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I.SCHOLARSHIPS & OPPORTUNITIES FOCUSED ON DIVERSITY AND EQUITY

JACKIE ROBINSON FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP

The Jackie Robinson Foundation scholarship application is now available!

The Jackie Robinson Foundation provides four-year scholarships of \$30,000 and extensive support services, including career guidance and internship placement, to highly motivated African American students who have maintained a 98% college graduation rate.

We appreciate your support by sharing this opportunity with students. The application closes at 5:00 pm ET on **February 1, 2021**.

[CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFORMATION](#)

KSU SCHOLARSHIP

Below is information about the Kentucky State University 1890 Scholarship Program which can provide scholarship to students pursuing a career in Agriculture and working towards a baccalaureate degree in a long list of related majors! These scholarships range from partial scholarship to full tuition with room & Board. Agriculture related fields include many STEM pathways and computer sciences! Worth checking out!

<https://vimeo.com/417444735>

More information can be found on the KYSU 1890 Scholarship webpage: <https://www.kysu.edu/academics/college-acs/school-of-ace/1890-scholarships-program.php>

This scholarship was greatly underused last year and we would love to see some of our JCPS students be able to take advantage of it.

UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA – HOLLAND BLACKBURN SCHOLARSHIP

Holland Blackburn Scholarship

This scholarship, formally known as the Jerome Holland Scholarship, is administered by the Ridley Foundation through the alumni association. The scholarship is designed to attract academically talented African-American students from across the nation to the University of Virginia and is specifically for out-of-state students. Approximately two scholarships are awarded annually, cover full tuition and fees and is renewable for four years. To select new Holland scholars each year, the most outstanding African-American applicants (based on their academic performance, leadership capabilities, and potential as role models for their peers) are invited to Grounds to compete for the scholarship. Nominations from guidance counselors are quite helpful in pointing out particularly strong candidates for this award. In recent years, Holland scholars have averaged a 30 or higher on the ACT and typically carry a GPA of a 3.8 or higher. This scholarship is for out-of-state students only. Visit the Ridley Scholarship website [here](#).

Students who wish to be nominated should send Mr. Fowler an email describing your academic performance, leadership capabilities and how you may serve as a role model for your peers. duPont Manual's nominee is due to the University of Virginia on December 18. In order for Mr. Fowler and the scholarship committee to have time to evaluate candidates and to submit the nominee in a timely manner, all candidates must have their emailed nomination request to Mr. Fowler no later than **3 pm on Wednesday, December 16, 2020**. kevin.fowler@jefferson.kyschools.us

KENTUCKIANAWORKS CONVERSATIONS

KW Conversations: Black Women in Tech



We recently convened a group of Black women who work in technology to talk to them about their experiences getting a foothold in the tech sector and what kind of barriers they have encountered as members of an underrepresented group.

Listen on [Apple podcasts](#), [Spotify](#), or [watch on Youtube >>>](#)

2021 HAMILTON RELAY SCHOLARSHIP

As the Telecommunications Relay and Captioned Telephone service provider for Kentucky, Hamilton Relay acknowledges that opportunities for higher education affect the future of Kentucky's high school students.

We are pleased to once again extend the Hamilton Relay Scholarship opportunity to graduating high school seniors in Kentucky who are deaf, hard of hearing, deaf-blind or have difficulty speaking to assist in their goals of continuing their education.

Hamilton Relay selects one candidate from each of the states where Hamilton is the contracted service provider. All candidates are required to submit an application, write an essay under the topic of communication technology and provide a letter of recommendation in order to qualify. The application documents can also be found online at [Hamilton Relay Scholarship](#) .

The **scholarship deadline is January 30, 2021** and applications must be received or postmarked by that date. The scholarship is in the amount of \$500 and the winner will be determined on or before March 1, 2021.

If you have any questions about Hamilton Relay or the Hamilton Relay Scholarship Program, please contact me directly. My contact information is listed below.

Hamilton Relay is excited to give back to the community by offering this scholarship opportunity to students who are deaf, hard of hearing, deaf-blind or have difficulty speaking. We look forward to learning more about the outstanding students in Kentucky.

II. SCHOLARSHIP & OPPORTUNITIES (Seniors Only)

SHENANDOAH UNIVERSITY

Since there has been so much discussion this year around test-optional, we thought it was important to reach out to you and reiterate our [test-unnecessary](#) policy. At [Shenandoah University](#), we are proud to be test-unnecessary for students to apply for admission, receive an admission decision, and be awarded merit scholarships.

As you are likely aware, in March 2020, after reviewing and researching our own data, we determined that test scores did not predict the success of our students at Shenandoah and went test-optional. We thought it was important to clarify that and to reiterate to you, **test-unnecessary** means **we are not using test scores to make admission decisions**.

We want to make it clear - if you have students that do not take and/or submit test scores, their application - as well as their admission decision and merit scholarships - will not be at a disadvantage.

DEPAUL UNIVERSITY COLLEGE ACCESS – ESSAY WRITING SUPPORT

The 2020 college application season is progressing quickly and I want to share a useful resource for your high school seniors who are working on their college essays or applying for scholarships. DePaul University's College Access office has a team of Peer Editors who are available to virtually edit student essays for free. Having an extra set of eyes on a personal statement, a college essay, or a scholarship essay can be a lifesaver and we are here to help. More details and submission form are available on our website: <http://go.depaul.edu/essay-editing>.

