

# Hector High School Counselor Newsletter



November - December 2017

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## Important Dates to Remember:

Deadline to Register for Spring Concurrent	Nov. 15
U of O Admissions Counselor at 1:35	Nov. 15
Arkansas Tech, UAFS, and U of A Priority Deadline for Scholarships	Nov. 15
Arkansas Tech Honors Program Priority	Dec. 1 at
UACCM Admissions Counselor at 9:40	Dec. 6
UCA's Bear Facts Day	Dec. 8
Take the ACT	Dec. 9

*"The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams."*

ELENOR ROOSEVELT



Seniors:

*Take advantage of every opportunity to meet with college admissions*

## Advanced Placement Versus Concurrent Credit

Students at Hector have the potential to get a head start on their college goals and dreams while in high school by taking Advanced Placement (AP) classes and Concurrent Credit classes.

Some similarities between AP and Concurrent classes are:

- Both AP and Concurrent classes allow students to stand out in the college admissions process.
- Both AP and Concurrent classes allow the opportunity for students to earn actual college credit.
- AP and Concurrent classes also help students build skills that will help them to succeed later as a college student.
- There is potential to get college credit with

both AP and Concurrent classes ... college credit for free!

There are also some differences in AP and Concurrent Classes.

- AP classes are weighted. For example, in regular classes an A is weighted as 4.0, but in an AP class a grade of A is weighted at 5.0. This allows students to potentially increase their GPA and class rank.
- Concurrent classes are not weighted, and receive the same weight as a regular high school class.
- To get high school credit for an AP class, the student must take the AP exam at the end of the year.
- In order to receive college credit for an AP

class, the student must score a 3, 4, or 5 on the AP exam (depending on the college they plan to go to).

- In Concurrent Classes, students receive college credit if they pass the class. The grade they receive goes on their college transcript.
- At Hector, we offer a couple of AP classes in the classroom taught by a Hector teacher, and we also offer some AP classes online through Virtual Arkansas.
- Concurrent classes are all offered online through Virtual Arkansas.

## What is a Distance Learning (Digital Learning) Class?

A Distance Learning Class is simply an online class students can take at school through Virtual Arkansas. The classes are given the same amount of credit as a high school class. Students are required by the Arkansas State Department of Education to take at least one digital learning course for credit before they graduate. These courses offer our students more opportunity, more choices in the class selections, the chance to take elective classes that interest them, and allow them to simply enjoy learning more!



Acts of Kindness Awards were given to the following students in October...

Alexis Merchen

Logan Church

Matt Webster

Taylor Ellis

Thank you for being kind to others!

### What should Freshmen, Sophomores, & Juniors Be Doing??

- Students should understand how many credits they have & how many they need! There are also certain credit requirements! (23 credits are needed to graduate!)
- Take the ACT! Students need to take the ACT **more** than once! It is recommended students start taking the ACT in the 9th or 10th grade.
- Keep those grades up! Students need to understand GPA matters & so do those credits they are earning!
- Help your child start thinking about & setting goals for their future...college, career, the military...the future is wide open so help them DREAM BIG!

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To the Parent/Guardian of

## Senior To-Do List

### November:

- Apply, Apply, Apply - many scholarship priority deadlines are in November
- Tell Mrs. Emerson when you need transcripts sent to colleges
- Males over 18 need to register for selective service
- Meet with Admission Counselors on Nov. 6th, and Nov. 15th
- Ask for Recommendation Letters now!

### December:

- Meet with UACCM Admissions Counselor on Dec. 6th
- Go on college visits! You get 2 days for college visits!
- Take the December 9th ACT
- Apply for the Arkansas Tech Foundation Scholarship if you are going to ATU.
- Fill out the Arkansas Challenge Scholarship YOUNiversal Application if you haven't already
- Keep an eye on deadlines & make copies of financial aid documents