

SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES

K-12 COLLEGE & CAREER READINESS and GEAR UP NEWSLETTER

SENIORS COMPLETE THE FAFSA

Seniors and parents/guardians of seniors, please be reminded that the Indiana FAFSA deadline is April 15, 2023. This priority deadline is imperative for securing money for college and accessing some of the \$390 million in state financial aid and billions of dollars in federal aid available for learners.

Regardless of the degree being pursued – including certificates, associate and bachelor's degrees – students should file the FAFSA to potentially qualify for available financial aid. Filing the FAFSA is required for most college and state scholarships as well as grant opportunities.



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FAFSA COMPLETION ASSISTANCE

**YOU'RE
NOT
ALONE!**

WE CAN HELP!



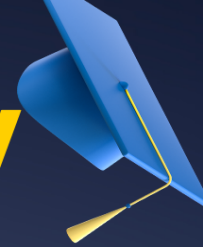
Get help from the Office of K-12 College and Career Readiness

Join us for one of our monthly FAFSA Completion Days at the Wendy Y. Robinson Family and Community Engagement Center located at 230 East Douglas Avenue from Noon - 7 p.m.

Wednesday, April 12, 2023

Questions? Call or email, Martin Murphy at (260) 467-2655 or martin.murphy@fwcs.k12.in.us

21ST CENTURY SCHOLARS



FULL ACCOUNT SET-UP REMINDER!



Set up your **FULL** Scholar Track Account

ScholarTrack is the one-stop shop for Hoosiers' state financial aid needs. ScholarTrack guides students and families through the process of planning for, applying to and maintaining their financial aid – beginning as early as middle school and continuing through college completion. ScholarTrack is also used by high school and college students to track the completion of the Scholar Success Program.

GRADE	REQUIRED ACTIVITIES		
09	Create a Graduation Plan ¹	Participate in an Extracurricular or Service Activity	Watch "Paying for College 101"
10	Take a Career Interests Assessment	Get Workplace Experience ²	Estimate the Costs of College
11	Visit a College Campus	Take a College Entrance Exam (ACT/SAT)	Search for Scholarships ³
12	Submit Your College Application	Watch "College Success 101"	File Your FAFSA

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K-12 ATHLETIC ALIGNMENT

Sponsored by Sodexo, FWCS held its first multi-divisional elementary basketball tournament on Feb. 18th at Northrop HS. Weisser Park played Glenwood Park for the Division I Championship. Weisser Park was victorious defeating Glenwood Park 48 to 18. Spirit awards were also given out to participating schools:



Contact virgil.tharp@fwcs.k12.in.us



WE ARE YOUR SCHOOLS



GEAR UP Math Tutoring

NEW START DATE: Beginning the week of March 20th, 2023

<p>North Side High School Monday & Wednesday 4:30 to 5:00 PM HCMU Room or Media Center</p>	<p>Northrop High School Tuesday & Thursday 4:30 to 5:00 PM Media Center</p>
<p>Snider High School Tuesday & Thursday 4:30 to 5:00 PM Media Center</p>	<p>South Side High School Tuesday & Thursday 4:30 to 5:00 PM Media Center</p>
<p>Wayne High School Monday & Wednesday 4:30 to 5:00 PM Location C105</p>	

Snacks will be provided.



Students earn participation points to be used for:

Movie Tickets

Bowling

Laser Tag

TinCaps Games

Mad Ants Tickets



EXTERNAL INTERNSHIP SPOTLIGHT - CADEN TURNER 23'



Caden Turner is a senior at North Side High School. He is currently interning at Leaving Legacy Memorial. While interning at Leaving Legacy Memorial, Caden has learned how to create graphic designs for many different uses. His internship has helped him hone skills he already has as well as gain new ones that will benefit him in his future career. Caden's future plans include becoming a graphic designer as well as joining the army reserves. Caden has enjoyed his internship and says that he would probably do it again. His words of encouragement for other students are, "Do your best and never give up. and to never let 'labels' speak for you."



Contact angeliki.benge@fwcs.k12.in.us

Community Programs



<https://fortwayneschools.org/studyconnection>



Study Connection has been successful for almost 35 years because of cooperation from so many in our community.

On February 16, for the first time since the pandemic, Do It Best Corporation hosted FWCS Study Connection students. Students from Study Elementary and tutors from Do It Best met at Do It Best's new headquarters at Electric Works. This was made possible through the cooperation of several organizations in the community including Do It Best, Study Elementary, Ancora and FWCS Community Programs Staff. Thank you to Ryan Cooley and Carly Bassett for coordinating tutors at Do It Best. A "shout out" goes to Dee McKinley from Study Elementary for coordinating students and parents.

