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SCHOLARSHIPS & OPPORTUNITIES FOCUSED ON DIVERSITY AND EQUITY

UNIVERSITY OF SAN FRANCISCO BLACK SCHOLARS PROGRAM

Black Scholars Program

The Black Scholars Program is an ambitious, rigorous, and competitive academic program, grounded in Jesuit values, that seeks to educate the whole undergraduate student and develop their potential to fashion a more humane and just world.

Designed for high-achieving black students who are committed to serving the needs of underserved communities through their chosen career paths, the program builds student leadership capacity and provides students with the resources, skills and support necessary to achieve excellence and pursue rich and rewarding careers after graduation.

Students who are selected for the Black Scholars Program will receive a renewable four-year scholarship covering a substantial portion of their tuition and room and board costs.

In addition, Black Scholars will:

Reside in the Marshall-Riley Living-Learning Community during their first year

Take interdisciplinary African American Studies and service-learning courses

Network with local black Bay Area community leaders and USF alumni

Receive mentoring from USF faculty, staff, and/or alumni

Be placed in a research assistantship and/or internships

Develop a senior capstone project that meets the academic requirements of their major

Graduate with honors distinction

For more information, go [here](#).

OBERLIN COLLEGE & CONSERVATORY

As the first college in the country to adopt a policy to admit students regardless of race, Oberlin has a deep commitment to access and inclusion. This is why we offer our Multicultural Visit Program. This year's virtual Multicultural Visit Program (vMVP) will allow students to experience the vibrancy and diversity of a top liberal arts college and conservatory of music that is supportive, intellectually challenging, engaging, and socially active.

[Click Here for Program Information](#)

High school seniors selected for the program will be provided with virtual experiences including a campus tour, faculty lectures, admissions and financial aid workshops, and dynamic activities with current students, professors, and staff. All of this will give your students a firsthand view of campus life at Oberlin. Additionally, active participants will be eligible for a [RaiseMe microscholarship](#) valued at \$2,000.

We encourage applications from students from diverse backgrounds such as Asian American, Black/African-American, Hispanic/Latinx, Native American, Alaskan Native, Native Hawaiian, or Pacific Islander. We will also consider low-income and/or first-generation college students, regardless of cultural or racial background. Students may choose from one of two program dates:

- **October 7-8, 2020** (College and Conservatory virtual programming)

Application due by October 2, 2020.

Thank you in advance for recommending this program to interested students. Please visit the [Multicultural Visit Program website](#) to learn more. If you have any questions, please contact us at multicultural.admissions@oberlin.edu.

UNIVERSITY OF RICHMOND – MOVE: MULTICULTURAL ONLINE VISIT EXPERIENCE

As we pivot much of our programming online, we are excited to offer our outreach program in a new format. **MOVE (Multicultural Online Visit Experience) is a two-day virtual evening program on October 15 and 16.** Participants will join candid discussions with faculty, students, and University leadership, learn more about available support services, participate in an interactive icebreaker with current students, and even benefit from a moment of wellness through a guided meditation.

We value your insights and assistance identifying students who might be a great fit for this program and our community at UR based on the criteria below:

- High school senior
- Self-identify as a member of a historically underrepresented population (African American, Asian American, biracial/multiracial, Latino/a, Native American, Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander) -OR- is interested in issues of diversity and inclusion
- Has at least a 3.6 cumulative GPA
- Active member of their community

While this program is open to all students interested in diversity and inclusion experiences, students from traditionally underrepresented or underserved backgrounds will be prioritized in the selection process.

Please forward this [short interest form](#) (due October 1) to students as soon as possible. We will select students for MOVE on an ongoing basis, with final selections completed by October 10. Please be advised that although the program is virtual, we are limiting the size to keep our breakout groups small and the level of personal engagement high. For this reason, we will not be able to accommodate every student who expresses interest.

BARD CONSERVATORY-SPHINX SCHOLARSHIP

Bard Conservatory-Sphinx Scholarship

In partnership with the [Sphinx College-Bound Program](#) and available to all alumni and semifinalists of the Sphinx Competition, Bard College Conservatory of Music is pleased to offer four special scholarships covering up to full tuition and room and board to one violinist, one violist, one cellist, and one bassist.

More about the College-Bound Program:

In 2001, [Sphinx](#) joined forces with the [League of American Orchestras](#) to execute and oversee its Music Assistance Fund for classical musicians of color. Now called the College-Bound Program, this program is designed to help aspiring musicians develop their skills as they prepare for professional careers. In addition to educational funds, all [Sphinx Competition](#) semi-finalists and alumni receive access to undergraduate and graduate scholarships through this program.

DAVIDSON APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE FOR ACCESS DAVIDSON VIRTUAL VISIT PROGRAM

We invite you to share information about our virtual college visit program with your students. [Access Davidson](#), October 18-19, 2020, will provide students the opportunity to learn about what makes our community so special.

Access Davidson will feature a mix of required and optional interactive programming. **To apply for this program, students must complete the following steps by Monday, September 28:**

- Submit a completed [Access Davidson application](#)
- Upload a complete transcript (senior schedule must be included)

Priority will be given to students from traditionally underrepresented groups, those who are the first in their family to attend college, and students from rural or low-income backgrounds.

Decisions will be communicated in early October.

Please contact admission@davidson.edu with any questions. We look forward to working with you and your students.

