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#### From PHS Administration

For our seniors, this is the home stretch as they progress toward completing their high school careers and look forward to life beyond Poudre High School. Finishing strong is very important and these last few months can serve as a great launching point to a successful postsecondary journey. It is important that seniors meet with their counselors to ensure that they have all their credits in line and that they have taken care of all those pieces that need to be in place for their college or career planning.

For 9th, 10th, and 11th graders, this is the time to begin considering which courses they want to take in the upcoming school year. Counselors will be visiting classrooms to share program offerings. Curriculum guides for students and parents are posted to Poudre's website, under counseling. Poudre has a wealth of opportunities of which students can take advantage. Therefore, it's never too early to begin thinking about which classes are of interest and will support your student's chosen post-secondary path.

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#### From PHS Administration, continued...

The first official day of Season B sports (Boys and Girls Basketball, Boys and Girls Wrestling, Girls Swimming, Ice Hockey and Boys and Girls Nordic Ski) is January 18<sup>th</sup>. Please contact our athletic assistant Michele Niesent at <a href="mailto:nmichele@psdschools.org">nmichele@psdschools.org</a> or our Athletic Director Carey Christensen at <a href="mailto:careyc@psdschools.org">careyc@psdschools.org</a> if you have any questions.

Please make note: The first week back from break is a 4-day week with no school on Monday, January 6th. The week of January 20th is also a 4-day week with Monday, January 20th off.

Stay in touch with Poudre High School using social media:

- Twitter: <a href="https://twitter.com/impalatweets">https://twitter.com/impalatweets</a>
- Instagram: www.instagram.com/poudre impalas/
- Facebook: <u>www.facebook.com/Poudre-High-School-Official-</u>284858671543939/

Once again, your involvement in your student's education is important and we want to partner with you to support your son or daughter in their work at Poudre High School. Please contact us or come in and visit if you have concerns.

Sincerely, PHS Administration









#### Resources for 8th Grade Students and Families

Resources for 8<sup>th</sup> grade students and families who may be considering Poudre High School for next year.

Our <u>Promo Night Video</u> is a great overview for families about the ninth grade experience at Poudre. All ninth graders at Poudre are part of Poudre Pathways which are career-oriented, smaller learning communities designed to support student success. We will be asking all students who are planning to attend Poudre to complete **our <u>Poudre HS</u>**<u>Pathway Selection Form</u> by January 15<sup>th</sup>. Students who are not in our attendance area will also need to complete the <u>School of Choice Application</u> with the same deadline.

As students go about selecting their Poudre Pathway, we encourage them to check out our 8th Grade Pathway Selection video that gives an overview of the various Pathways offered. Additional information about these Pathways can also be found on our PHS Counseling website including short videos from each Pathway. Our Poudre Pathway and Elective Opportunity Finder is a quick interest survey designed to help students in the Pathway selection process as well. We know that many students may have questions about the International Baccalaureate Pre-DP Pathway and can view this presentation to learn more. Again, all of these resources can be found on the PHS 8th Grade Registration webpage too.

As always, I am happy to talk with parents or students at any time or connect them to PHS resources.

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#### **Resources in this email:**

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ge5-GcLwARk&t=25s (8th Grade Promo Night – Overview of PHS)

https://tinyurl.com/8thGradePathwaySelection (8th Grade Pathway Selection Video)

https://tinyurl.com/PHSPathwaySelectionClassOf2025 (Pathway Selection Form - Due January 15)

http://psdschoolchoiceapplication.com/ (School of Choice Application)

http://www.phscounseling.org/curriculum-guide1.html (PHS Curriculum Guide)

http://www.phscounseling.org/uploads/6/0/7/5/60758063/phs pathway finder 2020 003 .pdf (Poudre Pathway and Elective Opportunity Finder)

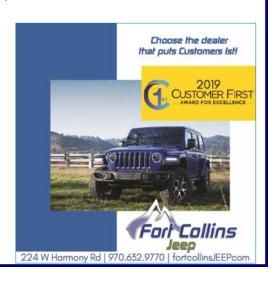
<a href="https://sites.google.com/psdschools.org/phs-ib-program/home">https://sites.google.com/psdschools.org/phs-ib-program/home</a> (International Baccalaureate/Pre-DP Pathway website)

