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I.SCHOLARSHIPS & OPPORTUNITIES FOCUSED ON DIVERSITY AND EQUITY

COLLEGE AND STUDENTS WITH LEARNING DIFFERENCES

What It Takes to Get into College If You Have Learning Differences

Inside Higher Ed

Anxiety around college applications is near universal for the nation's high school juniors and seniors, but no two students' experiences are alike. For students with learning differences, the process can be doubly anxiety inducing...

Scholarships for African American College Students

Educational institutions, foundations and many other organizations celebrate African American students with scholarship opportunities - find one you qualify for today! Go here: <https://www.fastweb.com/college-scholarships/articles/scholarships-for-african-american-students>

II. SCHOLARSHIP & OPPORTUNITIES (Seniors Only)

ROCHESTER INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY OFFERS PERFORMING ARTS SCHOLARSHIP

RIT has welcomed over 350 **Performing Arts Scholars** who receive a performing arts scholarship (this is in addition to RIT merit-based awards), a performing arts coach, an arts stipend, and a community of friends and peers that have shared interests.

RHODES COLLEGE JEWISH COMMUNITIES SCHOLARSHIP

In collaboration with Jewish Community Partners of Memphis, Rhodes College is pleased to offer five \$10,000 merit scholarships to first-year entering students who participate in Jewish life in their communities. We encourage your students to apply for this additional scholarship!

Deadlines to apply for the Jewish Community Fellowship:

- **Early Decision & Early Action Applicants: November 15, 2021**
- **Regular Decision Applicants: January 15, 2021**

To learn more about the scholarship, visit [our website](#) or contact me at hamiltona@rhodes.edu

VERTO HONORS PROGRAM

We're looking for independent thinkers, challenge seekers and problem solvers to join Verto's yearlong [Change the World: International Honors Program](#).

Verto Honors students take their leadership skills to the next level by examining global issues (like climate change and poverty) across two continents and developing solutions as part of the Curriculum.

Alongside high-achieving peers, industry experts, and the nation's top faculty, students will gain global citizenship, real-world professional experience, confidence and clarity before they even step foot on campus.

Highlights include...

- ✓Career Readiness and Leadership Development Course
- ✓Capstone Research Project^[P]_[SEP]
- ✓Guaranteed Summer Internship
- ✓Interdisciplinary Courses and Small Class Sizes

Does this sound like the perfect fit for any of your students?

If this sounds like you, and you wish to be nominated, contact Mr. Fowler by **2:30 pm on November 20** by answering the following questions: how are you an independent thinker, a challenge seeker and a problem solver? Email your answers to kevin.fowler@jefferson.kyschools.us

ST. LOUIS UNIVERSITY OFFERS PROSPECTIVE MEDICAL STUDENTS WEBINAR

If you have any students who may be interested in the Medical Scholars program, we are hosting a Medical Scholars session for prospective students on **November 17**. The registration for that event can be [found here](#).

UNIVERSITY OF BOSTON MASSACHUSETTES

A New Era of Excellence

With new academic buildings, dining areas, and a residence complex, UMass Boston is now a 24/7 campus that continues to offer tremendous value: the vast resources of a public research university at an affordable price.

<https://admissions.umb.edu/freshman-students>

THE UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA OFFERS FREE APPLICATION WEEK

We are excited to announce The University of Alabama's Free App Week, running **November 16-20, 2020**. This is your students' opportunity to continue to build off of their hard work and dedication toward their futures without the pressure of cost. Spread the word and the excitement of this opportunity!

Senior students and families will receive an email with their personal code on launch day (November 16). The code will only be available to out-of-state and international prospects. Students have until 11:59 p.m. CST on November 20 to complete their application. During this week, please assist your students with acquiring transcripts.

