



LA QUINTA HIGH SCHOOL

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A Message from the Guidance Office



CLASS OF 2012 ...Your senior year is quickly coming to an end and with about seven weeks left of school we want to remind all of you to finish the year off strong! Be sure to talk to your teachers if you are having trouble in any of your classes and utilize tutoring after school if necessary. Your teachers and counselors are here to help and we want nothing more than to see you walk at graduation. Also keep in mind that universities will be looking at 2nd semester grades and can revoke your admission if you let your grades slip at the end of the semester.



As you receive your notification for Cal Grant in the mail be sure to review and submit any necessary changes by the specified deadline. Letters of intent to the college or university of your choice should have been submitted by May 1st . Be sure to keep track of future deadlines regarding your financial aid, housing, etc. Should you have any questions regarding admission, housing, and/or financial aid be sure to contact your school's office of undergraduate admissions. Most of this information is easily accessible online.

Senior Awards Night
Wednesday, May 30th at 6:00PM
La Quinta High School Gymnasium

students being honored will receive an invitation during the school day within the next couple weeks. If you receive an invitation, make sure to pick up instructions from Ms. Smith in Guidance



PROM

Prom will be held on Friday, May 25th at *7 Degrees* in Laguna Hills. Tickets now: \$65, May 7: \$70, May 14: \$75. Must attend school on Friday, May 25th to attend Prom

Grad Night

Grad Night will be held on June 21st 10PM - 3AM at Disneyland. Students must provide own transportation. You can enter Disneyland any time during the day. Pick up your tickets Wednesday the 20th when you pick up your diploma.

Senior Barbecue

June 15th at 11:00AM at pool

Year Book Distribution

June 8th after School in Gym

Cap & Gown Distribution

Friday June 15th after Senior BBQ in Gym

Diploma Pick Up

Wednesday June 20th, location & time to be determined

Baccalaureate

Saturday, June 16th at the Crystal Cathedral

INFORMATION ON YOUR BIG DAY ...



This Year's graduation ceremony will be held Tuesday June 19, at 6:00PM at Bolsa Grande High School Stadium. The Ceremony will last approximately 1 hour, the following restrictions will apply:

- No signs or banners**
- No balloons**
- No food or beverages**
- No noisemakers**
- No umbrellas**



A security company will be on hand to enforce the ceremony guidelines, which are designed to provide an enjoyable environment, as well as allow everyone to hear and see their loved one as they receive their diploma. There are no tickets required and the gates will open at 4:45 PM for "first come, first serve" seating. Please inform your parents of this information.

How to Apply for Scholarships

Now is the prime time for you to pursue scholarship opportunities from private organizations, businesses, etc., Please read about all our scholarships as well as research your own. For every one we list, there are thousands more! Remember you and your parents can access the Senior Newsletter on La Quinta's web page at: www.laquintahs.org.

Check these out! www.fastweb.com, www.collegetoolkit.com, meritaid.com, www.collegeboard.org, www.salliemae.com, www.csac.ca.gov, www.edfund.org, www.mapping-your-future.org, [http://www.yahoo.com/Education/financial Aid](http://http://www.yahoo.com/Education/financial%20Aid), www.ed.gov/index, www.usnews.com, www.scholarships.com, www.gocollege.com, www.educatorsconnection.com/register.php www.scholarshipcoach.com.

What if you don't get accepted to the university of your choice?

There are still many private universities accepting applications! Go to Collegeboard.com under "College Search" click "College Search Step-by-Step" and find private schools who are still accepting applications.

GOLDEN WEST/ORANGE COAST Community College

Many of you who are planning on attending a community college in the Fall of 2012 took the SOAR test here on campus. You will be receiving your test results in the mail within the next few weeks. Along with a copy of your results you will also receive information regarding New Student Orientation. It is important for you to attend the New Student Orientation because it will provide you with all the information that you need to start registering for your classes. We strongly encourage you to meet with an academic advisor once you have attended the New Student Orientation to make sure that you get started on the right track. Be sure to let the academic advisor know that you plan on transferring to a University after two years so that they can ensure you take all the appropriate classes.

For those of you who missed the SOAR test do not panic! Check the April issue of the Senior Newsletter for the schedule of make-up dates for both Golden West and Orange Coast colleges. If you would like to make an appointment to take the SOAR test at Golden West please call 714-895-8388 and for Orange Coast call 714-432-5696. Tests should be taken as soon as possible so that you receive your results and can register early for the appropriate classes. See Ms. FitzRandolph for a Make-up schedule.

