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SCHOLARSHIPS & OPPORTUNITIES FOCUSED ON DIVERSITY AND EQUITY

MIDDLEBURY COLLEGE

Discover Middlebury is open to seniors from traditionally underrepresented groups: African American, Latinx, Asian American, and American Indian students; students with demonstrated financial hardship; and students who will be first in their families to attend college. The deadline to apply is **September 14th, 2020**.

Our Discover Middlebury application is live! Please share our program information with students who are intellectually motivated and might benefit from an early introduction to a liberal arts and sciences college.

[Discover Middlebury](#) is typically a “fly-in” program that provides a full travel scholarship to campus for its participants. This year, in the interest of everyone’s health and safety, Discover Middlebury will be a virtual event. Many hours of virtual programming will be available for participants over the week of October 11th. This programming will offer a window into student and academic life at Middlebury. Events will include opportunities to engage with program participants, current students, alumni, faculty, and staff.

DIALOGUE WITH DENISON

We hope that you are staying safe and healthy as we have all been navigating the new normal. We wanted you to know that this year due to COVID-19 we are offering a virtual Dialogue with Denison experience instead of our traditional fly-in program.

Dialogue with Denison will be a series of virtual experiences that will allow students to learn more about Denison in general, as well as our multicultural student life on campus. Students will have the opportunity to:

Engage in conversations led by Denison students about current issues and topics related to diversity and inclusion.

Participate in an interactive academic symposium with a Denison faculty member.

Virtually explore Denison spaces highlighting where multicultural organizations gather.

Hear from multicultural alumni as they discuss their experiences and life after Denison.

Build connections with Denison students and fellow high school students from across the country.

Additionally, program participants have had a higher rate of admission than the general applicant pool.

Check out the [Dialogue with Denison webpage](#) for more information about the specific sessions and the application.

We hope you will encourage students from underrepresented populations to apply directly to the program directly via our application link (connect.denison.edu/register/dwd2020). **Applications are due Monday, September 14th**, and decisions will be released in early-October. Note the application requires the submission of the student’s unofficial high school transcript.

UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO'S "STAND TOGETHER INITIATIVE"

The University of Chicago is committed to helping all students, regardless of race, gender, socioeconomic status or religious background, succeed in higher education and beyond. To expand on this commitment to students, the University of Chicago is excited to announce **UChicago Stand Together**, a new initiative to increase educational access and accelerate career success for historically underrepresented communities.

Through collaboration and partnerships with community-based organizations, other institutions of higher education, and corporate partners, UChicago Stand Together reinforces educational and career opportunities for students of color and other underrepresented groups, supports organizations working to enhance access in education, and expands equitable and responsive pathways to college for students underrepresented in higher education.

Stand Together will launch during the 2020-2021 admissions cycle, beginning with the incoming Class of 2025, and includes:

- \$15 million in new four-year scholarships for emerging student leaders and scholars involved in, serving, or advancing groups that are underrepresented in higher education, critical academic fields of study, or leadership in the workplace.
- Enhanced career support and programming for students of color, including an expansion of UChicago's flagship Diversity + Inclusion Summit and the creation of the Luther Foster Public Service Internship Program, which will provide internships and professional development resources for students dedicated to promoting Black voices in politics and social impact.
- To read more about Stand Together, please visit: standtogether.uchicago.edu.

MIAMI UNIVERSITY'S BRIDGES PROGRAM

Miami University is proud to present the Bridges Program, an engaging experience that provides an inside look of Miami University to prospective students. This program invites high-achieving high school seniors from historically underrepresented populations, as well as students who have a commitment to promoting a deeper understanding of and appreciation for diversity, to engage with our current students, faculty, and staff. The program attracts students who represent various diverse identities — racial/ethnic, sexual orientation and gender identity, and socioeconomic.

Bridges Program Scholarship

Students who complete the Bridges Program, apply, are accepted, and enroll on the Oxford campus for Fall 2021 will be eligible to receive the Bridges Program scholarship. Last year, Bridges scholarship values ranged from \$2,500 to \$5,000 annually. Students can "stack" this scholarship with other Miami awards, which means multiple scholarships can be used for student expenses. In fact, most Bridges participants receive multiple awards, for total values ranging from half to full tuition.

To apply, please submit the documents below by September 28, 2020. To apply, go [HERE](#).

CARLETON COLLEGE OFFERS A VIRTUAL TASTE OF CARLETON FOR UNDERREPRESENTED YOUTH

Every fall, [Carleton College](#) sponsors a fly-in program for underrepresented senior students called [Taste of Carleton \(TOC\)](#). This year, TOC will be a virtual-only event. All participants will have access to a variety of online opportunities, including things like:

- specialized information sessions
- class visits
- an interview with a member of Carleton's Admissions Office
- virtual sessions with 5 peer institutions (Amherst, Bowdoin, Pomona, Swarthmore, and Williams)
- **Deadline to apply is Sept. 21st.**

TUFTS UNIVERSITY VIRTUAL FLY-IN PROGRAM

Voices virtual fly-in program - Our annual fly-in program for US-based high school seniors, [Voices of Tufts Diversity Experience](#), is being re-imagined as a two-day synchronous virtual experience this October. Participants have the opportunity to learn more about Tufts through guided virtual tours, interactive student panels, application and financial aid presentations, and conversations with admissions staff and representatives from our identity-based resource centers within the [Division of Student Diversity and Inclusion](#).

While Voices has traditionally attracted participants from underrepresented backgrounds - including but not limited to students of color; first-generation college-bound students; LGBT students; students from low-income backgrounds; and students from rural communities - any student interested in learning about diversity at Tufts is welcome to apply. **Applications are due by September 18.**

JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY “HOME” (HOPKINS ONLINE MULTICULTURAL PROGRAM)

We're excited to announce that applications are now open for [HOME](#) (Hopkins Online Multicultural Program), our signature event that connects African American, Black, Latinx, Hispanic, Native American, Pacific Islander, and multiracial high school **seniors** to the people, organizations, and resources that unite our multicultural community.

Space for HOME and HOME + Impact is limited and an application is required. Students interested in participating should visit the [HOME website](#) for more information and to apply.

Please share the information below with any seniors you think would be a good match for HOME. If you or your students have any additional questions, contact us at home.program@jhu.edu. We hope your students will choose to apply for this unique virtual experience at Hopkins!

About the program

HOME is a conference-style virtual program on Saturday, October 17, with an additional event, HOME + Impact, on Saturday, October 24.

