



# Odyssey ECCO

## Counseling Connections

February 16, 2023 – Vol. 8

### Important Dates & Events

- 2/20/2023** – President’s Day, District 11 Closed  
**2/20/2023** – President’s Day, District 11 closed but, **PPSC OPEN AND CLASSES IN SESSION**  
**2/24/2023** – Coffee House, 4:30-6:30 p.m., Black Box Theatre  
**2/28/2023** – Roy J Wasson Academic Campus Scholarship Application Due  
**3/3/2023** – Phoenix Family Friday / Morning Coffee with the Principal (Parents) 7:30-8:30  
Conference Room 251  
**3/3/2023** – Phoenix Family Friday / **Donuts** with the Dean (Parents) 8:30-9:30 a.m.,  
Conference Room 251  
**3/3/2023** – ICAP Friday, held during 8th period at 1:20, via Webex  
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**3/3/2023** – Upper Classmen Friday, 2:15 p.m., Mini Auditorium  
**3/8/2023** – End of 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter  
**3/9/2023** – Teacher Work Day –No Students  
**3/10/2023** – Data Collaboration Day –No Students  
**3/11/2023** – SAT Testing–Registration Required, Various Locations  
**3/13/2023** – Beginning of 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter  
**3/15/2023** – **PPSC Graduation Ceremony Application Deadline-Students Completing Associates Degree in May.**  
**3/17/2023** – Phoenix Feathers, 2:15-2:55 p.m., Large Auditorium  
**3/27-31/2023** – Spring Break, District 11 Closed  
**3/27-4/2/2023** – Spring Break, PPSC (Open, No Classes in Session)

### Volunteer Opportunities

There are a number of Volunteer Opportunities available! Please contact Kristine Stenger at 719-328-2088 or Renee Lacey at 719-328-2031.



### Student Activities Request

We have many students participating in activities and sports throughout the district and community and we want to celebrate what our students are doing. If you are in marching band/band, color guard, sports, ROTC, or anything else, PLEASE take a minute to complete the form using the link below, and feel free to upload photos of your child or email them to [Kristine.Stenger@d11.org](mailto:Kristine.Stenger@d11.org). <https://forms.gle/vZacqMoenn4MG3GT9>

## Attention Seniors!! Now is the time for you to be working on the following events.

If you need to make a counseling appointment to visit your School Counselor you can schedule one [HERE](#)

- ★ March 15<sup>th</sup> is the PPSC Graduation Ceremony Application Deadline-Students Completing Associates Degree in May.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GraduationAY2223>

(Students MUST apply in order to participate in the PPSC Graduation Ceremony or be awarded your degree)

## Scholarships

- Google Scholarship Program (Google offers a variety of scholarships.) [HERE](#)
- PTA Scholarship for Future Educators is a \$1000 Scholarship offered to graduating seniors in the Pikes Peak Region interested in pursuing a degree in education [HERE](#)
- PTA Scholarship for STEAM Fields is a \$1000 Scholarship offered to graduating seniors in the Pikes Peak Region interested in pursuing a degree in Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, or Mathematics. [HERE](#)
- High School seniors are invited to apply for a scholarship offered through the Colorado County Clerks Association. Clerk Steve Schleiker encourages students who reside in El Paso County to submit their application by March 31 to, [kristiridlen@elpasoco.com](mailto:kristiridlen@elpasoco.com). [HERE](#)
- The Gazette Best and Brightest Scholarship Due March 17<sup>th</sup> [HERE](#)
- Scholarships don't necessarily have to be uninteresting and linked only to your excellent grades. There are a lot of weird and unusual scholarships available. To save you the trouble of scouring the internet, here's a list of some of the oddest ways to earn money for college. [HERE](#)
- D11 only Scholarship: My name is Danette Grantz, and I am the LTE at Keller Elementary. My family and I tragically lost my husband, Marty Grantz in December of 2021. He and I both graduated from District Eleven, and I've been a teacher for 31 years. My sons and I decided to create a memorial scholarship to honor his legacy. Applicants may email me their applications at [Danette.Grantz@d11.org](mailto:Danette.Grantz@d11.org) [HERE](#)

**Supporting Black Coloradans Since 1931**



### Sachs Foundation Scholarships

Undergraduate Graduate



- Open to anyone that identifies as Black and is a HS Senior
- Full-Time Colorado resident for at least 3 years
- Former Sachs Scholarship Recipient
- Completed Undergraduate Degree within the last 3 years

**Background**  
The Sachs Foundation's primary mission is to provide educational opportunities to Black residents of Colorado. Since 1931, we have supported over 3,000 students in pursuit of their education.

**General Information**  
Sachs Foundation provides undergraduate and graduate scholarships for students based on academic performance, financial need, and character. Applications are available starting January 1st through March 15th. Scholarship grants are typically awarded as \$10,000 per year, renewable for four years of study at any accredited college or university.