KENTUCKY FEDERATION OF REPUBLICAN WOMEN SCHOLARSHIP

Kentucky Federation of Republican Women 2021 Scholarship Program. The Kentucky Federation of Republican Women grants a \$1,500.00 scholarship to a college bound high school senior girl who has been politically active within the Republican Party. The qualified applicant will graduate from a Kentucky high school in 2021, is or will be a registered Republican, and plans to enroll at an accredited college or university in Kentucky. The complete application will include the following:

- > Completed application form (CONTACT Mr. Fowler for the form at kevin.fowler@jefferson.kyschools.us)
- > A one-page typed essay about a Republican woman you admire or who has influenced your life and why
- > An official copy of your high school transcript, which may be mailed separately
- > Two letters of recommendation

The completed application must be mailed with a postmark no later than April 1, 2021 to:

Tina Fox KFRW Scholarship Chair
206 West 13"Street
Benton, Ky. 42025

HANOVER COLLEGE – INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC PROGRAMS

Hanover has a full instrumental program that includes the HC Concert Band, the Hanover College-Community Orchestra (string orchestra), and the HC Saxophone Ensemble. We also have the student-run Drumline Club that performs at select school events. Students do not have to be music majors or music minors in order to play in our ensembles. In fact, virtually every major on campus is represented in our groups. Most students play because they had a positive experience in high school and they love music! I am pleased to let you know that we now have Music Scholarships for new students to play in Concert Band or Orchestra. This is a great opportunity! For additional information, including information about scholarship auditions, please see the following link: <https://explore.hanover.edu/register/music2021>. In addition to high musical standards, Hanover's program enhances students' personal and academic lives beyond the classroom and concert auditorium. Students are more than musical colleagues; they are members of a musical family. For many, our instrumental rehearsal room is a "home away from home." This community's warmth, mutual respect and excellence in musicianship lead to inspired musical performances. I would be happy to answer any questions that you or your students might have. I can be reached at 812-866-7329 or mruzek@hanover.edu. I appreciate your help in bringing our program to the attention of your students. Sincerely, David M. Mruzek, Ph.D. Director of Instrumental Music Programs.

FINALIZING AND SUBMITTING COLLEGE APPLICATIONS

[11 Steps to Finalizing and Submitting Your College Apps](#)

Sara Lindberg and Patrick O'Connor

In the mad dash to submit college applications before the deadlines, many students miss critical steps...

[Read Full Article](#)

COLLEGE APPLICATION MISTAKES

3 Deadly College Application Mistakes you're Probably Making

By Lisa Bigelow for GoToCollegeFairs

In December, colleges and universities will release thousands of early decision and early action notices, delivering some students to their Holy Grail institutions and others into an agonizing, months-long purgatory. If you're still working on your college applications, you still have time to make sure your admissions package says everything about you and your background that counselors will want to know.

Here are the boxes to check before you hit send.

[Read More...](#)

GE-REAGAN FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation and Institute awards more than \$1 million in college scholarships to exceptional student leaders each year. High school seniors nationwide who demonstrate leadership, drive, integrity, and citizenship are invited to apply for the 2020 GE-Reagan Foundation Scholarship Program. This program annually provides college-bound students with \$10,000 renewable scholarships – up to \$40,000 total per recipient – and supports them as they lead and serve in college and beyond. Help put promising young leaders in the running to join our 10th class of Scholars. Share this news with candidates who exemplify these characteristics inside and outside the classroom and encourage them to apply.

Applications for the 2020 GE-Reagan Foundation Scholarship Program are accepted until Jan. 3, 2020. Additional information, eligibility requirements, and a link to the application are available [online](#). You may also follow us on [Facebook](#) and learn more about the Foundation's [other programs for students and educators](#).

We look forward to honoring these deserving student leaders next spring.

[LEARN MORE!](#)

15TH DISTRICT PTA SCHOLARSHIPS

The 15th District PTA is looking to award a number of scholarships to 2021 high school graduates attending an accredited college or a vocational training program in Fall 2021.

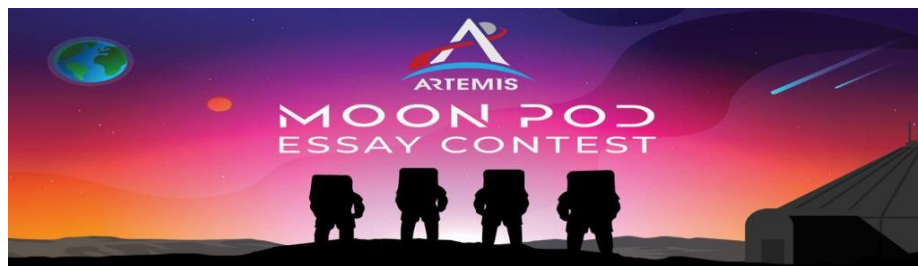
Eligibility:

- Be a JCPS high school senior
- Have been accepted to/plan on attending an accredited university or vocational program
- Be a member of the 15th District PTA (read below for more details).

Application Information:

- Application can be found at 15th District PTA.org on December 1, 2020.
- Applications are due February 28, 2021.
- Helpful Information can be found on website!
- Contact your PTA president or person listed below for information on becoming a member!
- Good luck to all applicants!

