLACES, RIGHT HERE AT HOME!

UNK UNIVERSITY OF
NEBRASKA
KEARNEY

UNO UNIVERSITY OF
NEBRASKA
OMAHA

N UNIVERSITY OF
NEBRASKA
LINCOLN

Creighton
UNIVERSITY

STATE IOWA STATE
UNIVERSITY

METRO
COMMUNITY
COLLEGE

 NEBRASKA
METHODIST
COLLEGE

CSM
COLLEGE OF
SAINT MARY

Verifying Your Diploma Name

- Mandatory Action: Log into your student PowerSchool account immediately.
- What to Check: Verify that your first, middle, and last names are spelled exactly as they appear on your legal birth certificate.
- Why This Matters: Your high school diploma is a permanent, legal document. It must match your government records.

Cap and Gown

School Traditions: Packets will be given out in English classes in August

-Cap & Gown can be ordered online at [Jostens.com](https://www.jostens.com)
(Required to participate in ceremony)
Link opens on September 2nd



Students and their families will have until October 21st to order their products and receive fall pricing for them

Applying for College

- Apply directly on the specific college's official website.
- Look for the **Admissions** or **Apply Now** link.
- Prepare your transcripts, application fees, and test scores.
- Submit early to beat strict school deadlines.



Undergraduate Admissions

Apply ▾

Visit Campus ▾

Orientation ▾

Tuition & Aid ▾

Academics ▾

Campus Life ▾

JOIN THE MAVERICK LEGACY

Forge lifelong connections, embrace opportunities, and thrive as a Maverick at the University of Nebraska Omaha!

Apply Now

Have you done your application for UNL, UNO, or UNK yet?
If not, you are in luck!

Not only is the application FREE right now, but the
counselors are offering sessions to help with your
application! It only takes about 30 minutes to apply to all 3
universities!

The following sessions are during late start OR early out
periods. You may not miss class to attend a session, but you
can come during your excused periods.

Dates to be determined

Where: Cafeteria

Please bring your iPad as well as your unofficial transcript.
You can get this by emailing your counselor.



Assistance with the College Process

Visit with your School counselor

Free Resource: Partner with the EducationQuest Foundation (Located in Rockbrook Village, Omaha).

What They Do: Give 100% free help filling out college forms and financial aid applications.

Our Representative: Joan Jurek
Website: educationquest.org



FREE

Attend College Fairs and College Visits

- DATE: To be determined
Bellevue Area College fair 8:00-10:00
(more information to come)
- Read and Listen to:
Announcements/Newsletters/Schoology/Email
- Sign up with the QR code to attend (located in
English Classrooms and Counseling)
- You must be passing your classes to attend a
college visit, or get explicit teacher permission.



**BELLEVUE EAST
HIGH SCHOOL**

COLLEGE VISITS

REMEMBER KNOWLEDGE IS POWER.
PLEASE COME AND LEARN WHAT
THESE COLLEGES HAVE TO OFFER

In order to attend a college visit you must be passing the
class you will be missing or receive permission from your
teacher.

EMAIL- MS. HADLEY OR MR. CHUDOMELKA



Sending Transcripts/Act Scores to College

- Students can request transcripts be sent to colleges/scholarships. Via Parchment
 - Students/parents can request a copy of transcript for college, scholarships, insurance.
- Note: Some schools do not require an initial transcript but instead require students to self-report: e.g. UNL, UNO, UNK

Note: Not all colleges will accept Act scores sent from Bellevue East

2026–2027 ACT National Test Dates & Deadlines

Test Date 	Registration Deadline	Late Registration Deadline
September 19, 2026	August 14, 2026	September 1, 2026
October 17, 2026	September 11, 2026	September 29, 2026
December 12, 2026	November 6, 2026	November 29, 2026
February 27, 2027	January 22, 2027	February 9, 2027
April 10, 2027	March 5, 2027	March 23, 2027
June 12, 2027	May 7, 2027	May 25, 2027
July 10, 2027	June 4, 2027	June 22, 2027

ASVAB

- What It Is: A 100% free test used to identify your natural strengths and narrow down future career fields.
- Who It Is For: Students planning to enter the military or anyone wanting deep career path insights.
- Test Date: TO be determined.
- How to Register: Sign-ups open exactly one month prior. See Mrs. Anderson or Ms. Hadley in the Counseling Office to secure a spot.