HOME

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17

HOME showcases the resources available at Hopkins as students explore their unique and intersectional identities, and find community among their peers, our faculty, and staff.

Space is limited. Larger group sessions will be hosted in a virtual webinar format accessible by computer, tablet or phone.

HOME + Impact

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24

The Hopkins community is comprised of change-makers and innovators. During this program, you will connect with Hopkins students that are leading conversations and making an impact in Baltimore and around the world.

HOME + Impact will offer a smaller group setting compared to HOME, space will be limited for this portion of the program to accommodate conversations with students.

Application deadline: September 21

EXPLORE BRANDEIS

SEED Program

Founded on the principles of pluralism and inclusion, Brandeis University is a place where exceptional young minds from diverse backgrounds come together to form a unique and vibrant campus community. Our annual Students Exploring and Embracing Diversity (SEED) program celebrates multiculturalism and social justice at our dynamic university.

As a SEED participant, you will have the chance to:

- Meet distinguished faculty and current Brandeis student leaders
- Develop a comprehensive understanding of the college admissions process
- Attend an evaluative admissions interview to support your application to Brandeis
- Engage in cross-cultural, intersectional dialogue
- Have parents and families join specialized sessions!

Eligibility: You must be a rising high school senior and currently reside in the United States to be eligible to attend SEED. Preference will be given to students who are underrepresented in higher education, which may include:

- First-generation (parent/guardian has not completed a bachelor's degree)
- Low-income/Under-resourced
- Underrepresented minority students
- LGBTQIA+

Required Materials:

- Completed [online application](#)
- High school transcript (9-11 grades)

To best accommodate the health and safety of our visitors, as well as those across different time zones, SEED will take place in a virtual, dynamic environment on **October 17-18 from 1-4PM EDT**.

The application **deadline** is **September 11, 2020**.

Apply today!

If you have any questions, feel free to contact us at

diversityflyin@brandeis.edu.

CLAREMONT MCKENNA COLLEGE DIVERSITY “FLY-IN” PROGRAM

CMC FALL DIVERSITY 'FLY-IN' PROGRAM

[LEARN MORE](#)

Saturday- October 3 & October 10, 2020

CMC is hosting a virtual fly-in program for students from historically underrepresented communities—first generation American, first generation to college, students of color, low income students, and students from rural communities—who demonstrate strong academic excellence and genuine interest in exploring all that CMC has to offer. This program is open to seniors in high school.

Students can apply at connect.cmc.edu/preview. The application **deadline is September 13, 2020**.

Application components:

- Five short response questions
- An unofficial or official copy of the student’s high school transcript (screenshots are acceptable) and a list of the student’s fall term courses emailed to preview@cmc.edu.

Applicants and their counselors will be notified of our final selection by Monday, September 21, 2020. If you have any questions, please reach out to the Preview Program team at preview@cmc.edu or 909.621.8088.

Read this fantastic interview with Vince Greer, the director of CMC’s [CARE Center](#). Background information on Vince Greer:

*Vince Greer has been front and center in the foundational work of diversity and inclusion at CMC since his arrival as the first director of the **CARE Center** in July 2016. With George Floyd’s murder in late May prompting social justice protests around the country, Greer reflected on his work as associate dean of students for diversity, inclusion, and residential life, how everyone in the CMC community can help influence the newly announced **President’s Initiative** on Anti-Racism and the Black Experience, and why his CARE Center fellows keep him hopeful.*

The complete interview is [here](#).

CMC is recognized nationally for expanding opportunities for lower and middle income students [here](#).

EKU, UK and BCTC HOST “JUNTOS A LA UNIVERSIDAD” SERIES:

See these virtual events available to LatinX students this fall. ECU, along with BCTC and UK have put together a series called “Juntos a la Universidad” for high school students and their families to learn about different topics related to attending college.

Juntos a la Universidad is a series for Latinx/Hispanic students and families to learn more about the process of searching and applying for college. These events will be bilingual and open to anyone. Registration is required, and participants will receive log-in information afterward. The schedule of events is as follows. The times for these events are TBD, but they will be in the afternoon/evening.

What is college?..... Wednesday, Oct. 14

How to pay for college.....Friday, Oct. 16

Student life Q&A.....Wednesday, Oct. 21

Virtual College Fair.....Friday, Oct. 23

Link for registration: <https://forms.gle/bWLAfb3Rsk1Tu3Ax6>

SCHOLARSHIPS & OPPORTUNITIES (SENIORS)

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.

MAKE SCHOOL

Make School is a college based in San Francisco but currently operating fully online. We offer a Bachelor's degree in Applied Computer Science with a focus on project-based learning and helping students gain the skills to land top tech jobs. Students may enter the program with no previous experience.

Financial Aid Repayment Protection Plan

We have released further details on our new protection plan for student loans. **If students don't have a job after Make School, we'll make their loan payments.** See the new detailed information on how the plan works [here](#). You can also take a look at [this quick video summary](#) of the protection plan, from our co-founder, Jeremy. And to get a basic understanding of our tuition plans, check out [this video](#) or [this page](#).

UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Your school's National Merit semifinalists and finalists have so much to offer any school they choose, but here are some opportunities that will enhance their experience if OU is their choice:

\$121,500 National Merit Scholarship

[Click here](#) to see the details of our NM finalist scholarship package. This package includes a \$1,000 technology/textbook allowance, as well as a \$1,000 research/study abroad stipend.

Honors College

NM Scholars can take advantage of undergraduate research opportunities and small class sizes (fewer than 22 students) at what has been ranked one of the top 25 public university honors programs. Visit our [Honors College website](#) to learn how you can graduate with honors.

Early Enrollment Privileges

NM Scholars enroll before graduate students and seniors to ensure they can take the classes they want.

Numerous Study Abroad Destinations

NM Scholars can use their OU Scholarship to see the world. These opportunities are located in more than 200 cities and 80 countries around the world! Visit our [study abroad website](#) to learn more about the programs available.

We appreciate you sharing this information with your current and potential National Merit Semifinalists and Finalists.

Finally, should you have questions regarding OU or the National Merit scholarship program, please reach out to me.

I look forward to continuing to work together!

Boomer Sooner!

Hannah Rieger

National Merit Scholarship Coordinator

The University of Oklahoma

WISEGEEK LIFELONG LEARNERS SCHOLARSHIP

Here are the key details:

- **Scholarship Name:** WiseGeek Lifelong Learners Scholarship
- **Eligibility:** Students who've incurred or will incur debt paying for their education. Must be a US Citizen or permanent legal resident. All GPAs and majors are encouraged to apply.
- **Amount:** \$500
- **Application Deadline:** 10/31/20
- **Link:** <https://www.wisegeek.com/scholarship.htm>

IMAGINE AMERICA FOUNDATION

Is It Hard to Get an Auto Collision Repair Degree?