ARTEMIS MOON POD CONTEST



On Sept. 15, 2020, NASA, in partnership with Future Engineers, launched the [Artemis Moon Pod Essay Contest](#). The contest, which is open to all (public, private, and home school) students in grades K-12, asks participants to imagine they are leading a one-week expedition to the Moon's South Pole. In the essay, students will need to describe to NASA what (and who) they would bring to help make their expedition a success.

The Moon Pod Essay Contest is presented in support of NASA's Artemis program. The student challenge is part of NASA's efforts to engage the public in its missions to the Moon and Mars. NASA is returning to the Moon for scientific discovery, economic benefits, and inspiration for a new generation. Working with its partners throughout the Artemis program, the agency will fine-tune precision landing technologies and develop new mobility capabilities that allow robots and crew to travel greater distances and explore new regions of the Moon.



Visit the [Artemis Moon Pod Essay Contest page](#) for important program dates: <https://www.futureengineers.org/artemismoonpodessay>

The challenge will require students to imagine and share their thoughts on leading a one-week expedition at the Moon's South Pole. Additionally, participants must include the types of skills, attributes, and/or personality traits they would want their Moon Pod crew to have and why. For a full description of the contest, including the requirements and who can enter, visit the [Moon Pod Essay Contest website](#).

Every student who submits an entry will receive a certificate from NASA and be invited to a special NASA virtual event – with an astronaut!

Selected semifinalists will be invited to represent their state or territory in a series of Artemis Explorer sessions with NASA experts. Moreover, nine finalists will travel with a parent to NASA's Johnson Space Center in 2021 to learn about lunar exploration, and the national winner in each grade division will win a family trip to see the first Artemis test launch to watch the most powerful rocket in the world launch from Kennedy Space Center in Cape Canaveral, Florida. Entries for the contest are **due no later than 11:59 PM Pacific Standard Time on Dec. 17, 2020**. Children and students who live in the same household with NASA employees cannot enter. Read the full description of contest rules at [Artemis Moon Pod Essay Contest \("The Challenge"\) Rules](#).

STUDENTS APPLYING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF LOUISVILLE – IMPORTANT INFORMATION

ACT/SAT Optional Policy Updates

Students who apply ACT/SAT optional to business, engineering and nursing will be required to complete the Accuplacer exam created by College Board to be considered for direct admission to the program. Students who wish to delay taking their Accuplacer until later in the academic year to allow study and preparation time should contact their admissions counselor. They can have their application reviewed for general admission as an Arts & Sciences major. Once the student has taken the Accuplacer, we will re-evaluate their application for direct admission to the program of their choice.

For each program the following Accuplacer exams are required:

- Business – Math and Reading Accuplacer
- Engineering – Math Accuplacer
- Nursing – Math and Reading Accuplacer

Students can register to take the Accuplacer Exam in two formats:

- UofL Testing Services in person or remote - \$15
- Virtually with Examity - \$25

Students who received an application fee waiver will also have the fee waived for the Accuplacer. To help your students prepare for the Accuplacer Exam, there is a [**study app**](#) available through College Board.

For more information about the Accuplacer and registration, please visit the [**University of Louisville Testing Services Website**](#).

Scholarship and Competitive Program Updates

In order to allow students ample opportunity to submit required documents, we have extended the credential deadline to January 15, 2021. Students are still required to apply for admission to UofL by December 15, 2020. Please encourage students to submit essays, resumes and letters of recommendation as soon as possible so the review process can begin.

The programs included in this deadline extension are:

- Trustees' Competitive Scholarship
- Woodford R. Porter Scholarship
- Competitive Regional Scholars
- Competitive National Scholars
- Grawemeyer Scholarship
- McConnell Scholarship
- Martin Luther King Scholars
- Brown Fellows Scholars

The Honors Program will still require the essay and resume to be submitted by December 15, 2020, but will accept transcripts and test scores (if not test optional) until January 15, 2021.

SCHOLARSHIPS IN THE FIELD OF ROBOTICS

The mission of *FIRST*[®] is to inspire young people to be science and technology leaders and innovators, by engaging them in exciting mentor-based programs that build science, engineering, and technology skills, that inspire innovation, and that foster well-rounded life capabilities including self-confidence, communication, and leadership.

For 2021 they have more than 200 scholarship providers that are giving away more than \$80 million to qualified students.

***FIRST* Scholarship Opportunities**

- *FIRST* Scholarships are offered and administered by the listed Provider and applications are submitted directly to them.
- Click on the *Provider Name* to view their website and learn more about them; Click on *Details and Application* to access and submit the application.
- To search for non-school specific scholarship use the *Location* filter and select –All Areas–
- Click on the following link to [access a downloadable report of all current *FIRST* Scholarship Opportunities](#)
- Additional questions? [See our FAQ](#).

Do you have students that would be interested in these scholarships? Check them out

at <https://www.firstinspires.org/scholarships>

The list provides information on scholarships available to students that they can use at their University of choice as well as ones that are offered by specific schools.

LOUISVILLE ARTISANS GUILD ART SCHOLARSHIP

The **Louisville Artisans Guild Art Scholarship** is [now open](#)! This art-based scholarship is available to students who meet the following eligibility requirements:

Graduating high school senior from Jefferson, Oldham, Shelby, and Bullitt counties in Kentucky, or Floyd, Clark, and Harrison counties in Indiana

2.0 GPA

Plan to pursue a college degree in the visual arts

The application will remain open until Monday, February 15, 2021 at 5 p.m. EST.

