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I.SCHOLARSHIPS & OPPORTUNITIES FOCUSED ON **DIVERSITY AND EQUITY**

THE HORTENSE B. PERRY FOUNDATION IN PARTNERSHIP WITH ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA SORORITY, INC., ETA OMEGA CHAPTER

The Hortense B. Perry Foundation in partnership with the Eta Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporation is offering financial assistance to deserving High School African American Female Seniors who plan to enter college in the fall of 2019.

This year students may apply for one of two scholarships:

1. Hortense B. Perry/Henrietta Johnson Trust (African American Females)
2. HBCU (African American Female students who will attend a Historically Black College or University)

Please distribute these applications to African American Female Seniors at your school. If you have questions. Please call me at 502.491.5736 or 502.641.6948.

Students may access the applications [here](#).

All applications will be reviewed by our Scholarship Committee and must be received by April 10, 2021,

7 NON~HBCU THAT SUPPORT BLACK STUDENTS

School Spotlight: 7 Non-HBCUs That Support Black Students

Kelli Dolan

In honor of Black History Month, we're shining a spotlight on these seven great colleges that are known for supporting Black students.

[Read Full Blog](#)

CAMPUS SPOTLIGHT

Campus Spotlight: TTU Ranked No. 1 Hispanic-Serving Online University in Texas

Texas Online Colleges ranked Texas Tech University No. 1 among online, Hispanic Serving Institutions (HSI) in Texas. [Read more here.](#)

TUFTS UNIVERSITY UNDERGRADUATE VOICES PROGRAM

As you start to connect with your juniors about the college search process, Tufts Admissions wants you to know that we are now accepting nominations for the 2021 Voices of Tufts Diversity Experience! Voices is an opportunity designed to introduce your seniors to diversity and community at Tufts University.

About Tufts

We are seeking nominations for students you believe would be a good fit for Tufts. Tufts is a student-centered research university located less than five miles from downtown Boston, MA. Students study across our School of Arts & Sciences, School of Engineering, and School of the Museum of Fine Arts (SMFA at Tufts). Tufts University meets 100% of the demonstrated financial need of all admitted students, regardless of citizenship status.

What is Voices?

The Voices program will take place in October 2021. While no decision has been made on whether the event will be held in-person or virtually, we are committed to holding Voices this fall. The program will expose your seniors to the academic and social experience at Tufts through mock classes, student panels, and conversations with representatives from our identity-based resource centers. There is no cost to participate in Voices and all applicants to the program will have their Tufts application fees waived.

Who could be nominated?

You are welcome to nominate any of your rising seniors attending high schools in the U.S. While Voices has traditionally attracted participants from underrepresented backgrounds – including but not limited to students of color; first generation college-bound students; LGBTQ students; students from low-income backgrounds; and students from rural communities – any student interested in learning about diversity at Tufts is welcome to apply. **Most importantly, we seek to invite students with strong academic records who are kind, collaborative, civically-engaged, and interested in creating a more inclusive world.**

Juniors who would like to be nominated, please email Mr. Fowler by 2 pm Friday, March 26.

Kevin.fowler@jefferson.kyschools.us

NORTHERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY DIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP

Educational Diversity Scholarship

Deadline extended to March 15th

NKU believes that a diverse student body enhances the quality of the living and learning environment. As part of our additional scholarship opportunities, students will need to write an essay on how aspects of their identity, their life experiences, special skills or values equip them to make a positive contribution to help ensure that the NKU community is rich with diversity, yet inclusive of all its members.

Awards range from \$500 to Full Tuition. Students must complete the online scholarship application by March 15th.

II. SCHOLARSHIP & OPPORTUNITIES (Seniors Only)

EKU SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINES EXTENDED

Seniors now have until April 1 to be admitted in order to be evaluated for Merit Scholarships. Also, our [Dr. Rodney Gross](#), [New Horizons](#), [Trailblazer](#), and [Foundation](#) scholarship applications have a new deadline of March 15. This means seniors still have time to apply!

Just a reminder, students can come to campus for an in-person campus visit as well. Please share this updated information with your students and families. Let me know if you have any questions, or if there's anything I can do for you or your students

[Book Your Visit](#)

NORTHERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY – ADDITIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS

[Additional Scholarship Application](#)

Deadline Extended to March 15th

Our Merit Scholarships are automatically awarded to students if they meet eligibility requirements; however, we have additional scholarships opportunities that require an application to be considered.

