



# HW Career Center News

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Hanford West Students attend College of the Sequoias "HBCU Pathways Program, Leadership Conference".

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## **COS HBCU Pathways program Leadership Conference attended by HW BSU**

30 students from Hanford West, including student in the HW Black Student Union were able to attend the COS HBCU (Historically Black Colleges and Universities) Pathways Program for their inaugural Leadership Conference at College of the Sequoias on Wednesday, Dec 7th. The students attended breakout sessions and took tours of the COS Visalia Campus.

The day ended with an inspirational session with former NFL Safety, Robert Golden.

Mr. Golden is a Fresno Native and Edison High school graduate. Mr. Golden was drafted by the Pittsburgh Steelers as a free agent in 2012 after attending the University of Arizona.

Robert Golden, who spent six seasons as a safety for the Pittsburgh Steelers before retiring in 2018, founded a tuition-free charter school in Fresno to service the underprivileged children of the southwest Fresno neighborhoods where he was raised.



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# Senior Information

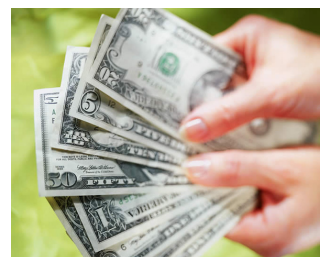
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## Scholarships!

Attention Seniors: We have uploaded over 90 local scholarships to the HJUHS Going Merry (GM) Account and they will soon be popping up in your dashboard on Going Merry. Be sure to keep an eye on your GM Account so that you can start applying for these scholarships.

Remember, you will need to write three short essays, get 2-3 Letters of recommendation, and request a 7th Semester Transcript to complete your applications. More info can be found on the Career Center's Local Scholarship Program Page! The deadline to apply for most of the 90 scholarships is set for Feb 3, 2023.

So let's get working Huskies! Request your 7th-semester transcripts on the Career Center Website's "Transcript" page.



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## Scholarships not on Going Merry

Attention Seniors: Remember to also check the Career Center Website's Local Scholarship Program page for Scholarships that are not hosted on Going Merry. Some will deadline in Early January (before we get back from winter break) so keep checking the site. The following deadline in January:

- Jackie Robinson Foundation Scholarship - January 11, 2023
- National FFA Scholarship - January 12, 2023
- National FFA Non-Member Scholarships - January 12, 2023
- Mensa Education & Research Foundation - January 15, 2023
- Dairy Farmer's of America - January 15, 2023
- CIF Spirit of Sport Award - January 17, 2023
- Northern California Golf Association- "Youth on Course" Scholarships - Deadline: January 17, 2023
- Asian & Pacific Islander American Scholarship - Deadline: January 19, 2023
- Amazon Future Engineer Scholarship - January 20, 2023
- Professional Business Women of California (PBWC) Scholarship - January 27, 2023
- Golden One Credit Union Scholarship - Deadline: January 31, 2023
- Equality Scholarship - January 31, 2023
- Union Plus Education Foundation Scholarship - January 31, 2023



Hey Seniors! If you are still interested in applying for the CSU System, many of the CSU campuses have extended their application deadlines. Fresno State has extended its deadline to January 2, 2023.

You can "Google" "\_\_\_\_\_(school name) application deadline extension" to see if the college you are interested in extended their deadline.



UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA  
**MERCED**

Hey Seniors! UC Merced has extended their application deadline to January 6, 2023. If you qualify for the fee waiver when completing your applications, but did not use all 4 waivers, you can just log on and use the leftovers to apply to UC Merced.



COS and West Hills - If you are planning to start your Post Secondary Educational journey at COS or West Hills, and have not completed the application, you will need to sign up to be called in to do so. Go to the Career Center Website's "Sign Up Sheets" page and click on the school's logo to sign up to be called in when we get back from winter break.

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## Financial Aid Information



Now that you have applied to the colleges of your choice, it's time to start thinking about how you are going to pay for it.

Be sure to use the California College Platform to Launch your FAFSA/CADAA application so that we can track your progress and remind you to keep moving on it!

If you need help, please feel free to make an appointment with Mr. Amavisca in the Career Center. He can either help you himself or have the COS or West Hills College reps assist you. Your parents are welcome to come in with you if you would like. Just let me know so that I can let Campus Safety know they are coming in.

### Who should submit their FAFSA/CADAA Application?

My answer to that is 100% of students should submit their FAFSA/CADAA Application. Although some of you have parents that make a good living and may not qualify for there are programs and scholarships that require that you submit the FAFSA/CADAA Application before being considered. Same is true for loans through the college/university for both your and your parents.

You may have heard that "Community College is FREE!" Well, If you do not submit your FAFSA/CADAA Application, then this does not apply to you. To be considered for any type of assistance or take advantage of any of these program, you MUST submit your FAFSA/CADAA. The FAFSA® isn't just for people who want or need federal student loans. Its purpose is also to determine aid you won't have to pay back, like college scholarships, grants, and even work-study funding. Finally, some private scholarships require a FAFSA® as part of their application process. That's why completing one is so important!



What if I am enlisting in the Military?

You should still file your FAFSA/CADAA. There are opportunities for you to attend school while you are serving out country and you may be eligible for more assistance than the military is able to give you. Or, what if you are delayed in heading off to boot camp. You could attend college while you are waiting to leave. Give yourself every chance to be successful.

