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Dear Student:

In an effort to better support you and other Rising Scholar students, Palo Verde College has implemented several changes to scheduling beginning with the Spring 2025 semester.

First, given the high demand for correspondence courses we are now limiting enrollment in these sections to only Rising Scholars students. In the past, community learners would also enroll in these sections which reduced the number of seats available to Rising Scholars.

Next, we are working to improve our scheduling and the number of sections we offer to Rising Scholars. In order to track demand for classes, we are using internal waitlists. This will help us to see where we have high demand and hopefully add more sections in future semesters. Some Rising Scholar students may have seen “waitlist” written on their registration cards. We understand this can be confusing and apologize for that. We are not using waitlists to move students into sections if a seat opens, rather we are only using it for tracking. We’ll no longer be writing “waitlist” on registration cards to reduce confusion.

Additionally, for those of you who were in classes for fall 2024, you’ll know we had issues with the delivery of course materials and textbooks. To better ensure that we get registered students the course materials and textbooks by the first day of class, we are reviewing and refining our registration dates and processes. Under Title 5 CCR § 58106 (b, 1), we started and closed our registration process for Rising Scholars earlier than registration for community learners. Under Title 5, we can do this since correspondence sections are now closed and limited to only Rising Scholars. We communicated the new date registration cards were due to the Post Secondary Education Specialists in September. Moving forward we will publish Rising Sholars correspondence registration dates in the catalog along with the dates for our community learners.

We understand that any time there is a change it can be confusing. Our primary goal is your success and we believe these changes will improve your educational experience. Fall 2025 registration will be March 3 – April 14, 2025.