Questions? Email Brook Sklenar at: [Brook@sachsfoundation.org](mailto:Brook@sachsfoundation.org)

**\$4,500 IN FINANCIAL AWARDS**  
DEADLINE: 2/28/23



## Roy J. Wasson Academic Campus

**5 SCHOLARSHIPS WILL BE AWARDED**  
1 - \$1,500 "Academic" 2-\$1000 "Academic" 2 - \$500 "Other"

**The RWAC wants YOU to show us how college and career-ready you are!**  
The Roy J. Wasson Academic Campus Scholarship lets you tell your story as to why you are college and career ready beyond a test score. Examples include completion of an internship, Advance Placement or dual credit class; or participation in activities, industry certification, hobbies, work interests, etc.

**Prompt:**  
Tell us why you deserve this award and what your career and college goals are!

**CRITERIA**  
Winners will be determined by a RWAC selection committee based primarily on the video entry.  
District 11's Media Production Services team will video the final entries, in April, so everyone has access to professional equipment.

**REQUIREMENTS**  
All materials are due by Feb 28, 2023. Complete the basic application and a rough draft video.

- Paper application must be turned into your school's representative.
- Any rough draft videos that are inappropriate will be disqualified.
- Limit one entry per applicant.
- Open to RWAC Students only, likely to graduate/complete requirements by May 2023.
- Selected winners must provide a video file of their entry to the Roy J. Wasson Academic Campus for posting on the website. A media release must also be completed prior to the scholarship funding being awarded.





## Attention Juniors SAT testing is soon!

### Testing will be held on-campus April 12th at 7:30 AM.

We will have a letter for you to take to your professors for the classes you will miss.



JOIN ECOC FOR

## FREE SAT PREP

**WHEN: TUESDAYS FROM 6-7:30 PM**  
**DATES: 2/7, 2/14, 2/21, 2/28, 3/7, 3/14, 3/21, AND 4/4.**  
**WHERE: VIA ZOOM**



**REGISTER NOW**

THE STUDENT WHO HAS THE GREATEST INCREASE IN THEIR SCORE WILL WIN A BRAND NEW LAPTOP!

Have questions? Email [info@EducatingChildrenOfColorado.org](mailto:info@EducatingChildrenOfColorado.org) or DM Us!

### D11 Western Slope College Tour

Calling all D11 Juniors!

**April 6-7, 2023**

Tour Campuses,  
Experience College Life,  
See Yourself There!




**See your Counselor to Sign Up!**

## FREE Youth Mental Health Sessions (Department of Human Services)

The Colorado Department of Human Services, Office of Behavioral Health launched I Matter, a program that provides three or more free counseling sessions for any Colorado youth. Youth and their parents can visit the I Matter platform to take a confidential online survey about their mental health and schedule sessions with a licensed behavioral health clinician, primarily via telehealth. All Colorado youth ages 18 or younger—or 21 and younger if receiving special education services—are eligible to receive free services. Youth 12 and older can sign up for counseling sessions without a parent or guardian's consent.

## Career Spotlight



### PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT

Assess, plan, organize, and participate in rehabilitative programs that improve mobility, relieve pain, increase strength, and improve or correct disabling conditions resulting from disease or injury.

#### Skills

- Active Listening
- Monitoring
- Social Perceptiveness
- Speaking
- Active Learning
- Critical Thinking
- Reading Comprehension
- Service Orientation
- Writing
- Complex Problem Solving
- Coordination
- Instructing
- Judgment & Decision Making
- Persuasion
- Time Management

#### Aptitudes

- Dependability
- Integrity
- Cooperation
- Self Control
- Concern for Others
- Attention to Detail
- Stress Tolerance
- Initiative
- Independence
- Social Orientation
- Adaptability/Flexibility
- Innovation
- Analytical Thinking
- Achievement/Effort

#### Work Activities

- Engage patients in exercises or activities
- Document patient health or progress
- Communicate patient status to other health professionals
- Monitor patient progress and response to treatment
- Train patients, family members, or caregivers in techniques for managing disabilities or illnesses

#### Work Environment


- Face-to-face discussions with clients & colleagues
- Work in close, physical proximity to patients
- Work with a group or team
- Exposed to disease or infection
- Importance of being exact or accurate
- Unstructured work days
- Work environment with standing, sitting and lots of movement

#### CAREER OUTLOOK

Average Annual Salary	\$58,000
Projected Future Job Openings	16,000

#### EDUCATION

84%	Associate's Degree
15%	Bachelor's Degree

Compiled by  BUSINESS & EDUCATION ALLIANCE

## **Concurrent Enrollment Forms for the 23-24 school year is open now!**

Each year Odyssey ECCO students are required to complete a Concurrent Enrollment form. Last year we transitioned from a paper form to a digital one. We use Formsite for this purpose. Please use the same login information as last year to complete your new form. Only students need an account, parents will be sent an email from Formsite with the link to their child's form so they can review and sign. The link is below.