Students must complete the online scholarship application by March 15th.

SPAVA PEACEMAKER SCHOLARSHIP

Norton Children's Prevention and Wellness and the Society for the Prevention of Aggressiveness and Violence among Adolescents (SPAVA) currently has a scholarship opportunity for high school seniors:

- 1) **SPAVA Peacemaker Scholarship (three \$1000 awards):** Applications are now being accepted for scholarships for Jefferson County, KY high school students in grade 12 who exhibit compassion and promote peacemaking in their school/community. Application and application instructions are attached.

Please distribute this information to your students who may be eligible and interested in applying for this funding. The attached forms outline the application process for both awards.

Timeline: Applications for both awards are **due by 4:00PM on April 16, 2021**. Selections will be made in early May, with winners being notified shortly after.

Please don't hesitate to contact me for clarification or technical assistance. Thank you for your support and assistance!

Access the application [here](#).

Nikki Boyd

Coordinator, Health and Wellness

Norton Children's Prevention and Wellness

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 **NORTON
Children's**
Prevention & Wellness502-609-0603 (cell)

EKU COLONELS NOW

I am emailing you about an opportunity for your students who are attending ECU this Fall to actually start this summer!

Colonels Now is a 6 week program where students can take 2 classes while getting the full residential experience with other new students. They will have ready access to tutoring and mentoring, as well as the ability to get a summer job on campus as soon as they get here! We will do some community-building programming to help the students get to know each other and the campus. Students who have attended the program in the past say that without the 6 weeks prior to the Fall, they would have been over their heads with classes and social lives and work. I'm confident you have students in mind that this would benefit and I would love to talk with you more about how we can partner for their success.

The full cost of the program will be around \$4,000 but students can fill out the 2020-2021 FAFSA to be eligible to use Summer financial aid. This is in addition to the 2021-2022 FAFSA they filled out for Fall. This price tag includes housing, meals, tuition, fees and an estimate on books.

I've attached a flier for your reference and you can find out more about Colonels Now on our website [here](#). If students have been admitted they have heard from me already about the program, but if they are interested they can register for Colonels Now [here](#). Students will need to log in with their application login credentials to access the form. I'm also available to present to your students about this opportunity if you would like me to do that.

Have a great weekend and let me know if you have any questions!



Heather Davis, Associate Director, Readiness and Outreach

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<https://admissions.eku.edu/>

5K SCHOLARSHIP

I wanted to let you know that we just launched a \$5,000 scholarship for high school students interested in entrepreneurship! Think any DuPont Manual High School students would be interested?

Here are the details:

- **Scholarship:** RushOrderTees Young Entrepreneurs Scholarship
- **Award:** \$5,000
- **Application Deadline:** May 1, 2021
- **Eligibility:** High school seniors planning to attend college next year who are passionate about entrepreneurship
- **URL:** <https://www.rushorderteetees.com/scholarship/>

Hope to see some students from DuPont Manual High School apply!

NICKLIES SCHOLARSHIP FUND

LOUIS-EDWARD NICKLIES SCHOLARSHIP FUND HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATING SENIOR APPLICATION

The Louis-Edward Nicklies Scholarship Fund was established by the late Marguerite Elizabeth Nicklies to assist students who wish to pursue a career in Law, Engineering, Teaching, Medicine, or Christian Ministry at any accredited college, university, or School of Divinity located in Jefferson County, Kentucky.

STUDENT ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for the Louis-Edward Nicklies Scholarship, a student must:

- Be a graduate of a public, parochial or private high school in Jefferson County, Kentucky.
- Have an academic record indicating the ability to succeed at the undergraduate/graduate level of study.
- Have taken the Scholastic Aptitude Test or the American College Test.
- Be accepted by, or enrolled in, an accredited college, university or School of Divinity and primary campus located in **Jefferson County, Kentucky** as a full-time student. Full time students must carry at least 12 hours.
- Demonstrate financial need.

For application, go [here](#).

LIFTOFF! SCHOLARSHIP

I am the vice president of scholarships for the local Armed Forces Communications Electronics Association (AFCEA) Fort Knox Gold Vault Chapter. AFCEA is a premier information technology, communications, and electronics association for professionals in international government, industry and academia worldwide.