Given the workload you carry, we want to make it as easy as possible for you to submit transcripts for your students applying to UA. Here are the options for official high school transcript submission for your applicants:

- **Email:** hstranscripts@ua.edu (Transcripts sent via email must come directly from the high school counselor. Students may not submit transcripts via email.)
- **Electronic Services:** Parchment/Naviance, E-Scripts, Scribbles, OverGrad, SCOIR and National Student Clearinghouse
- **Mail:**
Office of Undergraduate Admissions
The University of Alabama
Box 870132
Tuscaloosa, AL 35487

This is everything you need to inform your students and their families about Undergraduate Admissions' Free App Week. Share the official social media accounts' hashtags (#FreeAppWeek, #UA25, #BecomeALegend), posts, tweets and stories.

If you have any questions, please reply directly to this email.

III. COLLEGE VISITS, FLY-INS, & OPEN HOUSES

THE UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT VIRTUAL VISITS



The campus tour is a vital experience in many prospective students' college journeys. We invite you and your students to immerse yourselves into our main campus in Storrs by taking our new virtual campus tour.

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CASE WESTERN RESERVE Q & A WEBINAR

Spend some time getting to know Case Western Reserve University students in a Q&A Webinar!

No agenda. No slides. Just a casual, honest talk with students who are excited to share their CWRU experience with you. Submit questions in advance, or feel free to put them on the spot! Go [here](#) to register for the various webinars throughout the month of November.

IV. COLLEGE TESTING SUPPORT

EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES TEST PREP

Making your test prep plan is essential. Knowing the questions you miss makes the task much easier! For students who are considering the December ACT, be sure to not only register at ACT.org, but also order the test booklet and answer sheet returned when you complete your online registration form. Don't miss this opportunity to know exactly which questions you missed. This info will guide your test prep study. The Test Information Release (TIR) is offered only in December, April, and June. Allow 4-6 weeks for delivery. December test results usually arrive before January 10th.

- Review academic concepts in the way they will be tested on the exam.
- Learn specific strategies for each subject area
- Then customize your approach based on your strengths and weaknesses.

Be prepared. **CLASS STARTS SUNDAY!** Register Now for Educational Resources Test Prep at <https://www.ertutor.com/course-registration/>.

Questions? Call Dr. Weigel at 502-426-8002

KENTUCKY VIRTUAL LIBRARY

Ample assessment supports are available at the [Kentucky Virtual Library](#). You can click on that link and find all types of free resources your students can use if they create a free account, but I want to outline a few that I find the most helpful:

- Under College Admissions Test Preparation
 - ACT Practice exams that allow students to save their progress and return to the exam
 - Specific subject test prep material
 - Test prep ebooks
 - AP Preparation materials for several of the more popular exams (APUSH, APWorld, AP Lit and Lang, AP Calculus (AB and BC))
 - SAT test prep and practice exams with specific subject test prep and ebooks
- Under College Students
 - Prepare for College Placement Exams
 - Accuplacer practice tests
 - CLEP practice and test prep
- Under Career Preparation
 - Test prep and practice exams for many licensures and career entry exams
 - CDL
 - Cosmetology
 - Allied Health
 - Social Worker
 - CNA
 - Law Enforcement

TUTORS ACROSS AMERICA

Tutors Across America will be offering a discounted **Online ACT Boot Camp** over the dates of December 4th – 6th. This camp will help students to prepare for the December 12th ACT exam, as well as test dates in the spring. The boot camp will be particularly important for Seniors and Juniors - but Sophomores and Freshmen are also welcome to participate.

We have a scholarship program for financially needy students that makes the camp 100% free for them. Please contact me for further details.

Schedule for the Boot Camp

Friday, Dec 4th 4:00pm – 8:30pm CST
Saturday, Dec 5th 9:00am - 6:00pm CST (lunch break from 1:00-2:00)
Sunday, Dec 6th 9:00am - 6:00pm CST (lunch break from 1:00-2:00)

The boot camps are averaging 3-7 point improvements on the ACT, which represents a 20-40 percentile point increase.

Regular Cost of Camp: \$299

Discounted Cost: **\$149**

Use coupon code **ACTPREPCAMP** at checkout.

