

# Senior Financial Aid Night

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## Senior Year...can be overwhelming!

- ▶ Am I ready to graduate? What about this senioritis?
- ▶ What am I going to do after high school?
- ▶ CHOICES! Should I go to college, vocational school, apprenticeship, military, take a gap-year off, go straight into the work force?
- ▶ How many times do I have to take the ACTs/SATs; do I have to take them at all?
- ▶ How do I pay for college or training? How do I get financial aid?
- ▶ How many colleges should I apply to? What do I do if I am not accepted? What do I do if I get accepted multiple places?
- ▶ How do I get organized?
- ▶ How do I deal with all the stress from all these decisions?

# We are here to support your student and your family through the process!

- ▶ At Colony, we serve our students as School Counselors by last name, alpha groups—the groups have changed this year to balance our caseloads:
- ▶ Tomasina Edgar, Counselor A–E
- ▶ Kelly Thaler, Counselor F–K
- ▶ Kristina Magner, Counselor L–Re
- ▶ Tom Berg, Counselor Rh–Z
  
- ▶ Jennifer Bostick—Registrar (for official transcripts and records)
- ▶ Dorothy Wilson—Secretary
- ▶ Please reach out to us with any questions/concerns you may have!



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Self-Enroll in SAT or  
ACT Test Prep today!



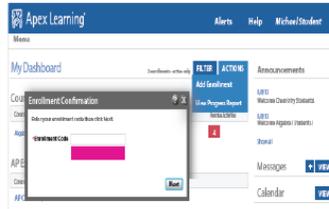
### Prepare with Tutorials

Login to Clever through Student Quick Links

Click on Apex



1. On the dashboard screen, click Actions > Add Enrollment. The enrollment dialog box opens.
2. Enter one enrollment code in the Enrollment Code Field
3. Click the submit button. The dialog box refreshes.
4. Click the +/- icon to the left of a subject name to see the course.
5. Check the Select box to enroll in that course.
6. Click the Submit button. The dialog closes and the selected courses can be accessed from the My Dashboard screen.



If you have more than one enrollment code,  
please repeat these steps for each code.

ACT Code T6363433

SAT Code T1916338

If you have trouble logging in via Clever,  
email Mrs. Gimm a screenshot including the Request ID  
Example below

Request ID: 10114ab5-9765-455a-b1f7-55b155c7fd4a

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# SAT/ACT help is available!

- ▶ APEX offers free tutorials for the SAT and the ACT.
- ▶ The Alaska Performance Scholarship requires either test this year again, unlike the past couple years. You must earn a qualifying score.
- ▶ See us in the counseling office or visit our CHS Counseling homepage to get the info!
- ▶ “March2Success” website sponsored by the US Army is a great resource.

# SAT/ACT upcoming dates:

## **SAT CHS test dates 2021-2022:**

- August 28th
- October 2nd
- December 4th
- March 12th
- May 7th

## **ACT CHS test dates 2021-2022:**

- September 11th
- December 11th
- February 12nd
- April 2nd

# Where do I go for information?

- ▶ Colony Counseling Homepage

- ▶ Link to Scholarships page found here

<https://www.matsuk12.us/cms/Workspace/Section/Section.aspx?DomainId=7769&PageID=10466>

- ▶ Colony HS Homepage-→ Our CHS bulletin has important events, dates, college visits, and more! <https://www.matsuk12.us/chs>

- ▶ Senior webpage (found from CHS homepage, maintained by Stephanie Haase, Graduation Coordinator at CHS)

# Tonight's guest speaker: please welcome, Christina Campbell (ACPE)!

- ▶ Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education
- ▶ She will be discussing many topics:
- ▶ If you have questions, please write them in the chat box and we will try to address them.
- ▶ If you have questions we cannot answer, I will do my best to research and find out what you need to know and get back to you. 😊
- ▶ [Christina.campbell@alaska.gov](mailto:Christina.campbell@alaska.gov)