

College Newsletter

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You can also visit our college webpage: [Benson College Webpage](#)

DISTRICT FAFSA COMPLETION NIGHT – March 17

Completing the FAFSA will ensure you get money for college (4-year, community college) if you qualify. PPS is holding a virtual FAFSA Completion Night to give one-on-one help to students and families for completing their FAFSA's. It will be next Wednesday from 6-8 p.m. on Zoom. Interpretation services are available. Please register ahead of time [HERE](#). If you qualify for ORSAA and need help, please reach out to Katie Clark kclark@pps.net/503-894-4660 or Kathleen Reid kreid@pps.net/971-238-8322.

SUMMER OPPORTUNITY for 9-12 graders:

PSU Invention Bootcamp is a free four-week, intensive educational experience for historically underserved and underrepresented populations hosted by the PSU College of Engineering. Invention Bootcamp is all about showing students they have the skills to be an engineer and giving them the confidence to see themselves pursuing a STEM career. You can find more information [Here](#)

This year's camp will be held from June 21st to July 16th, 2021, Monday-Friday 10 am- 3:30 pm

COLLEGE APPLICATIONS:

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

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](#). To access a recording of the Future Connect info session [here](#). 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. **The application deadline has been extended to April 1st**. Please reach out to Kathleen Reid or Katie Clark if you need help with the application.

Apply to PCC: 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. See information about PPS FAFSA Completion Night above.

SCHOLARSHIPS:

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

March 17 [Oregon Community Leadership Scholarship](#) (for Oregon trade school, 2-year or 4-year college, \$4K per year)

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

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

May 7 [Albina Rotary/Neil Kelly Scholarship](#) (For students living in designated areas of North & Northeast Portland)

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