

# New Way Senior Newsletter

October 21, 2016

## SENIOR CORE ACCUPLACER PREP

To start off the quarter, both Career and College CORE students have participated in an Accuplacer preparation program presented by [Northbridge](#). This prep class will continue through next Wednesday. The Accuplacer is a set of tests used by the local community colleges to identify the appropriate course placement for students at the college level. There is a math, reading, and writing component. The preparation courses have helped students understand the assessments, identify strategies for success, and build confidence. This course and the completion of the assessments will provide good data regarding where a student will begin classes at the college level if they choose to do so. The results of these assessments will also be helpful to students who plan to take a college course during the spring semester.

## COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS

As a requirement for graduation, students need to complete 40 hours of community service. Students have a log at the front of their daily planner to record their hours and are encouraged to complete 10 hours each quarter. These hours provide an opportunity for students to practice their professional skills in the community while exploring areas of interest. Please contact your homeroom teacher if you would like support in exploring community service options.

## APPLICATION TIMELINES

Application season is upon us and the Transition Office is here to support student success. While each post-secondary program has their own unique application timeline and due dates, students are encouraged to begin the process sooner rather than later. This allows ample time to thoughtfully evaluate academic, financial, and professional opportunities before making a final decision for next year.

## IMPORTANT DATES

October 22 | Fall Kick-Off  
October 28 | October Spirit Assembly  
November 2 | Transition Workshop: Post-Secondary Pathways  
November 9 | Cap & Gown Senior Class Photos  
November 11 | Veteran's Day – No School  
November 30 | GCU Campus Tour  
Thursday, May 25, 2017 – 5:30pm | Graduation

## TRANSITION WORKSHOP

**Wednesday, November 2 | 5:30 – 6:30pm | New Way Library**  
Families and students are invited to explore diverse post-secondary pathways for life after New Way. We will discuss the diverse opportunities for students after graduation, including: community college, universities, college success programs, transitional support programs, and beyond.

## SENIOR CLASS PHOTOS

**Wednesday, November 9**

Students were fitted for their graduation caps and gowns this week! On November 9<sup>th</sup>, seniors will venture to Scottsdale Civic Center for both group and individual graduation pictures. More information and details to follow.



## GCU CAMPUS TOUR

**Wednesday, November 30**

[Grand Canyon University](#) will kindly host all seniors for a full day tour on Wednesday, November 30<sup>th</sup>. Students will have the opportunity to tour campus, visit classrooms, and enjoy lunch on campus. Students will practice their self-advocacy skills as they communicate with their New Way teachers to make up any missed work. Students will need to have a grade of 70% or higher, in every class, to be eligible for this field trip.

Permission Forms were sent home with students today. Please return them by Friday, October 28.