For the past six years this chapter has given out over \$60,000 worth of scholarships. Last year, we gave \$10,000 worth of scholarships with five LiftOff! Scholarships to local area students. This year, we are planning a great year and would like to invite your students to apply. This is a great opportunity for local students to earn scholarships for higher education. In 2020, AFCEA Ft Knox Gold Vault Chapter will award one or more \$1,000 Lift Off! Scholarships to local High School seniors planning to major in a Science, Technology, Engineering or Mathematics (STEM) discipline.

To be eligible for the scholarship, a student must be:

- Earning a minimum overall unweighted GPA of 3.0 (or equivalent).
- A senior enrolled in a High School in Kentucky: Bullitt, Hardin, Henry, LaRue, Oldham, Nelson, Meade, Shelby, Spencer, Trimble, or Jefferson County.
- A senior enrolled in a High School in Indiana: Clark, Floyd, Harrison, Scott, Washington, or Jefferson County.
- Planning to major in a course of study that will lead to a Bachelor's degree in Science, Technology, Engineering, or Mathematics (STEM) disciplines.
- A United States Citizen

Complete information about the Scholarship (including the application and recommendation form) may be found at https://ftknox.afceachapters.org/Gold_Vault_Lift_Off_Scholarship. This link seldom changes. It is refreshed with the current year's information in mid-February prior to the application period opening. If your school maintains a page of hyperlinks to scholarships please consider adding this scholarship and link to your page.

Applications will be accepted starting on March 1. The last day applications will be accepted is March 31.

BIACS SCHOLARSHIP

On behalf of the Bluegrass Indo American Civic Society, I would like to inform you about several scholarships that our organization offers to all Kentucky College bound high school seniors graduating this year.

BIACS is a non-profit organization that was started in 1988. We awarded our first scholarship in 1989 and since then have awarded over \$325,000 in scholarships.

Last year we awarded 19 Merit and Need Based scholarships ranging from \$1000 - \$1500. You can visit us at Biacs.org to learn more about our organization.

We invite your [college bound high school seniors](http://biacs.org) to submit their application through the portal on our website at biacs.org. The deadline is [April 30, 2021](#). We will inform the students and the schools if they have been chosen for the scholarship. This year, in addition to merit and need based applications, we will be awarding several scholarships sponsored by Toyota to eligible students who will be majoring in engineering in college. We urge your students to apply as soon as possible.

KENTUCKY WESLEYAN NEEDS STUDENT-MANAGERS

Our men's basketball program would like to recruit a handful of student-managers to our College. No experience is necessary... just a will to compliment academics with an extracurricular. We are able to offer a managerial scholarship to student managers as a supplement to other academic and FAFSA aid.

If you advise any students (class of '21 much preferred) who are open to the idea of being a professional one day somewhere in the sporting industry, I believe those to be the best candidates. You're also welcome to pass on my contact information.

Thanks for your time.

Drew Cooper
Head Men's Basketball Coach



Kentucky Wesleyan College
3000 Frederica Street
Owensboro, KY 42301

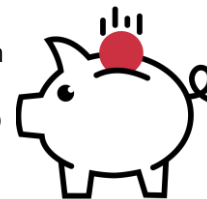
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ADMITTED STUDENTS TO THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA

MARCH 2021

GENERAL UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS

[General university scholarships](#) were released Monday evening, though the process looked a little different than previous years. Students were considered for most scholarships based on excellent grades and competitive supplemental admission materials while others required submission of the South Carolina Honors College / Top Scholars application. Self-reported standardized test scores were encouraged, though not required in the scholarship awarding process for 2021 applicants. Recipients were notified by email to log on to their UofSC Admissions Portal for award details. Encourage your students to attend a scholarships and financial aid session as a part of our Going Garnet Series or visit our [Scholarship FAQ](#) page for more information.



CAMPUS TOURS

The university is now offering in-person [general campus tours](#) to prospective high school juniors, seniors and transfer students. Capacity is limited and only one guest is allowed per student to ensure appropriate physical distancing. Admitted students have special visit opportunities as well and can log on to their UofSC Admissions Portal to view additional options.

SHOWCASE

Admitted African American and Latinx students and their families are invited to join us for Showcase, a virtual event highlighting multicultural experiences at UofSC. Students will learn about campus resources, student organizations and next steps in the admissions process directly from current students, alumni and UofSC staff. The event features a live moderated panel designed to answer many of your students' questions about life at UofSC. More information, including a registration link, will be emailed to your students soon for the dates below.