Go here to find out: [AUTO COLLISION REPAIR](#)

SALLIE MAE OFFERS ADVICE ON WRITING COLLEGE ESSAYS AND COMPLETING APPLICATIONS

Go to [Ways to improve college applications and essays](#)

EVOLVE502 LAUNCHES SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM FOR JCPS SENIORS

JCPS incoming seniors will be able to go to college for free through a scholarship program launched today by Evolve502.

The Evolve502 Scholarship will allow eligible students to begin postsecondary studies tuition-free at any Kentucky Community and Technical College school or Simmons College of Kentucky.

Read more about this exciting new scholarship [here](#).

BOSTON UNIVERSITY TRUSTEE SCHOLARSHIP

Trustee Scholars rank at the top of their classes and demonstrate exceptional leadership in their schools and communities. Scholarship recipients are selected by a faculty committee from a competitive pool of applicants after rigorous review. The Trustee Scholarship covers full undergraduate tuition plus orientation and mandatory undergraduate student fees for four years.

I invite you to encourage your highest achieving students to apply for the Trustee Scholarship. To be considered, students must submit their application for admission with one Trustee Scholarship essay by **December 1, 2020**. More information about the Trustee Scholarship can be found on [our website](#).

INDIANA UNIVERSITY BLOOMINGTON OFFICE OF ADMISSIONS

Remind students about November 1.

November 1 is our early action (non-binding) and scholarship deadline. For highest scholarship consideration, students must submit a complete application for admission by November 1, including the following:

- IU-specific essay
- Official high school transcript and full senior year schedule (**not just fall courses**)
- SAT/ACT scores (if applicable*)
- Application fee or fee waiver

*Admission to IU is now test-optional. To find out if this is the right path for your students, learn more about our [test-optional admissions policy](#). See our special COVID-19 message below regarding students applying test optional.

Please note: Electronically submitted materials must be received by November 1, and hard copy materials must be postmarked on or before November 1.

Learn more about our application process on our [website](#).

Virtual Visits, COLLEGE VISITS, FLY-INS, & OPEN HOUSES **(VARIOUS GRADE LEVELS)**

SMITH COLLEGE

Founded in 1871, Smith College opened in 1875 with 14 students. Today, Smith is among the largest women's colleges in the United States, with students from 48 states and 68 countries. An independent, nondenominational college, Smith remains strongly committed to the education of women at the undergraduate level, but admits both men and women as [graduate students](#).

We recently launched a [Virtual Visits & Programs](#) webpage that serves as a one-stop shop for students to learn about and register for our virtual offerings including:

- Information Sessions
- Interviews
- Virtual Information Engagement Workshop Sessions (30-minute webinars offering a focused glimpse into a unique aspect of the Smith experience)
- "Office Hours" (an informal way to connect with admission officers)

GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY

Georgetown Information Sessions

Gather with Georgetown Admissions Staff and current Hoyas for a Virtual Information Session. Available Monday-Friday of each week, these sessions provide information about Georgetown's four undergraduate schools, campus life, and the admissions process. Follow this [link](#) to register for an upcoming presentation and be sure to take a [campus tour](#).

EXPLORING COLLEGE OPTIONS - DUKE, GEORGETOWN, HARVARD, & STANFORD

We welcome your students to register for an [Exploring College Options](#) event. The presentation provides an introduction about four great universities and preparing for the admissions process during this time of challenge and change. Additional Exploring College Options events aimed at students and parents are planned for later in 2020.

LOYOLA UNIVERSITY MARYLAND

Virtual Experiences

Designed exclusively for rising juniors and seniors, these exciting programs will help guide your students through the college search and application process, and help them learn more about Loyola.

- **Online Workshops** - learn how to write the perfect college essay, receive tips on how to ace your next admission interview, and learn how to search for and apply to the best colleges for you.
- **General Information Sessions** - hear from admission counselors as they discuss academic and student life, and the admission and financial aid process at Loyola.
- **1-on-1 Video Chats** - have a personal conversation with one of our admission counselors about your journey to becoming a Greyhound.

For these and other online opportunities, we invite your students to visit our [virtual experiences page](#).

UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA

Live Virtual Information Sessions

Join members of the Penn Admissions team as they lead you in a live discussion on the academic landscape at Penn and the various opportunities available to students - both inside and outside the classroom. This session will also provide insight on the application process and how best to prepare.

[Register for a live information session.](#)

Live Student-Led Virtual Tour

Current Penn students in the Kite and Key Society will create a live, interactive experience using the virtual campus tour to share their personal stories and give you their insider's take on life at Penn. Even if you've taken the virtual tour of campus already on your own, this experience will highlight new aspects of campus through the eyes of your tour guide.

[Register for a live student-led virtual tour.](#)

This tour will take approximately 45 minutes.

Check out our self-guided virtual campus tour if you prefer to explore on your own time.

CASE WESTERN RESERVE VIRTUAL EVENTS

Online Sessions

Case Western Reserve University offers prospective students a robust series of online offerings to learn more about academic, residential and co-curricular opportunities at CWRU.

Info sessions are hosted by admission staff and current students. Topical sessions on academics, student life and more are hosted by faculty, staff and students who are experts in those topics.

Webinar access instructions will be shared upon registration.

Sessions are being added all the time, so check back often!

[REGISTER FOR A VIRTUAL EVENT](#)

UNIVERSITY OF LOUISVILLE CRITICAL UPDATES

While there is a lot of uncertainty right now, we wanted to take a minute to provide you with some [critical updates](#), including our new test optional policies, COVID-19 related changes, the Common App, and other important information. Please use this document as a resource when counseling students who may have an interest in UofL.

[View Critical Updates](#)

UNIVERSITY OF LOUISVILLE OFFERS VIRTUAL OPPORTUNITIES:

We hope your students will join us for our new [Academic Info Sessions](#) from each of UofL's nine undergraduate academic units. These live virtual sessions will introduce students to program curriculum, learning opportunities (both inside and outside of the classroom), faculty, and even current students and alumni. Students will also have the opportunity to ask questions and meet other prospective Cardinals.

Please remind your students that we are continuing to offer both [in-person visits and virtual experiences](#) this fall.

