

Cabot Graduation 2023

War Memorial Stadium, Little Rock, Arkansas, 7:30 p.m.

May 19, 2023

Congratulations!



Your big day is approaching. War Memorial Stadium is a historic Arkansas venue that will allow all your family and friends to help you celebrate your special day. There is no limit on attendance for graduation at War Memorial Stadium and no tickets are required for entrance. Should we need to cancel for inclement weather, please refer to the inclement weather plan for more specific information

regarding your assigned ceremony. Please read this newsletter very carefully. You will find important information regarding your participation in the graduation ceremony, graduation practice to be held on Friday morning, and instructions for family and friends.

Graduation Practice

All seniors planning to attend the graduation ceremony **MUST** attend graduation practice on Friday morning, May 19. You should plan to be in the Cabot High School Arena no later than 7:45 a.m. Park in your regular parking spot and come directly to the Arena. You will be dismissed alphabetically to board buses that will leave promptly to carry you to War Memorial. You must ride the bus to and from the stadium. You must stay for the entire practice and return to the high school on the bus you rode to practice. Because of increased security, we ask that you only bring keys and a phone. No purses. No bags. No Backpacks. No caps or hats. School dress code still applies. Please do not make any appointments before 1:00 p.m. ***Buses will leave CHS as soon as possible on Friday morning. If you are not on the bus, you will miss graduation practice and not be allowed to walk at graduation. Make plans to be in the arena between 7:30 and 7:45 a.m.***

Important Information

Clear up all fines you owe before your last day of classes. Turn in all textbooks you were issued. Be sure you have all discipline taken care of. You will not be able to walk at graduation until all discipline issues are resolved at CHS. You will not be able to get your diploma until all fines are paid in full.

Diplomas will not be distributed to you on graduation night. Your diploma may be picked up beginning Tuesday morning, May 23, at 9:00 a.m. at the high school office. You may only pick up your own diploma. If someone else is picking up your diploma, they must be on your emergency contact list.

Beginning May 12, you are no longer allowed on campus unless you have to take a test. You must check in at the office should you have to return, excluding graduation practice on May 19. Returning to campus to visit, have lunch with friends, visiting your girl/boyfriends, etc., will not be allowed. You were given the privilege of being allowed to get out of school a week prior to graduation. Please don't mess up your chances of graduating by not following these guidelines.

See Mr. Calvert in CHAMPS 116 if you haven't picked up your cap and gown, announcements, or if you have any questions concerning graduation.



“You’re off to great places. Today is your day. Your mountain is waiting. So get on your way.”

~Dr. Seuss



Alternative Graduation Logistics

In the event that inclement weather or other factors require the ceremony at War Memorial Stadium to be cancelled, the alternate graduation will be held in three separate ceremonies on Saturday, May 20, 2023. The ceremonies will be held in Panther Arena on the Cabot High School campus. Your graduation ceremony will be based on your last name. At graduation practice, you will receive eight (8) tickets for family and friends to use to attend your ceremony. The tickets will be color coded to match your assigned session. The schedule for the alternative ceremonies will be:

Ceremony 1:

Graduates Dawson Tate Abbott - Jenna Lee Graham

11:00 a.m. graduates report to the FA Auditorium. Students will enter through the art wing door located behind the football field visitor stands. They will walk through the fine arts building to the side lobby (Shawshank), confirm their name card and enter the auditorium. Main doors open for the public.

12:00 p.m. ceremony begins

Ceremony 2:

Graduates Brooklyn Elizabeth Graves - Abraham Matlock Owen

2:00 p.m. graduates report to the FA Auditorium. See instructions above.

Doors open for 3:00 p.m. ceremony ASAP after 12:00 p.m. ceremony concludes.

3:00 p.m. ceremony begins

Ceremony 3:

Graduates Jonah Ryan Palitang - Zeng Chao Zhang

5:00 p.m. graduates report to the FA Auditorium. See instructions above.

Doors open for 6:00 p.m. ceremony ASAP after 3:00 p.m. ceremony concludes.

6:00 p.m. ceremony begins

Dress Code Requirements

Graduation Practice:

Regular school dress code applies to graduation practice at War Memorial Stadium on May 19.



Graduation Ceremony:

Students are to wear only caps and gowns approved by CHS administration. Graduation attire is to be worn as it is designated to be worn (caps on top of the head, robes zipped, etc.) Nothing other than school-issued stoles, cords and medallions are to be worn with caps and gowns.

Student attire - we want you to look nice for your graduation. But, we also want you to be comfortable. Slacks, dresses, skirts, and dress pants are all acceptable. A collared shirt with tie is appropriate for guys. Shoes should be practical for being on artificial turf. Heels are not a good choice. Spike heels are prohibited due to the artificial turf. Be smart.