African American/Black Admitted Students

Wednesday, March 31, 6:00 p.m. EDT

Thursday, April 22, 6:00 p.m. EDT

Latinx/Hispanic Admitted Students

Thursday, April 1, 6:00 p.m. EDT

Wednesday, April 21, 6:00 p.m. EDT

SUMMER ORIENTATION

The Office of New Student Orientation will offer a choice orientation model for incoming freshmen in June and July, providing students and families the option to attend in person or virtually. Each session will be two days and includes valuable information on campus resources, university expectations and community-building. The second day will be virtual for both groups and will focus on college major advisement and class registration. Additional information, including registration details, will be released to students soon.



New Student Orientation
University of South Carolina

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

NORTHERN KENTUCKY VISITS

Visits and Events

Our top priority is always the health, safety, and wellbeing of our campus community. Due to national directives on the coronavirus (COVID-19), we are offering different events to meet the needs of students and provide a safe environment.

Campus Only Tours

Students can experience NKU's campus firsthand with an in-person walking tour of campus! They'll join one of our current student tour guides as they lead them around our modern campus and share more about what NKU has to offer both inside and outside the classroom. **This is a 1.5 hour walking tour of campus-only, and does not include a general admissions overview.**

Virtual Campus Tours

Students have the opportunity to join one of our current NKU students as they show off our beautiful campus virtually! They'll learn more about academic buildings on campus, as well as spaces used for student life and activities. Our current students will tell them more about why they chose NKU, how they've found a home in the NKU community and why they should #BeANorse.

Students are able to register for an in-person campus tour, our virtual events, as well as access our virtual campus tour by going to visit.nku.edu

Where to Find Us!

As we move into the New Year it is important to us that continue to strive for connections with counselors, students, and their families in new ways. We will be participating in a variety of **Virtual College Fairs** to help form these connections! As these opportunities become available to us, we will register as a university participant. Please see below for virtual fairs that have our participation so far:

KYACAC Virtual College Fair:

March 24, 2021 from 2:00PM – 4:00PM EST

April 8, 2021 from 7:00PM – 8:30PM EST

OACAC Virtual College Fair:

March 2021

INACAC Virtual College Fairs:

March 10, 2021 from 5:00PM – 7:45PM EST

April 12, 2021 from 5:00PM – 7:45PM EST

College Board's BigFuture Days (Midwest):

March 11, 2021 from 5:00PM – 9:00PM EST.

NACAC Virtual College Fairs:

STEM College Fair on March 7, 2021 from 1:00PM – 5:00PM EST

Performing and Visual Arts College Fair on March 16, 2021 from 4:00PM – 8:00PM EST

Signature Fair on May 2, 2021 from 1:00PM - 7:00PM EST

TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY VISITS

Virtual Techsan Experience and Other Events

Encourage your students to attend a Virtual Techsan Experience to get an in-depth look at what it's like to be a Red Raider! Your students will be able to attend a live virtual tour, academic and admissions sessions, and more! Here is an [event flyer](#) to share with your students!

GEORGETOWN COLLEGE VISITS

I hope this email finds everyone healthy and well! I realize everyone's situations are different whether you are still operating virtually, transitioning back to in-person or working in a hybrid of both virtual and in-person learning. We realize the college process has been delayed for many students and as we move into March we want to continue to help students discover Georgetown College. I wanted to share a few quick links regarding visit opportunities for your students with Georgetown College and encourage any Seniors who may still be interested in applying to start their application with GC today!

1. **VIRTUAL COLLEGE FAIRS AND VISITS** – Please let me know if you are hosting any virtual events. Georgetown College would be excited to participate in any virtual college fairs or visits you may be offering your students. Please let me know if you are interested in setting up a virtual visit or zoom presentation and I will be happy to schedule something with your school.
2. **APPLY** – please encourage your students to apply to Georgetown College. Our application process is free and only requires a few minutes to complete. Please have your students visit gogc.me/apply to take a first step with GC. To help accommodate any issues with taking a standardized test – Georgetown College is now offering a **test optional** application process.
3. **CAMPUS VISITS** – we are on campus and ready to host families. We will be offering [INDIVIDUAL VISITS](#) Monday through Friday with proper social distancing and masking requirements. We are also hosting [GC PREVIEW DAYS](#) this fall for students to get a full on campus experience by touring, enjoying a mock lecture, and hearing from our current students.