Just a couple of brief updates:

- The University Honors Program will no longer require ACT/SAT test scores for criteria to apply or be considered for the program.
- The Brown Fellows Program and Grawemeyer Scholarship applications will now be open to students with 29 ACT and/or 1330 SAT (former criteria was 31 ACT and 1390 SAT.) The GPA criteria remains 3.5 or above.
- Stay tuned for more updates concerning the role of test scores in scholarships and some competitive academic units.

We hope you will consider joining us this month for [Virtual Cardinal Fly-by](#) events for high school and independent counselors across the country. These virtual events will include a review of critical updates and offer an opportunity for you to ask questions and engage with UofL's Office of Admissions.

[View Events & Register](#)

FORDHAM FALL VIRTUAL VISIT OPTIONS:

As we consider the different learning environments your students may be experiencing this fall, we at Fordham want to provide as much support and access as possible for your students to engage with us. In lieu of our regular in-person travel, we're providing a [menu of virtual visit options](#).

Attend Fordham Hosted Virtual Events

These [programs](#) are our most in-depth and accessible, requiring only your promotion to your students. We'll take care of the rest, including registration and hosting! This option is ideal, especially if you're unable to host a visit or your students want to connect to Fordham on a flexible schedule.

We recommend one or more of the following [programs](#):

- **Guided Virtual Tour** (with current Fordham students)
- **Virtual Hello** (hosted by your representative; later times)
- **Virtual Information Session** (live, hosted presentation; weekend options)
- **Virtual Ram Session** (topic-based, e.g. financial aid or majors; later times)

UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT VIRTUAL ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

And because UConn is more than just a physical place, I encourage you and your students to connect with our five campus communities by exploring our [virtual engagement opportunities](#). Keep up with us over the next few weeks as we build out even more online experiences so that we can continue moving forward, together.

PURDUE UNIVERSITY PROSPECTIVE STUDENT VIRTUAL EXPERIENCES

Watch this superb video presentation for prospective students: [PURDUE](#)

UC BERKELEY: SOUTHERN STATES INFORMATION SESSION

UC Berkeley / Southern States Information Session and Q&A

Thursday, September 24 at 2:00 p.m. Pacific/4 p.m. Central

Students can register here: <https://apply.berkeley.edu/register/southernstates>

SPALDING UNIVERSITY AND VIRTUAL VISITS

- Spalding University is a small, private university out to change the world!
- We were test optional pre-COVID and will remain test optional post-COVID.
 - Students with a **3.0+** (weighted) GPA have the option of submitting a test score.
- Our Merit Scholarships are awarded beginning at a **2.5** (weighted) GPA and our ACT/SAT bonus award begins at an 18.
 - You can learn more about this at à <https://spalding.edu/financial-aid/types-of-aid/scholarships/>
- We operate on a 6-week block schedule, so students will never be in more than 2 classes at a time. Spalding has been on this schedule since 2003 and we will remain on it after COVID-19.
 - You can learn more about this at à <https://spalding.edu/block-schedule/>
- Did you know that Spalding has Kentucky's first nursing program? We offer a wide range of majors and minors in hopes of inspiring your students to achieve their dreams.
 - Our full list of majors can be found here à <https://spalding.edu/undergraduate-programs-2/>
- Spalding is home to the Golden Eagles! We are home to 18 NCAA DIII sports and just opened up a brand new athletic facility last year.
 - New in 2020/2021 is men and women's lacrosse!

IU BLOOMINGTON VIRTUAL VISITS

- **Virtual visits are the next best thing to being here.**

There is nothing quite like walking the brick paths that wind between the limestone buildings and wooded landscape of the IU Bloomington campus—but our virtual tours are a great alternative. We have [several video tours](#) that will allow students to explore our campus. Take a tour and see why IU Bloomington has been named one of the most beautiful campuses in the country.

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HANOVER COLLEGE VIRTUAL PRESENTATION

Click on the session link to register.

JCPS High Schools Virtual Presentation Night with Hanover College

Monday, September 21

7:00-8:00PM

THE SISTER COLLEGES: BARNARD, BRYN MAWR, MOUNT HOLYOKE, SMITH AND WELLESLEY HOLD VIRTUAL EVENT:

Greeting from the Sister Colleges! As we embark upon our shared mission in a changed educational landscape, we write with an opportunity for your students to learn more about us:

Saturday, September 12, 2:00-3:30 pm EDT (-4 GMT)

Our virtual panels and Q & A will focus on the Sisters' shared strengths: our legacy of empowerment, our abiding commitment to access and equity, our rigorous, interdisciplinary academic experience, and our rich campus opportunities — internships, research, leadership growth, career prep and social life — that prepare students to launch.

While these panels are designed specifically for students and parents, we welcome any of our counseling partners who are eager to learn more. Registration is currently open at wellesley.edu/admission/sisters.

UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO UPDATES

See below for a number of U Chicago virtual opportunities:

- **Wednesday, September 9, 11 a.m.:** [UChicago Model Class with Professor Manasi Deshpande](#). Join us for a model Economics class with Professor Manasi Deshpande, Assistant Professor in Economics and the College.
- **Thursday, September 10, 7 p.m.:** [Discovering U: Spanish Language Session](#). ¡Acompaña a Columbia University, la Universidad de Chicago, la Universidad de Texas en Austin, la Universidad de Michigan y a Yale University para descubrir las excepcionales oportunidades que tienen para ofrecer! Representantes de nuestras cinco escuelas hablarán sobre los programas académicos y tradiciones estudiantiles que hacen que nuestras instituciones se conviertan en un hogar para nuestros estudiantes.
- **Saturday, September 12, 3 p.m.:** [Quest for College Session](#). Join Colorado College, the University of Chicago, the University of Southern California, Vanderbilt University, and Yale University for a Quest for College Session to discuss QuestBridge, a national non-profit organization that connects high-achieving, low-income students with highly selective colleges offering exceptional need-based financial aid.
- **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.

