

Class of 2020 Graduation May 28, 2020



October 2019

Congratulations!



Dear Parents and Guardians:

This newsletter is comprised of information regarding graduation. You will need this information to help your senior continue to have a great year. It includes important dates, graduation requirements, and college information.

Graduation at ASU

The Class of 2020 will graduate from ASU Desert Financial Arena on Thursday, May 28, 2020 at 2:30pm. **NO** tickets required.

ASU Desert Financial Arena has enforced a clear bag policy at all of the ASU Convocations and High School Graduations.

The ASU policy is in the link below:

<http://www.thesundevils.com/news/2016/7/26/tickets-clear-bag-policy.aspx>

Senior Schedule

May 18th - Senior Scholarship Night

May 21st & May 22nd – Senior Finals

May 21st thru 26th - Senior Checkout

TBD - Graduation Rehearsal and Senior Brunch

May 28th - Graduation

Wishing you continued success!

Mike De La Torre
Principal

SENIOR SCHOLARSHIP NIGHT

Senior Scholarship Night will be held on Monday, May 18, 2020. Parents and students are invited to attend this event starting at 6:30pm in the auditorium. At Scholarship Night we will be honoring our Academy Appointments, Enlisted Military along with presenting scholarships to those seniors who have made their final decisions on where they will be attending college in the fall.

As seniors receive scholarship offers, it is imperative that this information is sent to Mrs. Lytle at lytle.carol@cusd80.com to ensure that our scholarship database and senior invitation list is accurate.

Graduation Requirements

Students need a total of **22** credits in order to graduate. The following are the specific requirements:

English	4
Mathematics	4
Lab Science	3
Social Studies	3
Vocational/Fine Art	1
Physical Education	1
Health	.5
Electives	5.5
TOTAL CREDITS	22



The Counseling Department has reviewed with your student how many credits he/she needs for graduation and what classes are still needed.

If you have any questions about your student's credits, please contact your student's counselor.

Academic Distinction

All CUSD high schools are now using the **Cum Laude** recognition program. This program will replace the concept of designating a valedictorian and salutatorian at graduation. Under the **Cum Laude** program more of our academic successful seniors will be recognized.

Three categories are awarded for superior work. This honor is based upon the graduation grade point average.

Cum Laude—meaning “with praise”. To qualify a student must achieve a **3.75-4.24 weighted grade point average**.

Magna Cum Laude—meaning “with great praise”. To qualify a student must achieve a **4.25-4.49 weighted grade point average**.

Summa Cum Laude—meaning “with the highest praise”. To qualify a student must achieve a **4.5-5.0 weighted grade point average**.

National Honor Society

Graduating seniors who are members in good standing in National Honor Society will receive their honor tassels from **Dr. Rockwell, NHS Sponsor**.

Hamilton High School Counseling Department

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Transcript Request Procedures

Many colleges and scholarships require an official transcript. To order an official transcript, students must use PARCHMENT.COM. Seniors will need to create a Parchment account online. Students will receive 5 free requests, after that there is a nominal fee. All seniors will order a final transcript to be sent to their school of choice in May through Parchment as well.

Senior Corner

Important College Information!

It is a common misconception that it is reasonable for seniors to take it easy and relax during their senior year. The fact is, it is important for seniors to work hard up until graduation. Attendance and grades matter! Colleges and Universities can and will look at senior year for admittance purposes even after admission acceptance, especially for students who are wait-listed. Universities can uphold or revoke admission based on 12th grade performance. It is important for every senior to attend their classes and get strong grades in order to be set up for optimum post secondary opportunities. Don't let others get ahead of you!

College Representative Visits at Hamilton

College representatives will be visiting our campus throughout the year. Students are encouraged to attend. Visits take place in the College & Career Center, (D100). In-state colleges usually meet during conference time, and out of state colleges meet all throughout the day. If you are interested in attending any college visits, please sign up in the College & Career Center or online on the College & Career Center calendar and Mrs. Lytle will have a pass delivered to your class. It is up to the student to make up all missed assignments due to college representative visitations. Listen to the morning announcements or visit the online College & Career Center calendar for school visit information.

