

FCHS Senior Bulletin

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Hello, Class of 2022!

We'll be sending you periodic updates about post-secondary planning and the college application process. This will cut down on the number of emails you receive from us and help to centralize information.

Be sure to check your student email regularly!

Your Senior Meeting — Required & Really Helpful!

Please be sure to make an appointment with your counselor ASAP to discuss your postsecondary plans.

Take some of the worry out of thoughts of the future. Your counselor can help — many of your questions will be answered!

To schedule, visit <https://sites.google.com/psdschools.org/fch-learning-landing/home>

- Select STUDENT SERVICES
- Choose your counselor
- Click on BOOK APPOINTMENT link
- Choose type of appointment needed
- Select date & time, scroll down to add details
- Click BOOK

You'll receive a confirmation once booked.



Boettcher Scholarship

The 2022 Boettcher Foundation Scholarship application is now available! This year, there are [two new scholarship models](#).

High school seniors who meet the application requirements are invited to apply directly through the scholarship website: www.boettcherfoundation.org

The application deadline is November 1, 2021, no later than 5:00 PM.

Because the application process is competitive and time-consuming, we encourage you to visit the [Application Process, Eligibility & Selection Criteria](#) page and read the [General FAQs](#). This will help you make an informed decision about whether or not to apply.

Test-Optional:

Boettcher has moved to a test-optional application for the Class of 2022. Boettcher still encourages applicants to submit test scores, if possible, as that will be one more piece of data they will consider in the application review process. That noted, they emphasize that the test score will be just one of the many factors they consider in their holistic application review.

Please get in touch with your counselor ASAP if you decide to apply for the Boettcher Foundation Scholarship. S/he needs to provide a detailed recommendation for you.

The application process is a time-consuming one for both students and counselors — an early start is essential to your success!

How to Apply to College

While applying to college can seem overwhelming, it's really just paperwork. Take it one step at a time and know that it will all work out.

Your counselor is there to help with the big picture; **Eileen Hostetter** (FCHS College & Career Center Coordinator) will help with all the details: ehostett@psdschools.org

Order your official transcript early! That starts the process at Collins. You do not have to wait until you complete your application to have your records sent — the college will start a file for you and monitor it until it's complete.

To request that your transcript be sent, please fill out the [FCHS Transcript Request Form](#) and return it to Ms. Hostetter. List each of your colleges and mark whether you used the Common Application, the Coalition Application, or the school's online application.

Official transcripts are \$3 apiece; please pay online through SchoolPay or the FCHS Bookkeeper. One \$3 fee will cover all your Common Application schools.

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 - ◆ Make payments anytime, anywhere, web or mobile
 - ◆ View every payment from detailed reports

Visit www.pdschools.org/schoolpay for specific information, opportunities for fee waivers, and other news.

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Colorado Free Application Days! October 19-21, 2021

If you submit your application **between 12:01 AM on Tuesday, October 19 and 11:59 PM on Thursday, October 21**, you can apply for free at any public institution in Colorado (and many private Colorado institutions as well).

Plan to have your applications 100% completed ahead of time and then simply hit the SUBMIT button during that timespan.

Applications always take more time than you expect them to, and computer systems are apt to crash on deadline days. Exceptions are not made for technical problems or submission delays.

Find instructions here:
<https://cdhe.colorado.gov/cofreeappdays>
(as we go to press, the site does not yet have details listed).



FAFSA Opens on October 1, 2021

Students will be able to submit their Free Application for Federal Student Aid for the 2022-23 academic year beginning on October 1, 2021.

Learn more here:
<https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa>

FCHS will be hosting two FAFSA workshops after the application opens. Details TBA.

College Rep Visits

Be sure to take advantage of the chance to visit with admissions counselors from schools all over the country, both virtually and in person!



The schedule is posted on the [College & Career Center](#) page of the FCHS website. Check back often for updates — it changes frequently.

Students may be school-excused to meet with the reps, but should check with their teachers first. In-person visits will take place in the College & Career Center, upstairs in the counseling department.

Access Note:

If you are using a PSD-issued laptop, some virtual meeting software installations may be blocked. Use a web-version to attend the visit.

Advanced Placement Endorsed Diploma

Fort Collins High School was the first high school in Poudre School District to offer the prestigious

Advanced Placement Endorsed Diploma. Students who complete the equivalent of five year-long AP courses in three different academic arenas with grade of B or higher are eligible to receive this special diploma.

To receive this endorsement, seniors need to complete the form located on the FCHS website Advanced Placement page and return it to the AP Coordinator in the Main Office by the end of December.