If you have any more questions, concerns, suggestions, or if you just want to talk, please reach out to us at collegeadmissions@uchicago.edu *Helpful Resources for You!*

- The [Guide to College](#) is a roadmap to each stop of your journey to your future college home created by UChicago in partnership with The Coalition for College.
- UChicago hosts [virtual information sessions](#) where you can learn about UChicago, highly selective admissions, and the ins and outs of the college application process. Be sure to check available times for the one that fits your schedule best!
- Take a look at our “[UChicago at a Click](#)” page for a collection of videos on all things UChicago! Take a [virtual tour](#) of campus, hear from [first-generation college students](#), learn about UChicago’s commitment to [free expression](#), explore some of the [extraordinary contributions](#) of our faculty and alumni, and get to know our campus community!
- Don’t worry if you weren’t able to take a scheduled standardized test. UChicago is a [test-optional](#) institution, meaning that you can choose whether or not to include standardized test scores as part of your application. We are just one of a growing number of schools embracing test-optional admissions policies—check [here](#) for a full list of participating schools!
- With many in-person activities cancelled, please know that extracurricular involvement doesn’t have to be organized by anybody else— anything you do outside of the classroom counts as an extracurricular activity! Whether your athletic training has gone virtual (on your own or with teammates), you’re putting on [Zoom concerts](#) with fellow musicians, taking on more household responsibilities and building your relationships with family, implementing your latest entrepreneurial ideas, or brushing up on your studies using online resources like Khan Academy, your time this summer can be very well spent, and we can’t wait to hear about all that you do in your application!
- Finally, we recognize that these uncertain times can create a lot of confusion! If you would like clarification or more information on anything you’ve read or heard, please do not hesitate to reach out to us at collegeadmissions@uchicago.edu. We would love to connect with you!

JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY VIRTUAL PLANNING RESOURCES

Virtual College Planning Resources

We have created a [College Planning Toolkit](#) that prospective students and families—as well as our partners across the high school counseling community—can reference as they navigate the college admissions process in the upcoming year.

With all that is new, we are also here for you! If you have any questions about the admissions process or Hopkins in general, please feel free to join our admissions officers for an open Q&A on **Tuesday, September 15**:

- **8-9 a.m. EST:** [Sign up here](#)
- **3-4 p.m. EST:** [Sign up here](#)
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UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING WEBINARS:

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.

UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY UPDATES AND VIRTUAL VISITS

On-campus Visits – Visit our [Visitor Center](#) website and click on “Visit Campus” to schedule an in-person visit. We are offering 6 tour times a day, Monday through Friday. The groups are being kept very, very small and we do expect them to fill up quickly!

Virtual Visits and Tours – Visit our [Visitor Center](#) website and click on “Visit Virtually.” From there, your students can sign up for a virtual campus tour, schedule a Zoom meeting with an academic college or department or sign up for an online admissions presentation (we offer sessions during the day and some evenings).

Individual Zoom Meetings with Me – Students can click [here](#) to schedule a one-on-one meeting with me!

Virtual Visit with Your Students!! – We can schedule a time for me to visit virtually!

Finally, in general, you can find all of our admissions information on our central [UK admissions website](#)! Students can learn more about how to apply, our new test optional policy, scholarships, etc.

BANSON NEW YORK CITY

Banson NYC was founded in November, 2008 to provide students with a "real life" tour experience of the fashion industry in New York City. Holland Grumieaux, President/Founder, spent almost twenty years in this field prior to launching Banson NYC. She personally designs 1-5 day itineraries in New York that complement the learning experience in the classroom. She and her team are dedicated to ensuring that students and their advisors get exposed to many different aspects of their field of study during their trip by touring major showrooms to meet designers, sales managers, retail planning analysts, production managers and merchandising executives. In addition to meeting many key players in the fashion industry, students will visit other significant companies to see how window displays are created, store construction is planned and marketing trends are developed.

Banson NYC Virtual Fashion Study Tours:

Each week-long program will teach students the fundamentals of the fashion industry by providing an insider's perspective. We will design each tour to spotlight a wide variety of careers in the industry - merchandising, media, design, styling, buying, blogging, public relations, production to name a few. Each week can also include additional interactive activities like a Master Class in Beauty with your own personal beauty box, a sustainable design project with a chance to win a prize, tips on successful interviewing techniques and appropriate attire to wear and a panel discussion with former students sharing how they landed internships and made the most of their college life after their Banson NYC experience. Each tour will be 18-20 hours long. We will have an orientation and then begin the program on Monday at 3:00 pm (NYC time).

Session H: September 20, 2020 - September 25, 2020

Session I: October 4, 2020 - October 9, 2020

[Click here for 1-Day Tour Pricing](#)

[Click here for 3-Day Tour Pricing](#)

[Click here for 5-Day Tour Pricing](#)

CLAREMONT MCKENNA COLLEGE (CALIFORNIA) UPCOMING EVENTS

ONGOING VIRTUAL EVENTS FOR PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS

[INFORMATION SESSIONS](#)

[ADMISSION INTERVIEWS](#)

[CURRENT STUDENT PANELS](#)

Online information sessions, admission interviews, and current student panels are offered weekly. They're a great place for students to start learning more about the CMC experience!

Seniors who plan to apply to McKenna by December 1, 2020, may receive a special nominate from your counselor. Please contact Mr. Fowler if you anticipate applying to McKenna by December 1.

COLUMBIA OFFERS VIRTUAL ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITIES:

As your students are exploring colleges, Columbia offers the following resources for any students and families looking to learn more about Columbia.

[Virtually Engage with Columbia](#)
[Revised 2020-2021 Testing Policy](#)
[Columbia and Affordability](#)

DAVIDSON ADMISSION INTENSIVE

Greetings from Davidson! As you kick off the academic year, we are excited to share an opportunity for your students to join our staff and colleagues from both sides of the desk for a workshop series designed to help support them in their college search and admission process.

These fall workshops will run throughout September and October. All workshops are free and students can attend as many as they like, though space may be limited. View the full schedule and find the registration link [here](#).

Some sessions are also open to counselors, families, and mentors. Registration for those are available [here](#).

We have included a quick blurb with the link at the bottom of this email to assist in sharing this opportunity with your students. Please let us know if you have any questions. As always, we appreciate your partnership.

Join the Davidson College Admission Staff and other admission professionals this fall for a workshops series to help prepare you for the college search and application process. Sessions will cover topics ranging from essay writing to interview preparation to making the most of virtual college visits. All workshops are free but space is limited in some sessions. View the full schedule and register [here](#). Questions? Email: [intensives@davidson.edu](mailto:intensives@ davidson.edu)

Davidson Open House Programs

[Discover Davidson](#) Sunday, October 20, 2019

[Day @ Davidson](#) Friday, November 8, 2019

[Junior Day](#) Saturday, February 8, 2020

Visit Davidson

If your students can't get to one of our visit programs, we hope they'll come to visit on their own. We welcome visits from counselors, too. Learn more about the college and the communities surrounding us -- the Town of Davidson, the Greater Charlotte area and the Lake Norman area. [Plan a visit!](#)

In Your Area

Our [admission counselors](#) are fanning out across the country this fall. Click here to see when they might be in your area.