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

No Information this week!

IV. COLLEGE TESTING SUPPORT

ACT FREE PRACTICE TEST

Free Practice Tests for Students

Help your students familiarize themselves with the instructions and format of the ACT test with *Preparing for the ACT Test*. Students can take a free practice test, then review, analyze, and answer the questions to see if they're correct—and why. Includes one complete practice test with scoring keys, and a writing prompt.

[Read More](#)

V. STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES (VARIOUS GRADE LEVELS)

2021 UNITED STATES SENATE YOUTH PROGRAM (USSYP)

Enclosed is an application packet for the **2021 United States Senate Youth Program (USSYP)**, funded by the William Randolph Hearst Foundation. This program offers two student leaders from each state a \$10,000 college scholarship and attendance at a Washington Week Online Conference to be held virtually March 14-18, 2021.

Any high school **junior or senior** student is eligible for the program provided he or she has not previously been a program delegate and is currently serving in a school wide, district, regional or state ELECTED capacity in a student government, civic or educational organization. Student leadership positions held during the 2019–2020 academic year **will be allowed to qualify students for 2021** if they are unable to hold the usual USSYP qualifying positions for the current academic year due to disruption caused by the pandemic. Counselor verification and judgment will determine which year's leadership position will qualify every student.

Students will be required to completely block the timeframe of the program and attend all online events in order to serve as delegates and receive the scholarship. Selected students should also possess a keen interest in government, have above average grades and be very articulate, as they will be participating in discussion groups with national leaders. At least four finalists will be interviewed and may receive additional testing materials as a part of the final selection process.

Students earning this award must fulfill two requirements: 1) attend the Washington Week Online Conference; and 2) once enrolled in a post-secondary institution, include courses in government or related subjects in pursuit of an undergraduate degree.

The enclosed application and test may be sent electronically to individual students and should be completed electronically if at all possible. Signatures may be electronic or the application materials may be completed and scanned. Answers to essay questions should not be shared or discussed among students, teachers and/or the test administrator. All completed applications and essays must be returned to me electronically **by 11:59 PM EST, December 31, 2020.**

If you have questions or concerns or need further information, please contact me by phone at (859.595.6355), or e-mail donna.melton@education.ky.gov.

NOTE: IF YOU PLAN TO APPLY TO THE USSYP, THEN PLEASE CONTACT MR. FOWLER INDICATING YOUR INTENT TO APPLY BY **3:00 PM DECEMBER 14.** IN THE SUBJECT LINE TYPE: USSYP. LEAVE YOUR NAME AND NUMBER IN THE EMAIL AND MR. FOWLER WILL CONTACT YOU. WHILE THE COMPLETE PACKET IS NOT DUE UNTIL DECEMBER 31, THERE ARE A FEW ITEMS IN THE PACKET THAT MUST BE COMPLETED BY DECEMBER 17TH.

KENTUCKY GOVERNOR'S SCHOOL FOR THE ARTS UPDATES

GSA December Updates

As we settle in for the conclusion of 2020, here are some important updates from GSA. We hope you and yours enjoy a relaxing transition to the new year!

One month until the GSA 2021 application is due!

High school sophomores and juniors have until 11:59 p.m., January 10th to submit their GSA 2021 applications. Applicants should:

1. ...review the [Applicant Guide](#) for their artform(s) of interest.
2. ...review select recordings of [virtual info sessions](#) to learn about various aspects of the summer program and the application process (we still have one info session coming up on Dec. 17!)
3. ...send any and all questions to GSA at gsainfo@kentuckyperformingarts.org (note office closure dates below!)
4. ...not wait until the last minute to apply - start your application soon and submit early, if possible!

We salute the hundreds of young artists who are "putting themselves out there" by sharing their artistry via the GSA application. We can't wait to learn more about you and see your creativity in action!

THE COOLIDGE SCHOLARSHIP FOR JUNIORS

We write to let you know that the [2021 Coolidge Scholarship application](#) is now live. We hope that you will consider sharing this opportunity with interested high school juniors.

As a quick refresher, **the Coolidge Scholarship is a full-ride, four-year, merit scholarship** that may be used by recipients for undergraduate study at **any accredited college or university in the United States**. Any high school junior who plans to enroll in college in the fall of 2022 and is an American citizen or legal permanent resident is eligible to apply (current high school seniors are not eligible to apply).

Coolidge Scholars are selected based primarily on academic excellence. Secondary criteria include: an interest in public policy, an appreciation for the values President Coolidge championed, as well as humility and service. Today's competitive academic culture regrettably sometimes drives students to hype their accomplishments and pursue ambitious efforts merely to attain credentials. The Coolidge Scholarship pushes back on this trend. Successful candidates are indeed accomplished, but exhibit humility with respect to their achievements and pursue things of genuine interest to them regardless of the perceived prestige associated with the activity. A complete description of the scholarship's criteria is available [here](#).

The competition for the Coolidge Scholarship is indeed significant -- but even students who do not win have reported to us they are glad they went through the application process because it helps prepare them for college applications later on. Furthermore, the Coolidge Foundation invites 100 of the top applicants to participate in its Coolidge Senators Program, which includes an all-expenses-paid Summit Weekend in Washington, D.C and a one-time \$1,000 scholarship. Applicants who make it to the finalist level, but do not ultimately win the full scholarship, also receive a modest one-time finalist scholarship.

