

May Counselor Newsletter



COUNSELOR PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

We've concluded our Counselor Webinar Series for the 2021-22 school year. Thank you to all who attended. Don't forget, all of our webinars are available for viewing on-demand and offer free CEU credit.

Our topics this year included:

- Advanced Placement®
- BigFuture®
- CSS Profile®
- Digital SAT®
- Principal–School Counselor Toolkit
- Student Search Service™
- Wellness While Testing

[Register now](#) for on-demand webinars.

Real Talk: Black on Campus Edition, Wednesday, May 25, at 7 p.m. ET/4 p.m. PT

Our next Real Talk event is about Black student identity and sense of belonging

on college campuses. Featuring current college students and Black college administrators, the event will discuss how students can explore college options with their identity in mind, how they can understand a college's commitment to equity and inclusion, and how they can use on-campus resources to help them foster a strong sense of community.

Please [share this event](#) with students at your school!

Summer Professional Development for Counselors

Watch your email in the coming weeks for registration information for this year's Counselor Summer Institute and Counselor Workshops. We look forward to working with you.

Counselor Website

In the coming months, we'll be making some exciting updates to our [counselor website](#) to make it easier for you to find what you need to support your work. In the meantime, stop by for [professional development offerings and resources](#) to start planning for next school year.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT

Make Sure Your AP Students Get the Credit They Earned

Each year a student takes an AP® Exam, they have the option to send one free score report to the college, university, or scholarship organization of their choice. [Share instructions](#) with them so they can activate their free score send by the **June 20 deadline**.

- AP Exams help students stand out, [no matter their score](#).
- More colleges than ever before are accepting AP Exam scores [for placement and credit](#).
- Nearly all colleges offer credit for the most popular AP courses.
- 3 out of 4 AP students who enrolled in a four-year college started school with some AP credit.

Remind your students:

"Your AP class is similar to the courses you'll experience at college. And like a college course, it's important to finish strong by taking your AP Exam and seeing the class through to the end. Regardless of your exam score, the hard work you put in all year will benefit you in college and beyond."—*John Barnhill, associate vice president for enrollment management, Florida State University*

SAT SUITE OF ASSESSMENTS

SAT Weekend

Registration for our last SAT of the spring, on June 4, is open for one more month. Encourage your juniors who haven't taken it yet to [register today](#).

Students who've already taken the SAT should link their College Board accounts to [Khan Academy®](#) so they'll be well prepared to take it again in the summer or fall. We've seen encouraging results from students who use free [Official SAT Practice](#) from Khan Academy to raise their score, [like this student](#) who was accepted into Brown University after practicing and retaking the SAT.

Connect More Students to the SAT

If your school or test center is administering the June SAT, there's still time to increase your seating capacity. Please contact your test administration support state representative [by phone](#), or email Test Administration Services at tas@ets.org as soon as possible if you're able to add seats.

In-School Assessments

Test Ordering

Starting later this week, you can order test materials for the 2022-23 SAT Suite of Assessments—SAT School Day, PSAT/NMSQT®, PSAT™ 10, and PSAT™ 8/9—on the [test ordering site](#).

Fall 2022 Test Dates

We're excited to share the fall 2022 testing information so you can start preparing for next school year.

[SAT School Day](#)

Wednesday, October 12, 2022

Thursday, October 27, 2022

[PSAT/NMSQT](#)

Primary: Wednesday, October 12, 2022

Saturday: October 15, 2022

Alternate: Tuesday, October 25, 2022

[PSAT 8/9](#)

Testing starts September 26, 2022

Score Reports

As a reminder, April 13 SAT School Day student scores will be available in the K-12 reporting portal beginning on May 5, and most students will see their scores May 4.

Digital SAT Suite of Assessments

Looking for more information about our recent announcement about the digital SAT Suite of Assessments? Visit our [website](#) to get up to speed and find answers to your questions.

We've also developed [several counselor resources](#) to help support your work:

- [The Digital SAT Suite of Assessments](#) (.pdf/10.4 MB)
- [SAT Suite of Assessments Update—K–12](#) (on-demand webinar)
- [10 Things Counselors Need to Know About the Digital SAT](#) (on-demand webinar)

If you're an SAT Weekend test center coordinator, please visit our new [website](#) for more details about administering the digital SAT and to view our recent webinar:

- [Test Center Coordinator Digital SAT Webinar](#)

If you're not the coordinator, please share this with the appropriate person at your school.

Testing Supports

With tests around the corner, we know that some students are feeling anxious. College Board and the Jed Foundation co-created a resource on strategies to help students calm their nerves before, during, and after a test. Share [these tips](#) with students.

BIGFUTURE

BigFuture Just Awarded 31 Juniors and Seniors with \$40,000 Scholarships!

Watch this [heartwarming clip](#) as winners are surprised on *Good Morning America!* Read about a few of the winners:

[Zoeya Berning, Newfane High School \(Newfane, N.Y.\)](#)

[Lexi Gallegos, Tularosa High School \(Tularosa, N.M.\)](#)

[Ethan Cramer, Erie High School \(Erie, Colo.\)](#)

Each month (yes, each month), BigFuture is awarding two \$40,000 scholarships and hundreds of \$500 scholarships to the class of 2023 for completing college planning steps that you advise them about every day. [Learn more about scholarships.](#)

These Scholarships Are Open Now

Build Your College List—Juniors simply need to save six colleges on [BigFuture](#). Open through June 2022.

Practice for the SAT—Juniors need to complete a Timed Mini-Section or Diagnostic Quiz at [Official SAT Practice on Khan Academy](#). Open through October 2022.

Do you want to hear how other students and educators are using BigFuture to plan for life after high school? Look for the BigFuture Blog launching tentatively in May!

COLLEGE BOARD NATIONAL RECOGNITION PROGRAMS

Your Students May Qualify for a College Board Award!

College Board's National Recognition Programs award high-achieving students from underrepresented backgrounds. The application is now open! Eligibility rules are available on [our website](#)—check to see which of your students may qualify. Please encourage your eligible sophomores and juniors to apply before June 15!