



# Benny's Bulletin



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**HAVE YOU RECEIVED A COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP FOR NEXT YEAR?**

If so...

- Bring your scholarship offer/financial aid package/scholarship award letters to the Counseling Office OR scan/forward/send to [leslie.wilkinson@ops.org](mailto:leslie.wilkinson@ops.org)
- Be sure to include ALL offers...even if you are declining the scholarship!

Starting in April, scholarship recipient names will be listed on the bulletin board outside of the Counseling Office. Seniors will also be recognized during a special Scholarship Presentation on Monday, May 10, during the school day. Seniors who are awarded a scholarship & provide the necessary documentation to Ms. Wilkinson, will receive a white cord to wear during the graduation ceremony on Friday, May 28.

**ALL INFORMATION DUE TO MS. WILKINSON BY THE END OF THE SCHOOL DAY ON MONDAY, MAY 3**

Any questions, please contact Ms. Wilkinson at [leslie.wilkinson@ops.org](mailto:leslie.wilkinson@ops.org) OR (531) 299-7099.

**BARRIENTOS SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION**

The Barrientos Scholarship Foundation has 6 different scholarships available. If you are of Latino heritage, apply online at [BarrientosScholarshipFoundation.com](http://BarrientosScholarshipFoundation.com).

**Application Due:**  
**Friday, April 2, 2021**

**OMAHA SOUTH HIGH MAGNET SCHOOL GRADUATION**



Friday, May 28—Baxter Arena  
Practice @ 9:00 a.m.  
Graduation @ 7:00 p.m.

**STACEY KLINGER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

For scholarship application, refer to the email sent on 02/25 from Ms. Wilkinson. Scholarship applications are also available in the Counseling Office.

**Application Due:**  
**Friday, April 2, 2021**

\*Return completed application via email to Mr. Andrew Wiener

**GRADUATION CAP & GOWN**

Class of 2021 Seniors Graduating May 28th OR Summer 2021  
**DEADLINE TO ORDER... WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7**

\*Ordering a cap & gown package through Jostens on-line has ended!

Ordering a cap & gown package through Jostens Directions to order a cap & gown package—order directly at the store:

**SCHOOL TRADITIONS**  
12100 W Center Rd #901  
(402) 733-0300

**STORE HOURS:**

<b>Tuesdays</b>	3:00—5:30 pm
<b>Wednesdays</b>	3:00—5:30 pm
<b>Thursdays</b>	3:00—5:30 pm
<b>Saturdays</b>	10:00 am—12:00 pm



Approximate cost for cap, gown, & a 2021 tassel—\$75.00

Any further questions regarding cap & gown purchase or information related to graduation, please contact Assistant Principal Julie Johnson at (531) 299-7701 or email at [julie.johnson@ops.org](mailto:julie.johnson@ops.org)

**IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES**

- 05/03 AP Testing begins \*Runs through 06/10
- 05/12 Final Exams for Seniors (Periods 2, 4, 6, & 8)
- 05/13 Final Exams for Seniors (Periods 1, 3, 5, 7, & 9)
- 05/14 Finals Make-Up Day for Seniors ONLY
- 05/27 MANDATORY Senior Check Out (Gym) \*Details below
- 05/28 MANDATORY Graduation Practice—9:00 a.m.
- 05/28 Graduation Ceremony—7:00 p.m. \*Arrive by 6:00 p.m.

**SENIOR CHECK OUT SCHEDULE THURSDAY, MAY 27**

Last Name A-D	9-10 a.m.	• Check name pronunciation
Last Name E-I	10-11 a.m.	• Cap & Gown pick-up
Last Name J-M	11-12 p.m.	• Pay ALL fines
Last Name N-R	12-1 p.m.	• Graduation ticket distribution
Last Name S-Z	1-2 p.m.	<b>*4 tickets per graduate</b>

Benny's Bulletin comes to you from the School Counseling Office at Omaha South High Magnet School  
Counseling Office Phone: (531) 299-7665

