



# APRIL, 2009 NEWSLETTER

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## ACT/SAT

- The next **ACT** Test date is June 13, 2009. The last date to register is May 8, 2009. Late fee registration is May 9-22. This test is given on our campus.
- The next **SAT** Test date is May 2, 2009. The last day to register without a late fee is March 31, 2009. The last day to register with a late fee is April 9. This test is given on our campus.
- Students can pick up registration and preparation packets in the career center of the guidance office or they can register online at:  
(ACT) [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org)  
(SAT) [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com)
- Students who qualify for free and reduced lunches can obtain a fee waiver—See Mr. Lewis.

## Arizona Assurance Scholarship

The leading research university in the American Southwest is now the leader in making the dream of a college education an affordable reality for Arizona families. Central to The University of Arizona's land-grant mission is the unwavering goal to make a superior college education accessible to as many Arizona students as possible. Toward this goal, an unprecedented UA initiative called Arizona Assurance is now under way.

Arizona Assurance makes what seemed impossible, possible by giving students from families earning up to \$42,400 per year the opportunity to graduate in four years without ever borrowing money. Nearly all Arizona students who qualify and give their best effort can become UA graduates with little or no college debt.

By combining grant and gift funds provided by UA and other outside donors with income that each Arizona Assurance scholar earns from an on-campus job, Arizona Assurance covers essential costs of tuition, books, and room & food.

Costs	Arizona Assurance
Tuition & fees ..... \$6,090	Pell Grant ..... \$5,350
Books ..... \$1,000	Assured gift support ... \$7,954
Room & food ..... \$8,614	On campus job ..... \$2,400
Total \$15,704	Total \$15,704

To qualify, students must:

- Earn admission to the UA.
- Apply for financial aid no later than May 1.
- Be an Arizona resident.
- Enter the UA as a freshman directly from high school.
- Have family income equal to or less than \$42,400.
- Be eligible for the federal Pell Grant.
- Enroll as a full-time student at the UA.

The first step is to fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) online at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov).

For more information about Arizona Assurance, contact The UA Office of Student Financial Aid at 520.621.1858.

## CAC First Step Program

**High school students can earn college credit!**

High school students may be eligible to take college-level classes while still in high school by participating in CAC's First Step Program.

First Step is offered for students who have completed their sophomore, junior or senior year. They may take up to 7 credits per summer for free (21 max credits). Although tuition is covered, students are required to pay for their books, attend First Step orientation and complete CAC's CPD101 course. First Step is offered during the summer session only. Students must provide their own transportation to class.

While there are advantages to getting a jump start on higher education, students and parents should seriously consider college class expectations. Grades posted to a college transcript will follow the student for life and will affect future opportunities for employment, financial aid and academics.

In order to participate in First Step 2009 first time students will need to complete an application (available in the CGHS Career Center) and Placement Testing. Placement testing is available at CAC on Mondays from 3:00 to 5:00 pm. Advising and registration is also available on Mondays from 5:00 to 6:00. Appointments are required. Call 520-494-5414 for more information or to schedule an appointment for testing/advisement.

## Boundary Exceptions Available April 15th

Students who live within the CGHS boundary and want to attend VGHS or students in the VGHS boundary who want to attend CGHS may complete and submit a boundary exception. Boundary exception forms will be available at the CGHS front office, the District Office and online beginning April 15th. The deadline to submit the exception form is May 15th. A committee will review all applications and let families know if their boundary exception has been accepted or declined by Friday, May 22nd. Call 520-316-3301 with any questions regarding school boundaries or visit the District website at [www.cguhsd.org](http://www.cguhsd.org).