



Benny's Bulletin



CLASS OF 2021

METRO COMMUNITY COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS

- Apply to [MCC](#) online
- Go to [MCC Scholarships](#)
- Click on "Apply Now" at the bottom of the page
- Create or Login to a student account
- Complete the application!

Early Awarding—December 1, 2020
Last Call—March 1, 2021

SENIOR PICTURES FOR THE YEARBOOK

Due Friday, December 11, 2020

Options:

- Take your picture to Ms. Wheeler in Room #347
- Place your picture in Ms. Wheeler's mailbox in the Main Office
- Send it to southyearbook@ops.org

Be sure your name is on your picture!

If you are not taking your picture through a company, it needs to be a head & shoulders shot, face needs to be showing, & no hands or props. Plain & neutral colored backgrounds tend to look the best.



SENIOR PICTURES

Do you still need to have your senior pictures taken?

Visit [402 Photography Group](#) to book your photoshoot online or call (402) 807-0255 with any questions.

SUSAN THOMPSON BUFFETT SCHOLARSHIP

Tuition, books, & fees—renewable

To be eligible for this scholarship, the student must:

- Be a resident of Nebraska (DACA, undocumented, or DACA eligible students are eligible to apply)
- Achieve at least a 2.0 cumulative unweighted GPA (on a 4.0 scale)
- Plan to attend a Nebraska public college
- Be in need of financial assistance in order to attend college—Expected Family Contribution (EFC) below \$10,000
- Visit [Buffett Scholarship](#) for more information & to apply

Application closes:

Monday, February 1, 2021 @ 5:00 p.m.

Need extra help with college applications, scholarships, FAFSA, or anything else?

SENIOR SUCCESS VIRTUAL HELP

Wednesdays (Starting 11/18)—3:30 to 6:00 p.m.

AND

Saturdays (Starting 11/21)—9:00 a.m. to noon

Assistance provided through Omaha South HS TEAMS

GOODRICH SCHOLARSHIP

Tuition & general fees—renewable

To be eligible for this scholarship, the student must:

- Be a US citizen or legal non-citizen of the US who resides in Nebraska
- Be in need of financial assistance
- Apply to the [University of Nebraska-Omaha](#)
- Apply for the [Goodrich Scholarship](#)

Application closes:

Monday, March 1, 2021 @ 5:00 p.m.

See Mr. Perez for more information

ACT TEST DATES

Test Date:	Register By:
*12/12/2020	**11/20/2020
02/06/2021	01/08/2021
04/17/2021	03/12/2021
06/12/2021	05/07/2021
07/17/2021	06/18/2021

***Offered at Omaha South HS**
****Extended Deadline**

ACT Fee Waiver—If you are testing on a national test date & can't afford the registration fee for the ACT, you may be eligible for an ACT Fee Waiver. See your counselor for more information.

act.org

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

INTERESTED IN BUYING A YEARBOOK?

Yearbooks are \$45 until **Friday, December 11th**

After that date, yearbooks will be \$55—*While supplies last*
Purchase early to save \$\$\$

Buy online: yearbooksforever

Questions?

Contact Ms. Wheeler in Room #347 or at southyearbook@ops.org



Benny's Bulletin comes to you from the School Counseling Office at Omaha South High Magnet School

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 Worker:** Ms. Greenberg; **Bilingual Liaison:** Ms. Hill; **Counseling Secretaries:** Mrs. Kues & Mrs/ Villafuerte—(531) 299-2789

FAFSA

FAFSA became available on **October 1st**. Apply early to get the best financial aid package. If additional help is needed to help fill out your FAFSA, call the EducationQuest office to schedule an appointment.

SCHOOL TRADITIONS CAP & GOWN

OPTIONS FOR ORDERING:

1. Return order form & money to:

SCHOOL TRADITIONS

12100 W Center Rd #901

HOURS: Wednesdays—10 am-5:30 pm & Saturdays—10 am to noon

2) Order online @ [Jostens](#)

EDUCATIONQUEST

The [EducationQuest](#) website also 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.

FREE ACT TEST PRACTICE

- Log onto [academy.act.org](#)
- Click on "I am a student"
- Create Your Profile—Under student, click on "No"; Under Username or Email, type in your email address, type in a password; Click on the box "I'm here to practice for the ACT/PreACT"; & then click on "Next Step"
- Tell Us About Yourself—Type in First Name & Last Name. Click on the box "Next Step"
- Join Your Class on ACT Academy—Click on the box "Start Learning!"
- You made a good choice! Click on "Explore Math", "Explore Science", "Explore English", or "Explore Reading" to start practicing for the ACT Test

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](#).

A list of current scholarships will be emailed to you each month. This list will be posted outside of the Counseling Office or can be accessed by clicking [here](#). Be sure to check your email **OFTEN** for new scholarships.

Upcoming Scholarship Deadlines:

- 11/30 Dr. Juan Andrade, Jr. Scholarship for Young Latino Leaders
- 12/01 Dell Scholars—Michael & Susan Dell Foundation
- 12/01 Nextiva Business Scholarship
- 12/15 Equitable Excellence Scholarship Program
- 12/15 Lead Roster B2B Sales & Marketing Scholarship
- 12/15 Publicity.ai SEO & Content Marketing Scholarship
- 12/15 Smith Diversity Scholarship—Lutheran Family Services of Nebr, Inc.
- 12/31 BadCredit.org's Wealth Wise Scholarship
- 12/31 OppU Achievers Scholarship

COLLEGE VISITS

College visits are very important in helping you decide if a college would be a good fit for you. If you are interested in visiting a college campus, go to their website, research what they have to offer, & schedule a virtual or physical visit.

Upcoming Virtual College Representative Visits: Below is a list of colleges that will be having representatives available to speak with Omaha South seniors. If you would like to join, you can sign up for those visits in **Naviance** by going to **Colleges Home** > scroll down to **College Visits** > **Show More** > **Register**.

11/09 **Wayne State College** @ 3:10 p.m.

11/09 **Eckerd College** @ 5:00 p.m.

11/11 **Simpson College** @ 3:10 p.m.

11/13 **Pacific Northwest College of Art** @ 2:45 p.m.

**Dates & times are subject to change. Additional colleges might be added to the list as well. Be sure to check the list on Naviance.*

ASKING FOR A LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

- ◆ **ASK** a teacher, counselor, community member, employer, etc. **WHO KNOWS YOU WELL!** (No family members or peers!)
- ◆ Give at least **2 WEEKS** notice to the person you're asking to prepare your letter of recommendation.
- ◆ Request your letter of recommendation **IN PERSON**.
- ◆ In addition to telling your recommender your deadlines & logistics, given them thoughtful reflections of your values, goals & accomplishments. Provide a copy of your resume, too.
- ◆ Be sure to **THANK** your recommender for writing a letter of recommendation for you.

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.

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!



OMAHA SOUTH HIGH MAGNET SCHOOL GRADUATION

Friday, May 28th—Baxter Arena
Practice @ 1 p.m.
Graduation @ 7 p.m.



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.

Omaha Public Schools does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, sex (including pregnancy), marital status, sexual orientation, disability, age, genetic information, gender identity, gender expression, citizenship status, veteran status, political affiliation or economic status in its programs, activities and employment and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups. The following individual has been designated to accept allegations regarding non-discrimination policies: Superintendent of Schools, 3215 Cuming Street, Omaha, NE 68131 (531-299-9822). The following persons have been designated to handle inquiries regarding the non-discrimination policies: Director of Equity and Diversity, 3215 Cuming St, Omaha, NE 68131 (531-299-0307).