



**National  
PASS  
Center**

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We hope you enjoy our first digital newsletter. If you know of someone who would like to be added to the e-mail list, please have them visit [www.npcpass.org](http://www.npcpass.org) to sign up.

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### **NATIONAL PASS SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY**

The 21-22 school year brings with it an opportunity for any 12<sup>th</sup> grader who has or is using PASS curriculum to apply for the National PASS Scholarship. Application information and guidelines will be e-mailed to participating states in late November. This scholarship provides \$500 per semester for two years, for a total of \$2000. We are excited to provide this opportunity to a well-deserving PASS scholar. Last year's recipient was Victoria Pineda-Nava of Mulberry, Florida. Will one of your students be next?

Schools use PASS because courses may not be offered when a student needs them. Courses may be used to make up failed credits, to remediate in basic subjects, to assist with dropout recovery, or to offer elective credit. Students do not need to access a computer or the Internet to complete a course, but there are options for students who choose to do so. Students can work on PASS courses during the school year or summer. Courses are aligned with state and common core standards.

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*“PASS has given me and other migrant students the opportunity to NOT be held back by life's circumstances, but to have a way to succeed!” Victoria Pineda-Nava*

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### **CURRICULUM UPDATES**

**ALGEBRA II A and B**

Revisions are complete and the updated course is loaded on ePASS. The 2006 version will remain available until the end of first semester when it will be deleted and should no longer be used. With the update, concepts and lessons are more cohesive and there is a natural progression from Algebra I to Algebra II. Alignment charts are updated and there is better direction to support mentors.



## **ALGEBRA 1A- SPANISH**

**Maria Luna is completing translation of Algebra IA. As soon as it's available, you will find it located on ePASS, along with the other course materials. She will then proceed to translate Algebra IB.**

## **BIOLOGY**

**Tracy Springer has just begun revising Biology A and B. She will update alignments, provide better mentor support and bring the course up to date. Tracy has a master's degree in Biology from Pittsburg State University, taught high school for 10 years and has been teaching at Fort Scott Community College for the past 14 years. The estimated date for completion is August of 2022.**

## **STAFF NEWS**

**National PASS welcomes the addition of Joe Spencer. Joe will be working on upgrades to ePASS as well as moving courses to an online platform using Canvas. Canvas is an online learning management system used to provide students and teachers a means to interact, to access course content, to view and complete assignments and quizzes. National PASS courses will remain available in a traditional format.**