We are grateful to Ancora for providing space for the tutors and students to meet at Electric Works when extra space is needed. Lastly, recognition goes to Janne Ross and Julie Bobay from Community Programs for working hard to coordinate everyone involved. Attached are a couple of pictures from the first session at Do It Best.

If you would like more information about Study Connection, please contact FWCS Community Programs at 260-467-8810.





Join the Parent/Guardian Trailblazer Program

Are you interested in gaining knowledge, skills and abilities to support your children both academically and emotionally? To join the Parent/Guardian Trailblazer Program, contact Christine Williams, the Family Engagement Coordinator at (260) 467-7297 or email christine.williams@fwcs.k12.in.us.

FWCS Parent/Guardian Trailblazer Meetings

March 22, 2023 (Virtual)

Understanding Mental Health in Children
6:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M.

April 19 (Virtual)

Taking A Look at College and Career Readiness
6:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M.

May 2 (In-Person)

Meet and Greet - Planning for 2023 - 2024
6:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M.



In-Person Location

Wendy Y. Robinson
Family and Community Engagement
Center
230 E. Douglas Ave.
Fort Wayne, Indiana 46802



Registration Link/QR Code

<https://forms.gle/671LM6jynUE8b5Hy7>



For more information, contact:

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OR (260) 467-7297

Upcoming Spring 2023 GEAR UP

College Visits & Tour Schedule

MARCH

29 -- Indiana State University

13 -- Trine University

18 -- Notre Dame: Student & Parent Visit

**21 -- University of Saint Francis:
Student & Parent Visit**

25 -- Ivy Tech Community College

26 -- Ball State University

APRIL

**2-7: Spring Break College Tour
Southern Colleges & Universities**

Wilberforce University, Central State University, Simmons College of Kentucky, University of Louisville, University of Alabama Huntsville, Alabama A & M, Fisk University, Tennessee State University, Vanderbilt University

3-7: Indiana College Tour

Trine University, Goshen College, IUPUI, Butler University, University of Indianapolis, Manchester University

**Weekend College Tour
28-30: Indiana Colleges & Universities**

Franklin College, IUPUI, Marion University, Butler University, University of Indianapolis

**April
Tours**

For detailed information:

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Spring 2023

Career Visits

for interested juniors and seniors

March 30

Aegis Sales and Engineering, Ivy Tech Machining and Engineering, and Fort Wayne Metals

April 25

Ivy Tech's Technical Programs- Gear Up and Go to College

May 2

Hagerman Group and Brooks Construction

May 3

Ivy Tech's Technical Programs- Gear Up and Go to College

May 9

The Bradley and One Eleven Design

May 16

Water Out and Jack Laurie Group

May TBD

Kelley Automotive and Don Ayers Honda



See your guidance counselor or GEAR UP Student Advisor for a permission slip. For additional questions, contact Breanna Mullins at breanna.mullins@fwcs.k12.in.us OR 260-467-7278

Attention: Current 10th & 11th Grade GEAR UP Students!

EXPLORE

POSSIBILITIES IN ARCHITECTURE, LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE AND URBAN PLANNING



"One difference between Ball State's architecture summer program and others is the quality and approach to each project as a design solution rather than a drafting solution. My newfound vision of design thinking allowed me to dive into the first year of projects at Ball State with a preprogrammed mind toward how to think about environmental design."

—Taylor Metcalf, Kokomo High School, Kokomo, Indiana

DesignWorks Summer Academy



DesignWorks Summer Academy is an immersive, intensive, team-driven, college-level experience that gives you an insider's view of the design and planning professions that shape our buildings, sites, and cities. The "let's try it" environment of DesignWorks is modeled on the Common First-Year Program in our nationally recognized College of Architecture and Planning and includes field trips, collaborative projects, access to design professionals, campus living, hands-on work, and a bit of fun too.

Benefits:

- **Earn 3 hours of college credit in CAP 198 course if you enroll at Ball State.**
- Develop graphic materials for college admission portfolios.
- Gain knowledge of the design thinking process used in the professions of architecture, landscape architecture, and urban planning.
- Experience what campus life and college courses are like.

JULY 9–21, 2023

2-week residential workshop

A college-style studio experience for high school sophomores and juniors from all backgrounds.

Cost \$1500

Includes housing, dining, materials, and field trip fees.

Registration and Payment

Deadline is June 1, 2023

Location

Ball State Campus, Muncie, IN

bsu.edu/cap/workshops

***Registration Fees for GEAR UP (10th & 11th) students are PAID BY FWCS's K-12 COLLEGE AND CAREER READINESS/GEAR UP Office**

Attention: Current 10th & 11th Grade GEAR UP Students!



INDIANATECH

STEM

High School Camp 2023

JUNE 19-23, 2023

Residential Camp

Food will be Served Each Day!

<https://www.indianatech.edu/camps>

This residential camp will give students opportunities to learn through fun, hands-on, subject-targeted STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) exploration. Students will get to choose between different educational tracks, works alongside knowledgeable professors and experience new career pathways.