COLLEGE TESTING SUPPORT

EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES: **EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES INFORMATION**

We get results.

Our students become more successful. That's our mission, and the reason we do what we do. The students at Educational Resources experience

- better grades
- improved learning strategies
- increased self-confidence

We watch them learn and develop confidence through our tutoring programs, and then we celebrate with them as their hard work and dedication result in better grades. Students who engage in reading, subject-based tutoring, study skills, or test-taking strategies perform better in school.

Students enrolled in our ACT, SAT and PSAT test prep courses earn higher scores:

- For ACT, our students see an average improvement of 3 points/ 7 Perfect "36" Scorers!
- For SAT, our students see an average improvement of 200 points
- 600+ PSAT National Merit Semi-finalists

Our mission is to equip your child to excel in everything from basic homework to College Admission exams. We take our mission very seriously.

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

- Decide whether ACT or SAT is the best fit for you.
- 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 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/>

KAPLAN

STUDY FOR THE SAT, ACT, AND MORE

Learning about the difference between the various high school exams required for college admissions is just another piece of knowledge every college-bound student (and parent) needs to know.

As early as freshman year, you will want to familiarize yourself with the focus of each exam to start building a calendar that allows for standardized testing prep before each test is scheduled.

You'll also want to look at the admissions requirements of your wish-list colleges to make note of the tests they require and the time frame for submitting scores.

Go to [KAPLAN](#)

STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS & OPPORTUNITIES (VARIOUS GRADE LEVELS)

IMPACT 2020

With sessions beginning as soon as July 22 and running through the fall, I wanted to inform you about [Impact 2020](#), our upcoming virtual program to help students from across the country become active and involved members of their communities.

Led by Close Up instructors and developed with the National Network of Schools in Partnership, this online program includes two options:

- [Introduction to Community Engagement](#) sessions for students new to advocacy work; and/or
- [Task Force for Community Engagement](#) sessions for students to develop action plans to become catalysts for change in their communities.

Visit our [website](#) for more information today!

COLLEXPRESS PODCAST

Your college questions answered. What you need to know before going to college: [PODCAST](#)

CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS: A REFLECTION OF COVID-19'S IMPACT

<https://www.pablocenter.org/visual-arts/call-to-artists/shelter/>

SHELTER: A Reflection of Covid-19's Impact is an exhibit that will feature all mediums of art. What has been the impact of Covid-19 on our society, our homes, ourselves? Regional artists explore what led us to where we are, what we have gone through, and ask themselves, "What is the new normal?" All artists are encouraged to apply.

Deadline: October 19, 2020

ATTENTION STUDENTS INTERESTED IN THEATRE DESIGN:

The Theatre School at DePaul University is excited to announce a new BFA program in [Wig & Makeup Design and Technology](#).

This unique new program provides training in wig construction and styling, makeup design and application, styling of actors' hair, and creation of makeup prosthetics. Students will learn in our state of the art makeup and wig shop and collaborate through production practice with students and staff across all disciplines both at The Theatre School and throughout Chicago.

Graduates from the Wig & Makeup Design and Technology program will be prepared for careers in the entertainment industry, including theatre, film, fashion photography, and advertising, to name a few. To learn more information about these programs, check out this [video](#).

KHEAA WEBINARS FOR COLLEGE ACCESS AND MORE

Click below to register for an upcoming webinar:

Paying for College 101: September 17th @ 7pm EST

Paying for College 101: September 29th @ Noon EST

FAFSA Frenzy: A FAFSA How To: October 1st @ Noon EST

FAFSA Frenzy: A FAFSA How To: October 8th @ 7pm EST

FAFSA Frenzy: A FAFSA How To: October 15th @ Noon EST

FAFSA Frenzy: A FAFSA How To: October 22nd @ 7pm EST

FAFSA Frenzy: A FAFSA How To: October 29th @ Noon EST

Adults Returning to College: November 19th @ 7pm EST

It's Money, Baby: A Guide to Financial Literacy: December 17th @ 7pm EST

Click below to view recent webinar recordings:

Your Guide to College Admission

COLLEGEXPRESS SEPTEMBER SCHOLARSHIPS

Create a free account and open up a huge number of scholarship opportunities [HERE](#).

\$1,000 | JonesTShirtsScholarship

Deadline: September 10

Info: Applicant must be enrolled at a college or university at the time of the deadline. Essay on the following required: Describe at least three steps that you plan to take in the next year to start a path towards having a career that you love. What are your passions that could be turned into a career? What are some ideas you have for a business based on things that you love and are skilled at? Applicants must post their essay online in order to qualify.

[Apply Now](#)

\$1,000 | Nicholas A. Pennipede Memorial Scholarship

Deadline: September 15

Info: Applicants must be accepted to a college or university as an undergraduate freshman or have been accepted to an optometry school and are enrolling as an optometry freshman. Students must write an essay discussing how they will use their education to serve a community and provide proof of enrollment along with the application materials.

[Apply Now](#)

\$2,000 | We The Future Contest

Deadline: September 17

Info: Applicant required to submit one of the following: speech, short film, essay, song, greeting card, or poem.

[Apply Now](#)

\$1,500 | Shout It Out Scholarship

Deadline: September 30

Info: Applicant must be a United States citizen or permanent resident who is a student 13 years of age or older, and is currently enrolled (or planning to enroll) at an accredited post-secondary institution of higher education. Online short written response to the question, "If you could say one thing to the entire world at once, what would it be and why?" is required.

[Apply Now](#)

[\\$1,000 | Return 2 College Scholarship Program](#)

Deadline: September 30

Info: Applicants must be college or adult students currently attending or planning to attend a two-year or four-year college or graduate school within the next 12 months. Students must be 17 years or older and U.S. citizens or permanent residents. The award may be used for full- or part-time study at either on-campus or online schools. Three sentence essay required on this topic: "Why are you getting your degree?"

[Apply Now](#)

[\\$1,000 | Don't Text and Drive Scholarship](#)

Deadline: September 30

Info: Applicant must be a high school, college, graduate, or homeschooled student who is a U.S. citizen or legal resident. A 140-character message about texting while driving is required to apply. The top 10 applications will be selected as finalists; finalists will be asked to write a full length 500- to 1,000-word essay about texting while driving. Only online applications are accepted.