Prohibited items include - flip flops, jeans with holes, shorts, t-shirts, athletic apparel, spike heels, decorated caps or gowns. Girls will not wear the white collar included in their gown package.

*** If you order a gown from an online site and it does not match the color of Cabot High School gowns, you will not be allowed to wear it.

Parking & Entering

Parking will be available in the lots surrounding War Memorial Stadium. There is no charge for parking in stadium lots. Private lots may offer parking for a fee.

Graduates should arrive at War Memorial at 6:00 p.m. in their cap and gown. You will enter through Gate 11 on the Northeast corner of the stadium.

Gates will be open for families and friends at 6:00 p.m. Families Abbot through Kordsmeier will enter at Gate 7 on the Press Box side of the stadium. Families Koski through Zhang will enter at Gate 1 on the East side of the stadium. You will pass through security searches and metal detectors. Please see the security details on the insert of this newsletter. A hearing impaired interpreter will be available at field level in Section 24 on the Press Box side of the stadium.

The Cabot School District will provide a bus to the graduation ceremony for students and their families who do not have transportation of their own. If you need this transportation, you must reserve a spot no later than May 1. Contact Mr. Calvert, either by email, or in person in CHAMPS 116.

Important Dates

April 17-18, 2023

No school for seniors. Approved college visit days.

April 22, 2023

CHS Prom
8:00 p.m. - midnight
CHS Cafeteria

April 26, 2023

Doughnuts with Dads
7:00 - 8:30 a.m.
CHS Cafeteria

April 27, 2023

Muffins with Moms
7:00 - 8:30 a.m.
CHS Cafeteria

May 11, 2023

Seniors Last Day of School

Senior Celebration of Excellence

By Invitation Only

6:00 p.m.
CHS Arena

May 16, 2023

Elementary School Walk
9:00 a.m.
All Cabot Elementary Schools

May 18, 2023

Life Impact Diplomas

May 19, 2023

Graduation Practice
7:45 a.m.
Report to CHS Arena

CHS Graduation
6:00 p.m. arrival
7:30 p.m. ceremony
War Memorial Stadium

May 23, 2023

9:00 a.m.
You may pick up your diploma at the high school office.

Smile!



A photographer from Lifetouch will take a picture of each graduate receiving his/her diploma and a fun picture as each graduate exits the stage. Information about ordering pictures will be provided at graduation practice. CHTV will livestream the graduation ceremony on the Cabot High School Television YouTube channel. The video will be posted to the channel after the event.

Contact Us

For graduation questions, please contact:

Mike Calvert
Graduation Coordinator
CHAMPS Hall 116
501-843-3562 ext. 1198
graduation@cabotschools.org

Special Considerations

War Memorial Stadium has handicap accessible seating. Refer to the inserted map to help plan for your family and friends. If any member of your family will require an interpreter for the hearing impaired, please let Mr. Calvert know as soon as possible.

The Cabot School District will provide bus transportation for students and their families who do not have transportation of their own. If you need this transportation, please let Mr. Calvert know, either by email or in person in room CH116 before May 1.

You are receiving this newsletter as a potential graduate of Cabot High School. All graduation requirements must be completed prior to your participation in the graduation ceremony.