<https://www.indianatech.edu/camps>

- Campers will arrive on Sunday, June 18, 2023 to move into dorm. We will host a welcome event with both parents and campers on that Sunday.

For more information contact:

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[INDIANATECH.EDU/CAMPS](https://www.indianatech.edu/camps) >>



Attention: Current 10th & 11th Grade GEAR UP Students!

What is college like?
What are college classrooms like?
What's it like to live on campus?

Earlham
COLLEGE



FIND OUT AT EARLHAM SUMMER

Earlham Summer is a 6-day, residential pre-college summer camp experience for Indiana high schoolers.

CAMP BENEFITS INCLUDE:

- Earn one college credit from a nationally ranked school
- Experience residential college living on Earlham's campus
- Take classes taught by college professors
- Have fun with social activities and off campus excursions
- Training and information on how to apply for college and find financial aid

CAMP COURSES:



Tales in the Palm
of your Hand:
A Creative Writing Journey!



Game On: Video
Game Development



H2O! The
Chemistry of Water



Intro to
Metalsmithing

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Session 2 will follow from June 25–30

**Registrations is open now—don't miss this
opportunity to start mapping out your future!**

For additional information contact Breanna Mullins at (260) 467-7278 or email at breanna.mullins@fwcs.k12.in.us

Attention: Current 10th & 11th Grade GEAR UP Students!

REGISTER NOW! PFW.EDU/CAMPS

2023 COMMUNITY ARTS ACADEMY SUMMER CAMPS

INDIANA CLARINET EXPERIENCE

JUNE 5-10 | GRADES 7-12

\$575 Residential | \$475 Day-Campers

The Indiana Clarinet Experience is a six-day overnight summer program for clarinetists. Campers have a fun musical experience with a dedicated faculty of young, energetic professionals.



GENE MARCUS PIANO CAMP & FESTIVAL

JUNE 11-16

\$499 Residential | \$399 Day-Campers

Immerse yourself in the art of playing the piano through workshops, masterclasses, group sessions and individual lessons, guided practice, and ensemble playing. Campers strive to promote the excitement about the process of music making throughout the year.



THE ART OF CLAY CAMP

June 19-23 | Grades 9-12 | \$299

July 17-21 | Grades 2-5 | \$299

Get out of the house and get dirty. Think and problem solve in three-dimensions creating masterpieces with clay. This small group setting allows for socializing and encourages kids to use into sensory and fine-motor skills.

SUMMER STRINGS CAMP | \$299

TWINKLERS CAMP | \$99

June 26-30

Run by Fort Wayne Philharmonic musician Marcy Trentacosti, this camp features string orchestra, chamber ensembles and group classes for violin, viola, cello, and bass. Campers can add on affordable private lessons.

VIRTUAL REALITY CAMP

July 10-14 | Grades 6-8 | \$225

VIRTUAL REALITY CAMP

July 24-28 | Grades 9-12 | \$225

Create your own worlds populated with funny characters and avatars. See 3D holograms using headsets, and manipulate interactive holographic screens.

INTRO TO MUSIC TECHNOLOGY ADVANCED MUSIC TECHNOLOGY

June 19-22 | Grades 9-12 | \$199

Work with industry professionals, learn about careers in music and experiment with the latest recording software such as Pro Tools, Logic, and Ableton. Camps take place in PPW's facility on the campus of Sweetwater Sound.



**PURDUE UNIVERSITY
FORT WAYNE**

Community Arts Academy

***Registration Fees for GEAR UP (10th & 11th) students are PAID BY FWCS's K-12 COLLEGE AND CAREER READINESS/GEAR UP Office**

GEAR UP Contact Breanna Mullins to register: breanna.mullins@fwcs.k12.in.us

Attention FWCS Students!



A PASSPORT TO YOUR FUTURE IN HEALTHCARE

JUNE 6-7, 2023

This summer, discover the career opportunities that exist in the world of healthcare. Students will participate in hands-on activities that will introduce them to the concepts behind different healthcare professions, including Nursing, Physical Therapy, Kinesiology, Nutrition, Social Work, Surgery, Radiology, Pharmacy, Sonography, Respiratory Therapy, EMS—and more.



WHEN:

Tuesday, June 6 and Wednesday, June 7
8 a.m. to 3:45 p.m.



WHERE:

University of Saint Francis
Doerner Health Sciences Center
2701 Spring Street, Fort Wayne, IN



WHO:

Students going into 9th, 10th, 11th
or 12th grade in the fall of 2023



WHY:

Learn about healthcare careers through
fun, hands-on activities



COST:

\$60 per person

All fees will be paid by FWCS College
and Career Readiness/GEAR UP Office

Please see your GEAR UP Student Advisor for a
permission form or contact Breanna Mullins at (260)
467-7278 or breanna.mullins@fwcs.k12.in.us



College & Career
READINESS



UNIVERSITY of
SAINT FRANCIS

2701 Spring Street | Fort Wayne, IN 46808 | 260-399-7700 | uf.edu

Attention FWCS Students!