[Apply Now](#)

[\\$500 | AfterCollege Succurro Scholarship](#)

Deadline: September 30

Info: Applicant must be currently enrolled in a program working toward a two- or four-year degree (including master's and doctorate degrees). Minimum 2.5 GPA and good standing in the program required. Applicants must click the blue Apply button on the AfterCollege application page and complete their AfterCollege profile which will be the criteria (with specific emphasis on the personal statement) used to determine the recipient of the award.

[Apply Now](#)

[Scholarship Spotlight](#)

Kids Chance of Kentucky Scholarship

Eligibility: Must be a child who had a parent seriously, catastrophically or fatally injured in a Kentucky employment-related accident and who is a Kentucky resident between 16 and 25 years old. The financial impact of the parent's injury or death will be a major consideration.

Award: Up to \$2,500 per semester; renewable for 4 or more years provided progress is made toward a degree and student remains in good standing with the school

Number: Varies

Deadline: October 30, spring semester; April 15, fall semester

Contact: Counselor or Scholarship Committee, Kids Chance of Kentucky, P.O. Box 910234, Lexington, KY 40591; 859.219.0194; gdavis5@windstream.net; www.kidschance.org

A VARIETY OF SCHOLARSHIPS WITH DEADLINES IN SEPTEMBER

- 1 [Mola Foods Culinary Scholarship \(2020\)](#) Provider: Mola Foods, Inc
Amount: \$500
of winners: 1
- 2 [Bryan Cameron Education Foundation Scholarship](#) Provider: Bryan Cameron Education Foundation
Amount: \$50,000
of winners: 15
- 3 [The Gates Scholarship](#) Provider: The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation
Amount: Varies
of winners: 300
- 4 [Cameron Impact Scholarship](#) Provider: Bryce Cameron Education Foundation
Amount: Varies
of winners: Varies
- 5 [Ayn Rand "Atlas Shrugged" Essay Contest](#) Provider: The Ayn Rand Institute (ARI)
Amount: \$25,000
of winners: 59
- 6 [Nicholas Braswell Strong Roots Scholarship](#) Provider: Richmond Defense Group
Amount: \$500
of winners: Varies
- 7 [Out-of-the-Box Thinking Scholarship](#) Provider: Automated Pet Care Products
Amount: \$1,250
of winners: 3
- 8 [Cirilo McSween Scholarship](#) Provider: PUSH Excel
Amount: \$5,000
of winners: Varies
- 9 [Environmental Awareness Scholarship Essay](#) Provider: ReuseThisBag
Amount: \$1,000
of winners: 2
- 10 [Beldon Scholarship](#) Provider: Beldon
Amount: \$1,000
of winners: 2

SEARCH ENGINES AND SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS

- [Scholar Snapp](#) - A free, simple to use data standard that allows students to reuse their application information - including contact information, essays, transcripts, etc. - from one scholarship application to another thereby streamlining the college scholarship application process.
- [Scholly](#) - A mobile app that provides students with a fast and simple way to find scholarships for college. (Created by Christopher Gray, a Coca-Cola Scholar!)
- [Peerlift](#) - Proven scholarships, internships, summer programs, and more gathered by fellow students like you. (Founded by a team of 2017 Coca-Cola Scholars!) [Learn more about the creation of Peerlift.](#)
- [Fastweb](#) - Create a profile and let fastweb do the research on scholarships, internships colleges and more for you.
- [CashCourse](#) - Information that helps college students stay financially informed.
- [Common Knowledge Scholarship Foundation](#) - Educational and scholarship opportunities for students of all levels.
- [Cappex](#) - A free website where you can learn which colleges want you, before you apply and learn about more than \$11 billion in merit aid scholarships.
- [Scholarships.com](#) - A free college scholarship search and financial aid information.
- [Scholarship America](#) - Provides information and resources for your scholarship search.
- [KnowHow2GO](#) - Complete information on college prep, whether in middle school or seniors.
- [HS Finder \(Hispanic Scholarship Fund\)](#) - Scholarship information for Latino students.
- [Thurgood Marshall College Fund](#) - Provides scholarships, programmatic and capacity building support to the 47 public Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs).
- [Gates Millennium Scholars](#) - Provides outstanding low income African American, American Indian/Alaska Native, Asian Pacific Islander American, and Hispanic American students with an opportunity to complete an undergraduate college education in any discipline they choose.
- [Asian & Pacific Islander American Scholarship Fund](#) - The nation's largest non-profit organization devoted to providing college scholarships for Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders (AAPI).
- [American Indian College Fund](#) - Provides Native American students with scholarships and financial support for the nation's 33 accredited tribal colleges and universities.
- [Dell Scholars Program](#) - Recognizes academic potential and determination in students that have a definite need for financial assistance.
- [UNCF](#) - Awards 10,000 students each year through 400 scholarship and internship programs so that students from low- and moderate-income families can afford college tuition, books and room and board.
- [Chegg](#) - A place to connect with scholarships and learn about colleges.
- [Reagan Foundation Scholarships](#) - Scholarship opportunities for outstanding student leaders.
- [Goizueta Legacy Scholarship](#) - Provides scholarships for the children of Coca-Cola employees.
- [American Indian Graduate Center & AIGCS](#) - The largest scholarship providers to Native students in the United States, awarding \$15 million in scholarships annually and more than \$200 million since inception. For almost 50 years, AIGC has funded students pursuing undergraduate, graduate, and professional degrees in any field of study at any accredited institution of choice, working with over 500 tribes in all 50 states.
- [National Society of High School Scholars](#) - NSHSS and its partners offer more than \$2,000,000 in scholarships annually. All students are eligible to apply for high school and college scholarships in the areas of academic excellence, entrepreneurship, leadership, literature, medicine, music, STEM, sustainability, visual arts, and more.

STANFORD UNIVERSITY OFFERS TWO PRE-COLLEGIATE FALL COURSES FOCUSED ON THE 2020 ELECTION:

The 2020 US presidential election season will be historic, taking place amid a global pandemic, an upended economy, mass protests, and extreme polarization. This is the perfect time for students to sharpen their civics knowledge and prepare to become informed, engaged citizens.

To this end, we are thrilled to announce two new online courses for high school students to deepen their understanding of US politics and the many topics shaping the 2020 election.

New! Featured Fall Courses

- [Election 2020: A Panoramic View of America's Decisive Election](#)
- [Technology and the 2020 Election: How Silicon Valley Technologies Impact Our Elections and Shape Our Democracy](#)

Offered in collaboration with Stanford Continuing Studies, these courses are taught by Stanford instructors and feature an exciting lineup of guest speakers, including 42nd President Bill Clinton. In addition to attending the weekly online lectures, our high school students will attend special supplemental meetings to further explore foundational civics topics.

