Oakville High School

Senior Guide

2013-2014

Decisions! Decisions! Important decisions that will affect your future must now be made. You have many options including college, work, military service, apprenticeship programs, technical school, community college or a combination of these and many more. Now is the time to begin your planning!

Whatever your goals may be, the growing complexity of today’s world requires individuals obtain a higher level of education, skills or training than ever before. Take advantage of the programs that can offer insight into your interests, aptitudes and abilities. The staff at Oakville High School is dedicated to assisting you in any way we can. You can start your planning by using the following information as a general guide to your senior year.

Communication

Oakville High School’s school counselor, Ms. Lauren White, and Oakville’s Student Services Coordinator, Ms. Penny Reinitz, are here to assist students, parents and families with planning for after high school graduation. They can assist with the college application process, the scholarship search, the military recruitment process and much more. Please feel free to contact them with any questions at (360) 273-5947 or via e-mail at [lwhite@oakvilleschools.org](mailto:lwhite@oakvilleschools.org) and [preinitz@oakvilleschools.org](mailto:preinitz@oakvilleschools.org). They will meet with students individually as well as in small groups and will also visit senior classrooms to make sure all students have all the information they need.

College representatives will visit Oakville High School throughout the fall. Please stay tuned for dates and times. **Oakville High School’s College Planning Night will take place Tuesday, October 22, 2013 at 5:30pm.** The information will be available on the counselor page of the Oakville School District website as well as on Ms. White’s bulletin board and will be on the morning announcements.

Washington State Core College Admissions Requirements

Minimum High School College Academic Distribution Requirements (CADR) for Public Colleges and Universities in the State of Washington:

Central Washington University, Eastern Washington University, The Evergreen State Collge, University of Washington, Washington State University, Western Washington University

**Minimum Academic Requirements**: (Some colleges/universities may prefer additional courses)

English- Four Years

Mathematics- Four Years, including Algebra I, Geometry & Algebra II

Social Studies- Three Years

Science- Two Years, one must be an algebra-based Chemistry or Physics course

Foreign Language- Two Years of the same language (The UW prefers three years.)

Fine, Visual or Performing Arts- One Year

College Application Process

1. **ACT or SAT Reasoning Test**- Most colleges and universities accept either college entry test, but four year colleges do require students take at least one. Take one or both early so that you can retest if necessary. Fee waivers are available for eligible students.

**TEST DATES**

**ACT DATES SAT I DATES**

September 21, 2013 October 5, 2013

October 26, 2012\* November 2, 2013

December 14, 2013 December 7, 2013\*

February 8, 2014 January 25, 2014

April 12, 2014\* March 8, 2014

June 14, 2014 May 3, 2014\*

June 7, 2014

The ACT will be given at Oakville High School on October 26, 2013 and April 12, 2014, and the SAT will be given at on December 7, 2013 and May 3, 2014.