2023 HUNTINGTON UNIVERSITY FORESTER CAMPS

SCHOOL OF THE ARTS SUMMER CAMP | June 19-24

Who: 2022-2023 high school freshmen through seniors

What to Expect: Campers will stay overnight in an HU residence hall. Choose the track that interests you — animation or film/TV production.

The week will be full of opportunities to:

- » Engage with a community of artists and storytellers
- » Receive instruction on programs and techniques from award-winning faculty
- » Participate in hands-on projects
- » Gather personalized advice on preparing for college
- » Develop creative work to be used in a scholarship portfolio

AGBIOSCIENCE CAMP | July 10-14

Who: 2022-2023 high school sophomores through seniors who are interested in any element of agriculture (agronomy, precision agriculture, animal science, plant biology, or agricultural business)

What to Expect: In addition to the classroom experience, you will participate in hands-on projects involving HU's learning labs that house livestock and crops. There will also be workshops from visiting experts and off-campus excursions to area ag-related industries. Campers will stay overnight in an HU residence hall.

HEALTH SCIENCES CAMP | July 10-14

Who: 2022-2023 high school freshmen through seniors who are interested in a career in the health sciences

What to Expect: This camp will give you introductory experience with nursing, medicine, kinesiology, and occupational therapy. If you are interested in majoring in pre-med or pursuing a career in any of these areas of health science, this camp will give you a fun and informational glimpse of college life. Campers will stay overnight in an HU residence hall.

Please see your GEAR UP Student Advisor for a permission slip. Please reach out to Breanna Mullins at breanna.mullins@fwcs.k12.in.us or (260) 467-7278 with any questions.





APRIL 19TH INDIANA TECH

IN THE SNYDER ACADEMIC CENTER

10AM - 3PM
Registration begins @8:30

The Mayor's Youth Engagement Council invites you to The Mental Health Conference. The Mental Health Conference is a 5-hour, interactive session for high school students to explore their own mental health and well-being. Fast-paced segments will discuss a variety of topics, from burnout and worrying, to anxiety and escapism.

No topic is off limits! Not only will students get out of class for the day, but they will enjoy a free lunch too!

Come join us on April 19 at Indiana Tech by registering through the QR Code below:

Our awesome sponsors:



Maple Heights
Behavioral Health

An affiliate of
Lutheran
Health Network

INDIANA**TECH**

"It's critical that we address mental health needs and concerns in our community. I'm so proud of the Youth Engagement Council and our partner sponsors as we come together to bring awareness to an important topic that affects so many people in Fort Wayne. The health and well-being of every person in our City is a top priority. Providing resources and direction can have a lasting and meaningful impact. Our goal is to make a positive difference and be there for individuals and families in need of help and care."



Tom Henry
Mayor of Fort Wayne

**For current 9th – 12th grade
FWCS students**

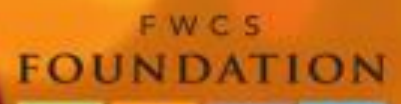
TO REGISTER:

**Pick up a
permission form in
the Guidance Office
or contact your
GEAR UP Student
Advisor**

Music in Our Schools Month Concert Festival Invitation

You are cordially invited to attend the Fort Wayne Community Schools Music in Our Schools Month Concert Festival on Saturday March 25, 2023 at Northrop High School. The event will start at 9:00AM and go to 7:00PM. The festival features 25 FWCS secondary music ensembles and the Purdue Fort Wayne Jazz Band.

FREE ADMISSION



MARK YOUR CALENDARS



2022 - 2023 ACT & SAT DATES



ACT			SAT		
Test Date	Deadline	Late Deadline	Test Date	Deadline	Late Deadline
September 10, 2022	August 5, 2022	August 19, 2022	August 27, 2022	July 29, 2022	August 16, 2022
October 22, 2022	September 16, 2021	September 30, 2022	October 1, 2022	September 2, 2022	September 20, 2022
December 10, 2022	November 4, 2022	November 11, 2022	November 5, 2022	October 7, 2022	October 25, 2022
February 11, 2023	January 6, 2023	January 20, 2023	December 3, 2022	November 3, 2022	November 22, 2022
April 15, 2023	March 10, 2023	March 24, 2023	March 11, 2023	February 10, 2023	February 28, 2023
June 10, 2023	May 5, 2023	May 19, 2023	May 6, 2023	April 7, 2023	April 25, 2023
July 15, 2023	June 16, 2023	June 23, 2023	June 3, 2023	May 4, 2023	May 23, 2023

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