



JUNIOR NIGHT

April 24th, 2019



Agenda

Welcome & Introductions

ACT & Transcripts

MCIS & Parchment

College/Career Planning

Scholarships, College Knowledge Month, College Visits, FAFSA

Austin Assurance Scholarship Guest Speaker
Katelyn Flatness, Riverland Community College

Admissions Guest Speakers
Riley Devenport , Minnesota State University – Mankato

Questions?

Transcripts – School record of courses and grades

- ❖ Unofficial Transcript – Infinite Campus under Reports on left hand side
- ❖ Official Transcript – Student requests through their Parchment account

ACT Test

- ❖ What is ACT?
- ❖ If you have not taken the **ACT** or would like to **retake the test**, you can register online at www.actstudent.org
- ❖ July 13th 2019: ACT Test (June 14th registration deadline)
- ❖ Sept 14th 2019: ACT Test (Aug 16th registration deadline)
- ❖ October 26th 2019: ACT Test (Sept 27 registration deadline).
- ❖ **Fee waivers** may be available for students who qualify – see **College & Career Center** for details.

Overview of MCIS

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What is MCIS?

- *Minnesota Career Information System*
- A web-based resource that supports workforce, course, career, and college planning.

How do I access it?

- Student Resources to



Questions?

- Go to the AHS “Counseling Office” website. Please see “College and Career Center” for additional details.

MCIS Home Page

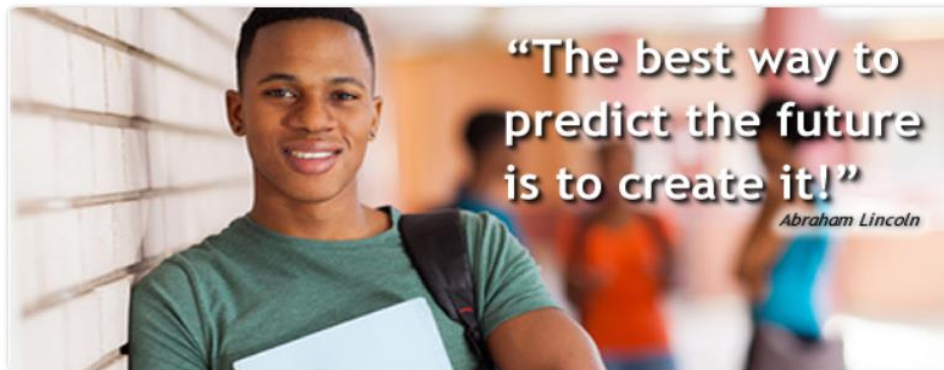



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Get Started

- Use these tools to manage your career development.
- Learn more about yourself and create a career plan.
- Map your high school classes.

[View](#)



Overview of Parchment

What is Parchment? How do I send my transcript?

- Electronic sending agency
 - Transcripts, letters of recommendations, test scores, and secondary school reports.
- All Juniors will be activating their Parchment account in May during Social Studies/US History Courses.

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College/Career Planning

- July 13th 2019: ACT Test (June 14th registration deadline)
- Sept 14th 2019: ACT Test (Aug 16th registration deadline)
- October 2019: MN College Knowledge Month
- October 21-25: AHS C.K.M. activities
 - College Application Assistance
 - Financial Aid Help Nights
- October 26th 2019: ACT Test (Sept 27 registration deadline)
- January – April: Local scholarship window
- March (spring conferences) – Financial Aid Help Nights

Minnesota College Knowledge Month

October 2019

MACAC College Fair

Riverland Community College

Date: October 7th

Time: 12:30 – 2 pm

Location: RCC Gym

College Visits

How to schedule a college visit:

- Seniors are allowed **two days** for college visits.
- Contact the Admissions Office of the college you would like to visit.
- Go when classes are in session so you can talk with other students and staff.

Why visit the financial aid office?

- Visit the **college financial aid office** to find out about **scholarships**, **deadlines**, etc.

What we offer at the high school for students?

- **College representatives** visit our high school, so come visit with them.
 - Opportunity to learn about the college before you visit.
 - Dates are posted on the **College and Career Center website** under “**Upcoming Events**” and in the **school’s announcements**.

Scholarships

Opportunities are listed on College and Career Center website as well as on a **monthly** scholarship list, which is **emailed to parents and connect teachers.**

- Write 1 or 2 essays
 - Complete a **resume** (MCIS has a resume'!)
 - Eligibility and criteria vary
- ▶ March and April tend to be the months with the most **“local” scholarships.**
- ▶ Stop in to the College & Career Center to discuss scholarship with Mr. Nangle.

Financial Aid

What is the **FAFSA**?

- Free Application for Federal Student Aid

How do I apply?

- Starting October 1, you will be able to complete the application at www.fafsa.gov
- Use the FAFSA4caster to give you an early estimate about your application.
- The counseling office will be sponsoring a **Financial Aid Night** starting in September.
 - Staff from the Riverland Financial Aid Office will be here.
 - **FAFSA completion opportunities will be offered October & November** with experts on hand to help with the process.



Guest Speakers

Katelyn Flatness

Academic Advisor for The Hormel Foundation
Austin Assurance Scholarship

Riley Devenport

Minnesota State University - Mankato

General Admissions Process

College Expectations

Strength of Curriculum

- Take **challenging courses** your **senior year!**
- Take additional **Math** and **Science!**

Do NOT drop the **rigor of your courses during your **SENIOR** year!**

Continue to get **good grades** and **improve** your **GPA**

Class Rank

Admissions Process

Extra-curricular Involvement:

- Volunteer, get involved, take on leadership opportunities in areas of interest (sports, clubs, etc.)

ACT/SAT scores

- Some colleges have gone to self-reported grades & test scores (U of M – Twin Cities - STAR)
- ▶ Teacher/Counselor Recommendations – *remember to ask permission and complete a Student Brag Sheet.*
- ▶ College Essays (make them memorable!)
- ▶ Academic Passion (for your future career)
- ▶ Personality (when an interview is required)

Applying to Colleges

- ▶ College applications are **online**. Some colleges might waive the application fee when done online. You can find the website of colleges in **MCIS** or by **searching the internet**, or visit Mr. Nangle in the Career Center.
- ▶ Once you have applied to a college, remember to request your transcript to be sent through **MCIS/Parchment**.
 - Transcripts are usually sent within 2 or 3 days of the request.
- ▶ Allow up to **four weeks** to hear from the college on your acceptance, possibly longer.

*****DEADLINES – Be aware!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

The Common Application

- ▶ If you are applying to colleges using The Common Application:
 1. Create an account
 2. Complete steps in The Common Application
 3. Complete a Student Brag Sheet for Letters of Recommendations and give to your counselor and teachers
 4. Link your counselor and teachers by adding them to your application.

*****Keep in communication with your counselor regarding DEADLINES.**

Timeline for Summer

- ▶ Visit campuses of your top-three college choices
- ▶ Begin to fill out college applications
- ▶ Volunteer
- ▶ Explore different career/college options – www.iseek.org
- ▶ Start thinking about and do a rough draft of a college and scholarship essay. PROOFREAD
- ▶ Start thinking about financial aid – how will you pay for school?



AHS Counseling Department

*Counselors will work with students in grades
9-12 by Last Name:

A-E Counselor = Mrs. Schmit

F-K Counselor = Mrs. Keenan

L-Q Counselor = Mrs. Hale

R-Z Counselor = Mr. Ott

College & Career Center = Mr. Nangle

Questions???

- ▶ **PLEASE** complete the **QR Code Survey!** We value your feedback!





“Careers by Choice, not by Chance”

Thank you!