The camp includes two full-length practice ACT exams. (actual past ACT exams)

Tutors Across America's Founder, Ryan Fitzgibbons

Achieved a perfect score on the SAT

Scored in the 99th percentile on the ACT (the highest you can get)

Member of Mensa High IQ Society

Completed Bachelors Degree in just 2 years

One of Kaplan's highest rated teachers in the nation for student score improvement

His students earned over \$25 Million in scholarships last year

How To Enroll in the ACT Camp

(1) Go to: <http://TutorsAcrossAmerica.com/ACTcourse>

(2) Scroll down to find this camp listing: ONLINE ACT Bootcamp (in the Central Time Zone)

(3) Enroll as directed

(4) Use coupon code **ACTPREPCAMP** at checkout

If you'd like to learn more about the ACT/SAT and college admissions, and hear the latest updates on how coronavirus has impacted testing, click here: <https://youtu.be/uDM2mZ4hdFU> for a video from Tutors Across America founder Ryan Fitzgibbons.

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V. STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES (VARIOUS GRADE LEVELS)

UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA EARLY COLLEGE COURSES

If you're in high school, you don't have to wait to get your college career started. Through The University of Alabama Early College program, you can take college courses online or on campus while still in high school, earning up to 30 credit hours. Thousands of high school students have gotten a big jump on college through UA Early College.

Academic advising for the Spring 2021 semester is under way!

Individual Online Zoom Sessions (text chat, audio, and video when available)

Students sign up for academic advising through Early College Student Resources (ECSR).

October 2 - Academic advising open for UAEC students taking courses in the spring term

October 26 - Course registration opens for UAEC students

Spring Full Term Dates (January 13 - April 30)

January 13 - Classes begin

Spring II Term Dates (February 15 - April 30)

February 15 - Classes begin

In preparation for academic advising:

Please strongly encourage your student to review courses and read about ones they may be interested in taking. Have your student check the availability of courses they are interested in, as not all classes are offered every semester.

They can do both of these by logging into myBama, selecting the "Academics" tab on the left and then selecting "Course Catalog" in the upper left-hand box.

Please be aware of all Academic Calendar and Financial Calendar deadlines.

Students are able to select from a wide variety of courses each semester.

- **ANT 102** Introduction to Cultural Anthropology
- **EN 101** Freshman English Composition I (includes Literature Component)
- **EN 102** Freshman English Composition II (includes Literature Component)
- **CJ 100** Introduction to Criminal Justice
- **HY 103** History of American Civilization to 1865
- **HY 104** History of American Civilization from 1865
- **PHL 23** Medical Ethics
- **PY 101** Introduction to Psychology
- **TH 114** Introduction to Theatre
- **UH 102** Common Book Experience
- **WS 200** Introduction to Women's Studies
- **Students can review more potential courses on the UAEC website under the [Typical Course Options listing](#).**

For more information, go to this link: uaearlycollege.ua.edu

JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY ENGINEERING INNOVATION PROGRAMS

Do you know students who excel in math and science? Designed with the intellectually curious student in mind, [Johns Hopkins Biomedical Engineering Innovation](#) offers a challenging and fun online course that sparks an interest in engineering and STEM exploration.

Share this opportunity to earn college credit with these advanced students. **Applications are being accepted for the January 25, 2021 course, so there is still time to apply.**

I loved doing the final project! It was really fun to investigate something that was entirely something you chose and something that you were interested in. After a few weeks of stressing about it and trying to come up with the best topic and experimental design it was great to finally get into the project!

Johns Hopkins faculty created the Biomedical Engineering Innovation course to encourage creativity and instill confidence in students. In the course, students will model human efficiency and the cardiovascular system and design experiments to test these models and more. And students have the opportunity to earn college credit and strengthen their college applications!

[Read more about the course](#) and share Biomedical Engineering Innovation, scheduled for January 25–April 23, 2021, with parents and students.

[Email us](#) with any questions.

