



Class of 2026

Senior Newsletter September, 2025

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Welcome to the start of the 2025-26 school year! Your senior year is one of high school's most exciting and stressful times. This is a big year for everyone as you balance schoolwork, extracurricular activities, and the college application process. Our goal as a Guidance Staff is to work with each senior to help him/her through the process of determining the best route for life after high school.

Our most important advice for those planning to attend college after high school is to stay on track with the college admissions process. Get organized, be aware of deadlines, and do not procrastinate! The college application and financial aid process is filled with a lot of details and paperwork. You must involve your parents in this process.

Advice For Parents:

There are many things you can do to help your Senior prepare for continuing their education after high school.

- Sit down with your student and prepare a list of what he/she is looking for in a college
- Help him/her sort through the information they receive from different institutions to decide which ones offer what's on their list.
- Complete Applications with your student.
- Ask them monthly, "What are you working on and what scholarships have you applied for?"
- Go on college visits with your students. A visit to a college campus is invaluable for making a decision.
- Complete the FAFSA application online
- Create an FSA ID on FAFSA's website for you and your Senior.
- In March, the award notices will start coming in. Look at the financing carefully and contact the schools with any questions

Xenia High School Application/Transcript Process

Important Information to help you complete applications:

School: Xenia High School **Address:** 303 Kinsey Road Xenia, Ohio 45385

Telephone: 937-372-6983

Guidance Fax Number: 937-352-4450

Senior Class Size: 261 (based on August 2025)

Graduation Date: May 20, 2026

XHS ACT Test Center Code: 183070

School CEEB/Code Number: 365-682

Senior Calendar

SEPTEMBER 30 Miami University (OH) College Fair
OCTOBER 16 End of First Nine Weeks
OCTOBER 18 ACT TEST @ XHS at 8:00 A.M.
OCTOBER 23 Report Card Fair - 4:00 - 7:00 p.m.
OCTOBER 31 College applications submitted for first consideration
NOVEMBER 20 Senior Session @ XHS
NOVEMBER 21 Senior Sessions @ GCCC
NOVEMBER 24-28 Thanksgiving Vacation – No School
DECEMBER 13 ACT TEST @ XHS – 8:00 a.m.
DECEMBER 19 END OF 1ST SEMESTER
DEC 22 - JAN 5 WINTER BREAK

Xenia High School College Application Procedure:

College application deadlines are early!! College applications should be submitted by October 31, 2024. We encourage you to get busy filling out applications to the college(s) or the university (ies) of your choice! In addition to your application, colleges and universities will need a copy of your high school transcript. The transcript should be sent after you have applied to the college or university.

Most college applications should be completed online. Some select schools accept the common app application. Miami University, University of Cincinnati, and Ohio State University are only using the common app application. It is available online at www.commonapp.org.

Once you have submitted your application, please follow the steps listed below to ensure all of the correct paperwork is submitted to complete your college application:

Step 1: Complete your college application online

Step 2: Request that a copy of your transcript be sent to the colleges you are applying to.

Step 3: If your application requires a teacher recommendation, please contact the teacher first and ask him/her if they would be willing to write you a letter of recommendation and give them plenty of time to write it.

Step 4: Please make sure to notify your counselor of all college acceptances and scholarships you receive. Bring these letters to the Guidance Office and a copy will be made for our files.

Planning: Timeline for a Successful Senior Year

Fall: Plan Wisely for Application Season

- o Track Deadlines for application submissions
- o If required for admission or scholarship applications, request recommendations from teachers, employers, and/or guidance counselors, and begin writing rough drafts of essays

- o Attend college fairs and schedule college visits
- o Meet with your counselor to stay on track with admission requirements
- o Complete applications and let the Guidance office know where you are applying so transcripts can be sent
- o Register for the ACT/SAT if necessary
- o Start working on scholarship searches and applications
- o Stay on track with your grades and extracurricular activities

Winter: Finalize Admission and Scholarship Applications

- o Keep track of deadlines (cannot stress this enough!!)
- o Complete all applications
- o Continue with the scholarship search
- o Complete FAFSA online to determine financial aid eligibility. (Have your parents gather their IRS tax returns – they will be needed on the FAFSA)
- o Stay on track with your grades and extracurricular activities

Spring: “The Home Stretch”

- o Follow up on your college applications
- o Watch mail and e-mail for college decisions
- o Review colleges' acceptances and compare financial aid offers
- o Make your final college decision (May 1 is the last day to notify many schools of your intent to attend)
- o Prepare for End of Year exams
- o Graduate Strong!

