

UINTAH SENIOR NEWSLETTER

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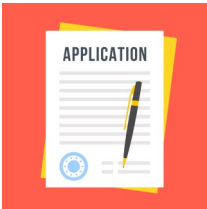


Last month, four of our outstanding Uintah High students, under the direction of Dean Richens, presented their research: *The Zeta Potential of the Ashley Drainage*.

During the summer, the students learned about this problem from the engineers at the Ashley Valley Treatment Plant. Next, they sampled many of the streams that feed into our drinking water, in an effort to determine the source causing the negative Zeta potential. The presenting students were Sarah Jones, Kasey Steckler, Asher Steckler, and Christian White (pictured at left). Bailee Allred, Kallie Esplin, and Anjali Chadhuri were also part of the research team.

We are proud to support students tackling real-world problems!

FAFSA/College Application Night



Please don't miss FAFSA/College Application Night on Oct. 11th! (FAFSA stands for *Free Application for Student Aid*.) Depending on your family's income, you could qualify for a pell grant, which enables you to attend college for free! Some of you may assume that your family income is too high to qualify for anything FAFSA offers, but you might be surprised. There are smaller grants available for those in higher income brackets. You can also qualify for the Work Study program through FAFSA. Did you know that universities reserve jobs for students in the Work Study program, and that those students often receive a higher wage than their co-workers?

If you qualify for even \$1 of aid through FAFSA, Weber State has a program called *Dream Weber*, in which they pay the rest of your tuition! (You will need to apply quickly, as it is a limited offer.) SLCC *Promise* is a similar program at Salt Lake Community College.

There will also be counselors there to help you fill out college applications that evening. You can apply *and* get the money to pay for college - all in one night! Come to the high school, Oct. 11th

College Investigation



On Sept. 15th, Uintah High hosted representatives from all of the universities and colleges in Utah (and a few beyond). Our seniors had an opportunity to learn more about the local universities, and what they require for admission.

We will be taking trips to visit some of the Utah campuses as well. We'll head to USU-Price on Oct 13-14, SUU on Nov. 3-4, and Snow College on Nov. 17-18. Day trips will be announced soon. Sign up for these campus visits with Kandice Searle in the counseling office.

Talk To Your Agent!



GEAR UP has teamed up with the Student Success Agency to provide personal agents for our senior students. These agents/counselors guide students through post-high school decisions, and help ensure future college and career success. Agents communicate with students via texts or emails. Many seniors have already been assigned an agent and received their starter kits. If others are still interested in this program, they will need to submit a parental consent form.

Another program, *Up Next*, also texts students with help in the college admission process. To enroll, text your first and last name to 240-623-8319.