Alert: the application requires that applicants read President Coolidge's Autobiography and complete a few other reading assignments. While the book is not overly long, we encourage applicants to begin the application early so that they have plenty of time. *Candidates who begin the application at the last minute are unlikely to be successful.* The submission deadline is **5:00 PM EST, Wednesday, January 20, 2021**.

We hope you will share this opportunity with outstanding high school juniors at your school. The scholarship application, along with additional information, can be accessed on our scholarship site: www.coolidgescholars.org. If you intend to ask teachers or counselors for recommendation letters, please send your request no later than January 5th.

OXBRIDGE ACADEMIC PROGRAMS 2021

Despite a difficult 2020, we are still here, planning our 36th summer of transformative four-week, two-week, and week-long educational programs in England, France, and Spain. Importantly, for language students in search of practice in French or Spanish, we will also be running our immersion programs in Montpellier and Salamanca. Alongside, we are organizing a 4-week program in New York in June/July and are busy finalizing the dates.

We are, of course, working with our partners to take every possible measure to make sure students are safe. For the latest on our evolving Covid-19 precautions, please click [here](#).

Here, meanwhile, is a shareable copy of our 2021 [brochure](#). Please note that, because of Covid-19-related delays, we have extended our generous special offers until January 31, 2021

Of course, we cannot visit schools this year, or host receptions to meet interested students and parents. To compensate, we will be running more webinars. The fall/winter webinar timetable is available [here](#). We would be extremely grateful if students and parents could be made aware of it. We are also more than happy to organize special webinars for individual schools.

Given current economic uncertainties, and the desire to make our programs as accessible as possible, we are simplifying our scholarship processes. Our new online scholarship application will be ready in January. Meanwhile, we are also launching a Covid-related prize-essay. The winner will be chosen by an academic panel. The first prize is a full scholarship to the program of their choice. Details forthcoming.

CAREER ASSESSMENT TOOLS

CAREER ASSESSMENT FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

9 TOOLS TO HELP CHOOSE YOUR MAJOR

Updated on July 6th, 2020

What should I major in? It's a question that high school students wrestle with as they prepare for college. Utilizing a career assessment for high school students can help make this difficult question easier to answer.

By encouraging your sophomore, junior, or senior to take a career aptitude test for high school students, they can gain insights about potential matches. Then, instead of wondering, "What major should I choose," they can narrow down their options based on the results of that high school career test.

Luckily, when it comes to finding a career assessment for high school students, there are plenty of options. Here is an overview of what a career aptitude test for high school students is and nine tools to help your student choose a major.

WHAT IS A CAREER ASSESSMENT FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS?

In the simplest terms, a career quiz for high school students is usually a multiple-choice test that helps determine which jobs or majors align with various preferences. It will take your student's personality into account as well as their personal goals and values.

Additionally, a career assessment for high school students may include questions that cover which subjects they enjoy and dislike. That way, the results take into account where your student's skills lie, decreasing the odds the recommendation will involve serious study in a subject they'd rather avoid.

It's important to note that a career assessment for high school students is just a form of guidance. If your student doesn't like the results or had other kinds of majors in mind, that doesn't mean they shouldn't pursue a field that sparks their passion. As long as participating gets them thinking about what they want, that's what matters.

HOW ACCURATE IS A CAREER APTITUDE TEST FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS?

It's hard to gauge precisely how accurate a career or personality test is, mainly because there are no "right" or "wrong" answers. The results are based on the participant's opinion and ability to self-assess. Additionally, some of the questions can be ambiguous or force the test-taker to choose between two black and white options, when their opinion lies more in a gray zone. However, that doesn't mean your student shouldn't check a few out. The process of doing the assessment can be enlightening. Plus, they may learn about majors or careers that weren't previously on their mind, and that could help them find the right path.

When your student uses any career assessment for high school students, they should take them with a grain of salt. They aren't required to follow the recommendations.

If they don't agree with the assessment, they should consider what they've learned along the way and apply that to their decision-making process. That way, the experience is valuable, even if the specific results weren't.

9 TOOLS TO HELP YOUR STUDENT CHOOSE A MAJOR

Choosing a major is challenging, but it's a necessity. Once your student figures out which subjects or careers could be the best matches, they can use that information to help them choose a college, ensuring they head to one that offers the right program.

By taking a few assessments, your student can learn more about their interests and aptitudes.

Here are nine tools that may help your student figure out where they want to take their career.

1. MYMAJORS

At [MyMajors](#), students can take a quiz that helps them answer the question, "What major should I choose?" After completing the assessment, your student will get a list of ten majors that seem to be a great fit.

This free career test for high school students takes your student's academic achievement, interest, preferences, and aptitude into consideration. The only catch is, your student does have to create an account on the site to participate, and it is possible that third parties will view that information.

2. TRUITY – THE BIG FIVE PERSONALITY TEST

In just 10 minutes, your student can complete [The Big Five Personality Test](#), getting greater insight into their own traits. Essentially, this can work as a career personality test for high school students as it allows participants to understand how the factors may impact their professional lives. Then, they can consider what careers might align best with their results, making it easier to choose a major and career path.

3. BARRETT VALUES CENTRE – THE PERSONAL VALUES ASSESSMENT

The goal of [The Personal Values Assessment](#) is to help participants get a better understanding of what they hold dear and how that impacts their decision-making. By learning where their values lie, your student can gain deeper insights about their motivations, something that could help them select a career that is intrinsically rewarding and meaningful.