For more information, please contact **Dr. Jennifer Roth**, Assistant Principal and Director of Advanced Placement: jroth@psdschools.org | 488-8005



How to Connect With Highly Selective Schools:

[Harvard, Princeton, Virginia, Wellesley & Yale](#)

[University of Chicago](#)

College Fairs & Workshops

In-Person Northern Colorado College Fair

Monday, October 11, 2021 | 6:00—8:00 PM

Fossil Ridge High School, Large Gym

Details TBA

Northern Colorado Out-of-State College Fair

Uniting this year with the Denver and Southern Colorado College Fairs!

VIRTUAL EVENT

September 29 & 30, 2021, evenings

Details TBA

PSD Financial Aid Night

VIRTUAL EVENT

Early October 2021, details TBA

CSU's Office of Financial Aid will present an overview of the financial aid process, generally applicable to most colleges. Topics will include paying for college, the FAFSA, grants, loans, scholarships, financial award letters, etc. A Q&A session will follow the presentation. A version presented in Spanish will also be offered.

FAFSA Workshops (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)

VIRTUAL EVENTS

Collins will offer two FAFSA workshops in early October after the application opens. One is planned for a weekday evening, the other will take place on a Saturday morning. Details TBA. Get the help and information you need!

Common App How-Tos

The Common App is an undergraduate application clearinghouse that students may use to apply to almost 900 member colleges and universities. The Common App is time consuming to complete, but worth the effort if you are applying to multiple schools that accept it.

Your Common Application has two sides:

- Your personal section, which FCHS cannot access.
- An FCHS section, which provides information directly to Common App on your behalf (your transcript, counselor forms, etc.).

Official Transcript

Order your official transcript from Ms. Hostetter in the Career Center and indicate that you are using the Common Application. One \$3 fee will cover transcripts for all your Common App schools (but please list them all).



Ordering your official transcript starts the paperwork process at FCHS!

[Find the request form here.](#)

You can submit your transcript request to us at any time. You don't need to have completed your application – you only need to have started it.

Counselor Report and SSR

Common Applications require a *Counselor Report* and a *Secondary School Report*. You do not need to provide those forms. Ms. Hostetter will prepare them for your counselor and then submit to the Common App when complete.

Optional Counselor Letter of Rec

The Common Application does not require counselor letters of recommendation. If you wish to include one, please ask your counselor in person about writing it for you. Complete an [Academic Profile Sheet](#) and give it to your counselor with a copy of your resume. Please allow him/her at least two weeks to craft a letter for you. Your deadlines are your responsibility!

Teacher Evaluation Forms and Letters of Recommendation

On your Common Application, under each individual college that you add to your list, you'll need to provide the names and email addresses of teachers (or others) who will be providing letters of recommendation for you. Common App will then contact those people directly, providing them with a secure link and instructions for upload.

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Common App, continued:

Supplemental Forms

Many Common App schools require supplemental forms. Some member institutions require that you submit the supplement prior to submitting the Common App. Find information about those requirements on the dashboard of your Common Application account, under "My Colleges." Click on each college to review their additional requirements.

To Link your Counselor to the Common Application:

- 1) Add your counselor the general part of your Common App account, inviting him/her to recommend you.
- 2) Assign your counselor to at least one school in your application list.

Go to the MY COLLEGES tab

Click on one institution

Go to the RECOMMENDERS & FERPA section

Click the "Assign" button or "Add Another" link

Select the name of your counselor

Once that is done, your name will appear on your counselor's Common App account, and we'll be able to submit your transcript and the school report form.

Find detailed instructions here:

<https://www.commonapp.org/application/instructions>

**One-Stop Shopping
for all your
College Application Questions!**

Eileen Hostetter
FCHS College & Career Center Coordinator

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Where Excellence is Expected



The online application for the Daniels Scholarship Program will be open from

Thursday, October 1 to Sunday, November 15, 2021 at 4:00 p.m. MST!

**DANIELS
SCHOLARSHIP
PROGRAM**

The Daniels Scholarship Program provides the opportunity for highly motivated students to earn a bachelor's degree that helps them build a successful career and rewarding life.

Daniels Scholars demonstrate exceptional character, leadership, and a commitment to serving their communities.

Bill Daniels would also want his scholars to be proud Americans who value our free enterprise system and are prepared to give the world their very best shot.

The Daniels Scholarship Program offers a four-year annually-renewable college scholarship that provides financial and personal support focused on helping Daniels Scholars succeed in college, and in life.

The scholarship is unique to each student and varies depending on their Expected Family Contribution (EFC) and their choice of school. The scholarship pays up to \$25,000 per year toward the student's unmet need, after applying their EFC, other scholarships, and financial aid. Daniels Scholars may attend any accredited college or university in the United States.

For full details on the scholarship and to apply, visit DanielsFund.org/Scholarships.



