

## ~ Counselor's Currents ~ March 2023

### Wrapping up your senior year

Seniors...stay on track to college by completing these second-semester tasks:

**Complete the financial aid process.** By now, you should have completed your FAFSA. If you haven't, do so at [studentaid.gov](https://studentaid.gov). If your college requests verification of your FAFSA information, submit required documents so that the school can award your financial aid.

**Watch your student portal and email closely.** Once you're accepted for admission, the colleges you listed on your FAFSA will notify you of the financial aid they're offering.

**Keep your grades up.** If you get poor grades this semester, your college could revoke your admission.

**Apply for scholarships.** See *ScholarshipQuest* at [EducationQuest.org](https://EducationQuest.org) for Nebraska-based scholarships. You'll also find links to national scholarship sites.

**Make your final college selection.** Notify the other colleges so they can take you off their mailing list.

**Be aware of deadlines** to accept financial aid and college admission offers, submit your housing deposit, and register for new-student orientation.

#### VISIT [EducationQuest.org](https://EducationQuest.org) to:

- Sign up for **Countdown2College** email tips.
- Update your **Activities Resume**.
- Research colleges using **College Profiles**.
- Find free **FAFSA tools**.
- Find Nebraska-based scholarships via **ScholarshipQuest**.
- Use **Reality Check** to match your future career with your desired lifestyle.
- Plus a whole lot more when you explore the [EducationQuest](https://EducationQuest.org) site!

### 2022 – 2023 ACT TEST DATES

Test Date	Reg. Deadline	Late Registration
April 15, 2023	March 10, 2023	March 24, 2023
June 10, 2023	May 5, 2023	May 19, 2023
July 15, 2023	June 16, 2023	June 23, 2023

If you miss the regular deadline, you can register during the late period but must pay the additional nonrefundable late fee (\$36).

NOTE: All materials sent by mail must be RECEIVED by the last date of the late period, regardless of when they are postmarked. If students are wishing to register at school, he/she must have their social security number and a credit card to pay for registration.

#### TEST FEES

Registration for the ACT without writing is \$63.00.

ACT with writing costs \$88.00.

**Juniors and Seniors qualifying for F/R Lunch may see Mrs. Houston for a fee waiver.**

### March "To Do" List

#### Seniors

- \_\_\_ Compare financial aid award notifications to see which college offers the best award package.
- \_\_\_ Continue to apply for scholarships. Many have spring deadlines.
- \_\_\_ Make your final college decision and notify the other schools.
- \_\_\_ Submit your housing deposit before the deadline.
- \_\_\_ Apply for a summer job.

#### Juniors

- \_\_\_ Go on college visits (on campus or virtually).
- \_\_\_ Narrow your top college choices.
- \_\_\_ Take the ACT test.
- \_\_\_ Apply for a summer job, and create a budget to help you save for college.



All Juniors will be taking the State ACT test on Tuesday, March 21<sup>st</sup>



### Juniors...it's time to narrow your college choices.

Narrow your college choices soon to prepare for these upcoming activities:

- **ACT Test.** When you take the ACT this spring, you'll be asked to provide a list of colleges that should receive your score.
- **Completion of the FAFSA** early next fall. You and your parents can complete the FAFSA beginning October 1 of your senior year. The colleges you list on the form will receive the results.
- **College applications.** Early next fall, it will be time to apply to your top college choices

### Campus visits will help you narrow your choices

Spring break is a perfect time to visit schools that interest you. Find campus visit tips in the "Selecting a College" section at [EducationQuest.org](https://EducationQuest.org).

These resources at [EducationQuest.org](https://EducationQuest.org) will also help with your college search:

- "[Nebraska College Costs](#)" breaks down costs for all colleges in Nebraska.
- [College Profiles](#) has details about colleges in Nebraska and across the country.



## Connecting the Dots

The Freshmen enjoyed a day "Connecting the Dots" in Falls City. They learned about what to expect after high school and what it will take to realize their futures!

Brody, Taven, and Alex waiting to start the next session.



Jayden, Ayden, Maddie, and Alexis talking to the health care booth and picking up some

Rylee patiently waiting her turn.



Cooper getting some military info!



Jazmine reading about some college options.