4. RICHARD STEP – STRENGTHS AND WEAKNESSES APTITUDE TEST

By learning about their strengths and weaknesses, your student can learn not just where they are today, but how they could grow in the future. [The Strength and Weaknesses Aptitude Test](#) focuses mainly on personality traits and soft skills, but it can still help your student figure out what kind of professions might better fit than others.

5. PRINCETON REVIEW – CAREER QUIZ

If your student is looking for a career assessment for high school students that provides job options as results, the [Career Quiz](#) is a great option. It compares the test taker's interest in various positions, such as working as a lawyer, news anchor, public relations professional, musician, and more. It also includes some personality test questions, learning about the participant's views, before providing recommendations.

6. ASSESSMENT.COM – MAPP CAREER ASSESSMENT

The [MAPP Career Assessment](#) aims to help people, including students, figure out what job is right for them. With the free test, your student can get an overview of their motivations and ten fields that might pique their interest. The free results include the participant's second top 10 general career matches, not the actual top 10, but it can still be worth checking out. Additional information is available, such as the aforementioned real top 10 and specific job matches, but those come with a fee.

7. 123 CAREER TEST

The [123 Career Test](#) isn't a traditional multiple-choice exam. Instead, it's an interactive quiz that focuses on your student's work-related preferences. The quiz presents a set of activities, and your student says which they would enjoy doing most and least. Once complete, your student receives a list of potential job matches as well as information about how their answers led to those results. And, best of all, they don't even have to register to see the matches.

8. IPERSONIC CAREER TEST

Another career aptitude test for high school students that doesn't require registration: the [iPersonic Career Test](#) only has four steps. Your student chooses whether certain statements apply to them, and they get to immediately see what their "career type" is, giving them insights that could help them choose a major.

If your student wants more in-depth information, that does come with a cost. But, it probably isn't necessary when the information is used in conjunction with other free career tests.

9. WORK INTEREST WIZARD

With the [Work Interest Wizard](#), your student participates by telling the site how often they'd like to handle a certain kind of task. For example, they may be asked how often they'd like to supervise others, choosing from options like "daily," "monthly," or "never."

As they proceed, a list of matching occupations starts to populate.

SHOULD YOUR STUDENT TAKE THE MYERS-BRIGGS PERSONALITY TEST?

When it comes to personality assessments, the [Myers-Briggs Personality Test](#) – also known as the Myers-Briggs Type Indicator (MBTI) – is the biggest name in the game. It's used by major universities, enterprise-level businesses, and even the military, and it's been around for decades. The issue is, there is little (if any) actual science behind the test. Its accuracy is questioned on a regular basis, and many psychologists openly criticize the MBTI.

While it was supposedly based on the work and theories of Carl Jung, much of the MBTI has repeatedly been debunked. Even the National Academy of Sciences took a look and found discrepancies.

Additionally, some research shows that people can get different results each time they take the test. This is another sign that it might not be an accurate way to assess someone's personality. However, that doesn't mean it is entirely useless. If your student takes the MBTI, they do have to consider their views, motivations, and preferences. That process can be valuable all on its own. There are a plethora of online tests that claim to align with Myers-Briggs. But many of them are incredibly short, using only a fraction of what the full MBTI includes. If your student decides to give the MBTI a try, heading to the Myers-Briggs Type Indicator Assessment official website might be the best option.

Summer STEM Institute

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. 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 have just opened, 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.

If any of your students may be interested in and are a good fit for the program, could you please share this opportunity with them? Students and families can learn more about SSI and apply on our website here: <https://www.summersteminstitute.org/>.

CARNEGIE MELLON PRE-COLLEGE SUMMER APPLICATION 2021

Apply today for the summer of a Lifetime.

We are happy to announce that our [2021 Pre-College Application](#) is now live! If they are interested, please encourage your students to start the application process.

Our admission review is holistic and considers both the academic and extracurricular experiences of every student. For an application overview and information on our application deadlines, please visit our [admission](#) page.

HOW TO HAVE A PRODUCTIVE WINTER BREAK

How to Have a Productive High School Winter Break

Toni Velazquez

Most high school students start looking forward to winter break before the school year even begins, and with...

[Read Full Article](#)

DAIRY QUEEN IS HIRING

Contact Angela Breslin for more information if interested.

Sincerely,
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SCHOOL ORCHESTRA AND BAND MAGAZINE SCHOLARSHIP

Amount: \$1,000

Awarded: Annually

Deadline: December 31

How to win: Do you play in your high school band or orchestra? Can you write 250 words about a music-related essay prompt? (You totally can.) Then you should apply for this scholarship from *School Band and Orchestra* magazine. Sure, learning how to play the clarinet wasn't easy—but applying for this scholarship is. [Learn more here](#).

Announcing the 2021 KET Young Writers Contest

It's been said that writers create people and places that didn't exist before, and that's like magic. Well, KET Education is calling all magicians – word wizards and drawing sorcerers – to wave your wands and share your magic with us!

The KET Young Writers Contest invites students in Kindergarten through fifth grade to submit illustrated stories, students in fourth through twelfth grades to submit short stories, and students in fourth through twelfth grades to submit poetry. Winners are selected and prizes awarded.

The contest opens December 1, 2020 with the deadline to enter April 15, 2021.

