



**February 8th 2021**

**Graduation Rates for 2020**

Benson Tech Parents/Guardians,  
The 2020 Graduation Rates have been released and for the second straight year Benson Tech has a graduation rate of 92%. I am so proud of all the hard work that's been put forth in supporting Benson Tech and our students by our staff here at Benson Tech during this surreal time of COVID-19. In March of 2020 our world was turned upside down as the pandemic began to spread like wildfire across the country and the world. I am so proud of the fact that the Benson Tech staff has been resilient in our efforts to support our students and I commend the staff of Benson Tech for their hard fought efforts in doing all that we have done in staying the course and supporting our students. This has by far been the most challenging time for all of us but the fact remains that the BHS staff came together to support all of our students (especially our seniors) during this pandemic is a true testament to their passion as educators and staff members of Benson Tech.

I would like to personally thank all of the staff and educators of Benson Tech for their collective efforts in working hard to support our students during this unprecedented time and the hard work of the staff and students is definitely paying off as we continue to navigate the many challenges that have fallen upon us this past school year.

Thank you for all that you do.

Go Tech!!

***Principal Wilson***

**Benson Tech Honor Roll (Please See Attachment)**

Congratulations to all the BHS students who made the Honor Roll (3.5 GPA & higher) for the second quarter/semester. Please be sure to read through the attached flyer for students on the Honor Roll list.

***Principal Wilson***

*Please be sure to follow me  
on Twitter*

***@BensonTechPride***

***PPS Website For Up To  
Date Information &  
Resources for the 2020-21  
school year.***

***Pps.net/fall2020***

***Please be sure to go to the  
BHS Website as  
www.bensonhs.net for  
school information as it  
becomes relevant.***

***Parents/Guardians***

***Please click on the link  
below to read about  
updated information  
regarding the District's  
New Attendance Policy***

***[District's New Attendance  
Code Policy](#)***

***Benson Tech Weekly  
Athletic Update***

***[Please Click Here](#)***

## **Congratulations to Benson's Ocean Bowl Team**

On Saturday, Benson's Ocean Bowl Team won its second regional title in a row, bringing home the "Salmon Bowl" win again. The games were held online and facilitated by Oregon State University, and teams from around Oregon participated in the quiz competition about Marine Science and Policy. In the final round, our team of seniors Henry Senters, Gabriel Bliss, Tory Norton & Alex Millican and freshman Agatha Chang worked to answer multiple choice, open ended and written questions against a Lake Oswego HS team. After 2 rounds, the score was a tie, but Benson won the tie-breaker 8-0. Benson's teamwork, respect and digital citizenship also earned them the Sportsmanship Award. Their win earns them a place in the National Ocean Bowl Finals this Spring. Go Tech!

***Kerry Zambrano***

## **AP Exam Registration (Please See Attachment)**

AP exam registration for second semester classes is now open. Please see the AP attachment for specific instructions on how to register. It is important to follow the instructions exactly as written to avoid a \$40 late fee payment. If your student took an AP class in the fall, and you still want to register, you can at this time, you'll just need to pay a \$40 late fee. The registration deadline is March 2.

***Megan Hill***

***AP Exam Coordinator***

***mhill2@pps.net***

## **Benson Tech Alumni Newsletter (Please See Attachment)**

Please open up the attached Newsletter from the Benson Tech Alumni Association in order to access our newsletter.

***Benson Tech Alumni Association***

## **A Message from the BHS Counseling Team**

1) Need to recover credit? PES (night school) is virtual this year and is free. It begins the week of Feb. 22. Contact your counselor to pre-register.

2) Junior Forecasting: Counselors will be working with juniors in their CTE classes from Feb. 5th to Feb. 11th to select classes for next year. We are having "drop in" help/questions every **Wednesday and Thursday from 2:00 - 4:00 pm.** during the month of February. We are asking students and their families to come to the zoom session instead of emailing counselors with forecasting questions. The zoom link is: <https://pps-net.zoom.us/j/87622390435?pwd=TVZOdUovaG1vMC96WmlyclNVbWU2QT09>

Also, due to forecasting it might take a couple of days to return emails during the month of February. Thanks for your patience and understanding.

***The BHS Counseling Team***

### **Benson Tech College Newsletter (Please See Attachment)**

Parents/Guardians please be sure to open up the attachment "College Newsletter" for important information regarding resources, important dates and support for college and post secondary education.

Thanks

***Kathleen Reid***

***College Counselor/AVID Coordinator***

# Celebrating KBOO Black History and Future!

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[Special Programming: Just for You](#)

KBOO Black History and Future!

Join KBOO every Tuesday at 7 p.m. throughout the month of February to hear interviews from some of your favorite KBOO programmers!

We'll be diving into the history of Black KBOO, and Black Portland as a whole. We'll cover subjects ranging from gentrification, religion, Black media and journalism and much more!