Recommendations & College Applications

Many colleges and scholarships require a letter of recommendation. You should complete the Letter of Recommendation request form and give it to the teachers and/or counselors at least **two weeks in advance of the due date**. You may pick up this form in the College & Career Center or on the website. Students considering any of our state universities SHOULD apply as soon as possible to be considered for priority scholarships, admittance, and housing.



FAF\$A
Open Lab Night
Tuesday, November 5th
5:30-7:30pm

You are invited to participate in our upcoming FAF\$A Open Lab Night! We have 10 appointment slots available per 30 minute time increments. You are welcome to attend this session. Please select one appointment time slot per student at the time/date of your choosing at <https://www.cusd80.com/fafsaHELP>

The financial aid process for grants and loans has begun through **FAF\$A** visit. Go to <https://fafsa.ed.gov> for more information.

Common Scholarship Website Searches



- www.scholarships.com
- www.raise.me
- www.cappex.com
- Salliemae.com/scholarships
- www.hamiltonhuskies.com
 (Career Center section)

College & Career Center

Students can find information on scholarships and financial aid in the College & Career Center. New scholarships are available on the website. Don't wait until the spring to start looking for scholarships - **START NOW!**



Military Recruiter Visits

Monday—Army National Guard
Tuesday—US Army
Wednesday—US Navy
Thursday—US Marines
US Air Force TBD

Hamilton High School Mission Statement

The mission of Hamilton High School is to prepare students to be successful in their academic, personal, and professional lives.

Important Information



**Watch your SAT and ACT
deadline dates!**

SAT TESTING DATE

Register @ www.collegeboard.com

Dec. 7th (Reg. Deadline 11/8/19)
Mar. 14th (Reg. Deadline 2/14/20)
May 2nd (Reg. Deadline 4/3/20)
June 6th (Reg. Deadline 5/8/20)

ACT TESTING DATES

Register @ www.actstudent.org

Dec. 14th (Reg. Deadline 11/8/19)
Feb. 8th (Reg. Deadline 1/10/20)
Apr. 4th (Reg. Deadline 2/28/20)
June 13th (Reg. Deadline 5/8/20)

Graduation Timeline

April 3rd Graduation Announcements
delivery

May 6th Cap & Gown Delivery

May 18th Senior Scholarship Night

May 21st & May 22nd Senior Finals

May 22nd Last day of school for seniors

May 21st thru 26th Senior Checkout

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Senior Brunch

May 28th Graduation at ASU Desert
Financial Arena, 2:30pm

Graduation Products

Graduation Products (announcements, cap and gowns, rings) are sold through Jostens. They will be on campus the following dates: (Cash, Checks, Money Orders and Major Credit Cards accepted)

When	Time	Place	Event
Thurs., Nov. 21st	10:00 am-12:30pm	Main Lobby	Grad & Ring Ordering
Thurs., Dec. 12th	10:00 am-12:30pm	Main Lobby	Grad & Ring Ordering
Fri., April 3rd	10:00 am-12:30pm	Main Lobby	Announcements Delivery
Wed., May 6th	8:00 am-12:00pm	South Gym	Cap & Gown Delivery

The price of the cap, gown and tassel (if purchased alone) is \$39.95 plus \$11.95 S&H plus \$3.73 tax.

For questions contact Jostens located at 21023 N. Cave Creek Rd. Suite #1, Phoenix, AZ 85024, phone number (602) 765-7227.

Yearbooks and Senior Ads



Don't forget to purchase your yearbook in advance! Students who do not advance purchase are not guaranteed to receive one. They can be purchased at the bookstore or online at www.jostens.com/yearbook through the first semester for **\$80 each**. Yearbook price increases to **\$85** second semester.

Deadline for preordering yearbooks is April 17, 2020

SENIOR ADS

Place your **Senior Yearbook Ad** at www.jostensadservice.com. Pricing for ads is as follows: \$85.00 for a 1/4 page, \$160.00 for a 1/2 page and \$350.00 for a full page.

First deadline for submitting ads is 11/1/19

Prices increase 11/4/19

Final deadline is 2/1/20

SENIOR DITCH DAY SENIOR TRIPS

The Chandler Unified School District **DOES NOT** recognize any form of Senior Ditch Day and **DOES NOT** sponsor any Senior Trips.