

New Way Senior Newsletter

October 28, 2016

ACCUPLACER

Students will be taking the college placement tests (also known as Accuplacer) at Scottsdale Community College in the next few weeks. These assessments are used to help place students in appropriate math, reading, and writing classes. The students just completed an Accuplacer prep course as part of their CORE programming and have some good insight into what the tests will entail. If students want to continue to prepare, they can use these [sample questions](#) to review the concepts on the tests. Additionally, each student has access to an online [tool](#) to complete lessons and practice tests.

COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS

As a requirement for graduation, students need to complete 40 hours of community service. Students have a log in 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.

TRANSITION STUDENT OF THE MONTH

Nick Hilleary was chosen as the Transition Student of the Month for September 2016! The transition team noted that Nick has demonstrated leadership among his peers both inside and outside of the classroom through his involvement in Student Government and football. He consistently works hard and is always willing to help around campus when there are tasks to be done. He has set the bar high for himself and his classmates during their senior year!



TRANSITION WORKSHOP

Wednesday, November 2 | 5:30 – 6:30pm | New Way Library
Families and students are invited to explore various 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
Save the date! On November 9th, 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 30th. 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 last week and emailed to parents on Wednesday. Please return them as soon as possible.

SENIOR YEARBOOK TRIBUTE

Senior Tributes offer a special opportunity for parents, grandparents, siblings or friends to honor and recognize the Graduating Class of 2017. All tributes must be completed by January 6th. To start your tribute, please complete [this](#) short form. Please direct all questions to boone@newwayacademy.org.

IMPORTANT DATES

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

January 11 | Transition Workshop: UofA & SALT Spotlight

February 15 | Transition Workshop: Guardianship, Special Needs Trusts, and SSI Benefits

May 25 | Graduation