[Learn More and Register Today](#)

The courses are open to students in grades 9–12 and will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis. Students are welcome to register for one or both courses, and no prerequisites or application materials are required to enroll.

Please visit our website for full details and registration information. Space is limited and courses start the week of September 21, so reserve your seat today!

BELLARMINE PATHWAYS PROGRAM FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

The Bellarmine Center for Community Engagement has initiated a new program entitled, Bellarmine Pathways: Knights Lighting a Path for College, which is focused on connecting current Bellarmine students with local high school students to help share their lived experiences with the success skills necessary for college. Bellarmine students will lead virtual evening sessions via Microsoft Teams with groups of approximately 10 high school students to discuss the following topics:

1. Financial Literacy and Wellness in College
2. Personal Identity on a College Campus
3. Time Management and Organization in College
4. Effective Communication in College
5. Study Skills in College
6. Health and Wellness in College
7. Student Involvement in College
8. Major and Career Exploration

Register online at www.bellarmino.edu/ce/register. Under the “CE Youth” tab you will see the Pathway to College course. Select from the two course formats:

Option 1: 8 Wednesdays / October 7 – November 25 / 6 – 8 pm / \$39

Option 2: 4 Tuesdays & 4 Thursdays / October 20 – Nov. 12 / 6 – 8 pm / \$39

The deadline for registering is Thursday, October 1, 2020.

If a student has a financial barrier, please contact etodd@bellarmine.edu for a coupon code. The mission of this program is for Bellarmine and Jefferson County high school students to connect directly and allow a space for authentic dialogues on the expectations of college. We want all interested students to have access to these mentorship talks and resources.

2020 YMCA YOUTH CHARACTER AWARDS NOMINATION

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 (**REQUESTS TO BE NOMINATED MUST BE SUBMITTED TO MR. FOWLER BY SEPTEMBER, 18 BY 2:30 PM – SEE BELOW**).

<http://www.ymcalouisville.org/character-awards.html>

YMCA YOUTH CHARACTER AWARD NOMINATION 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 YMCA of Greater Louisville service area (including southern Indiana)
- A completed YMCA Youth Character Awards nomination form and typewritten nominee's story must be received at the YMCA Association Office by the end of the day on Friday, September 25, 2020.
- In cases of multiple nominations, only one narrative per nominee will be submitted to the selection committee.
- Group or team applications cannot be accepted.
- Honorees will be recognized at a safe and socially distanced awards ceremony in early November.

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 Friday, September 18, 2020.

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

MISSOURI WESTERN STATE UNIVERSITY OUTREACH

Missouri Western has a student population of 3k-5k students, a 17:1 student to faculty ratio, and one can even get a master's degree in 5 years. We do our best to offer as many opportunities to those that would not have had them otherwise and do so at an incredibly affordable rate. I encourage you to meet with me so I can tell you more, but in lieu of that, here are a few points about our school.

- As Missouri's flagship [Applied Learning Institution](#), our hands-on approach, and the amount of individualized attention our students have access to, ensures that our graduates are career ready by day one. All of our graduates leave Missouri Western with some type of applied learning experience.
- We offer a great deal of [scholarship opportunities](#) including our attractive [Griffon Guarantee Scholarship](#) that grows every year a student spends with us. It is accessible after a 3.0 GPA is achieved and does not get forfeited unless the student drops below a 2.0. We are an open-enrollment and test-optional institution and recognize that for some, we may be the only school offering a scholarship and we will not allow for that student to lose said scholarship due to standard first-year jitters. We are in the work of changing lives and we take that very seriously.
- As a part of that applied learning mission, MWSU established [Gold Fridays](#) to ensure that our working-class students have access to extra-curriculars, research opportunities, and internships. By only holding classes from Monday-Thursday, we have freed up Fridays so students can work on any number of things or even pick up an extra shift at their job if that is how they need to use it.
- Whether or not we agree that Esports is the end of the world as we know it, it isn't going anywhere and with that in mind, MWSU has brought an attractive [esports program](#) to our campus. We offer varsity, intramural, and recreational competition as well as degree programs aimed at the industry. Help us help your students enter one of the fastest growing sports professions in the world.
- MWSU offers over [70 majors](#) in many different fields.
- Our campus sits on a 700+ acre plot with streams, ponds, trails, and [recreation](#) aplenty.

CONTESTS

THE 11th ANNUAL MANIFEST PRIZE

THE MANIFEST PRIZE

\$5,000 Cash Award

The 11th Annual Manifest Prize

Early Deadline to Submit with Reduced Fee: **October 1, 2020**

To apply, go here: [Manifest Prize](#)

PARENT INFORMATION

TEAM KENTUCKY: The official Team Kentucky source for information concerning COVID-19.

Go Here: [KYCOVID-19](#)

KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION: Official COVID-19 source of the Kentucky Department of Education.

Go Here: [KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION](#)

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT TAKING A GAP YEAR:

Go here: [Gap Year](#)

INFORMATIVE ARTICLES REGARDING THE COLLEGE IMPACT OF THE CORONA VIRUS

[How the CSS Profile is different from the FAFSA](#)

Bankrate – July 27, 2020

In some cases, you can apply and qualify for both the FAFSA and the CSS Profile. Here's how they're the same, how they're different and what you need to know to be eligible for either.

[How To Ask For More College Financial Aid Due To COVID-19](#)

Forbes – July 28, 2020

Many students and parents aren't aware that the financial aid process allows for adjustments and appeals. In fact, a

student can appeal for new financial aid as often as his or her personal financial circumstances dictate, including during the middle of a semester.

[No Gap Year Here: Vast Majority of College Students Planning to Return to School in the Fall, According to ‘How America Pays for College 2020’](#)

Valdosta Daily Times – July 28, 2020

Just 7% of students have decided to take time off or enroll at a different school. Sixty-one percent of families believe COVID-19 will not have a long-term impact on their higher education.

[What Work-Study Looks Like During the Coronavirus](#)

U.S. News & World Report – July 29, 2020

Work-study jobs may be remote, in-person or rescinded entirely this fall depending on colleges’ policies.

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- Ninety-one percent of families continue to agree higher education is an investment in the student’s future
- Eighty percent believe college is part of the American dream (up from 74% in 2018-19)
- More than half (52%) of families have a plan to pay for all years of college—the highest percentage of planners in the 13 years of our study.

Find out more about how families across the country are moving forward with their higher education plans during COVID-19, and how they choose and pay for college.

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