



FINAL SENIOR NEWSLETTER

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A Message from the Guidance Office



CLASS OF 2011 ...Your senior year is quickly coming to an end and with a little over seven weeks left of school we want to remind all of you to finish the year off strong! Be sure to talk to your teachers if you are having trouble in any of your classes and utilize tutoring after school if necessary. Your teachers and counselors are here to help and we want nothing more than to see you walk at graduation. Also keep in mind that colleges and universities will be looking at your second semester grades and can revoke your admission if you happen to let your grades slip at the end of the semester.



As you receive your notification for Cal Grant in the mail be sure to review and submit any necessary changes by the specified deadline. Letters of intent to the college or university of your choice should have been submitted by May 1st. Be sure to keep track of future deadlines regarding your financial aid, housing, etc. Should you have any questions regarding admission, housing, and/or financial aid please be sure to contact your school's office of undergraduate admissions. Most of this information is easily accessible online. La Quinta guidance office is more than willing to help if you have further questions on where to access this information.

Senior Awards Night will be held on Wednesday, May 25th at 6:00 pm at La Quinta High School in the Gymnasium

Students being honored will receive an invitation during the school day within the next couple of weeks. If you receive an invitation, make sure you pick up instructions from Ms. Smith in the guidance Office

La Quinta Grad Night

Grad Night will be held on June 23rd on a boat cruise in the Long Beach Harbor. Tickets are being sold for \$70 and must be purchased *ASAP* in the Book Store. Should you have any questions see Mr. Cumberland.



AND NOW FOR INFORMATION ON YOUR BIG DAY ...



This Year's graduation ceremony will be held on Tuesday, June 21, 2011, at 6:00PM at Bolsa Grande High School Stadium. The Ceremony will last approximately one hour and the following restrictions will apply:

No signs or banners
No balloons
No food or beverages
No noisemakers
No umbrellas

A paid security company will be on hand to enforce the ceremony guidelines, which are designed to provide an enjoyable environment, as well as allow everyone to hear and see their loved one as they receive their diploma. There are no tickets required and the gates will open at 4:45 PM for "first come, first serve" seating. Please inform your parents of this information and should you have any questions regarding the ceremony, please see Mr. Cumberland.

GOLDEN WEST/ORANGE COAST Community College

Many of you who are planning on attending a community college in the Fall of 2011 took the SOAR test here on campus. You will be receiving your test results in the mail within the next few weeks. Along with a copy of your results you will also receive information regarding New Student Orientation. It is important for you to attend the New Student Orientation because it will provide you with all the information that you need to start registering for your classes. We strongly encourage you to meet with an academic advisor once you have attended the New Student Orientation to make sure that you get started on the right track. Be sure to let the academic advisor know that you plan on transferring to a University after two years so that they can ensure you take all the appropriate classes.

For those of you who missed the SOAR test do not panic! Check the April issue of the Senior Newsletter for the schedule of make-up dates for both Golden West and Orange Coast colleges. If you would like to make an appointment to take the SOAR test at Golden West please call 714-895-8388 and for Orange Coast call 714-432-5696. Tests should be taken as soon as possible so that you receive your results and can register early for the appropriate classes.



Since this will be your **LAST SENIOR NEWSLETTER**, the Guidance Office would like to congratulate you on a great 2010 - 2011 school year. Remember to keep working hard during the next seven weeks so that we can have the pleasure of shaking your hand as you receive your high school diploma. We hope that you found these newsletters and the workshops offered throughout the year helpful and should you have any suggestions on what can be done for the Class of 2012 please see Ms. Grelle.

We wish you much success as you continue on your journey. If you have any questions or need assistance you are always welcome to stop by the guidance office and see your counselor.

How to Apply for Scholarships

Now is the prime time for you to pursue scholarship opportunities from private organizations, businesses, etc., Please read about all our scholarships as well as research your own. For every one we list, there are thousands more! Remember you and your parents can access the Senior Newsletter on La Quinta's web page at: www.laquintahs.org.