Colorado School of Mines

NEW EARLY DEADLINE!
Priority I: September 15, 2021

Click here for application [deadlines for Colorado schools](#) here.

SAT

CollegeBoard

Next Test:
October 2, 2021

Registration Deadline:
September 3, 2021

Late Registration Deadline:
September 21, 2021

<https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat>

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**Class of 2022:
Yearbook Information & Deadlines**

SENIOR PICTURES

Senior pictures are due on October 29, 2021.

The yearbook staff reserves the right to refuse your photograph if it is inappropriate, so please make good choices and use good judgment with your submissions. Please provide us a vertical, wallet size headshot that is 300 dpi jpeg. A vertical close-up photo in a 2.5x3.5 ratio with high resolution of at least 750x1050 pixels. We will accept your image one of two ways:

1. Upload your image directly to our yearbook website. This is our preferred method. The link is found at <https://fch.psdschools.org/yearbook>. You will see an icon that says Upload Senior Picture. If the link does not work, please follow the directions below:

- Go to FCHS Homepage
- Click on Students located at top right
- Scroll down to "Activities" then click on Activities
- Category I: School Sponsored Activities – click on yearbook
- Click on the icon that says "Upload your Senior Photo" Upload your picture. Make sure it is a jpeg file.

2. Drop off a CD or a jump drive in the office. You must include your first and last name, your school ID, and a phone number. Attn: **Nathan Brandsma**, Yearbook Advisor. Questions? Please contact nathanb@psdschools.org

SENIOR QUOTES:

Please submit a 20-word quote with your picture by October 29, 2021. If you don't turn in a quote by then, your spot will be left blank. No initials are allowed. Your quote may be edited for length or content. You may submit your quote by clicking on the following link (make sure you sign into your PSD google account first): <https://forms.gle/8bZ2B1KHnHk3Z28f7>

SENIOR BABY ADS:

A link can be found for Senior baby recognition ads can be found at <https://fch.psdschools.org/yearbook> Senior baby recognition ads can also be purchased at www.theyearbookcompany.com. If you have any questions, feel free to call Monica Brown – 951-274-9561.

PURCHASING A YEARBOOK:

Go to <https://fch.psdschools.org/yearbook> and follow the link to purchase your yearbook today! Prices increase later in the year.

Last Day to Drop a Class Without Penalty:

Friday, September 17, 2021

College Application Deadlines for 2022 Graduates: Colorado Schools

The earlier you apply, the better your chances of acceptance and financial aid!
Scholarship and financial aid deadlines often fall earlier than admissions deadlines.

Please be sure to verify these dates with each institution.



ADAMS STATE UNIVERSITY: Rolling admission;
first semester senior year suggested

COLORADO COLLEGE: Early Action: November 1, 2021
Early Decision I: November 1, 2021
Early Decision II: January 15, 2022
Regular Action: January 15, 2022

COLORADO MESA UNIVERSITY: Rolling admission; first semester senior year suggested

COLORADO SCHOOL OF MINES:
Priority I: September 15, 2021 | Priority II: November 1, 2021
Rolling admission after 1/15/22 based upon space available

COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY @ Fort Collins:
Early Action: December 1, 2021 | Regular Decision: February 1, 2022

COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY @ Pueblo: Rolling admission; first semester senior year suggested

FORT LEWIS COLLEGE: Rolling admission; first semester senior year suggested

JOHNSON AND WALES: Rolling admission; first semester senior year suggested

METROPOLITAN STATE UNIVERSITY OF DENVER: Regular Decision: May 1, 2022

NAROPA UNIVERSITY: Rolling admission; first semester senior year suggested | Priority: January 15, 2022

REGIS UNIVERSITY: Rolling admission; first semester senior year suggested
Nursing Priority: December 1, 2021 | Priority: April 15, 2022

ROCKY MOUNTAIN COLLEGE OF ART AND DESIGN: Rolling admission; first semester senior year suggested

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE ACADEMY: Interested students should start the process during second semester of their junior year by meeting with their counselor.

UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO @ Boulder:
Early Action: November 15, 2021 | Regular Decision: January 15, 2022

UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO @ Colorado Springs: Rolling admission; first semester senior year suggested

UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO @ Denver: Rolling admission; first semester senior year suggested
Regular Decision: July 31, 2022

UNIVERSITY OF DENVER:
Early Action: November 1, 2021 | Early Decision I: November 1, 2021
Early Decision II: January 15, 2022 | Regular Decision: January 15, 2022

UNIVERSITY OF NORTHERN COLORADO: Rolling admission; first semester senior year suggested
Priority: February 1, 2022 | Regular Decision: August 1, 2022

WESTERN STATE COLORADO UNIVERSITY: Rolling admission; first semester senior year suggested
Regular Decision: March 1, 2022