(<https://studentaid.gov>)

Apply for Financial Aid

Graduation requirement for the Class of 2027
Opt-out option and process

- Families can apply for financial aid using the FAFSA form after December 1st of their senior year (2025 tax information will be used for this year's senior class)
- • Both students and parents must create a separate FSA ID online. Do this 3 days before applying to allow for system verification.

In-School Help: Joan Jurek from EducationQuest will visit with every senior class to guide you through this.

Quick Senior Check-In

Who already knows where they're
applying to?

Who has visited a college campus?

Who plans to apply for scholarships?



Scholarships 101

- Scholarships are Based on academics, financial need, school activities, volunteering, or leadership.
- Check your student email daily for new scholarship alerts.
- NEVER pay to apply for a scholarship. (Legitimate websites are 100% free).
- If you have any questions while filling out those scholarship applications, please feel free to stop by the counseling office for assistance. You can also reach us by phone at the 402-293-4151.
- We are more than happy to postmark and mail your college applications, transcripts, test scores, and scholarship applications when they are ready.

GOOD LUCK with your scholarship search!



Bellevue East High School

Proudly Serving the Bellevue/Offutt Community

Scholarships

> [Home](#)

Scholarship List

The following file contains the most current list of scholarship mention in our senior newsletters. Please follow Mr. Chudom schoology account for daily scholarship information. The attached scholarships that were available last year. NOTE: The inform

bellevuepublicschool.org > academics > scholarships

Set up an account at [Educationquest.com](https://www.educationquest.com)

Local Scholarships

Bellevue Comprehensive Scholarships

Foundation Scholarships

Chick-Fil-A Local Awards

Gliwa Scholarships

FAFSA-linked local aid

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Hi Teagan

Tools

Activities Resume

ScholarshipQuest

College Profiles

Reality Check

[Sign out](#)

Your Journey to College Starts Here

Plan for College

[Plan for College](#) [Apply for College](#) [Pay for College](#) [Tools](#) [Blog](#) [Professionals](#)[Edit Criteria](#) [View Scholarships](#)☐ Disliked ☐ Expired Sort by ▼

Access College Early Scholarship

Amount: Tuition + Mandatory Fees

Deadline: See on Website

Like

Dislike

 Applied

Get Social Scholarship

Amount: \$500

Deadline: Ongoing

Like

Dislike

☒ Applied

Nebraska Methodist College Scholarships

Amount: Varies

Deadline: Varies

Like

Dislike

☒ Applied

Sowers Club of Nebraska Scholarship for Continuing Education

Amount: \$1,000

Deadline: Nov 30, 2026

Like

Dislike

☒ Applied

Inspiring Women Scholarship

Amount: \$500

Deadline: Jul 1, 2026

Like

Dislike

☐ Applied☐ Text Reminder



Teagan

HADLEY



Benjamin

SHEARER



SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS!!

COME RING THE SCHOLARSHIP BELL!

SCHOLARSHIP AMOUNTS AWARDED



20 M

18 M

16 M

14 M

12 M

10 M

8 M

6 M

4 M

2 M

← Last years

Lets GO!!!
Can we beat last
years total?
\$14,448,728+



Ringers

Senior Beast Yard Signs



Carmen



Is planning to continue
her education at
Metropolitan
Community College
and study Ecology

Favorite East memory:
Being on the Wrestling
team and traveling



Waltraff Bare

Senior Events

- **May 20th**

Seniors last day/Checkout
Senior Send off

(Graduating Students and their guardians may only attend)

- **May 25th**

Honors Night at 6:30 in the South Gym
(Only by invitation event)

- **May 27th**

Baccalaureate
(Combined event with Bellevue West at the Bellevue Christian Center)
@7:00

- **May 29th**

Graduation 9:30 in the South Gym
(Each senior **will get only 6 tickets** for their guest)



Have
questions?
Meet with your
counseling staff.

Contact Information

402-293-4151

- Students Last Name A-E Mrs. Pribyl
- Students Last Name F-L Mr. Chudomelka
- Students Last Name R-W Mrs Onken
- Students Last Name M-Q & X-Z Mrs.
Anderson
- Scholarship Coordinator/Secretary Ms.
Hadley
- Registrar Malissa Roberts

Follow on X:

Mike Chudomelka
(East Counselor)
@MikeChudomelka

Malinda Hadley
@hadleyMalinda

Bellevue East
@chieftainNation

Bellevue East Athletics
@BEastAthletics

Senior Check List

SENIOR YEAR CHECKLIST

Stay on Track for Graduation!

AUGUST – SEPTEMBER

Start Strong!