**Counselors:** Mrs. Gregor (Director; Letters N, V, X), Mrs. Branson (D, L, W), Mr. Carlson (I, R), Ms. Lagana (G, K, Z), Mrs. Ludacka (M), Mr. Perez (C, E, Q), Mr. Pla (B, H, U), Mr. Sagert (J, S, Y), Mrs. Vidal (A, T), & Ms. Wilkinson (F, O, P); **School Social Workers:** Ms. Greenberg & Ms. Pena; **Bilingual Liaison:** Ms. Hill; **Community Counselor:** Ms. Gillmore; **Counseling Secretary:** Mrs. Villafuerte; **Counseling Para:** Mrs. Kues

### AFTER SCHOOL VIRTUAL TUTORING

Need extra help with English, Math, Science, Social Studies, Spanish, or Scholarships?

Teachers are available online through the Microsoft Teams app to help you out! Log into the Tutoring Team to see the schedule.

**When:** Tuesdays, Wednesdays, & Thursdays, 3:05-6:00 p.m.

### IOWA WESTERN COMMUNITY COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS

- Apply to [IWCC](#) online
- Go to [IWCC Scholarships](#)

**Foundation Scholarship Deadlines:**  
**Priority Deadline—April 22, 2021**  
**Final Deadline—May 15, 2021**

### VIRTUAL CREDIT RECOVERY

**When:** 3:15-5:15 p.m. on Tuesdays & Thursdays

**Where:** Through Omaha South HS **OR**

**When:** 5:30-7:30 p.m. on Tuesdays & Wednesdays

**Where:** Adult High School through TAC

Seniors must sign up with their assigned counselor!

### APPLY2COLLEGE

Want to earn a \$10 gift card to a local business?

**Step 1:** Apply to any college & submit your application

**Step 2:** Add college to Naviance & request for transcript to be sent via Naviance

**Step 3:** Complete your FAFSA/CFE & screenshot first page

Contact Mrs. Vidal with any questions  
rachelle.vidal@ops.org



### ACT TEST DATES

Test Date:	Register By:
06/12/2021	05/07/2021
07/17/2021	06/18/2021

### EDUCATIONQUEST

The [EducationQuest](#) website offers a lot of valuable information for seniors & planning for college. To schedule an appointment at the EducationQuest office, call (402)391-4033. The Omaha office is located at 11031 Elm St.

### FAFSA

If additional help is needed to fill out your FAFSA, call the EducationQuest office to schedule an appointment.

## SCHOLARSHIPS

A list of current scholarships will be emailed to you each month. This list will be posted outside the Counseling Office. It is also available on the South High webpage. Be sure to check your email **QFTEN** for new scholarships.

College/University Based Scholarships are offered by colleges/universities which are only good at their institution. Search the college/university website for more information & complete their scholarship application.

The [OPS Scholarship Handbook](#) can be accessed online by clicking on this link. In addition to this handbook, there are many scholarships available on the following websites: [scholarshipquest.org](#) OR [studentscholarships.org](#).

### DON'T FORGET TO WRITE A...



Scholarships help students pursue higher education & earn a degree. If you are among those students who have received a scholarship, you should write a thank you letter to the donor(s) to let them know how much you appreciate their scholarship. In the thank you, note, you can also include your career plans so they know what you will be using their money for while attending college.

### IMPORTANT !! IMPORTANT !! IMPORTANT !!

Parents & Seniors: Please complete the attached [Release of Information form](#) as soon as possible. Transcripts, college information, and scholarships **CANNOT** be sent until this release is signed and returned. If you can't access the link, please contact your counselor.

### JOB CORPS

**FREE Technical College and Education for young men and women ages 16–24**

See Mr. Carlson in the Counseling Office for more information.

### WIOA YOUTH PROGRAM

*Workforce Innovation and Opportunity ACT*

Program for young adults aged 14-24 with career goals focusing on education & employment.

#### Contact Information:

[Heartland Workforce Solutions](#)  
Email—Youth.Desi@hws-ne.org  
Phone—(531) 600-5860

See Mr. Sagert in the Counseling Office for more information & to see if you qualify for this program.

### MILITARY

Visit these websites for more information:

- [Nebraska Army National Guard](#)
- [United States Air Force](#)
- [United States Army](#)
- [United States Coast Guard](#)
- [United States Marine Corps](#)
- [United States Navy](#)

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