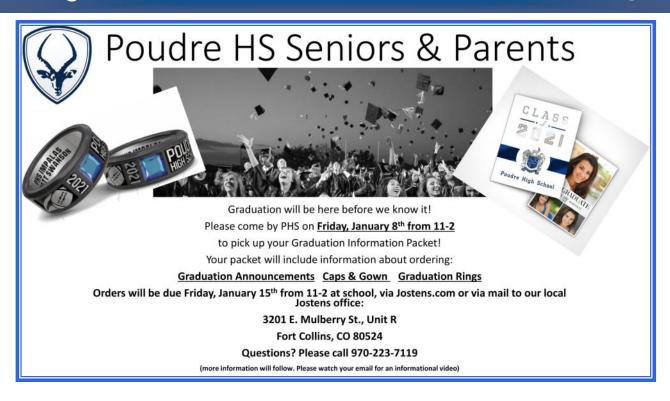
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ifzaae1 V c&feature=emb title (Pre-DP Pathway Presentation)

http://www.phscounseling.org/8th-graders.html (8th Grade Registration weblink)













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#### **Senior Meeting**

Seniors.

Please save the date for Friday, Jan. 8<sup>th</sup> for your senior meeting. You will receive a short video from Josten's on that day and will need to pick up your graduation order packet from PHS.

Packets will be available at PHS on Fri, Jan. 8<sup>th</sup> from 11 am until 2 pm.

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#### **Career Center Virtual Events**

Career, College, and Military Center
Virtual Lunch Informational Sessions
(ASCENT, Concurrent Enrollment, Grant Writing & Scholarships)

#### 1. ASCENT Virtual Informational meeting

Tuesday, January 12<sup>th</sup> - 12:00-12:55pm (link-https://meet.google.com/uvy-egpr-mhe?hs=122&authuser=0)

\*If you are a senior and you will have earned 12 college credits or more please join in the event to learn more about a freshman year at FRCC or Aims Community College tuition-free!

#### 2. Concurrent Enrollment Virtual Informational session

Thursday, January 14<sup>th</sup>-12:00-12:55pm (link-https://meet.google.com/ywr-wqvf-gca?hs=122&authuser=0)

\*If you are in 9<sup>th</sup>-12 grade and you are interested in learning more about earning college credits while in high school tuition-free join this event!

#### 3. Grant Writing 101 Informational session

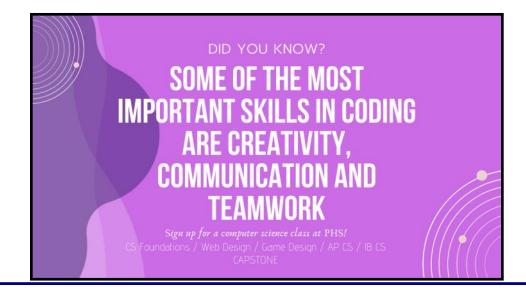
Wednesday, January 20<sup>th</sup> -12:00-12:55pm (link- https://meet.google.com/vnz-nspn-pvh?hs=122&authuser=0)

\*If you are interested in learning new ways to find free money for your club, activity, or personal project join in this event to learn about the process for students to get free money.

#### 4. Local Scholarship Packet Virtual Informational meeting

Thursday, January 7<sup>th</sup> -12:00-12:55pm (link-https://meet.google.com/dyr-sqgj-wen?hs=122&authuser=0)

\*The Local Scholarship Packet for in-state and out of state colleges has over 50 scholarships available with only one application. Learn how to apply and what scholarships are available.



#### **Scholarship Links**



#### **Local Scholarship Packet**

link: docs.google.com/forms/d/1NBnuqu16Vr9N5w48KhNdv jaQe FS1-tGmB6wlJd8W6g/edit

Please make sure you read the packet carefully and completely!

Student is responsible to upload all necessary documents.

Here is your needed link for the packet: PHS transcript

www.phscounseling.org/uploads/6/0/7/5/60758063/phs\_transcript

request\_form.pdf

Deadline date to submit packet is January 22, 2021- 4:05 pm Late applications will not be submitted!

#### Great links to scholarships!

Front Range Community College Scholarships- deadline 3/1/2021 <a href="https://www.frontrange.edu/paying-for-college/scholarships">www.frontrange.edu/paying-for-college/scholarships</a>

NoCOCommunityFoundation Scholarships- opens 1/15/2021-2/28/2021-<u>https://nocofoundation.org/</u>

Students check your Xello account for more scholarshipsdeadlines vary



#### Helpful Scholarship tool links

- https://fafsa.ed.gov/
- ° http://www.fastweb.com/
- http://www.reviews.com/best-scholarshipsearch-platforms/ studentloans.net/scholarships
- ° collegeincolorado.org
- ° e4fc.org
- ° denverfoundation.org
- ° scholarshipsaz.org
- ° maldef.org
- Raise.Me
- ° Social Kit Scholarship

DACA Scholarship Links-Community College of Denver

Request for Interpretation Form http://tinyurl.com/PSDinterpretationrequest

Translation Library & Services http://tinyurl.com/PSDtranslationlibrary

PSD Family Liaisons Sites http://tinyurl.com/PSDFamilyLiaisonwebpage

PSD ELD Guide http://tinyurl.com/psdelaguide

If you are undocumented or have Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) status, please click on the links below for possible scholarships.