Sincerely,
Johns Hopkins University
Engineering Innovation Programs
Biomedical Engineering Innovation

COLLEGE PREP ADVICE FOR JUNIORS

Juniors: Solid College Prep Advice During an Uncertain Year

By [Scott](#), IvyWise Premier College Admissions Counselor

Although a lot has changed in such a short period of time, the good news is that most of the principles of getting the most out of your time in high school and being prepared for the college admissions process remain the same.

[Read More](#)

THE WASHINGTON SCHOLARS PROGRAM

I hope your school year is off to a smooth start. I am writing to invite you to nominate your top students to attend the Washington Youth Summit on the Environment (WYSE) or the Washington Journalism and Media Conference (WJMC), sponsored by, and held on the campus of George Mason University, located in the Washington, D.C. area. We are currently planning for in-person programs but are prepared to implement virtual programming should we need to make a change.

WYSE will tentatively be held June 27 to July 2, 2021, and WJMC will tentatively be held July 11 to 16 and July 18 to 23, 2021*.

What are WYSE and WJMC?

[WYSE](#) and [WJMC](#) were developed for high-achieving students with an interest in environmental science or journalism and the media.

The [WYSE](#) curriculum includes lively panel discussions and exclusive site visits to the National Geographic Society and the Smithsonian's National Zoo. Past speakers include the Administrator to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), U.S. Assistant Secretary of Energy, and the Director of the U.S. Geological Survey. Keynote addresses have been given by leaders of the nation's most prominent environmental and conservation organizations.

At [WJMC](#) students are placed in real-world experiences with media professionals at the National Press Club and the U.S. Capitol. Past WJMC conference speakers include Hoda Kotb of the "TODAY Show" on NBC; Chuck Todd, moderator of Meet the Press for NBC; Carol Guzy, Pulitzer Prize winning photojournalist for The Washington Post; and Candy Crowley, former host of CNN's "State of the Union."

A day-by-day schedule can be found [here](#) for WYSE and [here](#) for WJMC. Students represent their high school and state during this exciting conference and receive college credit for participating.

WYSE - -WHAT IS THE TUITION AND WHAT DOES IT COVER?

Tuition to attend the Summit is \$2,150. The online payment plan divides the tuition into equal monthly installments beginning with the day you register for [WYSE](#).

The full tuition is due by the end of May.

Tuition covers:

Six days of environmental conservation and leadership skills development, including hands-on activities, unique and special access to facilities and laboratories, and experts and leaders, and distinguished speakers

A dedicated Faculty Advisor/Mentor for the week

On-campus residence in state-of-the-art facilities

Transportation to/from Dulles International Airport (IAD) and Reagan National Airport (DCA)

Deluxe motor coach transportation between program locations

Breakfasts, most lunches, and dinners during the Summit. *Students need to bring ~\$30 to cover two out-of-pocket lunches.*

WYSE Dinner and Gala with distinguished speakers and guests

Full-time conference counselor to assist students with sensitive issues, away from home adjustments, or private matters

Night chaperone staff to monitor residence halls during the night

24-hour staff to address emergencies

24-hour telephone hotline available to parents and students for emergencies

Certificate of completion

One college credit*

Students must be in good academic standing: a minimum 3.5 GPA; a demonstrated interest in environmental science; and be willing to represent their school and state as a National Youth Delegate.

WJMC --WHAT IS THE TUITION AND WHAT DOES IT COVER?

Tuition to attend the Conference is \$2,150. The online payment plan divides the tuition into equal monthly installments beginning with the day you register for **WJMC**.

The full tuition is due by the end of May.