IV. COLLEGE TESTING SUPPORT

NUMERADE

I wanted to remind you about a great opportunity for students to prep for the SAT by registering for our free virtual [SAT Bootcamp](#)!

Students will be prepped by SAT experts – reviewing practical videos, [like this one](#), that include explanations from key concepts as well as working through example problems.

Please feel free to share our SAT bootcamp as well as any of our other upcoming bootcamps with your students so that they can register for free:

[Precalculus](#)

[Calculus 1/AB](#)

[Calculus 2/BC](#)

[Calculus 3](#)

[Physics 1](#)

[Physics 2](#)

[Physics 3](#)

[Chemistry 1](#)

[Chemistry 2](#)

[Biology](#)

[Algebra](#)

[Algebra 2](#)

[Geometry](#)

Want to provide your students with additional help?

Numerade now operates the fastest-growing academic community on [Discord](#)!

EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES UPCOMING TEST PREP CLASSES

Go to the link below and register:

<https://www.ertutor.com/test-prep/act/>

NKY TUTORING FOR ACT MATH

Is your son or daughter taking the April 17th ACT Test? If they need assistance with the math section, you have the opportunity to register for a MATH ONLY prep class.

ACT Math Prep class with NKY Tutoring. Please go to www.nkytutoring.com/schedule to register.

Feel free to contact Tony @ 859.835.1900 with any questions

V. STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES (VARIOUS GRADE LEVELS)

OHIO UNIVERSITY MUSIC INDUSTRY SUMMIT

Please encourage your students to join us for the third annual [Music Industry Summit](#) hosted by Ohio University at **9:30 a.m. Eastern on March 25**. This free, interactive, virtual event features an exclusive gathering of national and regional music industry leaders and artists for a day of informative panels and compelling interviews, as well as networking and learning opportunities for participants.

Announced lineup:

- **Run the Jewels** — What started as a one-off project and quickly evolved into a Grammy-nominated hip-hop super duo, Run the Jewels features the talents of Brooklyn rapper/producer El-P and Atlanta emcee Killer Mike.
- **Phoebe Bridgers** — Acclaimed artist and songwriter, Phoebe Bridgers secured four 2021 Grammy nominations including Best New Artist, Best Alternative Music Album, and Best Rock Performance. She made her debut on Saturday Night Live in February.
- **Finneas** — The multi-Grammy award-winning producer and artist, together with Billie Eilish, swept all major Grammy categories in 2020 for "WHEN WE ALL FALL ASLEEP, WHERE DO WE GO?"
- **St. Vincent** — Annie Clark made her recorded debut as St. Vincent in 2007 with Marry Me and has, in relatively short order, become one of the most innovative and enigmatic presences in modern music.
- **Derek "MixedbyAli" Ali** — Multi-Grammy award-winning resident mixing engineer of the iconic hip hop label Top Dawg Entertainment, Ali is responsible for many of the biggest albums in the genre.
- [And more!](#)

[Register to Attend](#)

COLLEGEXPRESS DIGITAL MAGAZINES

Product Spotlight: CollegeXpress Digital Magazines

CollegeXpress

The CollegeXpress digital magazines are a great free resource for students to start their college search and “favorite” any schools they’re interested in!

[Check Out Magazines](#)

JOHNS HOPKINS HANDS-ON ENGINEERING INNOVATION

Greetings!

We've made an online summer hands-on. Plan now to enroll. Offered this year in an all-virtual format, Johns Hopkins' Explore Engineering and Biomedical Engineering Innovation are college-level, fun, and intellectually stimulating courses—perfect for high school students who are strong in math and science.

Learn more about our pre-college programs through these online opportunities:

ZOOM INFORMATION SESSIONS

Hosted by Johns Hopkins Engineering Innovation program directors.

During this session, you'll hear from and talk with the amazing team behind the program and learn more about our engaging hands-on activities, how to apply, and more. A former student will also share their perspective.

March 11 @ 6 p.m. EDT

March 23 @ Noon EDT

[Register Here](#)

PRE-COLLEGE SUMMER PROGRAM VIRTUAL FAIR

Hosted by Summer Study in the USA.

Stop by our virtual booth and chat with our staff members at this informative event for pre-college programs.

April 10 @ 11 a.m. EDT

[Buy Now](#)

With course activities created by Johns Hopkins Engineering faculty, our program gives every student the skills to think like an engineer.

