

To provide an educational experience where students graduate
with academic, technical, and life skills.

- High School Programs Purpose Statement



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High School Programs Newsletter May 2021

Summer & Fall Quarters Advising

Advising Day is on May 11. There is no school on that day, so that students can meet with their program and high school advisors. Please use the links, listed below in this newsletter, to schedule an appointment with your high school advisor.

We are not funded for summer quarter; however, students may elect to take classes at their own expense, at a huge discount from regular college tuition. Speak with your Advisor about details.

Variance Attendance Release

Every school year Academy students are required to submit a new variance attendance release form. This is what allows you to attend LWTA in our district. At your registration appointment you will receive a variance attendance form that you will need to take to your home district office. A copy of it is also attached to this email. The **designated district official** is required to sign, and students need to return the signed form back to our office. If you do not turn this in, you will not be permitted to attend the 2021-2022 school year. The last day to submit the variance attendance release form is June 25th.

Summer & Fall Scholarships

Due to continued and generous support from the Peierls Foundation, LWTA students may qualify for financial assistance to help with the cost of materials for your program. Application deadlines are below.

Graduation 2021

If you are graduating this year, we want to celebrate with you! It is always a joyous occasion to see so many young adults completing their high school education and continuing in college or workforce.

Due to the ongoing pandemic, we will celebrate with a socially distanced parade. Details were sent to your email in April.

If you plan on attending, please let our office know by emailing highschoolprograms@lwtech.edu

As part of the commencement ceremony, we are putting together a slideshow compilation of all the graduate's photos. If you would like to be part of this, please send your photo to highschoolprograms@lwtech.edu

Current Advising Caseloads

- Academy / Direct Entry
 - A-E: Jessica Kruse
 - F-L: Matt Allen
 - M-Z: Reinhart Earhart
- Open Doors
 - A-C: Jessica Kruse
 - D-L: Matt Allen
 - M-Z: Reinhart Earhart
- Running Start
 - A-H Continuing Tuan Dang
 - All New: Dana Nasby
 - I – Z: Dana Nasby
- Underage Enrollment: Tuan Dang

Remote Operations Continues & Making Appointments

Due to limited access to the LWTech campus, High School Programs has moved to remote operations. LWTech will continue this limited campus access & remote operations model for the Spring Quarter, too. High School Programs leadership is accessing how the recent Governor's directive for K-12 students to have an option to return to in-person learning will be implemented at LWTech. More specific updates on the path forward will be sent to students and families soon.

The staff of High School Programs are currently accessible via their traditional LWTech email addresses and phone numbers. Also, students can schedule appointment times through the Legend website, to reserve a specific time for phone calls or Zoom meetings. Here are the advisors' names, emails, and links to schedule appointments through Legend:

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| • Matt Allen | matthew.allen2@lwtech.edu | Schedule an appointment |
| • An Chu | an.chu@lwtech.edu | Schedule an appointment |
| • Reinhart Earhart | reinhart.earhart@lwtech.edu | Schedule an appointment |
| • Jessica Kruse | jessica.kruse@lwtech.edu | Schedule an appointment |
| • Dana Nasby | dana.nasby@lwtech.edu | Schedule an appointment |

Important Dates

- May 10 – Priority Enrollment for DSS and graduating students.
- May 11 – Advising Day (no school, time to meet with your program & high school advisors)
- May 11, 3pm – HOP Info Session online [more info](#)
- May 25, 6pm – HOP Info Session online [more info](#)
- May 31 – Memorial Day (no school)
- June 25 – deadline for Academy students to submit Variance for 2021-22 school year
- June 28 – Summer Tuition Scholarship due

Smarter Balanced Assessment (SBA) Update

Students in Washington state will not take the Smarter Balanced Assessment (SBA) this Spring, according to a recent decision communicated by State Superintendent Chris Reykdal. Students who were intending to use the SBA as part of their graduation pathway in 2021 should consult with their advisor about alternatives.

Welcoming New Staff

We are welcoming a new staff member to High School Programs, Elaine Wright. She already has experience working at LWTech and will take on a Navigator role. Here is an introduction from Elaine,

“I’m Elaine, and I’m a High School Navigator. I will help new students understand the different programs that we offer and help them decide which is the best fit. I also teach Adult Basic Education and English Language Learner classes at LWTech, and I work as a I-BEST Navigator, helping students transition to college. My background is in teaching English to adults. I’ve taught in a lot of different contexts, including 6 years at a Japanese university. In my free time, I’m getting into birdwatching, tennis, kayaking and trying new foods. I’m really excited to learn more about high school programs and to help students find the right program which will help them earn their diploma and prepare them for whatever comes next!”

Skyward Family Access

Our high school uses Skyward, a system that parents and guardians have access allowing them to view their student’s information and important dates during our academic year. Through Skyward, we also communicate important messages regarding school closures, events and reminders. Once you’ve received access and logged in, parent and/or guardians are **required** to review and update student information at the beginning of each school year. This also allows families to update student demographics if needed. We appreciate your participation as this opportunity is only open until October 30th, 2018. Failure to update your record will disqualify you from being served by this school district.

<http://family.lwta.wa-k12.net>, also located on the High School Programs webpage under Quick Links. If you do not recall your login or password information you may request to reset your password.

If you are having issues receiving notification emails, please add highschoolprograms@lwtech.edu to your email contacts or address book, sometimes emails can get sent to junk or spam mail.

If you need assistance in logging into Skyward, please look at the attached instructions at the end of this newsletter.

Do You Have Questions? Contact Us.

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