Every Tuesday from 7 p.m.-8 p.m.

## **Manufacturing Pre-Apprenticeship (Please See Attached Flyer)**

*This is a training opportunity open to High School Seniors. This program supports youth with varying disabilities and learning styles. Hands on learning and licensing will take place during the summer of 2012. If students are interested they can reach out directly to Mrs. Kia Swain (kswain@pps.net) to schedule a meet or greet with the program coordinator for further questions.*

**Mrs. Kia Swain**

**Youth Transition Program**

**Career/Transition Coordinator**

**Benson HS (Monday/Tuesday)**

**503-916-5100 x 77262**

**Roosevelt HS (Wednesday-Friday)**

**503-916-5100 x 82385**

**Work Cell- 971-413-9588**

## **A Message from Benson's Instructional Specialists**

Hello Benson Tech Students, Parents, and Families,  
Starting on February 15th, 2021, Benson Tech students will have the opportunity to retrieve credits they are missing in order to fulfill all State, District and Board of Education requirements for graduation. If your student is credit deficient, our Counselors will be reaching out to students, parents and families to discuss this amazing opportunity. This in-house credit retrieval program at Benson Tech will be led by our Instructional Facilitator, Daniel Garcia. Teachers, Mentors, and Counselors will be involved throughout this process in order to guide our students towards successful completion of credits/standards needed. Please contact Daniel Garcia with any additional questions.

***Daniel Garcia***

***Google Voice: (503) 298-5093***

## **Rose Festival Information Session**

**\*\*NEW\*\*** Rose Festival Interest Meeting Dates

NEW DATES: All info and program overview combined for students, their parents, (and/or any school admins who are curious!)

**Tuesday, February 9, 7pm**

**Thursday, February 18, 7pm**

**Saturday, February 20, 1pm**

Students can [SIGN UP HERE](#) to be sent the meeting link.

Please contact Ms. Melissa Brabham at [mbrabham@pps.net](mailto:mbrabham@pps.net) if you need more information

***Melissa Brabham/VP Secretary***

***Benson Tech Rose Festival Coordinator***

## **Parents/Guardians**

Please be sure to pass this message onto your students.

Please note that the Advisory Class in StudentVue and ParentVue is a place holder in which you all will begin to receive important announcements and information regarding forecasting for the next school year but please note that this is not an actual attendance/graded course for a students transcripts or schedule.

Please be on the lookout for a new Canvas course to appear in the student's Canvas Dashboard page in January.

Thanks,

***Sara Callies (she/her/hers)***  
***Curriculum Vice Principal***

## **A Message from the BHS Math Department**

Need help with math? Tutoring is now available M/W/Th/F from 3:15 - 4:15 using the Google Meet code: bhsmathtutoring

We look forward to seeing you and answering your questions!

***BHS Math Department***

## **Textbook Distribution**

Please note the Librarian Assistant Irma Johnson will be able to pass out Textbooks on Wednesday February 10th, 17th & 24th in the Horseshoe Parking Lot area from 12:30pm to 3:00pm. Students can also use this time to return textbooks back to the school as well. The Horseshoe Parking Lot area is located off of 15th street in the back of the school. Once you pull into the one-way lot you will see a door that will be open to the DMP room where you can walk up and be handed your textbooks. Please be sure that you have your masks on and remain outside in the horseshoe lot area during the transaction.

***Irma Johnson***

***Librarian Assistant***

## A Message from Benson's HOSA Advisor (Please See Attached Flyer)

Dear Benson Tech Community,

Benson HOSA - Future Health Professionals is partnering with Bloodworks Northwest to host a 2 week virtual blood drive from January 25th to February 8th, 2021. This blood drive is a fundraising event to raise money for students to attend the 2021 Oregon HOSA State Conference in March. Please support our HOSA students by scheduling an appointment to donate blood and sharing this information with others. See the Benson Virtual Drive Flyer for more information. Below are dates to our 2 week blood drive, locations, and links to schedule your appointment. Note: When you arrive to donate, please let Bloodworks know your donation is for Benson High School and provide our school code 4437. If you have any questions, send your message to [ipadua@pps.net](mailto:ipadua@pps.net)

Feb 8th: DoubleTree by Hilton (Beaverton)

<https://schedule.bloodworksnw.org/DonorPortal/GroupLanding.aspx?s=670b>

Thank you,

***Iryne Padua***

**Health Science Instructor**

**Asian Cultural Club Advisor**

**HOSA Advisor**

**Benson Polytechnic High School**

**546 NE 12th Ave**

**Portland, OR 97232**

**503-916-5100 x 77179**

**A Message from our Wellness Center Coordinator & Social Worker**  
**Caroline Bleckmann**

Hello, Benson Tech Community:

Warm Winter clothing (coats, shoes, hats) and headphones are available for Benson students. Please see [this form](#) for more information!

