**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: [Benson College Webpage](https://sites.google.com/apps4pps.net/bphscollegenews/home?authuser=0)

**COLLEGE COORDINATOR:**

Benson students now have even more help with post-high school planning. We have a new College Coordinator, Katie Clark! Katie has extensive knowledge around college advising and program development. She will be working on outreach to students and families, and she will be an additional resource for help with college applications, financial aid and scholarships. Katie can be reached at [kclark@pps.net](mailto:kclark@pps.net).

**COLLEGE APPLICATIONS:**

For information on completing college applications, please refer to our [College Website](https://sites.google.com/apps4pps.net/bphscollegenews/home?authuser=0)and the [Applying to College](https://sites.google.com/apps4pps.net/bphscollegenews/applying-to-colleges?authuser=0).

**PORTLAND STATE UNIVERSITY:**

The PSU application is still open. It is free to apply through June 15th. PSU has also lowered its GPA requirement for admission to 2.5. PSU also has a program which offers 4 years of free tuition for those who qualify. See PSU website for more information.

**PCC:**

PCC has a really great scholarship and mentoring program called[Future Connect](https://www.pcc.edu/future-connect/). To access a recording of the Future Connect info session [here](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Bu05Eq_uwbM&t=3s). If your parents did not earn a 4-year college degree or you could be considered low-income, you are encouraged to for Future Connect. **Applications are due March 1st**.

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

Seniors applying to PCC, don’t forget to apply for the [Oregon Promise](https://oregonstudentaid.gov/oregon-promise.aspx) scholarship.

**FINANCIAL AID:**

If applying to colleges (4-year or community colleges), complete the [FAFSA](https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa) financial aid application or [ORSAA](https://oregonstudentaid.gov/finaid-undocumented.aspx) (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.

**SCHOLARSHIPS:**

Find a more comprehensive list of scholarships on the Benson College Website on the [Scholarship tab](https://sites.google.com/apps4pps.net/bphscollegenews/scholarships?authuser=0).

**Monday is a very important deadline for many scholarships. Please take the time to apply!!!**

**March 1** [**OSAC**](https://oregonstudentaid.gov/scholarships.aspx)(Application to many scholarships for Oregon residents. Some scholarships just for Benson students!)

**March 1** [**Ford Family Scholarship**](https://www.tfff.org/scholarship-programs-information)(Must be Pell Grant Eligible and attend college in state. Almost a full ride)

**March 1** [**Portland State U Diversity Support Program**](https://www.pdx.edu/multicultural-retention-services/) **& Scholarship**

**March 1 (Priority Deadline)** [**PCC Future Connect**](https://www.pcc.edu/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**](https://www.multnomahathleticfoundation.com/scholarships/loprinzi-scholarship/)  (must be good student, participate in community service, athlete & have financial need)

**March 1** [**Portland Scholarship Fund**](https://oregoncf.org/grants-and-scholarships/) (Black/African American students)

**March 1** [**Diversity in Leadership Scholarship**](https://oregoncf.org/grants-and-scholarships/scholarships/) (Must attend school in Oregon)

**March 1** [**Oregon Community Leadership Scholarship**](http://harringtonfamilyfoundation.org/scholarship/) (Must plan to attend school in Oregon - 4-year, 2-year or trade school)

**March 1** [**Atsuhiko Tateuchi Scholarship**](https://seattlefoundation.smapply.org/prog/2021_tateuchi_scholarship/) (Asian background)

**March 4** [**Amazon Black Employee Network Scholarship**](https://learnmore.scholarsapply.org/amazonben/) (Black students pursuing Computer Science or Supply Chain related field)

**March 5** [**DCU for Kids Scholarship**](https://www.dcuforkids.org/scholarships/)  ($1,000-2,500)

**March 12** [**Greenfield Peace Scholarship**](https://sites.google.com/oregonpsr.org/greenfield-peace-scholarship/apply?authuser=0) (This year's scholarship is for students who identify as BIPOC - Black, Indigenous, People of Color)

**March 31** [**Hearthstone Housing Scholarship**](http://www.hearthstonehousing.org/scholarship)  (Must live in Multnomah Co. and be from a low-income household)

**June 1** [**Oregon Promise**](https://oregonstudentaid.gov/oregon-promise-cohort-tool.aspx) (Free tuition at any Oregon Community College. Must have a 2.5 GPA)