TULANE UNIVERSITY HOSTS MULTICULTURAL VIRTUAL FLY-INS

It's official... Tulane's Multicultural Fly-In Program, PreviewTU, is now taking attendees. We invite you to tell your students about this once-a-year program. PreviewTU aims to connect with high-achieving seniors from traditionally first generation and multicultural backgrounds and help in the process of applying to Tulane.

Typically on a rolling admission basis, this year's PreviewTU is open to all! We will be hosting a virtual fly-in, "PreviewTU Comes to You", which will take place the weekend of **Thursday, October 8th through Saturday, October 10th**.

Students will be required to submit their high school transcripts to register, and often need your help to do so. Please work with them to make sure we get these documents.

I encourage you to urge your students to sign up and attend.

If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to me by replying to this email.

Sign Up for Preview TU

You can share this link with your students to register: [Preview TU Virtual Fly-in Registration](#)

Tulane's Multicultural and Access Programs

Learn more about the programs our office holds for equity and inclusion: [Check Us Out!!!](#)

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES (Seniors Only)

THE COOKE FOUNDATION COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP

The Cooke Foundation continues to work remotely while preparing for this year's application cycle for our [College Scholarship Program](#) and [Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship](#). As we prepare for a scholarship season where we will not be able to visit with students in person, we plan to do more webinars and videos to support students in our process. Please let us know if you have suggestions for resources we should provide.

Scholarship Updates

College Scholarship

The 2021 application will be accessible through Common App on August 1, 2020. Current rising high school seniors are eligible to apply. **The application will close October 30, 2020.**

For the 2021 application, the Cooke Foundation will not require applicants to submit test scores for the College Scholarship Program application, and we will be "test blind" in the review process. We will be removing all test score eligibility requirements on our materials and website in the next week.

IMAGINE AMERICA FOUNDATION

[How Long Does It Take to Get an Auto Collision Degree?](#)

BARD CONSERVATORY DOUBLE-DEGREE PROGRAM

Interesting information from Bard Conservatory in New York - they offer a double degree program now that includes the liberal arts with music - Violin faculty includes Gil Shaham and his wife (Gil is probably the most sought after and famous active soloist in the world today); Tan Dun won the Grawemeyer Award at UofL in the past and is a top composer - now the Dean; and the part about their scholarships is especially exciting for music bound students!!!

Special Scholarships, Covering Up To Full-Tuition, Room and Board:

- Bard Conservatory-Sphinx Scholarship
- Double Reed Scholarship
- Brass Scholarship
- Double Bass Scholarship
- Joan Tower Composition Scholarship

Information about special scholarships and financial aid may be found [here](#).

NEW AT NYU

- In light of COVID-19, students applying for the Class of 2025 are not required to submit [standardized testing](#). We've updated our Regular Decision deadline to January 5, 2021. Early Decision II will remain January 1, 2021.
- This fall, we're hosting several [virtual events](#) as part of our [Counselor Learning Series](#). Our first event is September 14th. You can also see our full list of [virtual events for students](#) and [virtual events for parents](#).
- We've updated our Regular Decision deadline to January 5, 2021. Early Decision II will remain January 1, 2021.
- NYU Stern has launched a new major, [Business Technology, and Entrepreneurship](#).

NEWS FROM THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

Test optional news

As a reminder, Ohio State has implemented a test optional plan for spring, summer and autumn 2021 applicants. We continue to recognize the challenges of accessing a testing site and will monitor the landscape over the next year. Our test optional plan is applicable for admission, merit scholarships, honors and scholars programs, and college or program-specific admission.

Students should choose their preference for submitting scores when they submit the Common

Application. Please note: We will only make changes to their preference if they are impacted by a canceled test.

Campus visits and recruitment fall plans

Our admissions counselors look forward to hosting virtual [high school visits](#) with you and your students and we continue to expand our [virtual resources for prospective students](#). Right now, learning about Ohio State virtually is the most comprehensive way to introduce students to our programs and people. Also note that we are limiting the number of students, faculty and staff on campus, as well as access to buildings and spaces. We hope to be hosting admitted students on campus beginning in February, if conditions permit.

Academic communities

Each of these programs offers students closer ties to faculty, mentoring, travel, housing communities and career preparation. We encourage all students to explore them as they consider how they may build community at Ohio State. Students are encouraged to meet the November 15 early action application deadline to be considered, and all programs require additional application steps.

Morrill Scholarship Program

For students who are academically talented and actively engaged in diversity-based leadership, social justice and service, [MSP](#) offers substantial scholarships and academic and cultural enrichment opportunities. Scholarship opportunities are also available.

Honors and Scholars

[Honors and Scholars](#) serves high-ability, motivated students through two distinct programs.

The University Honors Program features enriched academic experiences, which include advanced course work and research. The Ohio State Scholars Program offers co-curricular opportunities through 17 theme-based communities.

The [Eminence Fellows Program](#) allows students to embark on a unique, four-year journey of academic rigor, service and leadership. Scholarship opportunities are also available.

Academic program updates

Music and dance auditions go virtual

Both the School of Music and Department of Dance are committed to accessibility and safety in these uncertain times. As a result, both are offering virtual audition and video audition opportunities for students applying for the 2021-22 academic year.

Please note that, in addition to the Common Application, students applying as music or dance majors will need to complete an audition and an application to their area of choice. Visit the [School of Music](#) and the [Department of Dance](#) for more information.

College of Engineering

High school seniors applying to the Columbus campus are encouraged to submit their complete admission application indicating their engineering pre-major of interest by November 15.

