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BHSD Voices - Community Breakfast and Back-to-School

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Hello, this is Sean Gallagher — Superintendent of Brookings-Harbor School District here to talk to you about Academic Excellence Day, that was held, Oct. 10, here at Brookings-Harbor High School.

On Academic Excellence Day, our community's high schoolers had busy schedules filled with special opportunities to advance their college and career planning. The day's events were coordinated by the BHHS Counseling and Guidance office. Each class of students were involved in the following activities:

- All **Freshman** were treated to a half day at Southwestern Oregon Community College, that included a tour and college-related workshops.
- All **Sophomores** were able to take the Practice Scholastic Aptitude Test otherwise known as the PSAT in the high school gym. This test is great preparation for the actual SAT, and is also used to identify National Merit scholars and college entrance requirements.

- All **Juniors** were also given the chance to take the PSAT, for a small fee. The rest of the Junior Class took the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery test otherwise known as the ASVAB that produces career pathways information.
- Finally, all **Seniors** participated in numerous "senior-year related" hands-on workshops, such as "How to request a Letter of Recommendation," "Scholarship Applications," "College, Trade and Work Applications," and "Financial Aid Basics."

Brookings-Harbor High School has many opportunities coming up for students to learn more about potential colleges or training programs. This month includes a Linfield College visit program on Oct. 15, and a visit from Oregon Institute of Technology representatives on Oct. 22.

Fall is great time for students to plan ahead for their future. I recommend taking the time to talk with your student about what they participated in on Academic Excellence Day and ask them about their career goals and plans. Together, we can ensure that "Every Student Can Succeed" here at Brookings-Harbor School District.