

# Hillcrest Christian School

<http://hcswebwonders.org/wordpress1/counselor-connection/>

## ACT Prep Workshops at HCS

Hillcrest will host the ACT one more time before you graduate, on April 13, 2019. After that, you will have to take it over the summer... ewww! If your ACT score is not yet what you want (or need) it to be, the workshops which Mrs. Lasseter hosts here at school offer numerous tips and strategies which may help you improve and boost your score. And for only \$20 or \$40 per session, that's a deal that can't be beat! Dates are March 26, 27, 30, and 31. See the flyers on the ACT bulletin board in the center of the hall or outside Mrs. Massey's office for more information; then, go sign up and pay with Mrs. Lasseter!



## Find Scholarships on Fastweb

Fastweb is an online resource in finding scholarships to help you pay for school. Best of all, IT'S FREE!!

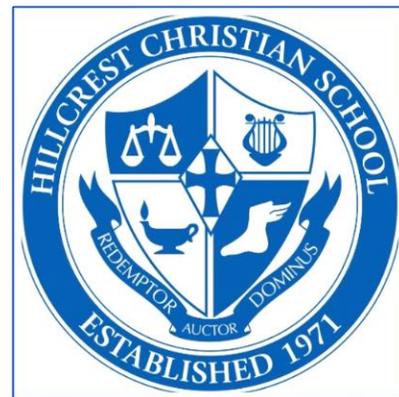
### HOW FASTWEB WORKS:

Join and match instantly: Once you complete your profile you'll have access to a database of more than 1.5 million scholarships - all available to students like you!

Organize and manage your lists: It's simple to keep track of your scholarship search. You can indicate which scholarships you'd like to apply for, which you're not interested in and those you've already completed.

Apply: Start applying for scholarships you're already qualified for.

[www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com)



## Upcoming Events

### February 18

NO SCHOOL, Presidents' Day

### March 5

Nine weeks' exams begin

### March 8

½ Day of School; Spring Break begins!

## SENIOR CONFERENCES

**Mrs. Massey will be meeting with each senior individually beginning next week.** Make plans to discuss the following:

- Grades
- Graduation Requirements
- Plans after graduation
- Life in general
- and anything else that's on your mind!



## Why College?

Some people move straight from high school into a career. But studies show that

- People with college degrees or certifications EARN ABOUT 56% MORE than those who only have a high school diploma.
- 65% OF ALL JOBS will require education and training beyond high school by the year 2020.
- Few jobs requiring only a high school diploma have PROMOTION potential.

In addition to money, having a college degree or certification opens up more possibilities for your future, including more stable employment, greater benefits, and better career opportunities. In the long term, any type of education after high school can make your career a little smoother. Maybe you've already started thinking about or planning for college. Senior year is the time to consider who you are and what you want, and then use this research to explore different college options.

### TYPES OF SCHOOLS

- COMMUNITY & TECHNICAL COLLEGES offer two-year programs leading to an associate's degree and transfer programs that are similar to freshman and sophomore offerings at four-year colleges and universities
- COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES offer four-year and graduate programs in liberal arts, business, engineering, education, medicine, and other fields
- VOCATIONAL-TECHNICAL schools offer career-oriented programs that can last from a few months to a few years, awarding a certification or license in a specific field

## Earnings by educational attainment, 2016

Average usual weekly earnings

\$1,664	<b>Doctoral</b>
\$1,745	<b>Professional</b>
\$1,380	<b>Master's</b>
\$1,156	<b>Bachelor's</b>
\$819	<b>Associate's</b>
\$756	<b>Some college, no degree</b>
\$692	<b>High school diploma</b>
\$504	<b>Less than high school diploma</b>

Source: US Bureau of Labor Statistics

from *Senior Year Guidebook: Avoiding the "Senior Slide"* published by ACT



## Researching Colleges

You can research different kinds of colleges with lots of different sources. The important thing is to gather information from as many sources as possible so you can make an informed decision.

### RESOURCES:

- ACT Profile ([www.act.org/profile](http://www.act.org/profile)) — A free, mobile, and online resource that helps you explore colleges and careers
- College websites
- Your school counselor
- Family members and friends who've attended college
- Professionals in your field of interest
- College representatives who visit your school
- College visits