- ☐ Read your Senior Newsletter every month
- ☐ Send your Senior & Kindergarten Photos to Ms. Hadley (Not for the yearbook)
- ☐ Attend Senior Post-Secondary Presentations during English class
- ☐ Verify your information in PowerSchool:
 - ☐ Name is spelled correctly
 - ☐ Address is current
- ⚠️ Your diploma will be printed exactly as your name appears in PowerSchool.
- ☐ Add your school email to your phone and check it daily
- ☐ Follow:
 - ☐ Mr. Chudomelka (@mikechudomelka)
 - ☐ Ms. Hadley (@hadleymalinda)
- ☐ Register for the ACT (October 17 Test Date)
 - ☐ Use your existing ACT account
 - ☐ Register at actstudent.org
- ☐ Complete Dual Enrollment paperwork:
 - ☐ Metro Community College (Early September)
 - ☐ UNO (End of September)

OCTOBER

College & Scholarship Season Begins!

- ☐ Visit colleges (in person or virtually)
- ☐ Apply to colleges
- ☐ Request transcripts through Parchment
- ☐ Create a Common App account (if needed)
- ☐ Complete the FERPA Privacy Waiver
- ☐ Complete the FAFSA (Opens October 1)
- ☐ Complete the Fall Senior Survey

- ☐ Create an EducationQuest Account

- ☐ Begin applying for scholarships

Scholarship Tasks

- ☐ Start Gliwa Scholarship (Due March 1)
- ☐ Start BPS Comprehensive Scholarship (Opens October 5)
- Submit BPS Comprehensive Scholarship by December 20

Graduation Tasks

- ☐ Order Cap & Gown
- ☐ Order before October 15 to avoid price increases

Testing

- ☐ Take ACT Test (October 17)

NOVEMBER

Scholarship Focus

- ☐ Start Buffett Scholarship (November 1)

DECEMBER

Finish Strong Before Break

- ☐ Submit Senior Photo for Yearbook (Due December 4)
- ☐ Take ACT Test (December 12)
- ☐ Submit BPS Comprehensive Scholarship (Due December 20)

JANUARY

Celebrate Your Successes

- ☐ Report college acceptances to Ms. Hadley
- ☐ Report scholarship awards to Ms. Hadley
- ☐ Report special awards and recognitions to Ms. Hadley

FEBRUARY

- ☐ Submit Buffett Scholarship (Due February 1)
- ☐ Take ACT Test (February 27)

SENIOR YEAR CHECKLIST

Stay on Track for Graduation!

MARCH

- ☐ Submit Gliwa Scholarship (Due March 1)

College Decision Time

- ☐ Review financial aid packages
- ☐ Compare college offers
- ☐ Make final college decision
- ☐ Complete orientation paperwork

APRIL

- ☐ Submit final scholarship award letters to Ms. Hadley (Due April 30)
- ☐ Submit Senior/Kindergarten Photo for Graduation Slide (Due April 30)
- ☐ Complete Senior Survey

MAY

Graduation Month!

- ☐ Attend Senior Send-Off (May 20)
- ☐ Complete your final day as a senior (May 20)
- ☐ Attend Honors Night (May 25, 6:30 PM) (Invitation Only Event)
- ☐ Attend Baccalaureate (May 27, 7:00 PM)
- ☐ Arrive at Bellevue East for Graduation by 8:00 AM (May 29)
- ☐ Graduate! 🎓

ALL YEAR LONG

Keep Moving Forward!

- ☐ Read Senior Newsletters
- ☐ Check school email daily
- ☐ Search and apply for scholarships regularly
- ☐ Complete FAFSA requirements
- ☐ Retake ACT/SAT if needed
- ☐ Update resume with activities, honors, and volunteer work
- ☐ Request at least two letters of recommendation
- ☐ Write and save scholarship essays
- ☐ Send ALL scholarship offers and award letters to Ms. Hadley (Even if you do not plan to accept them.)

SENIOR SUCCESS CHECKLIST

- ☐ Check email daily
- ☐ Order your Cap and gown early before prices go up
- ☐ Meet deadlines early
- ☐ Stay organized
- ☐ Ask questions when needed
- ☐ Apply for scholarships often
- ☐ Celebrate your accomplishments
- ☐ Enjoy your senior year! 💜🎓

Goal: Turn every ☐ into a ☒ by graduation day!

Fall Senior Survey



Parchment
HIGH SCHOOL
TRANSCRIPTS