Tuition covers:

Six days of journalism and leadership skills development, including hands-on activities and distinguished speakers

A dedicated Faculty Advisor/Mentor for the week

On-campus residence in state-of-the-art facilities

Transportation to/from Dulles International Airport (IAD) and Reagan National Airport (DCA)

Deluxe motor coach transportation between program locations

Breakfasts, lunches, and dinners (students need to bring ~\$15 for one lunch during WJMC)

WJMC Dinner and Gala with distinguished speakers and guests

Full-time conference counselor to assist students with sensitive issues, away from home adjustments, or private matters

Night chaperone staff to monitor residence halls during the night

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Certificate of completion

One college credit*

**College credit is issued by George Mason University. Upon successful completion of WJMC, student will earn one general elective, college credit. This credit is issued on a pass/fail basis. The transferability of this credit is the determination of the college/university to be attended.*

Students must be in good academic standing: a minimum 3.5 GPA; a demonstrated interest in journalism; and be willing to represent their school and state as a National Youth Correspondent.

WSP Nominations: DuPont Manual may nominate 5 students for each program. Sophomores and Juniors may apply.

If you wish to be nominated, please email a letter of interest explaining why you should be nominated along with a resume to Mr. Fowler by **2:30 pm on Tuesday, November 17th**. kevin.fowler@jefferson.kyschools.us.

Be sure to list the program for which you want to be nominated: WYSE or WJMC.

VIRTUAL COLLEGE FAIRS

We have four KYACAC virtual fairs left this semester. Please see the dates and times below. Two are THIS WEEK! We have only had **515** registrations and while we understand everyone is exhausted from all things virtual, we want to do one last push for registrations for these last few events. Please remember this event is **free for all high school students and high school counselors**. The goal of this is to remove as many barriers as possible for them to gain exposure to college options. Here is the link to register: <https://kyacac.swoogo.com/kyacacvirtual/begin>

Exciting news! For the last four events combined, we have six (6) \$50 Amazon gift cards for students who visit ten (10) or more booths to give away. Students who visit the required number of booths will be entered in a drawing to win a gift card and winners will be announced after the December 7th events have concluded.

All times are EST

- Friday, November 13th - 10:30 AM – 1:00 PM
- Saturday, November 14th – 11:00 AM -1:00 PM
- Monday, December 7th - 10:30 AM – 1:00 PM & 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM (*Please note two time frames on this day*)

Please remember during the live fair, students and counselors can chat the college reps on their individual virtual booths if they have any questions that may not be found on the page. The fair is still accessible outside of the times listed above, but we cannot guarantee a college representative will be available to chat. There is also a filter process at the top of the fair for students to filter down schools by size, setting, major, and more. We want this to be a useful resource for all and hope to have an increase in engagement these last few events.

Thank you KYACAC for your patience and everything you do to increase college access in Kentucky!

VI. PARENT INFORMATION

VIRTUAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR PARENTS AND STUDENTS

Upcoming Virtual Events for Students and Parents

TeenLife Blog – November 2020

Most of these virtual events are free to attend by parents and students. Our team at TeenLife is on the lookout and will share the most interesting college fairs, panel discussions, webinars that are taking place in the weeks and months ahead. Be sure to bookmark this post!

USING THE NET PRICE CALCULATOR IN SELECTING A COLLEGE

How A Net Price Calculator Can Help You Pick A College

Forbes – November 2020

The cost of college should always be part of the equation in choosing one. After you narrow down your college choices by major, career services and where and how you learn best, use the net price calculators on college websites to get an idea of which colleges are affordable for your family.

UNDERSTANDING COLLEGE DEADLINES

COLLEGE DEADLINES YOU NEED TO KNOW

As your student starts exploring schools, understanding all of the college deadlines is essential.

The entire application process can be quite lengthy, often spanning over several months.

Tracking college application due dates ensures that your student doesn't miss a critical cutoff that could prevent them from getting into their top-choice school.

While every college can set its own schedule, many use similar deadlines for college applications and admissions decisions. Here's an overview of the college deadlines every student needs to know. To continue reading, go [here](#).

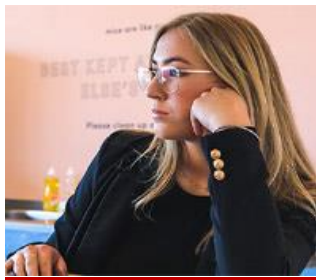
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Neeta Vallab

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