Here are some links for people to search for additional help and resources. Please contact me any time and I'll do whatever I can to help people navigate!

[www.findhelp.org](http://www.findhelp.org)

[www.oregonuniteus.com](http://www.oregonuniteus.com)

as well as [211info.org](http://211info.org)

[Drivers' Licenses for All](#), regardless of immigration status

[Oregon Renter's Rights](#)

[Eviction Moratorium Information](#)

[Rental declaration document](#)

Sincerely,

[Caroline Bleckmann, LCSW](#), She/her

School Social worker, Benson Polytechnic High School

[Benson Wellness Center](#)

Cell/Non-urgent texting: 503-729-3486

**Monday-Friday, 8-4:00**

[How can the School Social Worker help me?](#)

**Outside of office hours, if you or your loved one is experiencing a mental health crisis, please call the Multnomah County Crisis line at 503-988-4888.**

## A Message from our Career Coordinator Miranda Ryan

**Saturday Academy's ASE Program offers 9-11th grade students the opportunity to work with scientists and engineers for eight-weeks, full time during the summer**

Spend Your Summer with ASE:

- Learn about scientific & engineering careers
- Enhance your college application
- Gain hands-on, professional experience
- Meet other students who love science & engineering
- Receive a \$1,000 stipend

**APPLICATION DEADLINE IS FRIDAY, MARCH 5TH!**

Contact ASE for more information: Call 503.200.5861 Email [ase@saturdayacademy.org](mailto:ase@saturdayacademy.org)

**How do I apply?**

To apply, add internships to your locker at [www.saturdayacademy.org/internships](http://www.saturdayacademy.org/internships) - from here you can start your application and create an ASE internship account. This allows you to save your progress.

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Are you interested in exploring Forestry and Natural Resources careers? Do you want to learn about a variety of post-secondary options relating to Forestry? Register to attend PPS FORESTRY CAREER FOCUS EVENT!

Date of the Event: Tuesday, February 16, 2021 Time: 2:00pm-3:30pm

How to Register?

Pre-Registration is Required. Go to this [bit.ly](http://bit.ly/CFEForestry) link to register NOW! <http://bit.ly/CFEForestry>

Deadline to Register?

Deadline to submit your Registration is February 10th, 2021. You will receive notification when the event has closed or by 2/12/21.

Register today! Slots are limited.

Come to meet and learn about a variety of careers and post-secondary options relating to Forestry career

## A Message from our Career Coordinator Miranda Ryan

### **Future You 2 GO Career Talks:**

**Wednesday, February 10, 2021 from 1:00pm-1:45pm:** [Post-Secondary Presentation-PCC's Criminal Justice Program](#)

[Click to Join the session on Wednesday, February 10th at 1:00 pm](#)

**Wednesday, February 10, 2021 from 2:00pm-2:45pm:** [Industry Spotlight-Nancy Geyer-Forests Today and Forever.](#)

[Click to Join the session on Wednesday, February 10th at 2:00 pm](#)

**Wednesday, February 10, 2021 from 3:00pm-3:45pm:** [Career Presentation-Lindsey Bastini, Senior Vice President, General Manager-WE Communications.](#)

[Click to Join the session on Wednesday, February 10th at 3:00 pm](#)

### **PPS ENGINEERING CAREER FOCUS EVENT!**

Learn about the role Engineers play in various industries

Explore skills that will help you prepare yourself for a successful future

Receive guidance from professionals as you discover the right path to a great career!

\$\$ - Additionally, attendees will be automatically entered to a Drawing for a \$200

Scholarship from the National Society of Black Engineers (NSBE) - \$\$

#### **When?**

Date of the Event: Thursday, February 25

Time: 1:00pm-2:30pm

#### **How to Register?**

Pre-Registration is Required. Click on this link to register NOW! <https://bit.ly/CFEEng>

Deadline to Register?

Deadline to submit your Registration is February 20th, 2021. You will be notified by February 22, 2021 of your acceptance into this event

## A Message from our Career Coordinator Miranda Ryan

**Professional Skills Development Workshop Series** Registration Link: <https://forms.gle/EZU4xHB5c1x6FuaY8>

### **2/11/21 LinkedIn/ Build your Brand 1:00-2:30**

This workshop is all about building an online brand and presenting yourself in a professional manner. Your online brand will help to build a network of professional connections

### **3/4/21 Resume Building 1:00-2:30**

Get the latest information on how to effectively write and format job search documents, such as what information to include, how to create a targeted resume, and to illustrate how your qualifications "fit" with a position.

### **3/18/21 Interview Tips 1:00-2:30**

Come learn the basics of interviewing and strategies to develop and improve your interview skills. We will discuss how to prepare for an interview, what employers expect, and how to handle the most common interview questions.

