



VIRTUAL COLLEGE EXPLORATION WEEK – APRIL 20-23

Due to the cancellation of national and local college fairs, StriveScan and the Texas Association of College Admissions Counselors (TACAC) is sponsoring four full days of virtual presentations which will allow juniors to explore college opportunities. Students will have the opportunity to register for sessions on a wide variety of college topics. For more information and to register for sessions, visit: <https://www.strivescan.com/virtual/>

See flyer in this week's eNews.

SCHOLARSHIPS AND FINANCIAL AID



Upcoming Scholarship Deadlines: **4/27** – Pearce Athletic Booster Club (PABC) Scholarship - \$3,000 (see flyer in this week's eNews); **4/28** – Plano B.P.O. Does Scholarship – varies; **5/1** – Retired Teachers of Richardson Foundation Scholarship – \$4,000. A complete list of scholarships is available in Naviance and on the Pearce website at: <https://schools.risd.org/Page/5018>



If you haven't submitted your FAFSA, there's still time!

Seniors will complete the 2020-2021 FAFSA using parent and student 2018 tax information. Apply at: www.fafsa.gov. Before you begin your FAFSA, set up your FSA ID at fsaid.ed.gov

TRANSCRIPT REQUESTS

To request a transcript for a college/university, scholarship, or summer program, please complete the following Google form: <https://tinyurl.com/JJPtranscriptrequest>

ACT AND SAT REGISTRATION UPDATES

The deadline to register for the June 13 ACT is Friday, May 8. However, locations are filling quickly so please register as soon as possible at: www.actstudent.org. Note: Richardson High School is one of the test centers for this test. If RHS isn't listed as a test center, enter the RHS Test Center Code 195270 to register for this location.

The June 6th SAT has been canceled. For information on College Board's plans to ensure that students will have opportunities to take the SAT to make up for the lost administrations this spring, visit:

<https://pages.collegeboard.org/collegeboard-covid-19-updates>

The RISD Communications Department is updating testing information as it's received. Visit the RISD website at www.risd.org and scroll down to the section that says, "Various Assessments Impacted by the COVID-19 Pandemic".

RISD ACT AND SAT BOOT CAMP PREP COURSES

RISD in partnership with SMU is offering ONLINE ACT and SAT Boot Camps for juniors and seniors. Cost: Free for students eligible for free or reduced lunch. SMU has provided all other students with a discounted price of \$135.

Register online at: go.smu.edu/risd (see flyers in this week's eNews)

FREE TEST PREP RESOURCES FOR ACT AND SAT

The following FREE resources are available to students preparing for upcoming ACT and/or SAT tests:

- TexQuest Learning Express is available to all students through their school ClassLink account. After logging into ClassLink, select Library Resources, then the TexQuest Learning Express link. Under the Prepare for College section, they can choose prep for SAT, ACT, PSAT, AP exams and Accuplacer. Before using this resource, students must register (note: select Richardson HS for institution).
- ACT Academy, a free online learning tool and test practice program, is offered through ACT. Visit: <http://www.act.org/content/act/en/products-and-services/the-act/test-preparation/act-academy.html>
- ACT Bootcamp offered through ACT and Kaplan Test Prep: Wednesday, April 29th – 7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m. During this free bootcamp session, students will learn how to tackle some of the most common question types on the ACT. To sign up, visit: <https://www.act.org/content/act/en/covid19.html>
- College Board offers free practice for the SAT and PSAT through their partnership with Khan Academy. It includes practice questions and tests, videos, lessons plus study and test-taking tips and strategies. For more information, visit: <https://www.khanacademy.org/sat>

SUMMER PROGRAM OPPORTUNITY

Deloitte Tech Team Challenge – July 21-23

Sponsored by Scholastic and Deloitte, this free 3-day challenge will take current juniors (rising seniors) into the world of professional services to help them hone their technical skills, compete with teammates in a tech innovation challenge and help prepare them for the next step ahead: college. Admission is on a rolling basis and is limited to 30 students per location. For more information and application, visit:

<https://www2.deloitte.com/us/en/pages/careers/articles/join-deloitte-team-tech-challenge.html>

COLLEGE & CAREER CENTER

If you have questions or need help with the college application process, scholarships, financial aid, ACT/SAT registration, or Naviance, please email Kathy Noland, PHS College & Career Coordinator, at kathy.noland@risd.org or call 469-593-5181.