



HIGHER ED NEWS

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Monthly newsletter to Salt River Higher Education students and our Community.

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GET HELP WITH FUNDING FOR COLLEGE!

Do you need help locating additional scholarships for colleges, universities, or vocational schools? The Higher Education office would like to invite you in for a quick office visit, phone call, or virtual meeting via Microsoft Teams. We can show you what terms to use while searching the internet for the best scholarships for your needs.

Here are some other places that could help you with scholarships:

- The financial aid office of your chosen college.
- High school counselor or TRIO counselor.
- U.S. Department of Labor's Free scholarship search tool: www.dol.gov/grants.
- The public library's reference section.

Visit the Higher Education office today. Stop by the Education Administration building (4836 N. Center Street) anytime Monday-Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. We look forward to assisting you!

MOCK INTERVIEW MONDAYS

WITH HIGHER EDUCATION

- Test your answers to tough questions
- Enhance your communication skills and delivery of responses

APPOINTMENTS AVAILABLE | VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS
9 AM - 4 PM

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**Next deadline is
October 30
Apply today!**

ATTENTION SENIORS GET HELP WITH:

Completing your FAFSA

College applications

Scholarships

Picking your major



ADVISING APPOINTMENTS

Higher Ed is offering advising appointments for SRPMIC-enrolled high school seniors.

Virtual appointments are also available for students who live out of state.

QUESTIONS? CONTACT DAVINA LEON

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WHAT ARE SCHOLARSHIPS?

A scholarship is **FREE** money given to you to help pay for your school expenses (tuition, dorm room, books, etc.). Scholarships do not need to be paid back, but they sometimes have requirements, such as a minimum Grade Point Average (GPA) that students must maintain in order to continue receiving the funding.

They can be awarded for many things, such as being the first in your family to go to college, being left-handed, having a pet dog, etc. Scholarships can help you cover the things that Higher Ed does not cover, such as paying for your dorm or meal plan. When applying for a scholarship, sometimes you will be asked to write a personal statement or submit a letter of recommendation.

It is important to give yourself plenty of time to work on the application before the deadline. You can find a list of scholarships and search engines on our website. As always, if you need help finding and applying for scholarships, feel free to reach out to Higher Education staff.

5 Tips For Adjusting From College Life To Work Life

The transition from college to the workforce can be somewhat intimidating. You're no longer being graded on term papers or tests. Instead, you're being evaluated on performance. We've all been there before. These steps can help prepare you for this next phase in your life.

1. Accept new responsibilities.
2. Embrace the new you, your new identity.
3. Find time to do all the things that make you happy.
4. Learning is a continuous cycle; don't switch off.
5. Rest

Good planning and acceptance of new changes will ultimately help make this a successful transition.

TIPS TO HAVE A GREAT SCHOOL YEAR

And just like that we have entered a new school year! We hope you all are having a wonderful first few weeks of school. Here are some tips to help you have a successful school year!

- Get involved! Joining a club or sports team is an awesome way to connect with other students.
- Stay organized. There will be lots of assignments, tests, projects, and other things to remember. Try writing them down in a planner or save them in a note app in your phone.
- Don't be afraid to ask for help. Maybe you need help finding a class or aren't sure what elective class you should take. Ask someone!
- Make sure to make time for YOU. High school can be challenging and lots of work so don't forget to make time for some self-care.

HIGHER EDUCATION PROGRAM FUNDING APPLICATION DEADLINES



the journey begins here.

Higher Education is there to uplift you every step of the way.

VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS

- APR 30: School start date in May, June & July
- JUL 30: School start date in Aug., Sept. & Oct.
- OCT 30: School start date in Nov., Dec. & Jan.
- JAN 30: School start date in Feb., March & April

COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY

- Fall Semester: JUN 30
- Spring Semester: NOV 30
- Summer Semester: APR 30

If deadlines fall on a weekend, applications will be accepted on the following business day.

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Changes to the 2024-2025 FAFSA

Completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) can be daunting. Here are some major changes to be aware of:

- The 2024-2025 will not be available until December 2023. (It used to open in October.)
- You will utilize your (or your parent's) 2022 tax information.
- The number of questions is smaller: 36 (from 108 previously).
- The Student Aid Index (SAI) will replace the Expected Family Contribution (EFC). It will make it more user friendly for students and parents to understand the FAFSA awards.
- There is a new student demographic survey you can complete or decline towards the end of the FAFSA application.

Reach out to Higher Education staff with any questions. We are here to help!

RISE GRANT

Community Meeting



- ✿ All Salt River Schools students, staff, families, and Community members are invited to help us with the planning of this grant.
- ✿ A light dinner will be served.
- ✿ Arts and crafts activities for kids.



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Tuesday, Sept. 26 | 5:30-7PM
Education Board Room
4836 N. Center St.



Tues., Sept. 12 | 5:30-7:30PM
ALA Lecture Hall
4827 N. Country Club Drive

All events (except Spooktacular) will take place at the **Accelerated Learning Academy** from **5:30-7 p.m.**
Light refreshments will be provided.

Thursday, Sept. 21
Drug Trends with
School Resource Officer D. Brown

Thursday, Oct. 26
SPOOKTACULAR

Thursday, Nov. 30
Gang Awareness with the SRPD Gang Unit

Thursday, Dec. 7
Suicide Prevention/Awareness
Teen Lifeline **Adults only**

SODA with SECURITY

All Salt River Schools students, staff, and families, as well as all Community members, are invited to attend the upcoming Community Forum on September 12 at the Accelerated Learning Academy.

Leaders from all Salt River Schools sites and programs will showcase their departments, highlight important dates, and answer audience questions.

A light meal will be served while supplies last.



Questions? Call 480-362-2500 or email
Communications@saltriverschools.org.

FALL INTO
READING



THURS, SEPT. 14
4:30-7:30PM
ALA GYMNASIUM

Park along Highland Avenue
south of the football field.

"Careers in Cosplay" is the theme of our 2nd annual literacy cosplay event! This year we will highlight careers in the entertainment fields, such as voice actors, writers, designers, IT, and more. **Dress up as your favorite book character for a chance to win our COSPLAY CONTEST!** There will be lots of fun activities and giveaways for the whole family!

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LITERACY COSPLAY EVENT

