

The ASPIRE Program for 2016-2107 is Here to Help!

What is ASPIRE? The ASPIRE program is designed to ensure all students at Barlow High School have access to student assistance programs to explore and research post-high school options. Information is available on colleges, technology schools, apprenticeship programs, the military and more. ASPIRE volunteers will be available to students and their families through multiple forms:

1.) Throughout the year, evening *informational meetings* will be held for students and their families. Topics include financial aid, scholarships, preparing for college and other career options. These meetings are open to students of ALL grades and to their parents, too. Watch upcoming newsletters for dates and topics.

2.) *Drop-in advising* for all students in the College & Career Center during both lunches and any free periods. ASPIRE mentors will assist with forms and application completion, financial aid and college/career information, CIS navigation and more.

3.) *One-on-one mentoring* with ASPIRE mentors. This program is specifically for the student who would like assistance in obtaining post-high school education and career information. Students must have a signed consent form from their parent/guardian to be involved in this program. Get an application in the College & Career Center. This is open to students of all grades.

Students, don't wait until your senior year to get this information. Come in and find out what your educational options are! Pick up an ASPIRE application so we can help plan your future.

The ASPIRE program needs your help! Would you like to assist students in planning their futures? No experience is necessary. If you are interested in volunteer opportunities with ASPIRE, contact Patty Neuenschwander in the College and Career Center at 503-258-4890 or email neuenschwander@gresham.k12.or.us

College Visits

Monday, October 3, **U of O**, 9:25am
Monday, October 3, **Warner Pacific Univ.**, 11am
Tuesday, October 4, **Northwest Univ.**, 1pm
Wednesday, October 5, **Linfield**, 10am
Thursday, October 6, **Utah State**, 1pm
Monday, October 10, **Univ. of Portland**, 11:15am
Wednesday, October 12, **PSU**, 10am
Wednesday, October 12, **Pacific Lutheran**, 11am
Wednesday, October 12, **OSU**, 1:30pm
Tuesday, October 25, **Boise State Univ.**, 8:30am
Wednesday, October 26, **Willamette Univ.**, 11:30am
Monday, October 31, **Gonzaga Univ.**, 10:30am
Tuesday, November 1, **WOU**, 10am-1pm
Wednesday, November 2, **OSU**, 10am-12:30pm, Admissions Workshop
Friday, November 4, **Oregon Tech**, 2pm
Tuesday, November 8, **PSU**, all day- instant Admit Day

ASPIRE Events for October

Saturday, October 1, FAFSA Application opens
Thursday, October 6, FAFSA Information Night, 6:30pm
Tuesday, October 11, PSAT Pre-bubbling, 2:30pm
Wednesday, October 12, PSAT Pre-bubbling, 7:30am
Friday, October 14, Practice SAT/ACT with Princeton Review, 9am

* This schedule changes frequently. Contact the College & Career Center for an updated calendar of visits.

SENIORS: Fall is the application deadline for most colleges and universities. This is the time representatives come to speak with students, help with entrance applications and answer questions. Watch announcements for future visits. Many schools have early decision application dates around November 1.

Scholarship Writing Workshop

Did you know that the essay is what makes or breaks your ability to win scholarship funds? Students interested in getting help with writing scholarship essays can sign up for this workshop. Learn how to write a quality essay on Saturday, October 8 at Warner Pacific College from 10am-4pm. Students must be pre-registered for this event and it fills quickly each year. The cost is only \$5. Register at warnerpacific.regfox.com/path-to-scholarships.

Job Corps Open House

Job Corps is a free education and training program that helps young people learn a career, earn a high school diploma or GED, and find and keep a good job. For eligible young people at least 16 years of age that qualify as low income, Job Corps provides the all-around skills needed to succeed in a career and in life. Those interested, plan to attend an open house, Wednesday, October 5, at the Pivot Job Corps Center located at 2701 NW Vaughn St., Ste. 151, Portland. Students and families are welcome to attend. Please RSVP Anna Snyder at 503-694-2245 or snyder.anna@jobcorps.org.