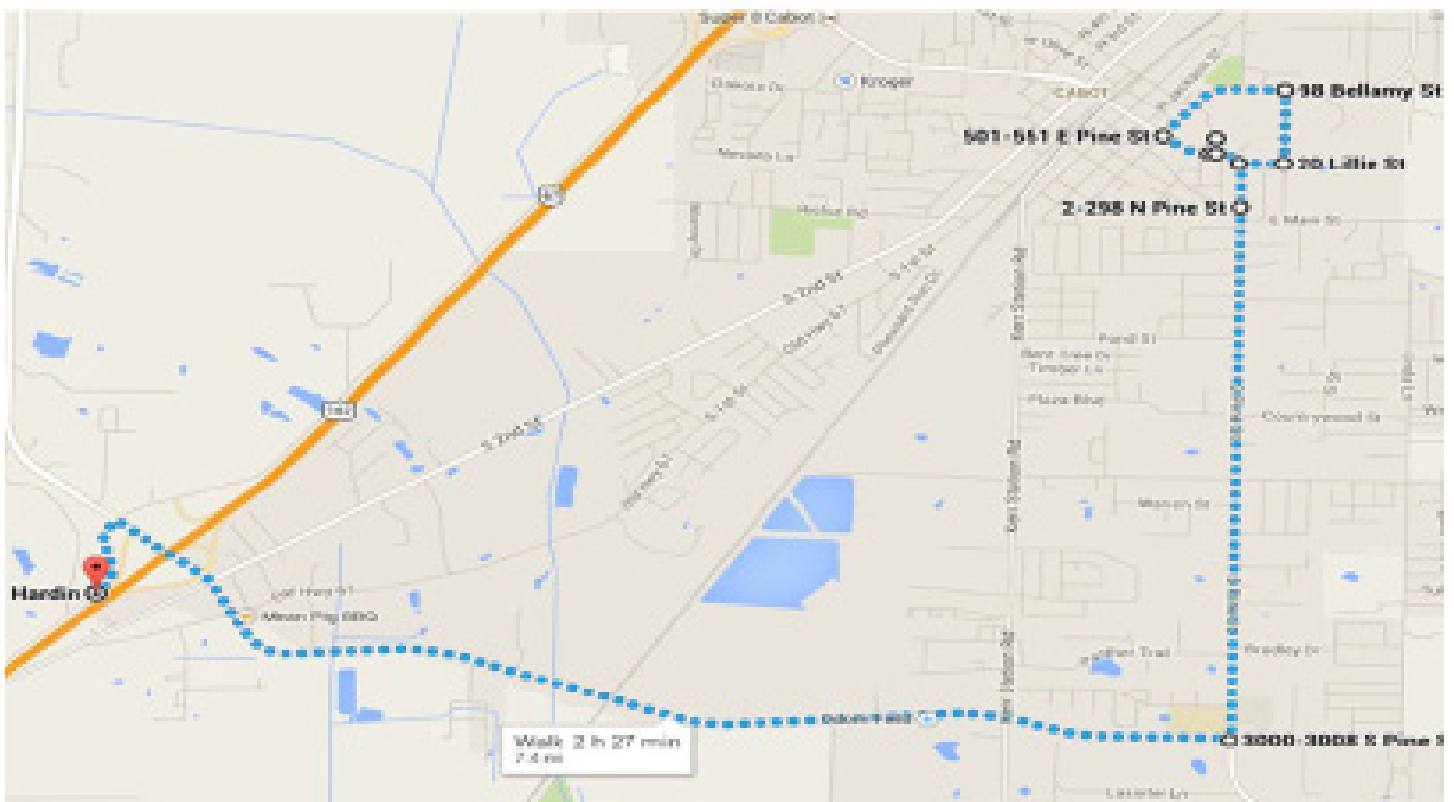


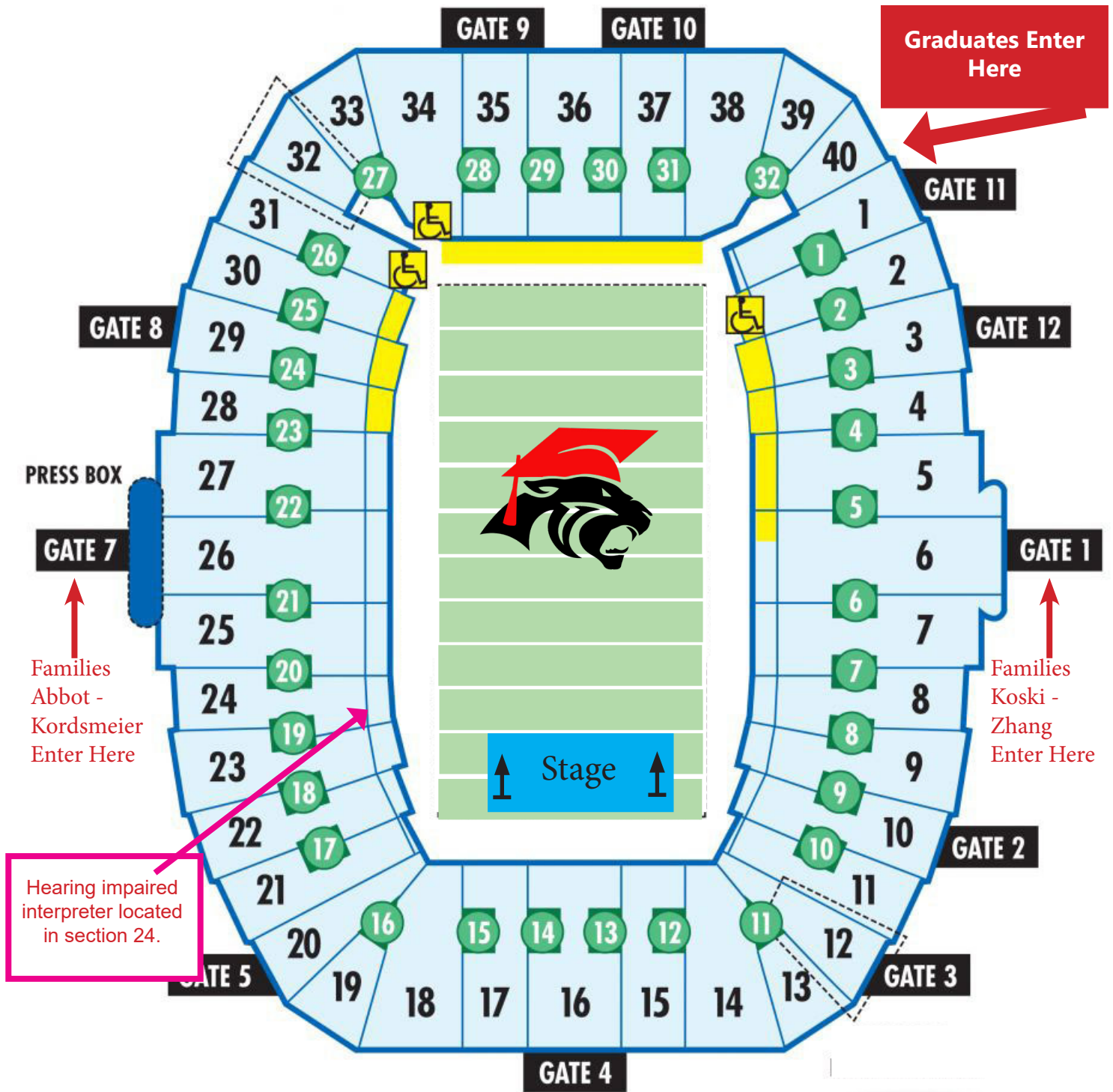
“Line 89!”