Visit the contest website to hear the authors read winning pieces from previous contests, see the official rules, reference the scoring rubrics now, and start submitting your own creative magic soon!

[Learn More](#)

SWOT ANALYSIS TO HELP DETERMINE A CAREER PATH

One of the most common competitive analysis frameworks is the SWOT analysis. SWOT, which stands for strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats, helps highlight and uncover opportunities that aren't immediately apparent. This information is useful when preparing for interview questions about strengths and weaknesses and identifying areas that might otherwise reduce the chances of getting a job.

Instructions

To conduct a personal SWOT analysis, get a pen and paper and answer the questions below. After you finish, highlight some of your greatest strengths and prominent weaknesses and make a plan of action based on the information. Read more [here](#).

GO TO COLLEGE FAIRS THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2020

College Counseling Webinar on Demand:

Tips for Writing a Successful College Application Essay

Panelist:

Ethan Sawyer, 'The College Essay Guy'

College Application Spotlight:

- Tips on writing the essay
- Avoiding common mistakes
- **Virtual College Fairs**, free of charge to students, families, and counselors!

3 Deadly College Application Mistakes You're Probably Making

By Lisa Bigelow for GoToCollegeFairs

In December, College and Universities will release thousands of early decisions and early action notices, delivering some students to their Holy Grail institutions, and others into and agonizing months-long purgatory.

If you're still working on you college applications, you still have time to make sure your admissions package says everything about you and your background that you want counselors to know. Here are the check boxes before you hit send.

[Read More..](#)

Virtual College Fairs Happening Soon

Fair Sponsor	Date(s)	Region	Fair Website
Christian College Fairs: Special Interest Fairs	December/January	National	Learn More
KYACAC	December 7	Kentucky	Learn More
TIEC Group	December 15-17	International	Learn More

The following virtual college fairs are available through December 31. View recorded presentations, enter to win giveaways and more. Visit or revisit these fairs if they are in your region, colleges are eager to engage students in the college search/college application process!

Adventist Colleges and Universities Learn More	National Hispanic College Fairs Learn More
Alabama: High School Students Learn More	Nebraska: EducationQuest Learn More
Alabama: Transfer Students Learn More	New England Learn More
Alabama: Junior League Montgomery Learn More	New Mexico Learn More
Arizona Learn More	North Dakota Learn More
Arkansas Learn More	Orange County, California Learn More
Citizen Potawatomi Nation Learn More	Pacific Northwest Learn More
City of Brighton Learn More	South Dakota Learn More
Fresno County, California Learn More	Texas: TACRAO Learn More
Kansas City Private High Schools Learn More	Texas College For You Learn More
Long Island College Fairs Learn More	Texas: Find Your Path Learn More
Malcom Bernard HBCU Fair Learn More	United College Access Network Learn More

Metro Atlanta College Access Conference Learn More	Wisconsin Learn More
Minnesota Counselors of Color Learn More	Wyoming Learn More
Mississippi Learn More	

Help your students get the most out of virtual college fairs:
[Click here for step by step instructions.](#)

GENERAL SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

Scholarships play a vital role in reducing student loan debt and expanding access to higher education. There are many great sources of scholarships including companies that compile lists of available scholarships such as Fastweb, Scholarship Owl, etc. and most College’s offer scholarships for various majors/types of students.

Here are some good statistics regarding scholarships courtesy of the National Scholarship Providers Association:

- The number of scholarships awarded has increased by over 45% in the last 10 years.
- Each year, an estimated \$46 billion in grants and scholarship money is awarded by the U.S. Department of Education and the nation’s colleges and universities. An additional \$7.4 billion is awarded through private scholarships and fellowships.
- An estimated \$100 million in scholarships goes un awarded each year. This is mostly due to a lack of applicants. There’s plenty of money out there to help pay tuition, you just need to find it and work for it!
- An estimated \$2.6 billion in Pell Grants were left unclaimed in 2018-2019 Academic Year. Make sure you take advantage of all the “free” money you can find to help pay for school by filling out the FAFSA.
- Scholarship providers evaluate many factors when selecting scholarship recipients, not just grades. You don’t have to have a 4.0 GPA to be considered for a scholarship.
- Are you an Amish Descendant? Or do you enjoy Gypsy folklore? Or perhaps you or a family member works in the fence industry! There are lots of niche scholarship awards out there, you just have to find them!
- Don’t be fooled by scholarship scams! You never have to pay a submission fee, registration fee, or any other kind of fee to apply for scholarships!
- Scholarships make college more affordable and reduce the student debt burden.
- Scholarships expand college choice allowing students to pursue a more selective or expensive college.
- Scholarships increase the college graduation rate.

JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY ENGINEERING INNOVATION SPRING AND SUMMER SESSIONS

Give your talented math and science students the confidence to own, shape, and decide their future. Introduce them to Johns Hopkins [Biomedical Engineering Innovation](#) (BMEI) and [Explore Engineering Innovation](#) (EEI), both are courses where we are reimagining engineering - one future at a time.

The [application](#) is now open for the [Spring Session](#) of BMEI is open now. The application for the [Summer Session](#) of EEI and BMEI will open on December 15th.

Both courses introduce students to engineering through hands-on labs and college-level lectures. Students who earn an A or B have the opportunity to earn college credit.

Like you, we understand the importance of stimulating the inner drive of students and giving them access to opportunities to ignite this. That's why, together, we can reimagine the future of engineering.