California has joined seven other states in implementing a policy that makes it mandatory for all graduating seniors to fill out and submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) unless they take steps to "Opt-Out". If you are still adamant about not completing the FAFSA/CADAA Application, then you need to fill out the "Opt-Out" form that is available on the HW Career Center Website's Financial Aid Page. Just download the form, fill it out and return it your your Career Center.

Just remember that not submitting your FAFSA/CADAA application means you will not be considered for Cal Grant, Pell Grant and a number of other Grant programs offered by the State of California and the Federal Government. Not to mention many institutional grants and scholarships offered by the colleges and universities.

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## Information for all grades

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### Berkeley Presentation open to all students at HW

On January 11, 2023 during 3rd period, we will be having a presentation by the Pilipinx Academic Student Services (PASS). the PASS program is committed to recruiting and retaining student of Philipino and Asian backgrounds.

The PASS Program hopes to educate students, especially those that identify as POC, low-income, or first generation, about different pathways to higher education and share our experiences being a first-generation college student of color. Additionally, they would like to establish long-term relationships with students to provide support and mentorship beyond this outreach visit. The target audience for this trip includes sophomores and juniors. While their work has been focused on students identifying as Pilipinx/Pilipinx-American, we welcome all students to our programs.

Students interested in attending this presentation can sign up on the Career Center Website's "Sign up Sheets" Page. You can also use the QR code on the flyer to sign up to attend.





# Volunteer Opportunities!



Volunteers are crucial to the success of the garden and museum. We need volunteers to join our team in order to make the Children's Storybook Garden & Museum a great place for our community. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, please fill out the form on their website or stop by the Garden. Please feel free to text or phone (559)500-9966 to follow up or if you have any questions

[www.childrensstorybookgarden.org/volunteers](http://www.childrensstorybookgarden.org/volunteers)

Help the Carnegie Museum of Kings County continue to grow and flourish. We are grateful to all of our benefactors and volunteers who contribute towards keeping Kings County history alive. Fill out the form on their website and let them know how you can help

[www.carnegiemuseumofkingscounty.org/get-involved](http://www.carnegiemuseumofkingscounty.org/get-involved)



## Juniors and Seniors

If you have not taken the ASVAB (Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery) and are considering enlisting in the military, or if you took the test this past October and are not happy with your score, then please feel free to sign up to take the ASVAB on February 24, 2023.

Sign up on the Career Center Website's "Sign up Sheets" Page. The test will be held in the HW Career Center and will most likely be an electronic test. So, be sure that your Chromebook is fully charged for the test. the test will start right at the beginning of the day and go through 4th period. See Mr. Amavisca in the Career Center if you have any questions.



## Attention All students and Parents:

We now have three tutors working in the Career Center to assist all of you to get better grades in all your classes. But remember, you, the student, are responsible for working with your tutor to stay on top of things. Once you are scheduled, please be sure to keep that appointment. Not showing up to your appointment means that the tutor will be here waiting for you to come in and unable to schedule anyone else in that spot.

## Spring 2023 Tutoring Schedule

All three of our tutors are current West Hills College students. Each semester will be a different schedule of availability. Once the Tutors have given me their spring schedules, I will post that information on the Career Center Tutoring Page.

## Our Three Tutors and their emails are:

Cameron Shakespeare - [cameron.shakespeare@hjuhsd.k12.ca.us](mailto:cameron.shakespeare@hjuhsd.k12.ca.us)  
Victor Ramos - [victor.ramos@hjuhsd.k12.ca.us](mailto:victor.ramos@hjuhsd.k12.ca.us)  
Ciara Dulay - [ciara.dulay@hjuhsd.k12.ca.us](mailto:ciara.dulay@hjuhsd.k12.ca.us)

Once you have set an appointment with any of these tutors, be sure to keep in communication with them by using these email.



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Happy Holidays Huskies!

Mr. Amavisca here from your friendly HW Career Center. Hope you all passed ALL of your classes and are ready to come back and tackle the second semester of the 2022-23 School year head on and with lots of enthusiasm!

As we come back from Winter Break, seniors, you will have lots ahead of you. We come back with only 3 weeks to apply to all the "Local Scholarships" that we just uploaded to Going Merry! You also have to complete your FAFSA/CADAA application, if you have not already done so. Then come May 1st, you have to make those momentous decision of what College to choose, Who do I take to prom, Who can I give graduation tickets to?

Don't forget to create your Portals to the colleges that you have applied to. Many times, this is the only way your schools are communicating with you. So, don't miss out on any important information or miss any deadlines! Check your email even during Winter Break!

Juniors, time for you to start thinking: "What colleges am I going to apply to?" Time to step it up on doing some volunteer work so that you can look good on your college, scholarship, and job applications! If you are a college bound student, you can ask any college bound senior "How kick back was your senior year", and you will hear "Not at all!"

Sophomores and Freshmen, Time to start doing a little bit of growing up! Time to stop chasing each other around campus and start buckling down and concentrate on getting passing grades in all your classes! And...All of you, pick up your trash both on campus and off! Show respect to all. I have had one heck of a blast over the past 25 plus years working here at Hanford West and I am looking forward to the next few years ahead of me.

Congratulations Huskies on a great Fall 2022, lets take that momentum into Spring 2023 and end the year even better!

Sincerely,

Ruben