



# Odyssey ECCO

## Counseling Connections

September 27, 2022 – Vol. 4

### 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>

### FAFSA Workshop & Free College Application Help Night October 13th

Join the counselors from 6:00-7:00PM for help on completing your FAFSA, and your Colorado College applications ready for Free Colorado College applications days October 18-20<sup>th</sup>.

### Important Dates & Events

**October 1, 2022** – FAFSA Opens for student to Complete for the 2023-2024 school year.

**October 3, 2022**– Official Count Day

**October 7, 2022**– ICAP Friday, held during 8th period at 1:20 p.m., via WebEx

**October 7, 2022**– Upper Classmen Friday, 2:15 p.m., Mini-Auditorium

**October 7, 2022**– Seniors: Mandatory Meeting #1, 3:00 p.m., Mini-Auditorium

**October 12, 2022**– 7:30AM NMSQT qualifying PSAT test date for **ALL Juniors**. Arrive to Odyssey ECCO by 7:20AM.

**October 13, 2022**– End of Quarter 1

**October 13, 2022**– 6:00PM-7:00PM Senior FAFSA Workshop & Free College Application Help Night.

**October 18-20, 2022**– Free College Application Day

**October 18-21, 2022**– Spirit Week ending with the Fall Formal Dance, 5:30-8:30PM

**October 26-28, 2022**– Parent/Teacher Conferences: Wed. 10/26 3:30-7:00 p.m. Thurs. 10/27 7:30 a.m.-7:00 p.m. Fri. make-up day, by appointment only.

**October 31- November 4, 2022**– Stress Reliever Week (Stop by Counseling each day for a stress relieving activity.)

## 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](#)

1. **FASFA Workshop & Free College Application Help night is on October 13, 2022.**  
Parents and Seniors join us for Pizza and FASFA or College Application help from 6:00-7:00PM.
2. **Free College Application Days (October 18-20)**  
Start applications now so they are ready to submit during the free application days.



### Scholarships

- Quest Bridge Scholarship (Deadline to apply is September 27, 2022) [Website](#)
- Daniels Scholarship Fund (Applications must be submitted between September 15 & October 15.) [Website](#)
- Boettcher Foundation Scholarship (Applications must be submitted between September 15 & October 15.) [Website](#)
- Google Scholarship Program (Google offers a variety of scholarships.) [HERE](#)
- Incline Friends Program Outdoor recreation, environmental stewardship, and the preservation of our natural resources. [HERE](#)

### Free College Application Days

Colorado's fifth annual Free Applications Days will be held on **October 18 - 20th, 2022.**

Who is Eligible to Participate in Free Application Days?

All residents of Colorado who are applying for undergraduate programs at all state public and some private Colorado colleges and universities are eligible to submit their admission applications for free on Oct. 18 - Oct. 20, 2022. Undergraduate programs include undergraduate level certificates, associate degrees, and bachelor degrees. This means all of the following applicants are eligible:

- First-time freshmen
- Transfer students
- Returning students
- Applicants seeking a second bachelor's degree

The actual admissions application must be submitted starting Tuesday, Oct. 18 through midnight on Thursday, Oct. 20 to be eligible for the fee waiver. However, applicants can and are encouraged to begin filling out the application before this time - the application just needs to be submitted during this three-day period.

If the college/university has **additional application documents** required as part of the application process (for example, high school transcripts, letters of recommendation, etc.) they can be submitted before or after Oct. 18 - 20.

More information may be found here:

<https://cdhe.colorado.gov/cofreeappdays#:~:text=All%20residents%20of%20Colorado%20who,20%2C%202022.>

## Attention Juniors!

It's time to prepare for the National Merit Scholarship Program!

The National Merit® Scholarship Program is an academic competition for recognition and scholarships that began in 1955. Approximately 1.5 million high school students enter the program each year.

High School students who meet published program entry and participation requirements enter the National Merit Scholarship Program by taking the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT®) at the specified time in the high school program, as juniors. Each year's PSAT/NMSQT is the qualifying test designated for entry to a particular year's competition. For example, the 2020 PSAT/NMSQT is the qualifying test for entry to the competition for scholarships to be awarded in 2022.