- **Westminster Public Schools Foundation**
- Bootstrap Scholarship Foundation
- Latin American Education Foundation
- Hispanic Scholarship Fund
- Boettcher Scholarship
- Golden Door Scholars Program
- Colorado Keeping the Dream Alive Scholarship
- TheDream.Us Scholarship
- ReconoceR Scholarship Fund
- Keeping the Dream Alive New Scholarship List
- Scholarship Lists for DACA Students
- More Scholarships for DACA Students
- ° Colleges that meet 100% financial need for undocumented students.

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#### **FFA**

This year has been a tough one no doubt, events such as COVID and students being evacuated due to Colorado wildfires have made our journey hard. However, the Poudre Ag department and FFA chapter has managed to find ways to socialize and get to know our FFA members whether they are new or old.

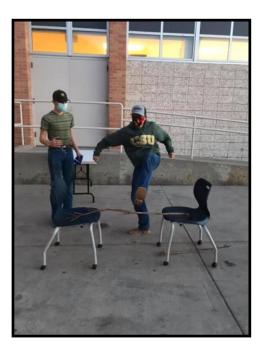
At the beginning of the year we selected six students to become our officers and lead us through the 2020-2021 school year. This team will go on to lead our chapter and plan events that follow safety guidelines while encouraging participation from our members. Paige Hill, Casey Kraft, Mary Armstrong, Peyton Gfeller, Tyler Uthman and Laura Ford are our current officer team and have been doing an excellent job in spite of the obstacles we have faced this year. In October, we were able to put on a pumpkin carving competition where the members were able to stay socially distanced while carving their own pumpkins to be judged and placed.

Later on in November, our chapter held Poudre FFA's Leadership Development Event competitions where our members chose to compete in the Creed, Prepared, or Extemporaneous speaking contests. This event is a wonderful opportunity for students to improve and demonstrate their public speaking skills as they stand up in front of a panel of judges to deliver their speech. On that note, we would like to congratulate Ester Ambrose and Scarlett Nielsen for receiving our top two scores in Creed Speaking, Avery Chadwick and Kanyon Hardle in Prepared Speaking, and Casey Kraft and Peyton Gfeller in Extemporaneous speaking. These six are our district qualifiers for this year!

Shortly after the speaking contests, the officer team was able to prepare a November chapter event. This Thanksgiving scavenger hunt took on teams of two who participated in a series of different stations of team building games. After they completed the hunt, we tallied up their times and named winners! This event was a safe and socially distanced way to build teamwork skills and have fun with our peers.

Our December event was held after we went back to virtual learning, but this did not stop us from including our members in a fun monthly event. Our team was completely safe as the members stayed in their cars and followed a map to different houses with decadent christmas lights. These members took pictures of the houses they visited and were encouraged to post them on their social media, tagging Poudre FFA.





We are currently preparing for our 7th annual Rocky Mountain Oyster Fry fundraiser. In the past this has been a large and successful event that helps us raise money to hold events like the ones mentioned above. Normally, we feed around 1,000 people and offer both silent and live auctions. Unfortunately, this year will look a little different. In order to meet district and county health policies, we will be holding an online silent auction from Monday, February 15th to Thursday, February 18th. Pick up of items will be on Friday, February 19th. We are excited to still offer opportunities for members to gain skills in event planning, communication, and teamwork, and look forward to another successful event.

This year has been quite a challenge, but one that the Poudre FFA chapter has taken in stride. We are so proud of our members and advisors who have persevered through these tough times with a smile on their faces. We have been able to make the most of virtual learning while getting to know each other better and better every day. We look forward to spending 2021 with our members and seeing what the future holds!





V.2 ISSUE 1

# **GO BEYOND**

The official newsletter of Work-Based Learning at PSD

#### Why Work-Based Learning?

Work-based learning (WBL) provides students with real-life experiences where they can apply academic and technical skills and develop their employability. WBL merges theory with practice; it bridges the gap between learning and doing.

#### What are the benefits of Work-based Learning for students?

- · WBL connects classroom learning to the real world
- · WBL gives students opportunities to practice skills in real-world scenarios
- WBL helps students develop soft skills
- WBL gives students a chance to **observe** professionals in action
- WBL helps students **network** with professionals and potential employers in their field

#### What are the benefits of Work-based Learning for the community?

- · WBL builds a more robust pool of skilled workers
- · WBL teaches soft skills (so employers don't have to)
- · WBL lowers recruitment costs for employers
- WBL strengthens community partnerships
- WBL helps close the skills gap

At the high school level in PSD, students have the opportunity to experience a continuum of activities that occur, in part or in whole, in the workplace - providing learning with hands-on, real-world experience.

