

# Counselor's Currents

## March 2024

All Juniors will be taking the state ACT test on Tuesday, March 26th

### March To Do:

#### Seniors ~

- Continue to apply for scholarships
- Make your final college decision
- Submit your campus housing registration fee and deposit
- Register for new-student orientation at your college
- Apply for a summer job

#### Juniors ~

- Schedule campus visits
- Narrow your college choices
- Take the ACT college entrance exam
- Apply for a summer job



### 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](http://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](http://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.

### 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](http://EducationQuest.org).

These resources at [EducationQuest.org](http://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.

### Get involved!

Scholarship donors and colleges are looking for well-rounded students, so get involved in school and community activities! Use *EducationQuest's* Activities Resume to track your activities, awards, volunteerism, and paid jobs. This information will be useful when applying for college admission, scholarships, and part-time jobs.

### 2023-2024 ACT Test Dates

Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Registration (\$36 fee required)
Apr. 13, 2024	Mar. 8, 2024	Mar. 22, 2024
June 8, 2024	May 3, 2024	May 17, 2024
July 13, 2024	June 7, 2024	June 21, 2024

If you miss the regular deadline, you may register during the late period but must pay the additional nonrefundable late fee.  
**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 \$68.00.  
 ACT with writing costs \$93.00.  
**Juniors and Seniors qualifying for F/R Lunch may see Mrs. Houston for a fee waiver.**