Capacity within engineering fills quickly. Learn about our [nationally recognized engineering program](#) or email us at eng-recruitment@osu.edu.

School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences

We're a nationally recognized leader in training healthcare professionals. Students receive individualized attention and benefit from small class sizes, state-of-the-art medical facilities, and hands-on clinical experiences. [Learn more](#) and explore our programs.

College of Pharmacy

Do you a student who is interested in becoming a pharmacist? The Early Assurance Program is for high-achieving, prospective first-year students interested in becoming licensed pharmacists. Learn more about this [exciting program](#)!

THE HORATIO ALGER ASSOCIATION

We would like to inform you that this year's application is now open for high school seniors. Only one application is needed for our National, State and Targeted scholarships ranging from **\$10,000** to **\$50,000**. The application will close on **October 25, 2020**.

Criteria:

- Critical financial need (\$55,000 or less adjusted gross income per family)
- Integrity and perseverance in overcoming adversity
- Minimum grade point average (GPA) of 2.0
- Participation in community service
- United States citizenship

Students can apply by going to <https://app.smarterselect.com/programs/66358-Horatio-Alger-Association>.

STONY BROOK UNIVERSITY INFORMATION

Thank you for your interest in Stony Brook University. You play a vital role by helping students navigate through the ever-changing landscape of college admissions. We're here to assist you along the way.

For your convenience, a series of important links to our website can be found below:

- [Admission Criteria](#)
- [Application Procedures](#)
- [AP & College Credit](#)
- [Majors and Degrees](#)
- [Cost, Financial Aid and Scholarships](#)
- [Honors Programs](#)

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA OPPORTUNITIES

OPEN HOUSE

High school seniors and their families are invited to attend one of two virtual Open House events hosted by UofSC this fall. Participants will hear from current students about academics and living on campus, learn about scholarship opportunities and the financial aid process, and get the inside scoop on completing their UofSC freshman application. Live chat will be offered throughout the event for students to ask questions. These events will take place over four days on September 21-24 and October 5-8 from 5- 7 p.m.

IMPORTANT DATES

September 21-24	Open House
October 5-8	Open House
October 15	Early Action Application Deadline
November 2	Supplemental materials due for Early Action Applicants
November 15	Honors College / Top Scholars Application Deadline
December 1	Regular Application Deadline
February 1	Final Credentials Deadline

COLLEGE VISITS, FLY-INS, & OPEN HOUSES

CARNEGIE MELLON ONLINE VISIT OPPORTUNITIES

As many of your students begin their college application process, we wanted to share with you how they can learn more about Carnegie Mellon University's campus, academics and student life through our online visit opportunities. Prospective students can:

- Explore our beautiful campus through the eyes of our Tartan Ambassadors on our [Virtual Campus Tour](#).
- Check out Carnegie Mellon's common first-year on-campus housing options and ask questions about living on campus with our [Virtual Residence Hall Tour](#).
- Join our Tartan Ambassadors as they discuss what they're studying, what they're researching and how they're enjoying student life during a [Tartan Talk](#).
- Learn more about our colleges and programs, admission process, financial aid and campus life in our hour-long [Information Session](#).
- Meet one-on-one with an admission counselor for a 20-30 minute [Remote Counseling Session](#) to ask any questions they have.

All online events are accessible by Zoom or phone, and students are welcome to invite you or their family to join them.

If you or your students have questions or need any additional accommodations to attend these events, please contact our office at admission@andrew.cmu.edu or at [412.268.2082](tel:412.268.2082).

DARTMOUTH COLLEGE

We are offering a robust menu of virtual opportunities for you and/or your students:

- Check out Dean Coffin's NEW podcast ["The Search"](#) - a guide to navigating college admissions
- Attend a [virtual information session](#)
- [Find and contact](#) a regional admissions officer
- Take a [virtual campus tour](#)
- Subscribe to our [YouTube channel](#)
- Learn about life at the College as experienced by our [student bloggers](#)
- Read the most recent edition of [3D Magazine](#)
- Follow us on [social media](#)

VIRTUAL WAYS TO CONNECT WITH PENN ADMISSIONS THIS FALL (UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA)

We look forward to working with you and your students this year! While we won't be able to participate in virtual high school visits this fall, we are excited to share a variety of opportunities for students, families, counselors, and teachers to engage with Penn. Please check our [Visit Penn](#) website and [YouTube Channel](#) regularly as additional programs and resources will be posted throughout the fall.

- **Information Sessions & Live Tours**
 - Live information sessions, led by Penn Admissions Officers, will be offered on weekdays and select Saturdays.
 - Live virtual campus tours, led by Kite & Key tour guides, will be offered on weekdays and select Saturdays.
 - Digging Deeper, a panel focused on diversity and inclusion, will be led by Kite & Key members throughout the fall.
- **School & Program Sessions**
 - Penn's four undergraduate schools and select coordinated dual degree programs offer a variety of weekday and weekend events, such as information sessions, current student chats, pre-recorded sessions, and live Q&A.
- **Workshops, Panels & Events**
 - Penn Admissions offers a weekly workshop on topics such as essay writing, international student life, financial aid, Penn's FGLI community, and much more.
 - [Exploring College Options](#), hosted by Duke, Georgetown, Harvard, Penn, and Stanford, will offer joint presentations throughout the fall. Additionally, Penn partners with a variety of universities to offer virtual regional presentations geared toward prospective international students and families, which will be advertised via email.
- **On-Demand Resources**
 - Penn Admissions offers a set of Application Advice Videos and a virtual campus tour, all accessible 24/7.