HONORS COLLEGES AND HONORS PROGRAM

See the following articles focused on honors colleges and programs [here](#).

TIPS FOR EFFECTIVE COLLEGE VISITS

See the following article focused on effective college visits [here](#).

SEWANEE YOUNG WRITERS' CONFERENCE

Like everybody else, we at the Sewanee Young Writers' Conference keep rethinking our response to the strange imperatives of the pandemic. In previous summers, we have limited attendance to rising seniors, juniors, and sophomores in high school, feeling that graduated seniors, with one foot already in college, were at too different a stage in their lives to fit comfortably into the community we strive to create.

But different times call for different ideas. Current high school seniors have already missed out on so much because of COVID; do they need to miss out on this as well? They don't, we've decided. After all, the community we are able to create on Zoom is a very different thing than the one we have traditionally created on campus; graduated seniors, we've decided, will fit right in.

So if you know any current seniors who would benefit from an intensive two-week immersion in poetry, fiction, playwriting, revision, fantasy, or creative nonfiction, please let them know their applications to the Sewanee Young Writers' Conference will be welcome.

Though we have begun reading applications, we will continue to do so through March. But don't let students wait too long. You will find a description of the virtual program, the faculty and the courses, as well as the application on the [website](#).

UNIVERSITY OF SAN FRANCISCO SOPHOMORE AND JUNIOR COLLEGE NIGHT

This is a reminder to please share the information below with your students about our Sophomore and Junior College Night events. Both events will cover how students can manage their time doing activities they enjoy, how to lay a strong academic foundation in high school, and how to begin exploring colleges remotely. While the descriptions for the events are identical, the Junior College Night will focus more on the college search and the college admission process.

We hope these events will support the great work you are already doing to prepare your students for the college process.

Sophomore College Night

Tuesday, March 16

6 – 7 p.m. PT

[Register for Sophomore College Night](#)

Sophomores, this is the event for you! Hear from both college admission counselors and high school counselors about steps you can take to prepare for your future after high school. You still have plenty of time, so no need to get too overwhelmed yet! We'll walk you through a few easy things you can do to get in the mindset for college and how you can begin researching different colleges remotely.

We have plenty of tips to share from our years of experience, so feel free to bring friends or family members who are interested.

Junior College Night

Tuesday, March 23

6 – 7 p.m. PT

[Register for Junior College Night](#)

Juniors, this is the event for you! Hear from both college admission counselors and high school counselors about steps you can take to prepare for your future after high school. You still have plenty of time, so no need to get too overwhelmed yet! We'll walk you through a few easy things you can do to get in the mindset for college and how you can begin researching different colleges remotely.

We have plenty of tips to share from our years of experience, so feel free to bring friends or family members who are interested.

STEPHENS SCHOOL OF HEALTH POSTER COMPETITION

The Stephens College School of Health Sciences invites students to participate in our **high school research virtual poster competition** as part of our [Spring Health Science Research Conference](#).

Submit an Abstract by March 15

This year's conference will take place virtually via Zoom on **Thursday, April 8, 2021**. The poster competition will be held from 3:30 to 4:20 p.m. Central. The deadline to receive abstracts is Monday, March 15.

With more schools offering test optional entrance to college, participation in this event will help build your college resume by providing an opportunity for you to share your scientific work. We welcome submissions from a wide range of projects in the sciences.

All entries are eligible to compete for a \$4,000 scholarship to Stephens College.

Learn more about the conference and submit poster abstracts at stephens.edu/researchday.

VIRTUAL OPPORTUNITY FOR THE ACADEMY OF EXCELLENCE STUDENTS

The Summer STEM Institute (SSI) is a six-week virtual summer program for high school students. The program was started last summer by educators, students, and graduates from Stanford, Harvard, and MIT to continue educational opportunities during COVID-19. Last year, SSI received over 2,450 applications from students in 78 different countries. Many students who attended the program said SSI changed their lives and asked for the team to continue running SSI in future years. Applications for SSI 2021 are now open, and we thought your students may be interested in applying. The program consists of three main parts:

- **Research and data science bootcamp:** Students learn how to design and conduct data science research projects. Students learn about the research process and how to apply statistical and machine learning methods to address scientific questions with real-world impact.
- **Masterclass lecture series:** Students are connected to accomplished young adults around the world. Students have the opportunity to learn about entrepreneurship from Forbes 30 under 30 recipients, science research from International Science and Engineering Fair (ISEF) grand prize winners, and other topics from speakers with diverse backgrounds and experiences.
- **Mentored research project:** Students complete a research project through a rigorous, hands-on learning experience under the guidance of mentors. Previously, students have worked in a variety of fields, from computational biology to quantum physics.

