

# New Way Senior Newsletter

October 7, 2016

## CAREER CORE

Career CORE had a fun and successful quarter while working hard and sharpening useful skills for the future. Each student earned a Food Handlers Card, which will allow them to run their coffee and biscotti business next quarter. This certification can also be helpful in attaining a first-time job. The students sharpened their written and verbal communication skills as they worked to develop good working relationships with their PBIS teachers. Students used the collection experience to build their work stamina, learn the importance of details in the workplace, and acquire some Microsoft Excel skills. Students also learned more about themselves by taking the ACT Profile, reviewing the STRONG interest inventory, and taking the Emergenetics questionnaire. This information will be useful as students continue to explore potential jobs and careers.

Next quarter, students will present their business plan to New Way's administration and begin their Bulldogz Jolt coffee business. Students will also explore the various post-secondary options, review program applications, locate scholarship opportunities, and build awareness around funding post-secondary ventures.

## COLLEGE CORE

College CORE students successfully completed the first quarter of their senior year while balancing a college level course. Students started off the semester by exploring assistive technology applications, note-taking strategies, and organizational methods that apply to the post-secondary academic setting. These tools were re-visited throughout the quarter as students had the opportunity to apply and practice them in context. Students prepared resumes and refined their interview skills related to both professional and academic applications. We finished the quarter with a review of students' STRONG results and related career exploration. Next quarter, students will prepare for spring registration at Scottsdale Community College while learning about post-secondary programs and support services, applications, scholarships, and beyond.

## SCC CLASS CANCELLED DURING FALL BREAK

Instructor Ronan has cancelled CPD150 for the week of Fall Break to accommodate our students. Instead of class, students will be assigned additional online Canvas activities to complete. Students who plan to stay in town and would like to work on upcoming assignments, are invited to schedule an appointment with Ms. Ronan. Students may contact their instructor, Nancy Ronan, via email at [nancy.ronan@scottsdalecc.edu](mailto:nancy.ronan@scottsdalecc.edu).

## ACCUPLACER PREP

When students return from Fall Break, we will partner with [Northbridge](#) to participate in an Accuplacer preparation program. 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 will help 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.

## 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.

## IMPORTANT DATES

October 10 – 14 | Fall Break – No School

October 22 | Fall Kick-Off

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



Not to worry, students are not permitted to drive the van. This photo was just for fun.