On Friday morning, May 19, the Class of 2023 will depart Cabot High School for graduation practice at War Memorial Stadium. We invite the public to join us as we “Line 89” in support of our seniors. Buses will leave CHAMPS Hall

and make a loop of the high school campus before heading south toward Little Rock. Cabot Public Schools and departments along the route include: Transportation, CAO, Cabot High School, Freshman Academy, Cabot Junior High North, Central Elementary, Cabot Junior High South, Southside Elementary and Cabot Panther Academy (ACE). We would like to invite everyone to join us as we send our seniors off and show them how much our community celebrates their success.

Buses will exit CHAMPS Hall and turn left onto Pine St./Hwy. 89
Turn left onto Lillie St.
Turn left onto Bellamy St.
Turn left onto North Lincoln St.
Turn left onto Pine St./Hwy. 89
Turn right onto Hwy. 321 W. to US 67/167
Go over overpass and turn left onto south bound US 67/167 ramp.





Graduates Enter Here



GATE 11

GATE 12

GATE 1

Families Koski - Zhang Enter Here

GATE 2

GATE 3

GATE 4

GATE 5

GATE 8

GATE 7

Families Abbot - Kordsmeier Enter Here

Stage

Hearing impaired interpreter located in section 24.



- Handicapped seating areas
- Handicapped ramp access





Approved Bags



Plastic Storage Bag

NO LARGER THAN 1 GALLON
RE-SEALABLE
CLEAR



Clutch Purse

WITH OR WITHOUT STRAP
NO LARGER THAN 4.5" X 6.5"



Clear Tote

PLASTIC, VINYL, OR PVC
NO LARGER THAN 12" x 6" x 12"

Quick Facts

- * A clear-bag policy is enforced (see graphic)
- * Metal detectors and/or security wands are at all entrances
- * Concealed carry is prohibited even with a permit (see full list of prohibited items below)
- * No pocket knives (see full list of prohibited items below)
- * Arrive early to avoid congestion at entry

Prohibited Items

The following items are expressly prohibited inside ticketed areas:

Metal, plastic or glass containers of any kind (except for clear, empty plastic water bottles no larger than 20 ounces, insulin containers, and baby food)

All tobacco products, including e-cigarettes

Coolers or ice chests

Backpacks and bags

Brooms, poles and staffs of any kind

Weapons (including, without limitation, pocket knives), fireworks and other illegal substances

Animals (except service animals)

Beach balls and other inflatable items

Laser pens and laser pointers

Alcohol

Noisemakers (with external power source)

Skateboards, hover boards, and wheeled footwear

Drones and other unmanned aerial vehicles

Self-defense sprays (including, without limitation, pepper spray and mace)

Toy guns or toy knives (including, without limitation, water guns)

Any other item deemed dangerous or inappropriate or otherwise violating the Guest Conduct Policy

War Memorial Stadium may modify the Prohibited Items list in connection with specific events.