### **April 2021 Mock Interviews 1:00-3:00**

Practice your interview skills with a professional. Get valuable advice to improve your chances of getting the job. Interview slots are limited. Interview times will occur between 1:00 and 3:00. Please register for a time as soon as possible.

Registration Link: <http://bit.ly/2021interviews>

## A Message from our Career Coordinator Miranda Ryan

**The Bodecker Foundation** is pleased to announce their Winter 2021 schedule of FREE Virtual Workshops and Work Based Learning Academies for Portland-area high school students!

Led by professional artists, writers, musicians, designers and educators, these multidisciplinary creative workshops meet via Zoom on weekdays from 4-5:30pm. Workshops include a mix of online group activities and offline individual and/or collaborative project work. Class size is generally limited to 12 students. REGISTER NOW! Online registration is now open at [www.bodeckerfound.org/workshop](http://www.bodeckerfound.org/workshop)

Below is a list of Bodecker Foundation Winter Term workshops for easy understanding and sharing:

- Lyric Writing with Chris Funk-Meets Mondays and Weds 4-5:30pm | February 1, 3, 8, 10, 15, 17
- Truth and Dare: Back by Popular Demand with Laura Moulton Meets Mondays and Weds 4-5:30pm | February 8, 10, 15, 17, 22, 24
- Socially Engaged Art with Patricia Vázquez Gómez Meets Tuesdays and Thursdays 4-5:30pm | February 9th, 11, 16, 18, 23, 25
- Intermediate Songwriting with Chris Funk Meets Mondays and Weds 4-5:30pm | February 22, 24, March 1, 3, 8, 10, 15, 17
- Time Capsule: Found Art Archives with May Maylisa Cat 03/01/2021 04:00 PM - 03/17/2021 05:30 PM PT
- Audio Engineering: Mixing LIVE from Halfling Studio with Adam Lee Meets Tuesdays and Thursdays 4-5:30pm | March 2, 4, 9, 11, 16, 18

*Miranda Ryan*

Career Coordinator  
Benson Polytechnic High School  
Cell: 503-312-2774  
Office: 503-916-5100 X:77201  
Career Website: <http://bit.ly/bensoncareers>

## **A Message from the BHS Attendance Office**

We encourage students to attend on a regular basis. Studies show that missing more than one day per month can actually lead to poorer grades and contributes to dropping out of school.

Naturally, we understand that there are occasions that a student must miss a school day. When this happens it is important for you to contact the school to let us know the reason for the absence. Please remember to communicate directly with the attendance office if your student will be absent for any period of time during the school day. The best ways to let us know are, in order of school preference:

Send an email to the attendance office at [benson-attendance@pps.net](mailto:benson-attendance@pps.net)

Call the attendance line directly at 503-916-5109

Call the school main office number at 503-916-5100 - Select option 3

Send a note via your student excusing the absence

Always remember, we need the STUDENT NAME, ID# (if known) and REASON FOR THE ABSENCE. (Saying it is an excused absence does not give us the reason, please be specific) The Attendance Office will check messages and emails at 7:30am and throughout the school day.. The attendance phone line is continuously busy throughout the school day. An email provides a written message directly to the attendance office. The attendance office can excuse previous absences up to three days after the absence occurs. After the three days, corrections cannot be made.

You can monitor your child's attendance through ParentVUE. Contact the school if you do not know how to access ParentVUE.

Please continue on the next page.....

## **A Message from the BHS Attendance Office**

If you do not communicate with the school, we cannot properly record your child's absence. If you have any questions regarding your child's attendance do not hesitate to email or call the attendance office. Please help us, help your student have a successful year here at Benson Tech.

With the advent of distance learning, there are some questions that have arisen. I am finding that the majority of questions regarding attendance are addressing asynchronous classes. The following is an explanation of how this and other attendance calls could be avoided.

Asynchronous days are not live sessions with the instructor. There are various ways your student can contact the teacher for attendance purposes.

They log on and just check in with the teacher.

They contact the teacher by emailing if they have any questions or need assistance with the assignment.

They complete the posted assignment and turn it in. The assignment cannot be turned in late to count toward attendance. While they may receive credit for turning it in late they would still be counted as absent if they don't contact the teacher in another way.

Their parent may email the attendance email at [benson-attendance@pps.net](mailto:benson-attendance@pps.net) to leave a valid reason for the absence (illness, appointment, etc.)

If you get a call saying your student has missed a period, I would correspond with the classroom teacher directly. I will always need authorization from the classroom teacher to correct an absence. By contacting the teacher directly, they can send me an email for a quick correction. This is also important because the State of Oregon mandates that I may not make corrections to attendance more than three school days prior to the current school date.

***Norma L. Lawson***

***School/Attendance Secretary***

***Benson Polytechnic High School***