Oakville High School’s School Code for both the ACT & the SAT is **480815.**

1. **College Applications**-
   1. Applications to colleges can be done online or applications can be downloaded from the college or university’s website. Paper applications, catalogues and financial aid information can also be requested directly from the college’s admissions office.
   2. Plan to have college applications submitted before the winter holidays. **Application deadlines vary, but most schools’ deadlines range from December 1st to March 15th,** **and some schools have earlier deadlines if students want to be considered for scholarships.**  Students are responsible for submitting their own applications, but the counselor will be available for assistance with applications and the computers in the career center will be available for students to use to work on applications. Some schools will have forms that the counselor is required to complete. Please make sure you give these forms to Ms. White if your school requires them.
   3. Students will need to request **an official transcript**, except when applying to the University of Washington, which does not require an official transcript with applications. Transcript request forms will be available in the counselor’s office. Students will need to complete the request form and return it to Ms. White.
   4. If a **letter of recommendation** is required, request it from the appropriate teacher, counselor, coach, etc. Please give them at least two weeks in which to write the letter, and make sure you have a copy of your résumé to give them.
   5. For your **college essays**, write about something you know, and keep it upbeat and positive. Think about something that will set you apart and show the school who you are and why you should be accepted to their college or university.
   6. Students will follow the same procedures listed above to admission to fine arts schools and many technical schools as well as two year colleges with some modifications- fine arts schools generally also require a portfolio and/or an audition, and community college applications are generally less complicated than the applications to four-year colleges and universities.
2. **Financial Aid**-
   1. **Most colleges include a financial aid form along with the application packet**. It is important that this information be returned to the school as soon as possible.
   2. Oakville High School will offer a Senior Night Financial Aid in January for students and parents to discuss financial aid and the FAFSA.
   3. **The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)-** This form will be available online for current seniors staring January 1, 2014. In order to be eligible for federal and Washington State student aid, the FAFSA must be submitted. Requested information is based on your parents’/guardians’ 2013 income tax return. The FAFSA can be completed online, by phone, or the paper application can be completed and mailed in. **The priority filing deadline for many Washington colleges and universities if February 1st.** It is important that you file your FAFSA by your school’s priority date to make sure you receive all of the financial assistance for which you are eligible.
   4. **Grants**- such as the Pell Grant- are sums of money granted for your education from the state or federal government. Grants do not need to be repaid.
   5. **Loans**- such a low interest student loans must be repaid. Payments are usually deferred until after graduation from college.
   6. **College Work-Study Programs**- these are programs where students are offered employment on campus based on financial need to assist in paying for college and school-related expenses.
   7. **Scholarships**- scholarships may come from the college or university or from private organizations. Check with the colleges/universities to which you are applying to find out what their scholarship procedures are. Some colleges will use their college application as their scholarship application, and others will have a separate scholarship application. Ms. White & Ms. Reinitz will provide more scholarship information to seniors, and [www.thewashboard.org](http://www.thewashboard.org), [www.collegexpress.com](http://www.collegexpress.com), [www.cappex.com/scholarships](http://www.cappex.com/scholarships), [www.scholarshipexperts.com](http://www.scholarshipexperts.com) and [www.collegescholarships.org](http://www.collegescholarships.org) are great websites to search for scholarships.

**Remember that deadlines are crucial! All college and scholarships applications must be submitted on or before the deadlines in order to be considered!**

Military

All branches of the military offer opportunities to learn marketable skills, serve the country and obtain money for education. Recruiters from different branches of the military will visit Oakville High School during the year to help students understand their options in joining the military. Ms. White can also help students get in touch with recruiters from a particular branch to discuss options.

**ROTC Scholarships**- ROTC Scholarships pay full tuition and fees for students while they are enrolled in college when a student agrees to serve as an officer for at least four years after graduation from college. All students interested in ROTC college scholarships should take the ACT or SAT as soon as possible. Application deadlines for Army ROTC, Navy/Marine Corps ROTC and Air Force ROTC scholarships range between December 1, 2013 and February 10, 2014.

**Service Academies**- United States service academies such as the US Naval Academy, the US Military Academy at West Point, the US Air Force Academy, the US Coast Guard Academy and the US Merchant Marine Academy are federal academies of the undergraduate education and training of commissioned officers for the US Armed Forces. Upon graduation, the students are obligated to serve in the military. Please see Ms. White if you are interested in applying to service academy. Contact information for service academies is as follows:

**UNITED STATES AIR FORCE ACADEMY UNITED STATES COAST GUARD ACADEMY**

HQ USAFA/RRS 31 Mohegan Avenue

2304 Cadet Drive New London, CT 06320-8103

Suite 200 1.800.883.8724

USAF Academy, CO 80840-5025 [www.cga.edu](http://www.cga.edu)

719.333.2520

[www.usafa.af.mil](http://www.usafa.af.mil)

**UNITED STATES MERCHANT MARINE ACADEMY UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY**

300 Steamboat Road Building 606

Kings Point, NY 11024 West Point, NY 10996

1.866.546.4778 845.938.0041

[www.usmma.edu](http://www.usmma.edu) [www.usma.edu](http://www.usma.edu)

**UNITED STATES NAVAL ACADEMY**

121 Blake Road

Annapolis, MD 21402**-5000**

410.293.4361

[www.usna.edu](http://www.usna.edu)

**ASVAB**- The Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB) is a test that gives information on aptitudes for various careers within the military. Taking the ASVAB does not mean that you must join the military, but if you plan to join the military, you must take the ASVAB. Recruiters can assist you in arranging to take it. Oakville High School will be giving the ASVAB on Tuesday, December 12, 2013.

Apprenticeship Programs

There are many apprenticeship programs available in Washington State in a variety of areas ranging from carpentry, auto repair and HVAC to barbering and boat building. A list of apprenticeship programs by county is available at <http://www.lni.wa.gov/TradesLicensing/Apprenticeship/Become/default.asp>. Please see Ms. White or Ms. Reinitz if you are interested in pursuing an apprenticeship after high school.