NORTHWESTERN'S FALL 2020 REGIONAL OUTREACH

1. We've recently launched a vlog series, *Applied Learning*, which brings admission directors together to discuss broad topics like [researching colleges when you can't visit](#), [application essays](#), and [financial aid](#). We hope these informal dialogs will bring useful insights while stressing for students that there is no single way to approach the college search nor magic formula for a successful application. We also hope that our conversational approach in these videos will encourage students to be themselves throughout this process, too. The newest vlog in the series, "[Anatomy of a Holistic Review](#)," is scheduled to premiere tomorrow, 9/12. Note that this series is meant for any college-bound student, whether or not they're considering Northwestern.

2. For students who do want to learn more about Northwestern, my [most recent blog](#) shares general updates on our fall outreach. We've teed up a wide range of digital programs, many with live Q&A. Students can visit our [YouTube channel](#) for the full archive, and register for future programs on [our website](#).

3. Finally, like many colleges, we have [shifted to a test-optional policy](#) for the coming cycle. We imagine it's becoming difficult to parse the variations of test-optional unfolding across the college admission landscape, so we invite students to visit our [online FAQs](#) for specifics on how to approach their Northwestern application. But the bottom line is simple: Northwestern applications for the coming cycle can stand strong without any external exam scores, and our review process will remain grounded in a holistic approach coupled with a commitment to college access.

RUTGERS UNIVERSITY VIRTUAL OPEN HOUSE OPPORTUNITIES

Join us from the safety and comfort
of your own home. Hear from current students
and faculty on what it's like to be a Scarlet Raider.

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CHOOSE WHAT WORKS FOR YOU:

Monday, September 21st | 6 PM - 8 PM
Saturday, October 17th | 10 AM - 12 PM
Wednesday, November 18th | 6 PM - 8 PM

[REGISTER TODAY](#)

WELLESLEY COLLEGE UPDATES

Amidst the ongoing COVID-19 public health crisis, activists are sustaining one of the largest civil rights demonstrations in our nation's history, speaking out against police violence, racism, and economic disparity. We affirm the work of these activists and we remain committed to antiracism in the work that we do here in the Office of Admission. This work begins with a commitment to provide as much support as we can for each student considering Wellesley.

As such, we'd like to reiterate information about our new [virtual visit and engagement opportunities](#) and important updates for Fall 2021 applicants. [First-year applicant updates](#) have been posted on our website and all prospective applicants in our database will receive a communication next week outlining first-year applicant changes, including the suspension of Wellesley's Standardized Testing Requirement.

VIRTUAL OPPORTUNITIES FROM TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY

Virtual Events for your Students

Texas Tech University is offering a wide range of virtual events for your students. Learn about available opportunities here.

[Texas Tech Preview](#)

Oct. 12, Nov. 19 | *For all prospective students.*

[Scholars Reception](#)

Sept. 15, Oct. 22, Nov. 12 | *For high ability students considering honors.*

[Virtual Texas Tech Information Sessions](#)

Weekdays | *For all prospective students.*

FAFSA Opening Soon

Students will be able to submit their Free Application for Federal Student Aid for the 2021-2022 academic year beginning October 1, 2020. [Learn more here.](#)

Student Referral Program

Please refer your students interested in Texas Tech University to complete [this form](#). This will assure that we provide information to help them make their college decision.

UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO HOSTS MULTIPLE VIRTUAL EVENTS

- **UChicago Events to Check Out** (all times are noted in US Central Daylight Time (CDT)—register in advance using the links below!)
- **Wednesday, September 16, 6 p.m.:** [Exploring Educational Excellence](#). Join Brown University, the University of Chicago, Columbia University, Cornell University, and Rice University for a virtual information session for prospective students and their families. Sessions include a brief overview of each institution, information on admissions and financial aid, and a chance to ask questions of admissions representatives.
- **Thursday, September 17, 11 a.m.:** [UChicago Financial Aid Session](#). Thaddeus Paskert, Assistant Director of Financial Aid will lead a session on financing a UChicago education.
- **Thursday, September 17, 7 p.m.:** [Discovering U: Joint Virtual Information Session](#). Join Columbia University, the University of Chicago, the University of Texas at Austin, the University of Michigan, and Yale University to discover the exceptional opportunities our schools have to offer! Admissions professionals from our five schools will host a Zoom webinar featuring a variety of perspectives on the academic programs, philosophies, and traditions that make our colleges a home for our students.
- **Wednesday, September 23, 4 p.m.:** [UChicago Model Class with Professor Basil Salem](#). Join us for a model class from the Core Curriculum, “Self, Culture, & Society” with Professor Basil Salem, Collegiate Assistant Professor in the Department of History.
- **Wednesday, September 23, 4 p.m.:** [Exploring Educational Excellence](#). Join Brown University, the University of Chicago, Columbia University, Cornell University, and Rice University for a virtual information session for prospective students and their families. Sessions include a brief overview of each institution, information on admissions and financial aid, and a chance to ask questions of admissions representatives.
- **Wednesday, September 23, 7 p.m.:** [First Things First: Parent Panel](#). Join us for a conversation with the parents of first-generation UChicago college students to learn about the impact a college education can have on families.
- **Thursday, September 24, 11 a.m.:** [UChicago Career Advancement Session](#). Join Sophia C. Vojta, Associate Director, for a discussion of our co-curricular career programs. UChicago Career Advancement empowers UChicago undergraduates of all interests and backgrounds to apply their world-class education to a fulfilling career, offering support from industry experts, connections with employers, and experiential learning opportunities.
- **Thursday, September 24, 7 p.m.:** [Discovering U: Access & Financial Aid Session](#). Join Columbia University, the University of Chicago, the University of Texas at Austin, the University of Michigan, and Yale University for a conversation about access and financial aid.
- **Sunday, September 27, 2 p.m.:** [UChicago and Big 10 Academic Alliance Webinar](#). The University of Chicago and the Big Ten Academic Alliance will host a webinar series for high school students to learn more about our institutions, including Q & A sessions with admissions staff from each member university.
- **Monday, September 28, 3 p.m.:** [UChicago Study Abroad Session](#). Please join Kylie Poulin, Program Coordinator, for an introduction to UChicago Study Abroad opportunities. With over 60 unique study abroad programs offered each academic year, including distinctive faculty-led programs tied to Chicago’s curriculum and direct enrollment options at prestigious international universities, students have an array of program destinations, academic disciplines, and seasons to explore.
- **Tuesday, September 29, 7 p.m.:** [UChicago Personal Statement Session](#). The personal statement is a common requirement of applications to many US colleges and universities. During this session we will review some basic do’s and don’ts, share some insight into how personal statement essays can add an important perspective to your application, and explain how they are considered in a holistic review process.
- **Wednesday, September 30, 9 a.m.:** [UChicago Model Class with Professor Scott Snyder](#). Join us for a model class, “Molecules that Changed the World”, with Scott Snyder, Professor and Associate Chair of Chemistry. This class will explore organic molecules isolated from nature that have started wars, extended human life, and dramatically changed the mores of modern society. From penicillin, to capsaicin, to quinine, to progesterone, to Taxol, numerous examples of how organic molecules, and organic chemists, can impact the practice of modern life will be provided.

