

# New Way Senior Newsletter

September 16, 2016

## CAREER CORE

Career CORE students took several inventories to help start their career exploration process. Next week, they will go deeper into this exploration, using several different data points to explore jobs and careers that may be of interest to them. The students also practiced their interviewing skills this week by providing written and verbal answers to common interview questions. Students will revisit this topic throughout the year to increase their confidence.

## COLLEGE CORE

This week, College CORE students explored two-column notes (Cornell Notes) and their functionality in a post-secondary setting. In addition to SCC assignments, for a weekly CORE grade, students are responsible for submitting two-column notes on SCC assigned readings. This practice will hold students accountable to course content and encourage successful academic skill building.

While New Way is on Fall Break the week of October 10<sup>th</sup> through 14<sup>th</sup>, SCC will still have class that Tuesday and Thursday. Students are responsible for attending class. Transportation will not be provided. Students who will be out of town are encouraged to notify the SCC Instructor as soon as possible to prepare any missed activities or assignments.



## UAT FIELD TRIP ON MONDAY

Monday, September 19 | 1:00 – 3:00pm

This Monday from 1pm to 3pm, seniors will visit the [University of Advancing Technology](#). Students will have an opportunity to explore computer-based classrooms, technology and fabrication labs, campus facilities, a cyber-security cave and beyond. We are thrilled to share this unique and local education opportunity with our students.

## TRANSITION WORKSHOP: NAU

Wednesday, September 28 | 5:30 – 6:30pm

On Wednesday, September 28 at 5:30pm, students and families are invited to join us in the New Way Library as we learn about [Northern Arizona University](#)'s academic programs. This presentation will spotlight Flagstaff, the campus community, degree options, academic supports, Disability Resources, student life, campus housing, admission requirements, scholarships, tuition, financial aid, and beyond.

## SPECIAL NEEDS PLANNING WITH SARRC

Tuesday, September 20 | 5:45-7:15



A current estate plan is important for all families. For a family that has a child or a grown-up with autism or another disability, having a current and responsive estate plan is absolutely critical. On September 20, 2016 from 5:45 to 7:15 SARRC presents Preparing for the Future: Special Needs Planning featuring Stephanie Bivens, Attorney at Bivens & Associates, P.L.L.C., and Karen Starbowski, CLU, ChSNC, SpecialCare Planner at MassMutual – Arizona. Please, click [here](#) to register.

## FREE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID

FAFSA | Opens October 1

Last year, President Obama announced significant [changes](#) to the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Students are now able to file a 2017-2018 FAFSA as early as October 1 (as opposed to January 1 in past years). This early filing date will allow students to report income information from an earlier tax year (2015). Additionally students could potentially receive scholarship information sooner; thus, allowing for more time to make informed financial decisions before enrolling in a post-secondary program. College Goal Arizona will host workshops in the greater Phoenix area; click [here](#) to see the locations, dates and time.

## IMPORTANT DATES

September 19 | UAT Field Trip  
September 28 | Transition Workshop: NAU  
October 3 | School Recess – No School  
October 10 – 14 | Fall Break – No School  
November 2 | Transition Workshop: Post-Secondary Pathways  
November 9 | Cap & Gown Senior Class Photos  
November 11 | Veteran's Day – No School  
Thursday, May 25, 2017 – 5:30pm | Graduation

## FALL TRANSITION CHECK IN MEETINGS

The Transition Team welcomes the opportunity to connect with each senior and family as we begin discussing next steps in preparing for life after New Way including independent living options, career and educational opportunities. If you have not yet scheduled your meeting, please contact your Senior Homeroom Teacher. We look forward to meeting with you!