**Important Dates:**

**Tuesday, October 22, 2013**- Oakville High School College Planning Night

**Saturday, October 26, 2013**- ACT Testing at Oakville High School

**Friday & Saturday, November 8-9, 2013**- National College Fair, Washington State Convention & Trade Center, Seattle.

**TBD**- College Fair at the Great Wolf Lodge

**Saturday, December 1, 2013**- SAT Testing at Oakville High School

**Thursday December 12, 2012**, **8:15am**- ASVAB Testing at Oakville High School for all juniors and seniors.

**January 1, 2014**- First day that seniors and parents can complete the 2013-2014 FAFSA.

**February 1, 2014**- FAFSA Priority Deadline for many Washington colleges and universities.

**WASHINGTON COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES**

**BASTYR UNIVERSITY**

14500 Juanita Drive NE

Kenmore, WA 98028

425.823.3100

**www.bastyr.edu**

**BATES TECHNICAL COLLEGE**

1101 South Yakima Avenue

Tacoma, WA 98405

253.680.7000

**www.bates.ctc.edu**

**BELLEVUE COLLEGE**

3000 Landerholm Circle SE

Bellevue, WA 98007

425.564.1000

**www.bellevuecollege.edu**

**BELLINGHAM TECHNICAL COLLEGE**

3028 Lindbergh Avenue

Bellingham, WA 98225-1599

360.752.8345

**www.btc.ctc.edu**

**BIG BEND COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

7662 Chanute Street

Moses Lake, WA 98837-3299

877.745.1212

**www.bigbend.edu**

**CASCADIA COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

18345 Campus Way NE

Bothell, WA 98011

425.352.8000

**www.cascadia.edu**

**CENTRAL WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY**

400 E. 8th Avenue

Ellensburg, WA 98926-7463

509.963.1111

**www.cwu.edu**

**CENTRALIA COLLEGE**

600 West Locust Street

Centralia, WA 98531

360.736.9391

**www.centralia.edu**

**CLARK COLLEGE**

1933 Fort Vancouver Way

Vancouver, WA 98663

360.699.NEXT (6389)