I thought many students at Academy of Excellence may be looking for extracurricular's to get involved with and may be interested in the opportunity. Could you please share this opportunity with students and families? Students and families can learn more about SSI and apply on our website here: <https://www.summersteminstitute.org/>

RICE UNIVERSITY OFFERS EXPANDED BUSINESS MAJOR

THE NEW DEGREE IS IN RESPONSE TO DEMAND FROM STUDENTS FOR A DEEPER BUSINESS EDUCATION.

This fall, we're adding a major to the 50+ we currently offer at Rice University. Developed by the School of Business, the new undergraduate business major will provide a robust foundation in leadership and business fundamentals, including finance, accounting, marketing, organizational behavior, strategy and communications. The program will be led by the same professors who teach in our MBA and Master of Accounting programs and are integral to the School's tight-knit community of scholars.

We're excited about the expanded offerings for your students and the new opportunities this program creates. We're looking forward to sharing more about it once the first classes begin.

Students in the undergraduate business major will need to choose a concentration in either finance or management. You can find out more about the concentrations, as well as the Honors Program in business, on our website.

LEARN MORE

OXBRIDGE SUMMER TRAVELS

As the days get longer, and the vaccine roll-out gathers pace, we are writing to let you know that we are planning to run our summer study programs, for students in grades 8 to 12, in England, France, Spain, and the US. We would be grateful if you would share this update with students and parents looking for in-person summer academic opportunities. For a link to our brochure, please click [here](#).

We feel that this year, more than at any other time in our 36-year history, bright and enthusiastic students stand to benefit from discovering new cultures and interacting with peers drawn from all around the world.

Alongside, Oxbridge was of course set up to provide students with the opportunity to challenge themselves intellectually, either by immersing themselves in subjects they already enjoy, such as Literature, Physics, Writing, French, Spanish, or History, or by engaging experientially with topics that have always fascinated them but that they generally cannot study at school, such as Medicine, Law, Psychology, IR, Engineering, or Criminology. Overall, we offer approximately 150 subjects across our programs.

Our primary concern, as ever, is the safety and well-being of the students. To that end we are working with WorldStrides, and with our partners in the US and our European locations, to make sure that, despite the pandemic, we can operate while maintaining the highest safety standards. For the latest, please see our [Health and Safety Updates](#).

We hope that you will be able to continue recommending our programs. Meanwhile I am at your disposal should you, or your students, have any questions or wish to schedule an informational webinar at your convenience. Alternatively, please see our regular [webinar](#) schedule.

SIXCOLLEGES.ORG

The college search is already challenging for students and families. So Amherst, Bowdoin, Carleton, Pomona, Swarthmore, and Williams are putting our own rivalries aside, and hosting a series of virtual events for students, families, and counselors. Students: RSVP for the events below that interest you, and browse recordings of previous sessions at the bottom of the page. You can also fill out [one easy form](#) to get admission information about each school.

Student Events — Help us spread the word.

We're also hosting two events for **juniors and their families** to help answer questions about the college search process. [Students register here.](#)

- **Junior Jumpstart** - April 20 at 8 pm EDT or April 22 at 8 pm EDT
- **Navigating and Belonging: A Special Session for First-Generation and Low-Income Students**
May 24 at 8 pm EDT or May 26 at 8 pm EDT

[THE COLLEGE FOR CREATIVE STUDIES](#)

We'd like to share an amazing opportunity for your students. This fall the College for Creative Studies in Detroit will offer four special online dual enrollment courses as a part of the "Design for an Equitable Future" grant funded by General Motors. These courses allow students to earn college credit and get a behind-the-scenes look into various careers in art and design. Each class will have ten seats reserved for scholarship students who will be able to take the class at no cost to themselves or their school district. Plus they will receive all of the art supplies needed for the course. The three-credit virtual courses available this fall include:

Fashion Design Processes

Online TTH 4-6:45 p.m.

The Fashion Design Processes course focuses on the process of creating fashion designs through research, ideation and sketching. This course will be taught by International Designer and Fashion Accessories department chair Aki Choklat, Gucci Changemaker Designer Donovan Dewberry, and Fashion Designer Tracy Reese.