Life After High School:

It may not seem like it, but your senior year will go by very quickly! We hope that you have been able to come up with a plan for “Life after high school”. Many of you are planning to attend college in the fall of 2026. Some of you plan to finish school and join the workforce after graduation, and a few will be joining the military to serve our country after graduation.

Here are some things to consider as you decide on what you want to do after graduation:

HOW DO I CHOOSE A COLLEGE? There are hundreds of colleges and universities throughout the United States. Narrowing your choices down to one can be difficult. If you are trying to select a college or university, the following are some factors you will want to consider:

SIZE: Enrollments can vary from 100 to over 50,000. What size would be best for you?

TYPE: Is the college co-educational or for only males or females? Is it primarily a liberal arts college or is it a specialized school? Is it state-supported or is it a private/religious-affiliated school?

LOCATION: Does it have a country or city atmosphere? Is it one to which you could commute or would you have to live on campus? How far is it from home?

STANDING: Is it fully accredited? What type of faculty does it have? What is the ratio of faculty to students? Does it offer the program you want?

EXTRA-CURRICULAR: Does it have the activities in which you are interested?

ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS: Are they comparable to your past achievements?

COST AND AID: What is the cost of the college versus the amount of aid or work opportunities they typically provide? How much financial help will be available from your family? (Note: Some out-of-state schools are less expensive than in-state schools.) **DO NOT RELY ON THE STICKER PRICE!**

TRANSFER OF CREDITS: Many students plan to attend a 2-year school with the idea of transferring to a 4-year school. Be sure to check to see if courses will apply to your intended degree. The site **www.transferology.com** will allow students to compare courses for three schools at a time.

Post-secondary education has many values, including:

Employment

Post-secondary education can lead to better jobs and higher pay. For example, a bachelor's degree can lead to lifetime earnings of around \$2.8 million, while an associate degree can lead to lifetime earnings of around \$2 million.

Personal development

Post-secondary education can help people develop self-esteem, build friendships, and learn new ideas.

Intellectual exploration

Post-secondary education can help people learn about new areas of interest and master complex material.

Social and civic engagement

Post-secondary education can help people become more civic-minded and closer to family and friends.

Health

Post-secondary education can help people cope with daily stressors and improve their overall health.

Diversity

Post-secondary education can help people learn to get along with people from different backgrounds.

Safety

Post-secondary education may contribute to a safer society with lower levels of crime.

WHAT TO CONSIDER WHEN DECIDING ON A JOB OR CAREER:

YOUR INTERESTS: Do you enjoy helping people, working with your hands, working with information and numbers, creating, designing, and being outdoors? Identify your possibilities. One of the most important factors in career satisfaction is liking what you do.

SALARY: What salary can you expect to make in your chosen field? After two or three years of experience? After ten years? Talk with employers; get realistic estimates of what the return on your investment will be.

ADVANCEMENT: Is your career open-ended? Where will it lead you? Will it offer the opportunity to start your own business if that is your goal? Are there more trained people than there are jobs in your career? Choose a career with a good future, and make sure you won't become obsolete in a few years.

JOB MOBILITY: Where are the jobs in your career specialty? Are they available in your area, or would you be required to relocate or travel? For example, commercial drivers usually have to relocate. Computer programmers often work in large or medium-sized cities. Medical workers are typically found everywhere.

WORKING CONDITIONS: Find out what your working conditions will be. Don't be unpleasantly surprised on the job. Before you make up your mind about a career, get all the facts.

EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS: Nearly every good job today requires specialized training beyond high school. Find out what kind of training will be required for your career.

SKILLS: Employers can teach skills specific to a job. They are looking for people with the following abilities:

1. Good written and verbal communication skills
2. Dependability – able to complete a task without supervision
3. Attendance – will show up on time every day

MILITARY CAREERS

Local military recruiters will be contacting you to see if you are interested in joining the military after graduation. If you can schedule a time to meet with them after school, it will be greatly appreciated. Should you need to see them during the school day, the following procedure must be followed:

1. A parent note is required, if you are under 18 years of age, permitting you to see the recruiter.
2. Visits may occur only during study hall or lunch

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aicuo.edu/media



Paying For College

For most seniors planning on attending college, the admission process is finished. The next big step is to apply for financial aid. To be considered for financial aid, students and parents must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). The FAFSA is the federal form that the U.S. Department of Education uses to determine how much federal student aid you qualify for. The FAFSA must be completed online at www.fafsa.gov.