### **Formsite Concurrent Enrollment Form**

If this is the first time you completed a form through Formsite, create an account by filling out the boxes on the left. Please make note of the user name and password you use, because this account will hold all your forms from here on. Returning students should make every effort to use the same email and login as last year. Please make sure the parent email you type in is accurate, and then let your parent know to expect an email from Formsite. **You do not need to complete your course information, we will attach your schedule before sending it to PPSC.**

## **Counseling Staff & Appointments**

### **Counseling Center - 719-328-2088**

<b><u>Katrina Everette</u></b>	<b><u>Lisa Fowler</u></b>	<b><u>Taura Gandy</u></b>
Students Last Name N-Z	Students Last Name A-K	Students Last Name L-M
Office 719-328-2058 Cell 719-393-5967	Office 719-328-2007 Cell 719-393-3423	Career Pathways A-Z Office 719-328-2053
<a href="mailto:katrina.everette@d11.org">katrina.everette@d11.org</a>	<a href="mailto:lisa.fowler@d11.org">lisa.fowler@d11.org</a>	<a href="mailto:taura.gandy@d11.org">taura.gandy@d11.org</a>
Book an appointment <a href="#">HERE</a>	Book an appointment <a href="#">HERE</a>	Book an appointment <a href="#">HERE</a>

**If you are experiencing a social emotional emergency come directly to the Counseling Center or find the nearest adult. You can also call one of the above numbers during school hours.**

## **Questions?**

Please contact Mrs. Kristine at 719-328-2088 [kristine.stenger@d11.org](mailto:kristine.stenger@d11.org)

## **Tax Forms 1098T from Pikes Peak State College and Colorado State University Pueblo**

I know that many of you have been waiting for answers as they pertain to whether or not to use these forms on your taxes. This is the information each college has provided us with.

**CSU Pueblo** For students who may have questions regarding Extended Studies providers, please contact Extended Studies at 719 549-2316 or email at [extendedstudies@csupueblo.edu](mailto:extendedstudies@csupueblo.edu).

**Pikes Peak State College** The 1098-T students received is a reporting tool by the IRS and we are required by law to make the IRS Form 1098T available to students who may be eligible to receive a tax credit on their 2022 taxes. To determine eligibility, students (or their families) must contact their tax advisor. Pikes Peak State College may not give tax advice to students and/or parents. The 1098-T is for the 2022 calendar year and lists the eligible tuition and fees that may qualify for a tax credit.

## College Visit Opportunities



**30th Annual AAYLC Grades 6-12**  
**MARCH 4, 2023**  
**COLORADO COLLEGE**  
 ALL STUDENTS WELCOME!

REGISTRATION FOR STUDENTS, PARENTS, AND VOLUNTEERS BEGINS ON **JANUARY 23RD**

aaaylc-co.org

**2023 Pikes Peak Regional Science & Engineering Fair**

A competition for individual secondary students or teams with projects in **SCIENCE, ENGINEERING, MATH AND COMPUTER SCIENCE**

REGISTRATION AND INFORMATION AT [WWW.PPRSEF.ORG](http://WWW.PPRSEF.ORG)

Registration is open through **January 20, 2023** for all **6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>** grade students in **Elbert, El Paso, Park & Teller Counties**

**SATURDAY FEBRUARY 25<sup>TH</sup> AT UCCS**  
 THIS IS A FULL DAY EVENT

- CHALLENGE YOURSELF
- MEET STUDENTS WITH SIMILAR INTERESTS
- WIN CASH & PRIZES
- EARN A CHANCE TO COMPETE IN STATE & INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS
- NO QUALIFYING FAIR REQUIREMENT

SEND QUESTIONS TO [PPRSEF.COLORADO@GMAIL.COM](mailto:PPRSEF.COLORADO@GMAIL.COM)

## Community Activities

Extracurricular Activities look GREAT on your Resume or in College Applications!!



**Adventure in the Rockies!**  
 Explore the Rocky Mountains using art, scientific research and rock climbing.

**July 11-23 2023**

**No Experience Needed!**

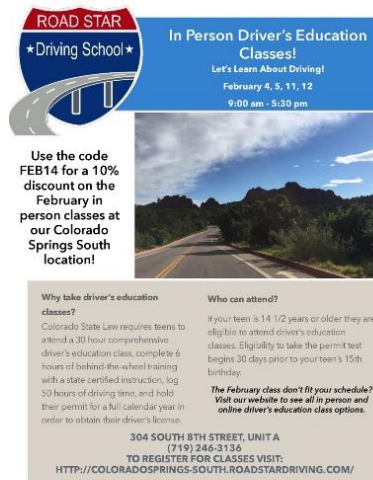
**Challenge Yourself!**

A tuition FREE program for girls and non-binary youth 16 to 18 years old.