Figurative Drawing 1

Online TTH 4-6:45 p.m.

This course, focusing on drawing the human figure, will be taught by professional illustrator Ivan Montoya with storybook artists, comic book artists, and magazine illustrators visiting the class as guest speakers to provide encouragement, feedback and behind the scenes insights into the exciting field of illustration.

Intro to Product Design: Sneakers

Online TTH 4-6:45 p.m.

This course will take students through the design process as they work toward a design for performance shoes. The class will be taught by CCS Professor Steve Schock with guest appearances from D'Wayne Edwards, former head of design for the Jordan Brand and Nike.

Transportation Design Freshman Studio 1

Online MW 4-6:45 p.m.

This course will be taught by faculty and automotive designers from GM. Industry professionals will provide encouragement, feedback and behind-the-scenes insights into the exciting field of automotive design.

[Click here to see a prerecorded presentation to share with your students.](#) There are only ten seats available in each course. Students need to [apply by April 15th](#)

More information is available at [CCS Dual Enrollment Scholarship Application](#)

VI. PARENT INFORMATION

SOCIAL MEDIA CONCERNS

Social Media in 2021: What College Applicants Need to Know

Whether you're glued to your [social media](#) accounts or you're more of an occasional user, it's important to understand the role that your online presence will play when you apply to college. According to Kaplan's recent survey, 65% of admissions officers believe that checking applicants' social media profiles is "fair game" in the college admissions process.

PETERSON'S COLLEGE PLANNING RESOURCES

It's been a while since we've touched base, and we wanted to reintroduce ourselves. We're Peterson's, a leading educational services company that provides college search, scholarship opportunities, and over 185 test prep courses for students across the globe.

Please add the following resources from Peterson's on your counseling website to share with your students:

- [College search](#)
- [Scholarship database](#)
- [Test prep courses, and practice tests](#), including [ACT](#), [SAT](#), and [CLEP](#) exams
- [Blog posts](#) featuring college prep, test prep, college funding information, and much more!

Visit [our website](#) to see what we offer our students and our commitment in providing them with the tools and resources they need to be successful.

[Visit Petersons.com](#)

UNDERSTANDING FINANCIAL AID

Financial aid is one of the most important things to understand about college—and it should be understood *before* students start submitting applications. Help your students make informed financial decisions in their college search with our guide to understanding financial aid, the most important vocabulary they need to know, and common myths about financial aid packages.

- [Your Guide to Understanding Financial Aid](#)
- [Financial Aid Terms You Need to Know](#)
- [5 Common Myths About Financial Aid Offers](#)

And that's just the beginning! You and your students can find even more helpful information in the Financial Aid section of CollegeXpress.

[Take me to Financial Aid!](#)

ADMISSIONS WITHOUT ASSESSMENT WEBINAR

College Admissions without Standardized Exams

The COVID-19 pandemic has had an impact on college admissions in many ways, but perhaps nothing has changed as much as standardized testing. What was once a key criterion is now no longer required at many universities, and it may not be coming back anytime soon - if ever. Join two of AcceptU's former admissions officers, from Rice University and UC Berkeley, as they discuss the college admissions landscape without standardized testing and answer questions such as:

- What happens if colleges permanently decide to forgo requiring the SAT & ACT?
- How will admissions officers evaluate applicants differently without standardized testing?
- Is "optional" standardized testing truly optional, and does submitting scores help?
- How can students stand out on their applications without showcasing high test scores?

College Admissions without Standardized Exams

Wednesday, March 24 -8 pm ET

Please register here: <http://acceptu.co/March-Webinar>

For any questions, feel free to contact AcceptU directly at info@acceptu.com

Best,

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THE BROOK HOSPITAL: TEENS AND STRESS

We are here to help with back-to-school stress

Teens are facing uncertainty during the school year. Depression and anxiety are rising, and it's important to watch for signs in your loved one such as:

Extreme worry or sadness

Physical symptoms like headaches or stomachaches

Moodiness, irritability

Trouble sleeping

Panic attacks

Hyperactivity

Unhealthy eating habits

Avoidance of activities enjoyed in the past

Difficulty with attention and concentration

Poor academic performance or avoiding schoolwork

If your teen is experiencing any of these symptoms stemming from anxiety about going back to school, call us today at 502-426-6380 for a no-cost assessment or visit us at thebrookhospitals.com