- **Wednesday, September 30, 7 p.m.:** [UChicago Supplemental Essays Session](#). This session will discuss how to engage with college-specific supplement questions that students are likely to encounter, using real examples to help students understand what works – and what doesn't. Attendance at a personal statement session or familiarity with personal statement writing is encouraged before attending this session.
- **Thursday, October 1, 7 p.m.:** [Admisión y Ayuda Financiera](#). Consejeros ofrecerán detalles sobre el proceso de admisión y ayuda financiera en español.
- **Thursday, October 1, 7 p.m.:** [Discovering U: Joint Virtual Information Session](#). Join Columbia University, the University of Chicago, the University of Texas at Austin, the University of Michigan, and Yale University to discover the exceptional opportunities our schools have to offer! Admissions professionals from our five schools will host a Zoom webinar featuring a variety of perspectives on the academic programs, philosophies, and traditions that make our colleges a home for our students.
- If you have any more questions, concerns, suggestions, or if you just want to talk, please reach out to us at collegeadmissions@uchicago.edu or send an email to askastudent@uchicago.edu to get in touch with a current UChicago student!

UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY'S COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING WEBINARS!

Good afternoon and Happy Monday!

The College of Engineering at the University of Kentucky (UK) is excited to ring in the new academic year with exciting updates (e.g., new biomedical engineering degree, Engineering Complex expansion, and more). With your students thinking about where to attend college for engineering and computer science), I wanted to make sure that I personally invited you to our upcoming webinars.

This webinar will be an admissions and programmatic (e.g., [Engineering Living Learning Program](#), [Co-ops/Internships](#), [Academic Programs](#), [Scholarships](#), etc.) overview, as well as an opportunity for me to share updates and take questions, for UK's College of Engineering. The webinar will be hosted over three separate days:

- 1) Monday, September 21, 12:00-1:00 PM (EST): You can register [here](#) for this date.
- 2) Wednesday, September 23, 12:00-1:00 PM (EST): You can register [here](#) for this date.
- 3) Friday, September 25, 12:00-1:00 PM (EST): You can register [here](#) for this date.

I realize that this fall semester is unlike most. If these times do not work for you, but you still want this information, I will be recording these webinars and sending the recording to anyone who registers for these events. You can always connect with me, or [my colleagues in the recruitment office](#), if we can help you or your students.

WESTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY INFORMATION

The application for Fall 2021 is open now! Decisions are made within 7-10 business days of the application being completed.

October 1: FAFSA opens for 2021-2022.

October/November: Housing application opens for admitted students.

December 1: The Mahurin Honors College priority deadline and Cherry Presidential Scholarship deadline. Students should aim to be admitted to WKU by mid-November in order to have plenty of time to complete the Mahurin Honors College Application, which doubles as the Cherry Presidential Scholarship application.

February 1, 2021: TOP registration opens.

February 1, 2021: Priority deadline for TOPDollar scholarships.

March 31, 2021: Priority housing deadline.

May 1, 2021: Scholarships should be accepted on TopNet.

June 1, 2021: Final deadline for The Mahurin Honors College.

