

Future Center helps students prepare for life after high school

Life after high school is a big step, and the Baker Future Center is helping ease that transition by providing students opportunities to plan for their post-graduation life.

The Future Center is located at BHS. Adriene Oster is the facilitator.

The center, she said, helps students explore various options such as college, trade school, the military, and careers.

“We’re trying to get students exposed to more career options,” Oster said.

Current graduation requirements include a career research paper (Extended Application), job shadow, resume, practice job interviews, and financial literacy lessons. Advisory classes utilize lessons in Virtual Job Shadow to meet other requirements for employability and team building.

College and career fairs

This spring the Future Center



Quinn Anderson from Umpqua Bank is teaching Financial Beginnings lessons to all seniors at Baker High School as part of their graduation requirements.

organized a trip to a CTE (career technical education) open house at Treasure Valley Community College on February 6, and will take students to a Career Expo at the Idaho Center in Nampa on March 3. Students can sign up outside the Future Center.

Locally, the second-annual

Baker County Job Fair will be held Thursday, April 9, at the Baker County Event Center. The morning is reserved for students only, and Oster said juniors and seniors from all Baker County schools will participate. Students will complete a passport as they talk to employers from at least four booths (three

businesses and one college or military representative).

Oster said students will be encouraged to have their resume available for prospective employers.

The job fair will be open to the general public the same day from 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Scholarship work parties

The Future Center hosted its first scholarship work party of the year in January. These sessions are open to seniors, juniors, and sophomores. Another is planned for late February. For information, check the center’s pages on Facebook and Instagram.

Decision Day

This spring BHS will feature Decision Day, an all-school assembly to honor seniors who are furthering their education in college, trade school, vocational school, or the military. The event will be held at noon on April 30.

Parents are invited.

“We’re congratulating them on the next step,” said senior Laura Illingsworth, who is a business intern at the Future Center and organizing Decision Day along with junior Lacy Gyllenberg.

Seniors who have committed to a post-graduation plan will parade into the gymnasium holding a sign signifying their choice. Each will be presented with a swag bag of goodies. Students will also sign a “Decision Day 2020” banner.

Along with this event, the Future Center is collecting slips of paper from sophomores, juniors and seniors with their name and plans for the future. These will be included in a large display in the commons area.

Since the school year began, the Future Center has posted photos of seniors who have committed to a program after they graduate. These posts can be found on Instagram and Facebook. Search for Baker Future Center.

District launches alumni website

Site designed as a gathering place for alumni and retired faculty

Baker School District has launched a website designed to be a gathering place for alumni of Baker High School and retired district faculty.

The link is www.bakerhighalumni.org.

The site provides a place for alumni to register and also post in a forum discussion. This will en-

able Baker High graduates to share information about reunions and search for classmates.

Those who sign up as retired faculty also have the ability to post in a forum discussion.

In addition to connecting alumni, the site features a “Media and Press” link which includes press releases, electronic versions of the

district’s Bulldog Pride publication, and other current news about the district.

A link on the home page makes it easy to request a high school transcript. District calendars and activity schedules will be uploaded for the convenience of those interested in staying up-to-date on local events. A “Ways to Help” tab will

provide information on those who would like to give back time or resources to their alma mater.

Through the creation of this website, the District hopes to provide a conduit for former graduates and retired staff to stay connected with their school and their fellow graduates.

Alumni website

Graduates of Baker High School and retired faculty are encouraged to join the new alumni website.

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