GRAN-TOR	REQUIREMENTS	DEAD-LINE
BBG Commu-nications Scholarship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$1,000 • Answer two essay questions • http://www.studentscholarships.org/scholarship.ph 	June 30, 2012
Molisani of Southern California	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must be a descendent of parents from the Molise Region of Italy, either directly or through marriage. • See Ms. Grelle for an application 	May 15, 2012
Create an Impact Foundation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • College scholarship contest offering \$500 to students entering college or trade school in the fall • Go to: http://www.createanimpactfoundation.org/ 	May 16, 2012
Futuro Bril-lante Scholar-ship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$500 • 3.0 GPA or above with financial need • Prior to receiving scholarship, recipient must complete a minimum of 5 hrs community service at the Buena Clinton Youth and Family Center • Pick up application at the Buena Clinton Youth & family Center, 12661 Sun-swept Ave, Garden Grove, CA 92843 Monday-Thursday from 1pm - 5pm 	May 24, 2012

GRANTOR	REQUIREMENTS	DEADLINE
OC Register wants to recognize our TOP 4 graduates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Min 3.7 GPA • Excelled in at least 1: Academics, Arts, Sports, Community Service • See Ms. Grelle for this once-in-a-life-time prestigious opportunity to be written about in the Orange County Register 	May 22, 2012
OC Register will recognize the County's top graduates!	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Min GPA 3.5 • They want students whose accomplishments stand out at a countywide or national level, and who have excelled in Academics, Art, Music, Community Service, and/or Sports • Not necessarily the Valedictorian • A graduate who will most likely leave a big impact on the world • Some of last year's honorees published professional scientific research papers, provided humanitarian relief around the globe, advocated nationally for critical causes, and led and inspired countless peers to serve and give back • See Ms. Grelle for more information! 	May 16, 2012
Vancouver Restaurant Scholarship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$500 • Answer the essay question found on the application page • Apply: Http://www.studentscholarships.org/scholarship.php 	May 30, 2012
Healthy Lifestyles Scholarship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$5,000 • Apply on line • Http://www.studentscholarships.org/scholarship.php 	May 30, 2012
Big Dig Scholarship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$3,000 • Essay under 1000 words • Must attend university or college in the Fall • Apply on line • http://www.studentscholarships.org/scholarship.php 	June 1, 2012
Man Mac Automatic Transmission Scholarship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$500 • Must attend university or college in the Fall • Apply on line • http://www.studentscholarships.org/scholarship.php 	June 15, 2012
Sports Beat	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$500 scholarship for the best action sports photo from this season • All high school athletes are eligible for entry • Athletes, family, friends are allowed to vote • Visit www.sportsbeat.com for details 	
WiseChoice "Find the Right College" Scholarship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$2,500 • Register for WiseChoice (it's free) • Respond (200 words max): "What do you think is important when it comes to finding a college that fits?" • Apply at http://wisechoice.com/scholarship?sid=gcfx 	May 31, 2012
Orange County's Credit Union	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$500 • Must be a member of Orange County's Credit Union (can be recent member) • Apply: http://www.orangecountyscu.org/assets/pdfs/forms/2012_Scholarship.pdf 	May 11, 2012

GRANTOR	REQUIREMENTS	DEADLINE
B. Davis Scholarship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$1,000 - Not an academic scholarship • Discuss, in less than 1000 words, how your education has contributed to who you are today, or how it will affect who you will become. • Must submit essay to awards@studentawardsearch.com • Include your name, the school you are attending this year and next, and what your future academic plans are. 	May 28, 2012
Youth Automobile Safety Scholarship Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$250 to \$1,500 • Children of full-time or retired public employees • Essay competition: how to reduce accidents among teenagers • Apply: einsurance.com/scholarship.htm 	May 11, 2012
BBG Communications Scholarship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$1,000 • Answer two essay questions • http://www.studentscholarships.org/scholarship.php 	June 30, 2012
Myrth Buckley Memorial Grant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$500 • 1000 word essay addressing one of 4 Government issues • Myrth Buckley was a former AP US History teacher at LQ. She passed away in 2004. She was known for her tenacious demand that her students actively engage in critical analysis based upon researching the truth - wherever this would lead them. Her legacy has been to raise the intellectual standard not only in AP, but in all Social Study courses. • See Ms. Grelle for an application! Hurry! 	May 16, 2012
Philip O. Stedman Scholarship Fund	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$500 • Must be pursuing a career in teaching • Mr. Stedman was a teacher at La Quinta from 1963 to 1985. His friends and family have established this scholarship to help students who are interested in pursuing a teaching career and who posses the qualities that remind all of us of the great person Mr. Stedman was. • See Ms. Grelle for an application 	May 16, 2012
Sigma Phi Epsilon Balanced Man Scholarship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If you are planning to attend California State University Fresno • Up to \$1,000 • See Ms. Grelle for an application 	July 1, 2012
Big Bun Scholarship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$500.00 • Attend a post secondary institute in the fall and plan to be involved in some sport at that institution or in the community • Apply at http://www.bigsunathletics.com 	June 22, 2012
National Scholarship Providers Association (NSPA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$2,000 4-year renewable awarded to first-generation college students • Neither parent has earned a 4-year college degree • Must be attending a CSO Partner college or university (a complete list of CSO College Partners can be viewed here: http://csopportunity.org/college_partners/coll_partners.aspx) • Involved in extracurricular and leadership programs in school or community • Complete the application at: http://www.newschoolpa.org/schol_start.htm 	May 25, 2012