Applications open in **December!**

Sign up to attend a virtual info session on **December 15th or January 12th**  
<https://www.inspiringgirls.org/gor>

Email [rock@girlsonrock.org](mailto:rock@girlsonrock.org) with questions



**ROAD STAR Driving School**

**In Person Driver's Education Classes!**  
 Let's Learn About Driving!  
 February 4, 5, 11, 12  
 9:00 am - 5:30 pm

Use the code **FEB14** for a 10% discount on the February in person classes at our Colorado Springs South location!

Why take driver's education classes?  
 Colorado State Law requires teens to attend a 30 hour comprehensive driver's education class, complete 6 hours of behind-the-wheel training with a state certified instructor, log 50 hours of driving time, and hold their permit for a full calendar year in order to obtain their driver's license.

Who can attend?  
 If your teen is 14 1/2 years or older they are eligible to attend driver's education classes. Eligibility to take the permit test begins 30 days prior to your teen's 15th birthday.

*The February class don't fit your schedule? Visit our website to see all in person and online driver's education class options.*

304 SOUTH 8TH STREET, UNIT A (719) 246-3136  
 TO REGISTER FOR CLASSES VISIT:  
[HTTP://COLORADOSPRINGS-SOUTH.ROADSTARDRIVING.COM/](http://COLORADOSPRINGS-SOUTH.ROADSTARDRIVING.COM/)

**Impact a Young Reader!**

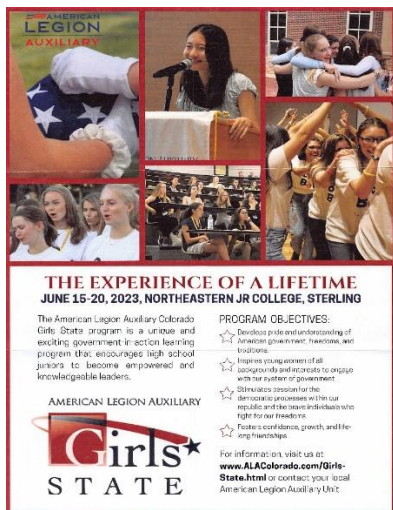
Do you want to make a lasting difference in the life of a child?

Children's Literacy Center and District II have partnered to offer high impact tutoring in District II schools.

Join the Children's Literacy Center to offer one-to-one tutoring using the fun, award-winning Peak Reader® curriculum! This is a **paid** tutor opportunity and you will be trained by experienced staff at Children's Literacy Center.

**MAKE A DIFFERENCE NOW!**  
 Contact Noel Wilson, Children's Literacy Center Education Director at [noelw@childrensliteracycenter.org](mailto:noelw@childrensliteracycenter.org)

For more information, contact Jennifer Chappell, District II Literacy Specialist, at [jennifer.chappell@du.edu](mailto:jennifer.chappell@du.edu)



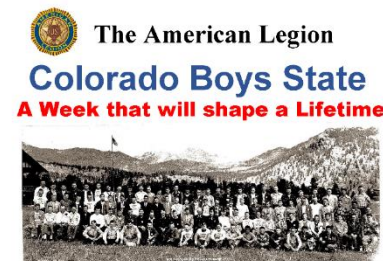
**THE EXPERIENCE OF A LIFETIME**  
**JUNE 15-20, 2023, NORTHEASTERN JR COLLEGE, STERLING**

The American Legion Auxiliary Colorado Girls State program is a unique and exciting government-in-action learning program that encourages high school juniors to become empowered and knowledgeable leaders.

**PROGRAM OBJECTIVES:**

- Develop pride and understanding of American government, traditions, and traditions.
- Require the requirement of all participants and requests to comply with the nature of government.
- Simulates session for the democratic processes within our republic and the brave individuals who fight for our freedoms.
- Foster confidence, growth, and life-long friendships.

For information, visit us at [www.ALColorado.com/Girls-State.html](http://www.ALColorado.com/Girls-State.html) or contact your local American Legion Auxiliary Unit.



**The American Legion Colorado Boys State**  
**A Week that will shape a Lifetime**

**FINISHING YOUR JUNIOR YEAR?**  
**YOU can join the nation's premier civics program developing future leaders in Colorado since 1949**

- You learn to govern Your State!
- Military Academy application credit
- Support our American heritage
  - No cost to attend

**4-10 June 2023**  
 To apply online, visit us at [www.CoLegionBoysState.org](http://www.CoLegionBoysState.org)