Please look at the [requirements](#) for these exciting courses and share the information with your students and their parents. [Contact us](#) with any questions.

SPRING 2021 BELLARMINA PATHWAYS COLLEGE PREP PROGRAM

I am reaching out to see if you would mind sharing the attached flyer about our Spring 2021 Bellarmine Pathways program that connects Bellarmine undergraduate students with high school students to share their lived experiences with the success skills for college. Bellarmine students will lead virtual evening sessions on the following topics:

1. Financial 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

The Bellarmine Pathways program is a part of the Bellarmine Trustee Scholarship offering. If a student completes the Bellarmine Pathways program and files their FASFA, they will be awarded a \$1500 scholarship to Bellarmine University.

Spring 2021 registration is open! Register online at www.bellarmino.edu/ce/register. Under the "CE Youth" tab you will see the Pathway to College course. Select from the three course options:

Option 1: 8 Wednesdays / February 17 – April 14* / 6:30 – 8 pm / \$39

Option 2: 8 Thursdays / February 18 – April 15* / 6:30 – 8 pm / \$39

Option 3: 8 Sundays / February 14 – April 18* / 6:30 – 8 pm / \$39

*No sessions will be held the week of March 28-April 4.

The deadline for registering is Friday, February 5, 2021.

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 Kentucky 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.

STEPHENS COLLEGE OFFERS VIRTUAL EARLY COLLEGE COURSES FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Stephens College offers affordable, virtual college courses for high school students beginning Jan. 11, 2021. Please share this opportunity with your juniors and seniors! [Download the printable Early College flyer >](#)

Students may register for up to four courses taught by Stephens professors, offered online in late afternoon/evening, and earn commonly required general education credit — whether they're headed to Stephens or another college upon graduation.

Course Offerings for Spring 2021: January 11-April 30

- ENG 107: Composition (3 credits) | Tuesdays, 5-6 p.m.
- CHM 101: Chemistry in Everyday Life (3 credits) | MWF, 4-5 p.m.
- ARH 101: Art History (3 credits) | Wednesdays, 6-7 p.m.
- PSY 111: Introduction to Psychology | Mondays, 6-7:30 p.m.

[Course descriptions and faculty bios >](#)

Eligibility

High school juniors and seniors with a cumulative G.P.A. of at least 2.5 are eligible to participate. While Stephens is a historic women's college, our Early College courses are open to men and women.

Cost + Registration

Early College courses are \$100 per credit hour (\$300 per course). **The registration deadline is Jan. 6, 2021.** Courses fill quickly and registrations are processed on a first come, first served basis.

[Register for Early College](#)

VI. PARENT INFORMATION

VARIOUS ARTICLES OF INTEREST

7 Ways to Reduce Anxiety on SAT, ACT Test Day

U.S. News & World Report – November 30, 2020

Simple actions like deep breathing and connecting with an encouraging friend can lessen stress.

Fewer High School Seniors Are Submitting The FAFSA. Here's Why That's A Problem

Forbes – November 30, 2020

The result? Potentially major consequences for student enrollment, financial aid availability and even whether future high school graduates go directly to college if they don't see that behavior modeled by today's senior class

How To Correct Or Change Your FAFSA

Arizona Daily Sun – November 27, 2020

With so many people completing the FAFSA—many of them teenagers applying on their own—mistakes happen. Whether you made an error or your information changed, it's important to update the FAFSA as soon as you learn of a mistake. Below, learn about the FAFSA corrections process and update deadlines.

Inside American Express's virtual mentorship program that's helping low-income teens get into and pay for college

Business Insider – November 29, 2020

American Express and a nonprofit called Strive for College have helped more than 4,000 students navigate the complicated college admissions and financial aid process through their program UStrive.

3 Viable University Alternatives: Because It's Not Right For Everyone

Forbes – November 30, 2020

At the secondary school I attended, university was the next step. It made complete sense for the school, which was assessed on the percentage of its students that went into higher education. The conveyor belt of education was established, and we moved along it willingly.

WINTER BREAK TIPS

How Students Can Make the Most of Winter Break

Your students have earned some time away from the classroom, but it doesn't mean they should press pause on planning for their future. In fact, it's a great time for them to get ahead. Send your students these tips to help them make the most out of their time away from school.

[Get Winter Break Tips](#)

LABOR MARKET UPDATES PROVIDED BY KENTUCKIANA WORKS

New Sector Career Charts

Our new sector-specific charts show basic information (wage, description, and education level) about quality, in-demand jobs in five sectors which are key to our local economy.

There is a chart for Construction, Healthcare, IT, Business Services, and Manufacturing. The jobs highlighted each employ a large number of people locally, are projected to grow over the next ten years, and pay above the local median wage.

These charts are great to use as handouts for students or anyone seeking a simple reference for making career decisions.

[Download sector charts >>>](#)

New Report:

Occupational Outlook for Louisville Region

Which jobs are likely to grow in the Louisville area economy in the next 10 years?

The **[Occupational Outlook for the Louisville Region](#)** seeks to provide insight into this question by looking at the occupations with the largest future job growth by sector.

If you're looking for a tech job, application software developers are in demand. Thinking more about healthcare? Personal care aides and registered nurses are forecast to grow. The report also provides information on wages, educational requirements, and skills.

For new job seekers or those thinking about a career change, take a look at which professions are projected to gain the most new jobs in the Louisville area.

[Read report >>>](#)