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INFORMATION FROM CONNECTICUT'S COLLEGES OFFICE OF ADMISSIONS

ADMISSION ONLINE

In order to limit exposure to COVID-19, we are not able to welcome visitors to campus for tours and other events.* However, we are offering a variety of online opportunities for prospective students to get to know Conn. They include:

- [Fall Open House](#), Sept. 21-25 and Nov. 2-6 | Just like our on-campus version, with informative panel discussions and opportunities for your students to meet our students and faculty
- [Explore](#), Oct. 5-6 | Our invitation-only event for high school seniors from underrepresented backgrounds
- [Social Justice Days](#), Oct. 7-8 | A new event open to all prospective students interested in discussing social justice at Conn and in the world
- [Coffee with a Camel](#), Monday-Saturday | Our tour guides will host intimate chat groups to share their experiences and answer questions
- [Online Information Sessions](#), Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday | Our admission counselors host 30-minute sessions followed by a Q&A
- [Interviews \(seniors only\)](#), Monday-Saturday | Encourage your seniors to tell us more about themselves in a one-on-one interview with an admission representative
- [CBO Information Sessions](#), by request | We'll tailor our information session to your Community-Based Organization
- [High School Information Sessions](#), by request | Private information sessions for groups from your high school

UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY HOSTS OPEN HOUSES

Wednesday, September 30

Tuesday, October 20

Thursday, November 12

Find more information and register [here](#)

COLLEGE TESTING SUPPORT

EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES

Don't fall behind in Standardized Testing!

Take 15 minutes and create a plan for your testing journey NOW!

Who: Every family with a high school sophomore or junior.

Fall may be the best time to get started.

PLAN

- Is your student taking the PSAT on October 14?
- Is your student taking the ACT or SAT? Which test is best for your student? Determine which National test date is best for your schedule.
- Mark your calendar.
- Find test prep resources at your school, online, or in-person. Learn what works best for you.

Schedule of fall test dates with Educational Resources prep courses follows:

- **PSAT** October 14: Strategy classes meet September 13, 20, 27, October 4*, 11 (*timed practice test)
- **ACT** October 10, 17, 24 (2 Options): 1. Strategy classes meet Tuesdays, 9/15, 22, 29, 10/6, 13 + timed practice tests or 2. Strategy classes meet Sundays, 9/20, 27, 10/4, 11 + timed practice tests.
- **ACT** December 12: Strategy classes meet 11/15, 22, 29, 12/6 + timed practice tests

Register at <https://www.ertutor.com/course-registration/>

STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES (VARIOUS GRADE LEVELS)

2020 YMCA YOUTH CHARACTER AWARD

2020 YMCA YOUTH CHARACTER AWARDS

Honorees will be selected by a committee of YMCA leadership volunteers and will be recognized at a safe and socially distanced awards ceremony in early November.

Each honoree will receive a \$2,500 in scholarships to support their academic and leadership pursuits. If you know an extraordinary teen who exemplifies the values of caring, honesty, respect and responsibility, nominate them for a YMCA of Greater Louisville 2020 Youth Character Award.

Nominations for the 2020 YMCA Youth Character Awards will be accepted through Friday, September 25, 2020.

Nomination Criteria

Please nominate teens that meet the following criteria:

- Must be between the ages of 13 and 17.
- Must have shown a strong commitment to the YMCA character values of Caring, Honesty, Respect, and Responsibility in their efforts at home, school, church or their community.
- Must be enrolled in high school during the current semester.
- Nominee's actions, character and leadership must have had a positive impact and serve to strengthen the foundations of their community.
- Must reside in the Greater Louisville area.
- In cases of multiple nominations, only one narrative per nominee will be submitted to the selection committee.
- Group or team applications cannot be accepted.

To request to be nominated for this award, send Mr. Fowler a brief statement asking to be nominated, along with (1) a resume and (2) your personal story regarding how you demonstrate exceptional leadership, stand as examples to those around you, and incorporate the Y core values of caring, honesty, respect and responsibility into your life.

Deadline for Mr. Fowler to receive this information is Tuesday, September 22, 2020.

Email address: kevin.fowler@jefferson.kyschools.us

EARLHAM COLLEGE an educationFORGOOD.

At Earlham, we have been working hard to ensure that students can experience all they need to see at Earlham virtually, just like they would on campus. Beginning in September, we are hosting different evening virtual events that showcases a small portion of Earlham College. This gives students the chance to join in on different events that they are interested in. Seniors, juniors, and sophomores are invited and I wanted to pass it along to you to share these events with your students.

Below is a list of our Virtual Fall events:

September – Begin Your Journey at Earlham:

Wednesday, Sept. 23 at 7:00 p.m. EDT: [Go Quakers! Earlham Athletics Program](#)

Connect with coaches to learn how you can become an Earlham Student Athlete

Wednesday, Sept. 30 at 7:00 p.m. EDT: [Financial Aid 101](#)

Get a head start on your college financial planning

Students can view and register for upcoming events in October and November through our [website](#).

We are also offering a **Virtual Visit Grant** between **\$100-\$500** for seniors who attend multiple Fall virtual events. The more virtual events that students participate in, the higher Virtual Visit Grant students will qualify for. Students must actively participate in virtual events to be considered for the Virtual Visit Grant by being engaged, asking questions, and staying for the full evening event. Students will be notified of their Virtual Visit Grant amount in December, after all Fall events have concluded.

SMITH COLLEGE EPIC ELEVATOR PITCH

We are writing to let you know about an exciting opportunity for your students. Smith College has partnered with EPIC, a recruiting tool operated by InitialView. We hope your students will consider using it to introduce themselves to us.

In the EPIC platform, students can record a 90-second informal video (the "Elevator Pitch") while also giving a "high five" to five target colleges. All students will get responses from their "high five" colleges. We can also reach out to students who don't give us a "high five" with a personalized video recorded only for them.