#### 9th - 12th Grade

- · Participate in Monthly Career Tours: visit local businesses to learn about various careers
- · Resume/interviewing help and updated jobs in Fort Collins (16+)
- · Complete career exploration activities in Xello including the Personality & Matchmaker assessments

#### 10th - 12th Grade

- · Fall/Summer Hiring Fairs
- . Join WBL (PaCE) to earn school credit for working/volunteering (max of 40 elective credits possible)

#### 10th Grade

· Work with your WBL Coordinator to find and apply for Internships and Apprenticeships for junior/senior year

#### 11th Grade

· Work with your WBL Coordinator to find and apply for Internships and Apprenticeships for senior year

#### **ACE Mentor Internship Program**



The <u>National ACE Mentor</u> Internship program has accepted 47 PSD students representing FCHS, FRHS, RMHS, PHS, and Poudre Global Academy into the 2020-21 internship cohort, more than double the participation since PSD first began participating. The ACE program, founded in 1994, was designed to attract high school students into pursuing careers in Architecture, Construction, and Engineering, including skilled trades.

Over the course of 17 weeks, volunteer industry professionals will mentor teams of students, which are set up to emulate an actual design team, through a 60-hour simulation to plan and design a mock project on a real site, introducing them to the careers, industry vocabulary, and various roles companies play in the design and build industries. This year's project is to design the Bucking Horse Park in Fort Collins. Students will earn school credit through WBL-Engineering or WBL-Construction. This year's volunteer mentors for PSD are professionals from the following Northern Colorado civil engineering, architecture, and landscape architecture firms: Northern Engineering, Norris Design, Clark Enersen, Lamp Rynearson, and Raker Rhodes Engineering. Check back in the Spring to see what PSD students accomplish!





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#### **Futures Lab Virtual Info Event**

The Futures Lab team is excited to invite you to learn more about the opportunities available for the 2021-22 school year. The Lab offers a unique, experiential learning environment that works alongside your existing high school schedule. We are offering an on-demand info event that will launch the week of January 25, 2021. In addition to videos featuring our team and our current learners, you will have the opportunity to sign up for a one-on-one chat with a member of our team who can answer your specific questions.

If you have any questions about the Lab, please reach out to us directly. Our team is excited to meet you and we look forward to welcoming you and your learner to our community for the 2021-22 school year!



970-488-4400 // futureslab@psdschools.org

#### **Virtual Career Tours**

MANUFACTURING - VIDEOS OF NOCO BUSINESSES

JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT - CAREER/JOBSHADOW VIDEOS

#### **CONTACT US:**

#### Work-Based Learning Coordinators:

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JANUARY 12/13 - VIRTUAL 14E

EXPLORATION DAY, INSTITUTE

FOR ENTREPRENEURSHIP, CSU

JANUARY 25 - FUTURES LAB

JANUARY 28 - FRCC CAREER PATHWAYS INFO SESSION

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

FEBRUARY 5 - FRCC CAREER

PATHWAYS APPLICATIONS DUE

FEBRUARY 9/10 - VIRTUAL 14E

EXPLORATION DAY, INSTITUTE FOR ENTREPRENEURSHIP, CSU

FEBRUARY 19 - UNC'S FUTURE

TEACHER CONFERENCE (VIRTUAL)

JANUARY/FEBRUARY - CTE CLASS

VIRTUAL INFO WEEK

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**Future Teacher Conference** 

Interested in teaching? Join us for the (free!) sixth annual Future Teacher Conference on February 19, 2021

This year, the Future Teacher Conference is going virtual. Spend the day with high school and community college students and learn from experienced educators and current UNC students about what it is like to be a teacher and how to prepare yourself for a career in education.

Presentations and workshops will include information and perspectives from current pre-service teachers (UNC students), early career teachers, veteran educators and UNC faculty/administration. A special session for your parents too! To learn more about topics covered, visit UNC's website.

Students, parents and teachers can register here!







### **FRCC Career Pathway Programs**

Automotive Technology & Service Welding and Metal Fabrication

#### 2021-2022 APPLICATION PROCESS

Deadline to apply: Friday, February 5th!



- Step #1 Complete the Application: https://bit.ly/frccpathway
- Step #2 Complete your Xello lessons
- Step #3 Meet with your counselor

Scan the QR Code or see your Counselor for more info!

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