Steps for Applying for Federal Aid

____ *Step 1 Collect documents needed to complete the FAFSA*

- Income Tax returns (2023)
- Other records of Income
- A complete listing of what you need is available at www.fafsa.gov

____ *Step 2 Complete the FAFSA between Oct. and June 30 (The sooner you complete the FAFSA, the sooner you will be notified of your financial aid package!)*

____ *Step 3 You will receive award letters from each college that received your FAFSA information. The award letters will tell you how much financial aid the college can offer you. Financial aid awards are usually a combination of*

grants, Scholarships, loans, and/or work-study.

Helpful Websites for College and Financial Planning

ACT:

www.act.org

- Site where students can register for the ACT test.

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The College Board:

www.collegeboard.org

- Site where students can register for the SAT test, as well as search for colleges.

- Provides information on selecting and paying for school, majors, campus life, etc.

<https://studentscholarships.org/newsletters>

My College Options: www.mycollegeoptions.org

- A free college planning service, offering assistance to students, parents, high schools, counselors, and teachers nationwide

Peterson's Online:

www.petersons.com

- A collection of useful information on the College search, financial aid and test prep processes.

Sallie Mae:

www.salliemae.com

- Planning for college, and applying for financial aid and loans is covered here.

College Planning Website: www.collegeplan.org

- Provides information on college selection, admission, financial aid and scholarships.

The Financial Aid Information Page:

www.finaid.org ■ The SmartStudent™ Guide to financial aid.

FastWeb: www.fastweb.com

- A resource for students researching scholarship assistance.

National Association of Student Financial Aid

Administrators: www.nasfaa.org

- Learn about financing your education.

Mapping Your Future: <http://mappingyourfuture.org/>

- Provides information on planning a career, selecting and paying for school.

College View:

www.collegeview.com



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Graduation
Pathways: College
Internships
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COLLEGE APPLICATION RESOURCES

CommonApp

Common App streamlines college applications for over 1,000 schools, saving time, tracking deadlines, and supporting students, counselors, and recommenders.



<https://www.commonapp.org/>

FAFSA

Federal Student Aid is the largest provider of financial aid for college in the U.S. Understand aid, apply for aid, and manage your student loans.



<https://studentaid.gov/fsa-id/sign-in/landing>

ACT

The American College Test (ACT) is a standardized college entrance exam that measures a student's readiness for college-level work.



<https://www.act.org/content/act/en/sign-in.html>



College Fair

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MIAMI UNIVERSITY REGIONALS

**Tuesday, September 30
6:30-8:00pm**

Harry T. Wilks Conference Center
Miami University Hamilton
1601 University Blvd., Hamilton, OH 45011

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RE: Applications for the American Line Builders Joint Apprenticeship and Training Program – ALBAT

ALBAT Lineman Apprenticeship Program in IBEW Local Union 71 jurisdiction will be open and taking applications from **October 6, 2025 through October 12, 2025.**

Applications will only be available through the ALBAT website at www.albat.org during the dates listed above. Please be aware that the albat.org site is on eastern time.

Minimum Qualifications for Apprenticeship

To meet minimum qualifications for apprenticeship, applicants must:

- Minimum of 18 years of age
- Read, hear, speak, and understand instructions and warnings in English
- Able to work legally in the United States
- Provide a valid social security number
- Complete application form
- \$25.00 application fee (nonrefundable)
- Education Background (provide all that apply):
 - Submit a transcript of high school grades with date of graduation or copy of diploma
 - GED exam score or copy of GED Certificate
 - Associate degree (or greater)
- Proof of valid Class A Commercial Driver's License with air brakes, or copy of valid driver's license with copy Class A Commercial Driver's License Temporary Permit with air brakes
 - Date of birth and expiration date must be visible
 - License or Temporary Permit must be valid at time of application and at time of selection for apprenticeship
- Resume indicating present and previous employers, if any
- DD-214 to verify military training and/or experience if you are a veteran
- ALL APPLICANTS WILL BE SCHEDULED & ARE REQUIRED TO COMPLETE THE APTITUDE TEST PRIOR TO INTERVIEW

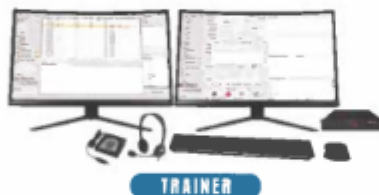
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Oct. 25, 2025 | Starts at 8 a.m.



What to expect?

Academic showcases



Meet & Greet –
faculty, staff and students



Showcase of student organizations
and activities



Information sessions



Marauder Football ticket
will be provided



SCAN
to register

Central State University
Beacom/Lewis Gymnasium

1400 Brush Row Road
Wilberforce, Ohio 45384
O: 937-376-6249 | centralstate.edu



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