Check these out! www.fastweb.com, www.collegetoolkit.com, meritaid.com, www.collegeboard.org, www.salliemae.com, www.csac.ca.gov, www.edfund.org, www.mapping-your-future.org, [http://www.yahoo.com/Education/financial Aid](http://www.yahoo.com/Education/financial%20Aid), www.ed.gov/index, www.usnews.com, www.scholarships.com, www.gocollege.com, www.educatorsconnection.com/register.php www.scholarshipcoach.com.

What if you don't get accepted to the university of your choice?

There are still many private universities accepting applications! Go to Collegeboard.com under "College Search" click "Find Your Match" under "What's Important to You?" click "See Results" change "Alphabetical" to "Application Deadline" and click "Sort".

GRAN-TOR	REQUIREMENTS	DEAD-LINE
Sigma Phi Epsilon Balanced Man Scholarship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 25 scholarships to Outstanding Male & Female students enrolling in CSU, Northridge in Fall • List honors, awards, scholarships • List extracurricular activities and positions held • List community involvement • List work experience • 2 letters of recommendation • See Ms. Grelle for application 	July 16, 2011
WiseChoice "Find the Right College" Scholarship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$2,500 • Register for WiseChoice (it's free) • Respond (200 words max): "What do you think is important when it comes to finding a college that fits?" • Apply at http://wisechoice.com/scholarship?sid=gcfx 	May 31
The J.E.D. Foundation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supplemental financial assistance to students who are planning on attending CSUF, CSULB or UCI • Must live at home with a single parent who is working • Demonstrate economic need, academic potential and a commitment to achievement • See Ms. Grelle for an application 	May 27
WiseChoice \$2,500 "Find the Right College" Scholarship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Register for WiseChoice (it's free) • Respond (200 words max): "What do you think is important when it comes to finding a college that fits?" • Apply at: http://www.wisechoice.com/scholarship?sid=gcfx 	May 31
Asian Pacific Community Fund	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$1,000 • Based on merit and essay questions • Apply at - http://www.apcf.org/index.php/what-we-do/scholarship-fund 	June 30

GRANTOR	REQUIREMENTS	DEADLINE
Sigma Phi Epsilon Balanced Man Scholarship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must attend Sacramento State in the fall • List honors, awards, scholarships • List extracurricular activities and positions held • List community involvement • List work experience • 2 letters of recommendation • See Ms. Grelle for application 	June 1, 2011
Civil Service Employees Insurance Company (CSI). Youth Automobile Safety Scholarship Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If you are a child of a full-time or retired public employee • \$500 - \$1500 will be awarded based on the merit of student essays that propose ways to reduce the accident rate among teenagers • Apply cseinsurance.com/scholarship 	May 13, 2011
Siemens Competition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enter the prestigious Siemens Competition in Math, Science and Technology and win scholarship money for college! • \$1,000 - \$100,000 • Register online at www.siemens-foundation.org 	Oct 3, 2011
Asian Pacific Community Fund and Verizon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 20 \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded to students based on merit and essay questions • For students attending a 4-year university in the fall • Apply http://www.apcf.org/index.php/what-we-do/scholarship-fund 	June 30, 2011
Golden West College Associated Students High School Leadership Scholarship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must participate in the Associated Students at Golden West College in either Student Senate or Student Council for the fall semester • Must participate in Leadership Connections throughout semester and/or attend one leadership conference for student leaders • Obtain the college services sticker for the fall semester in which this scholarship applies. • \$250.00 will be awarded at beginning of fall, and after meeting the above requirements, the additional \$250 will be awarded at the beginning the spring semester • See Ms. Grelle for an application 	Deadline extended to May 10, 2011
Walton Fiesta 2011 Scholarship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$500 • Must have attended Walton Intermediate School for some portion of 7/8th grade. • Scholarship will be presented at the Walton FIESTA on June 2. • Winner must be present to win the scholarship Award • See Ms. Grelle ASAP for an application! 	May 13, 2011 4:00 pm

