

## Message from College Counselor/AVID Coordinator

College Counselor and AVID Coordinator, Kathleen Reid, can be reached at [kreid@pps.net](mailto:kreid@pps.net) or 971-238-8322. You can also visit our college webpage for detailed information about college planning: [Benson College Webpage](#)

### **AVID:**

AVID is an elective option for next year’s sophomores and juniors. AVID is for motivated students who are underrepresented at 4-year universities and want support to achieve their dream of going to college. Students stay with AVID for three years, and it helps prepare them for challenging high school courses such as honors, dual credit and Advanced Placement, which open doors to college. Students benefit from field trips to colleges, learning study skills, and college research. During junior and senior year, students prepare college, scholarship, and financial aid applications with the support of the AVID teacher. AVID is a supportive environment with a family vibe.

See the Benson AVID video [HERE](#)

Current freshmen and sophomores interested in being in AVID next year, please complete an application [HERE](#)

### **COLLEGE INFO:**

In celebration of **Black History Month**, The College Place is hosting an **HBCU Virtual College Tour Series!** Throughout the month of February, they will feature virtual tours of over **30 Historically Black Colleges and Universities** on **Tuesdays and Thursdays at 3:30 PST** All tour sessions will take place at <https://ecmc.zoom.us/j/96027749366>.

2-Feb <a href="#">Alcorn State University</a> (MS) <a href="#">Bowie State University</a> (MD) <a href="#">Fayetteville State University</a> (NC) <a href="#">Southern University and A&amp;M College</a> (LA) <a href="#">Tennessee State University</a> (TN)	4-Feb <a href="#">Cheney University of PA</a> (PA) <a href="#">Claflin University</a> (SC) <a href="#">Clark Atlanta University</a> (GA) <a href="#">North Carolina Central University</a> (NC)
9-Feb <a href="#">Bethune Cookman University</a> (FL) <a href="#">Dillard University</a> (LA) <a href="#">Florida A&amp;M University</a> (FL) <a href="#">Jackson State University</a> (MS) <a href="#">University of Maryland, Eastern Shore</a> (MD)	11-Feb <a href="#">Elizabeth City State University</a> (NC) <a href="#">Kentucky State University</a> (KY) <a href="#">Lincoln University</a> (PA) <a href="#">Xavier University of LA</a> (LA)
16-Feb <a href="#">Grambling State University</a> (LA) <a href="#">Hampton University</a> (VA) <a href="#">Howard University</a> (DC) <a href="#">Tuskegee University</a> (AL)	18-Feb <a href="#">Delaware State University</a> (DE) <a href="#">Morgan State University</a> (MD) <a href="#">Norfolk State University</a> (VA) <a href="#">University of the District of Columbia</a> (DC)
23-Feb <a href="#">Albany State University</a> (GA) <a href="#">Charles Drew University of Science and Medicine</a> (CA) <a href="#">North Carolina A&amp;T State University</a> (NC) <a href="#">Tougaloo College</a> (MS)	25-Feb <a href="#">Fisk University</a> (TN) <a href="#">Spelman College</a> (GA) <a href="#">University of Virgin Islands</a> (BVA) <a href="#">Virginia State University</a> (VA)

**College Applications:**

Some deadlines have passed and many are approaching. FYI – Oregon State University has a February 1<sup>st</sup> priority deadline if you want to be eligible for scholarships.

For information on completing college applications, please refer to our [College Website](#) and the [Applying to College](#).

**Portland State University Instant Viking Application Workshop, Wednesday, February 3rd 10-11:15 am**

Jasmine Taylor from PSU will help students through the PSU application and talk about scholarships.

Students attending will have their application fee automatically deferred.

Join us on Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup> at 10 a.m. at:

<https://pps-net.zoom.us/j/85797090417?pwd=cldlWDVOWU5zUkc0cGs2VTBEb2JBZz09>

**PCC:**

PCC has a really great scholarship and mentoring program called [Future Connect](#). Jana Daugherty with Future Connect will be holding a virtual info session on Wednesday, Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup> from Noon-1 p.m. Please join us at <https://pps-net.zoom.us/j/84405179857?pwd=ZVZMNGgrZnhZWXd6YS9SaEoxaTNkUT09>

Interested in attending Portland Community College after graduation? Come to PCC Preview Day on February 17<sup>th</sup> from 10:30 am - Noon. Sign up below.

**Preview Day Registration:** [Preview Day Registration](#)

**Apply to PCC:** [pcc.edu/admissions](http://pcc.edu/admissions)

Seniors applying to PCC, don't forget to apply for the [Oregon Promise](#) scholarship.

**Financial Aid:**

If applying to colleges (4-year or community colleges), complete the [FAFSA](#) financial aid application or [ORSAA](#) (non-US citizen students) so that you can receive financial aid if you qualify. Be sure **all** your schools are listed. You won't receive financial aid from a school that is not listed on your FAFSA/ORSAA.

**DISTRICT FAFSA COMPLETION NIGHT:**

The District will be holding FAFSA Completion Nights on **February 24<sup>th</sup>**. There will be one-on-one help available in breakout rooms. Please sign up [Here](#)

**Scholarships:**

Find a more comprehensive list of scholarships on the Benson College Website on the [Scholarship tab](#).

**March 1 [Portland State U Diversity Support Program](#)**

**January 31 [HMC Latino Scholarship](#)** (Hispanic ancestry, permanently residing in Oregon or Clark County, Washington)

**February 1 [Portland State University Scholarship Application](#)**

**February 1 [OSU Scholar Dollars](#)** (OSU Additional Scholarships which require an application)

**February 1 [Al Forthan Memorial Scholarship](#)** (Student has been affected by addiction or family member's addiction)

**February 1 [Renaissance Scholarship](#)** (1st in family to attend college, and no siblings have or are attending)

**February 4** [Black United Fund Scholarships](#) (Several scholarship links for Black students)

**February 17** [Simon Youth Foundation Scholarship](#) (\$1,500)

**February 18** [Amazon Future Engineer](#) (For Computer Science majors)

**February 20** [Portland Links](#) (For Black students)

**March 1 (Priority Deadline)** [PCC Future Connect](#) (Scholarship money and mentorship program for first generation in family to attend college or low-income)

**March 1** [The Multnomah Athletic Club Loprinzi Scholarship](#) (must be good student, participate in community service, athlete & have financial need)

**March 1** [Portland Scholarship Fund](#) (Black/African American students)

**March 1** [Diversity in Leadership Scholarship](#) (Must attend school in Oregon)

**March 1** [OSAC](#) (Application to many scholarships for Oregon residents. Some scholarships just for Benson students!)

**March 1** [Ford Family Scholarship](#) (Must be Pell Grant Eligible. Must attend college in Oregon. Almost a full ride)

**March 1** [Oregon Community Leadership Scholarship](#) (Must plan to attend school in Oregon - 4-year, 2-year or trade school)

**March 1** [Atsuhiko Tateuchi Scholarship](#) (Asian background)

**March 5** [DCU for Kids Scholarship](#) (\$1,000-2,500)

**March 12** [Greenfield Peace Scholarship](#) (This year's scholarship is for students who identify as BIPOC - Black, Indigenous, People of Color)

**March 31** [Hearthstone Housing Scholarship](#) (Must live in Multnomah Co. and be from a low-income household)

**June 1** [Oregon Promise](#) (Free tuition at any Oregon Community College. Must have a 2.5 GPA)