The platform offers students an easy and fun way to tell us more about themselves, make a personal connection with an admission officer and learn more about Smith!

We hope you will see the Elevator Pitch as an informal and "low-risk" opportunity to prepare students to interact with admissions officers and advocate for themselves in this new online admissions environment. Please note the deadline for "Elevator Pitch" submissions is September 30th.

We encourage you to take a look at [Smith's "Elevator Pitch"](#) and learn more about the InitialView platform. Please don't hesitate to contact [InitialView](#) with questions about the platform and to learn more about additional opportunities for both students and CBOs.

While we will miss meeting you and your students in person this fall, we look forward to making virtual connections and are happy to [answer any questions](#) you might have about Smith.

PRUDENTIAL STUDENT VOLUNTEER AWARDS

Applications are open for the 26th annual Prudential Spirit of Community Awards for “exemplary young volunteers.”

The program is open to students in all 50 states and the District of Columbia who were in grades 5 through 12 as of Nov. 5, 2019, and who have participated in a volunteer activity since Sept. 1, 2018.

Sponsored by Prudential Financial and the National Association of Secondary School Principals, the awards have recognized more than 140,000 middle and high school student volunteers since 1995.

Applications will be accepted until Nov. 5th at [Spirit.prudential.com](https://spirit.prudential.com). All middle school and high school principals and top guidance officers should have received a packet with details.

Students fill out online applications themselves and submit them to their principals. Each school will then select their top volunteers, present them with certificates and cite them as role models.

Schools may select one middle-school honoree for every 1,000 students in grades 5 through 8, and another for every 1,000 students in grades 9 through 12.

A state-level panel will select top applicants to receive \$1,000 scholarships, silver medallions and invitation to a national recognition event.

Five middle and five high school students will be national honorees, receiving a \$5,000 scholarship, gold medallion, a trophy for their school, and a \$5,000 grant for the nonprofit charity of their choice

CASE WESTERN RESERVE VIRTUAL EVENTS

Join Case Western Reserve University admission staff, students and faculty this fall for a series of online events to learn more about academics, research, campus life and more. All sessions include time for your questions.

[Register for a virtual event →](#)

This week:

- [Macromolecular Science and Engineering](#)
- [Engineering Overview](#)
- [30-minute CWRU overviews, led by admission staff and current students](#)

Instructions to join these virtual sessions will be shared upon registration. See you there!

DISCOVERY BEGINS HERE – UNIVERSITY OF HEALTH SCIENCES & PHARMACY IN ST. LOUIS

We're educating the health care leaders of tomorrow.

EXPLORE OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS

Since our founding in 1864 as St. Louis College of Pharmacy, we've been 100% focused on health care education. We've created opportunities for students across health care, and we've become known for leading-edge research.

Today, we're taking another exciting step toward the future with a new name.

We are University of Health Sciences and Pharmacy in St. Louis.

We are a community of future pharmacists, physicians, nurses, researchers, entrepreneurs and more learning and growing together. We are leaders and innovators who support and challenge each other to solve society's most pressing health care challenges.

At UHSP, we help students explore career paths in health care as they learn from expert faculty and top health care professionals, clinicians and researchers.

And when they begin their careers or apply for graduate or professional education, they'll do it with our 156-year legacy behind them.

[Learn more about how UHSP will help your student launch a career in health care.](#) DISCO

5th Annual Aviation Scholarship Awards

Do you have students whose heads are in the clouds? We invite U.S. high school students who are interested in [flight training](#) or [aviation maintenance](#) to apply for Epic Flight Academy's 3 aviation scholarships. We are located in New Smyrna Beach, Florida and welcome applicants from all around the U.S.

Will you please join us in supporting students' dreams by sharing this scholarship information with interested students?

We are awarding **\$44,500** this year!

- Open to current high school juniors and seniors for flight training and seniors for aircraft mechanics
- Awarding 3 scholarships (**\$20,000** and **\$5,000** for flight training; **\$19,500** for aircraft mechanics)
- **Deadline to apply is October 1, 2020**
- Read about scholarship recipient [Ryan Groel](#) who completed his Commercial Pilot License just 7 weeks after graduating from high school!

Full details and links to the online applications are available at:
<https://epicflightacademy.com/aviation-scholarship/>

THE HEALING POWER OF POSITIVE SELF-TALK

What Are You Watering?

How are you speaking to yourself? Are you waking up with a moment of gratitude or choosing to focus on a perceived failure or something else in your life that is negative?

Listen to this podcast "[The Healing Power of Positive Self-Talk](#)" between Christian Moore (founder of the WhyTry program) and Kimberly Boyd, a licensed professional counselor.

STANFORD: OFFICE OF UNDERGRADUATE ADMISSION

Dear Prospective Applicants,

We are sending you best wishes for this upcoming school year. In an effort to allow students interested in Stanford an opportunity to connect with our community, we are hosting a series of virtual outreach sessions called Community Conversations. For the first time, the Office of Undergraduate Admission and Student Services at Stanford University will join together to provide 1) information around the application components for this Fall 2021 admission cycle AND 2) information from our Community Centers.

Community Conversations are a series of virtual information sessions providing culturally inclusive and relevant information to students about Stanford's admission process, community centers, and diverse student body. The sessions will take place between September 21st and September 30th. Community Conversations are open to students of ALL backgrounds, regardless of how they may identify. We especially encourage participants from traditionally underrepresented groups, including African Americans, Hispanic/Latino Americans, Native Americans, Alaska Native, Native Hawaiian, Southeast Asian and Pacific Islander Americans, and first-generation college students.