Violators of any laws will be refused admission, asked to leave or ejected from the ticketed areas.



Cabot High School Regalia and Adornment Policy



Students participating in the commencement ceremony at Cabot High School will wear a graduation robe and cap authorized by the school. Currently, Josten's is the authorized provider for Cabot High School. Any gown/cap not made by Josten's must be of the same material and the same color.

The purpose of adornments worn with the graduation gown are to recognize certain special achievements. At Cabot High School, cords and stoles are presented to students to recognize accomplishments made at Cabot High School. Students may not wear anything on their gown or cap with the following exceptions:

Stoles may only be worn for academic achievement. Cabot High School awards three stoles to recognize the following:

Distinguished Honors (GPA higher than 4.0 – Honors Program Curriculum and successfully completed two (2) or more AP/Concurrent Courses beyond the required Jr. and Sr. English.) - **Gold stole**

High Honors (GPA of 3.76 – 4.00 and Honors Program Curriculum and completed one (1) additional AP/Concurrent Course beyond the required Jr. and Sr. English.) - **Silver stole**

Honors (GPA of 3.5 – or above and Honors Program Curriculum.) - **White stole**

Medals may only be worn for academic or all-state level achievement. Cabot High School recognizes the following medals that may be awarded:

Cabot High School Academic Excellence - CHS Gold Medallion

Agriculture Academic Honors - Medal on blue/gold ribbon

All-State Band/Choir Honors - Medal on red/black ribbon

Arkansas Biliteracy Honors - Medal on blue ribbon

National Technical Honor Society - Medal on purple ribbon

Cords/Ribbons may be worn to recognize achievements *related to Cabot High School*. Cabot High School recognizes the following cords/ribbons:

National Merit Semifinalist - silver/black cord

AP Academy completer - purple/gold cord

Art Honor Society - rainbow cord

Band/Choir Honors - black/red cord

CTE Program Completer - blue/gold cord

Engineering Honors - orange cord

Family and Consumer Sciences Honors - royal blue/purple cord

French Honor Society - red/white/blue cord

German Honor Society - black/red/gold cord

International Thespian Honor Society - turquoise/black/silver cord

Journalism Honor Society - blue/gold intertwined cord

Junior Civitan - royal/gold intertwined cord

Key Club - navy cord

Medical Honors - green cord

Mu Alpha Theta Honor Society - light blue/gold cord

National English Honor Society - navy/gold cord

National Honor Society - gold cord

National Science Honor Society - green/purple cord

National Speech & Debate Association Honors - silver/burgundy cord

P.A.C.E.S. - silver cord

Spanish Honor Society - red/gold cord

Student Council - red/white cord





Final Transcripts - **IMPORTANT!**

Most colleges, universities and vocational schools require a final 8 semester transcript that includes the graduation date from high school. Seniors should complete the online transcript request form on the main CHS webpage **NOW** asking for it to be sent to the institution of his/her choice. Students should also consider signing the bottom of the transcript request to allow a parent/guardian to come in at a later time and request transcripts if needed. This is very helpful if a student moves away or transfers schools. If a parent/guardian does not have consent to request a transcript, the student is the only one who can access that information.

Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

Students are advised to check their FAFSA Accounts to make sure that all parts have been completed. Sometimes the FAFSA will require more information or additional documentation to be finalized.

Arkansas Challenge/Lottery Scholarship

Seniors are eligible for the Arkansas Lottery Scholarship if they have a composite score of 19 on the American College Test (ACT). Students should have already applied or be in the process of applying for this scholarship now, and **the deadline for application is July 1, 2023**. Below are a few tips about this scholarship.

- The Federal Application for Student Aid (FAFSA) must be completed as a part of the lottery scholarship. Even if the student does not or will not qualify for federal aid, the FAFSA still must be completed to receive the Arkansas Lottery Scholarship.
- Once the application for the lottery scholarship has been completed, it is very important that students check the email account he/she used when applying. The student should receive an email listing the status of the scholarship. The email might indicate more or specific information is needed to complete the application.
- If the email says "Pending Acceptance," the student must log on to their application and formally accept the scholarship. **Students who neglect this step, will not receive the Arkansas Challenge/Lottery Scholarship.**

Career Search

The Arkansas Department of Workforce Services (ADWS) is a great resource for students who want to get a job after high school. ADWS can be very helpful when searching for employment opportunities and job fairs. Some individuals choose to earn a Career Readiness Certificate which can help them find higher paying jobs.