**www.clark.edu**

**CLOVER PARK TECHNICAL COLLEGE**

4500 Steilacoom Blvd. SW

Tacoma, WA 98499-4098

253.589.5800

**www.cptc.edu**

**COLUMBIA BASIN COLLEGE**

2600 North 20th Avenue

Pasco, WA 99301

509.547.0511

**http://columbiabasin.edu**

**CORNISH COLLEGE OF THE ARTS**

1000 Lenora Street

Seattle, WA 98121

1.800.726.ARTS

**http://cornish.edu**

**EASTERN WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY**

526—5th Street

Cheney, WA 99004-2341

509.359.2397

**www.ewu.edu**

**EDMONDS COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

20000 – 68th Avenue West

Lynnwood, WA 98036

425.640.1459

**www.edcc.edu**

**EVERETT COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

2000 Tower Street

Everett, WA 98021-1327

425.388.9100

**www.everettcc.edu**

**THE EVERGREEN STATE COLLEGE**

2700 Evergreen Parkway NW

Olympia, WA 98505

360.867.6000

**www.evergreen.edu**

**GONZAGA UNIVERSITY**

502 E. Boone Avenue

Spokane, WA 99258-0102

800.986.9585

**http://gonzaga.edu**

**GRAYS HARBOR COLLEGE**

1620 Edward P. Smith Drive

Aberdeen, WA 98520

1.800.562.4830

**http://ghc.ctc.edu**

**GREEN RIVER COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

12401 SE 320th Street

Auburn, WA 98092

253.833.9111

**www.greenriver.edu**

**HERITAGE COLLEGE**

3240 Fort Road

Toppenish, WA 98948

509.865.8500/888.272.6190

**www.heritage.edu**

**HIGHLINE COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

2400 South 240th Street

Des Moines, WA 98198

206.878.3710

**www.highline.edu**

**LAKE WASHINGTON TECHNICAL INSTITUTE**

11605 – 132nd Avenue NE

Kirkland, WA 98034-8506

425.739.8100

**www.lwtc.ctc.edu**

**LOWER COLUMBIA COLLEGE**

1600 Maple Street

Longview, WA 98362

360.442.2311

**http://lowercolumbia.edu**

**NORTH SEATTLE COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

9600 College Way North

Seattle, WA 98103

206.527.3600

**www.northseattle.edu**

**NORTHWEST INDIAN COLLEGE**

2522 Kwina Road

Bellingham, WA 98226

360.676.2772/866.676.2772

**http://nwic.edu**

**NORTHEST UNIVERSITY**

5520—108th Avenue NE

Kirkland, WA 98083

425.822.8266

**www.northwestu.edu**

**OLYMPIC COLLEGE**

1600 Chester Avenue

Bremerton, WA 98337-1699

360.792.6050

**www.olympic.edu**

**PACIFIC LUTHERAN UNIVERSITY**

12180 Park Avenue S.

Tacoma, WA 98447

800.274.6758/253.531.6900

**http://plu.edu**

**PENINSULA COLLEGE**

1502 East Lauridsen Blvd.

Port Angeles, WA 98362

360.417.6255/877.452.9277

**http://pc.ctc.edu**

**PIERCE COLLEGE**

9401 Farwest Drive SW

Lakewood, WA 98498-1999

253.964.6500

**www.pierce.ctc.edu**

**RENTON TECHNICAL COLLEGE**

3000 NE Fourth Street

Renton, WA 98056

425.235.2352

**www.rtc.edu**

**SAINT MARTIN’S UNIVERSITY**

5300 Pacific Avenue SE

Lacey, WA 98503-1297

360.491.4700/800.368.9803

**www.stmartin.edu**

**SEATTLE CENTRAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

1701 Broadway

Seattle, WA 98122

206.587.3800

**www.seattlecentral.org**

**SEATTLE PACIFIC UNIVERSITY**

3307 – 3rd Avenue West

Seattle, WA 98119

206.281.2000

**www.spu.edu**

**SEATTLE UNIVERSITY**

901—12th Avenue

PO Box 222000

Seattle, WA 98122-4460

206.296.6000

**www.seattleu.edu**

**SHORELINE COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

16101 Greenwood Avenue North

Seattle, WA 98133

206.546.4101

**www.shoreline.edu**

**SKAGIT VALLEY COLLEGE**

2405 East College Way

Mount Vernon, WA 98273-5899

360.416.7600

**www.skagit.edu**

**SOUTH PUGET SOUND COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

2011 Mottman Road SW

Olympia, WA 98512

360.754.7711

**www.spscc.ctc.edu**

**SOUTH SEATTLE COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

6000 – 16th Avenue SW

Seattle, WA 98106-1499

206.764.5300

**www.southseattle.edu**

**SPOKANE COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

1810 North Greene Street

Spokane, WA 99217-5399

509.533.7000

**www.scc.spokane.edu**

**SPOKANE FALLS COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

3410 West Fort George Wright Drive

Spokane, WA 99224-5288

509.533.3500

**www.spokanefalls.edu**

**TACOMA COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

6501 South 19th Street

Tacoma, WA 98466

253.566.5000

**www.tacomacc.edu**

**TRINITY LUTHERAN COLLEGE**

2802 Whetmore Avenue

Everett, WA 98201

800.843.5659

**www.tlc.edu**

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1500 Warner

Tacoma, WA 98466

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206.543.9686

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18115 Campus Way NE

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Bothell, WA 98011-8246

425.352.5000

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**UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON – TACOMA**

1900 Commerce Street

Tacoma, WA 98402-3100

1.800.736.7750

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**WALLA WALLA COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

500 Tausick Way

Walla Walla, WA 99362

1.877.992.9922

**www.wwcc.edu**

**WASHINGTON STATE UNIVERSITY**

370 Lighty Student Services Building

Pullman, WA 99164-1067

888.GO.TO.WSU (888.468.6978)

**www.wsu.edu**

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2710 University Drive

Richland, WA 99354

509.372.7250

**www.tricity.wsu.edu**

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14204 NE Salmon Creek Avenue

Vancouver, WA 98686-9600

360.546.9779

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1300 Fifth Street

Wenatchee, WA 98801-1799

509.682.6800

**www.wvc.edu**

**WESTERN WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY**

516 High Street

Bellingham, WA 98225-9009

360.650.3440

**www.wwu.edu**

**WHATCOM COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

237 West Kellogg Road

Bellingham, WA 98226

360.676.2170

**www.whatcom.ctc.edu**

**WHITMAN COLLEGE**

515 Boyer Avenue

Walla Walla, Washington 99362-2085

877.462.9448

**www.whitman.edu**

**WHITWORTH UNIVERSITY**

300 West Hawthorne

Spokane, WA 99251

509.777.1000

**www.whitworth.edu**

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PO Box 22520

Yakima, WA 98908-2520

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