To register and find a detailed calendar of events, please visit our [Engage website](#) under *Ways to Engage*.

We hope you will join us for these exciting events!

FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME

New Arts & Letters Major: Computer Science

Students can now pursue computer science through either the [College of Engineering](#) or the [College of Arts and Letters](#) at Notre Dame. Visit our website to learn more about this exciting new bachelor of arts in computer science.

[READ MORE](#)

National Catholic College Admission Association Scholarship

If your students are considering attending Catholic college/universities, please share this scholarship opportunity with them while there's still time to apply.

Applications Due: March 20

[READ MORE](#)

VIRTUAL EXPERIENCES OFFERED BY THE UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT

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ATTENTION JUNIORS: THE LEDA APPLICATION IS NOW OPEN!

The 2020 LEDA application is now open!

Last September, we reached out to many of you and asked for your help in identifying the next Cohort of LEDA Scholars. Since then, so much has happened. Like you, we have had to adapt alongside our students to the constraints and challenges of the Covid-19 pandemic. We have seen the disproportionate effects the pandemic has had on Black, Brown, Indigenous and low-income communities. We have joined our students' calls to protect Black Lives and uphold human rights.

Amidst these times of incredible uncertainty, we believe that LEDA is a community where student leaders can find support, uplift, and connection. That is why we continue to work to expand our community and why we remain committed to adapting and strengthening LEDA programs to meet the demands of this moment.

Over 50% of LEDA applicants hear about LEDA from an adult in their lives -- most often a high school or CBO counselor. More than ever, we are relying on you to ensure that students learn about the unique opportunity and community that LEDA offers.

What we do:

LEDA brings together a community of student leaders for a completely free seven-week residential program at Princeton University that includes academic preparation for college, leadership training, college guidance based on individual fit, SAT/ACT preparation, help with college applications and scholarships, and a chance to experience life on a college campus. This year, the Aspects of Leadership Summer Institute was entirely virtual, and while we are planning for an in-person program in the Summer of 2021, we are fully prepared to offer a virtual program again if necessary.

LEDA is for life. After the summer institute, the LEDA team continues to work with Scholars intensively on all aspects of their college applications and their transition to and through college. The LEDA community is a network that will continue to provide support and opportunities beyond college graduation.

Why LEDA:

Students who attend our program feel more prepared to apply to selective colleges, pursue competitive scholarships, and make a positive impact on their communities with their leadership skills. Our individualized college guidance support has helped enroll **86%** of LEDA Scholars in an Ivy League or Most Competitive college supported by excellent financial aid and scholarships.

Who should apply?

LEDA is looking for juniors in high school who want to be challenged academically, have demonstrated a commitment to their studies, have the desire to be a leader in their families, schools, and communities, and embody LEDA's core values of excellence, integrity, compassion, and community.

Applicants must be a junior attending a public high school in the U.S. graduating in 2022, a U.S. citizen, permanent resident, or have DACA Status, have an annual household income under \$90,000, and a minimum unweighted GPA of 3.5.

How you can help:

Given the immense pressure placed on schools across the country to provide uninterrupted instruction and resources through the pandemic, we want to make referring students to LEDA as manageable as possible. These are a few steps you can take today to help us get the word out about LEDA:

Encourage students to start the [LEDA Application](#)

PARENT INFORMATION

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Check out all our books, maps, and other resources for college-bound students, families, and counselors.

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SALLIE MAE: INTRODUCING EMBARK - A NEW WAY TO FILE THE FAFSA

We've teamed up with Embark to offer a free, streamlined experience that helps your families navigate the FAFSA, and prevents students from missing out on financial aid. You and your colleagues can tune in on September 25, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. ET for our [free webinar: A simpler, faster way to complete the FAFSA](#).

You will learn the 4 key areas where Embark is improving the FAFSA application process:

- Simplifies the flow and navigation while reducing the time it takes to complete the FAFSA
- Dispels common FAFSA myths that often lead families to abandon the application
- Generates reports for counselors to track their students' progress
- Reminds students about deadlines and saves a draft for them to update and submit next year

[Register for the webinar](#) taking place on September 25, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. ET to learn how to make your financial aid nights easier than ever. Space is limited for our live, online webinars.

Plus, check out the [Paying for College Resource](#) for more ways to help students and families pay for college, including helpful guides, free tools, and a video series.

Please contact School Assist at SchoolAssist@SallieMae.com or [844-827-7478](tel:844-827-7478) if you have any questions.

Sincerely,
Sallie Mae School Assist Team

PS: Be sure to connect with us on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), and [LinkedIn](#) for sharable content that you can use to help students as they build their prosperous futures!

Borrow responsibly

We encourage students and families to start with savings, grants, scholarships, and federal student loans to pay for college. Students and families should evaluate all anticipated monthly loan payments, and how much the student expects to earn in the future, before considering a private student loan.

KHEAA PUBLICATIONS – SEE THE LATEST COUNSELOR’S CORNER

An updated Counselor Connection is now available at

https://www.kheaa.com/website/kheaa/guid_ky?main=6 by clicking on the link to get the latest edition.

You will find the following articles in this month’s issue:

- Net Price Calculators
- Postsecondary Options
- Social Media Outreach
- Scholarship Spotlight
- Getting Started/Getting Set
- College Board
- KHEAA Vloggers
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- ACT/SAT Dates