ALL Juniors will be taking the NMSQT PSAT test on October 12, 2022. Please arrive by 7:20AM. We will provide a note to deliver to your college professors to excuse you from your classes you miss during the test. This is a requirement that was outlined in the Mandatory Upperclassmen Meeting at the beginning of the year.

You can prepare for the NMSQT qualifying PSAT test by using Kahn Academy. [Website](#)

## SAT Information

SAT Test Dates & Deadlines - <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat>

All Juniors will be taking the SAT at Odyssey ECCO in April, but you are welcome and encouraged to take the SAT multiple times.

SAT Date	Registration Deadline	Late Registration
December 3, 2022	November 3, 2022	November 22, 2022
March 11, 2023	February 10, 2023	February 28, 2023
May 6, 2023	April 7, 2023	April 25, 2023

## 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



## CYBERSECURITY



Plan, implement, upgrade, or monitor security measures for the protection of computer networks and information. May ensure appropriate security controls are in place that will safeguard digital files and vital electronic infrastructure. May respond to computer security breaches and viruses.

### Skills

- Reading Comprehension
- Critical Thinking
- Active Listening
- Complex Problem Solving
- Speaking
- Writing
- Judgment & Decision Making
- Monitoring
- Systems Analysis
- Time Management
- Coordination
- Operation Monitoring
- Quality Control
- Analysis
- Systems Evaluation

### CAREER OUTLOOK

Average Annual Salary \$99,000  
 Projected Future Job Openings 13,000

### EDUCATION

53% Bachelor's Degree  
 23% Post-Baccalaureate Certificate

Compiled by PASA BUSINESS & EDUCATION ALLIANCE

### Aptitudes

- Attention to Detail
- Dependability
- Integrity
- Analytical Thinking
- Cooperation
- Adaptability/Flexibility
- Initiative
- Persistence
- Self Control
- Achievement/Effort
- Leadership
- Stress Tolerance
- Independence
- Innovation

### Work Activities

- Develop computer or information security policies or procedures.
- Implement security measures for computer or information systems.
- Test computer system operations to ensure proper functioning.
- Collaborate with others to resolve issues

### Work Environment

- Face-to-face discussions with clients & colleagues
- Communicate via email and phone daily
- Importance of being Exact or Accurate
- Working mainly indoors
- Atypical work week with flexible hours and days
- Freedom to make decisions

## Join us!



Empowering Youth,  
Forging Community.

Available to youth 10-19 years of age

Mondays 5pm-7pm

Forge Evolution offers drop-in style experiential learning opportunities that can help youth build brighter futures, contribute to a stronger community, and become leaders.

### Opportunities include:

- Interacting with drones
- Completing art projects
- Earning your babysitting certificate
- Learning to cook
- Enjoying the outdoors
- Playing with dogs



Free food at every program!!!

### Register Now!



### More information:

forgeevolution.org  
 info@forgeevolution.org  
 (719)-475-7815

105 N. Weber Street, Colorado Springs, Co 80903

## YOU'RE INVITED

GCU'S ADMINISTRATOR AND COUNSELOR FLY-IN EVENT



### We would like to welcome you to visit Grand Canyon University this fall!

- Experience our growing, vibrant campus
- Connect with other administrators, counselors and former students now attending GCU
- Meet GCU leadership, college deans, current students and campus leaders
- Receive personalized information tailored to your needs and concerns

Thursday & Friday, October 6th - 7th  
 Thursday & Friday, November 3rd - 4th

Airfare, transportation, hotel and meals are provided by GCU at no cost to you. Limit one participant per campus.

To sign up, please visit: [gcu.edu/MeetGCU](http://gcu.edu/MeetGCU)



### FIND YOUR PURPOSE

Please note, not all GCU programs are available in all states and in all learning modalities. Program availability is contingent on student enrollment. Grand Canyon University is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission (hlcommission.org), an institutional accreditation agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education. Important policy information is available in the University Policy Handbook at: <https://www.gcu.edu/academics/academic-policies.php>. The information printed in this material is accurate as of JUNE 2022. For the most up-to-date information about admission requirements, tuition, scholarships and more, visit [gcu.edu](http://gcu.edu). ©2022 Grand Canyon University 22G0E0331

### FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT:

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Forging Community.

### 2022 Forge Evolution Program Calendar September - December

Mondays 5-7pm  
 Teens 10-19 Years of Age  
 105 N. Weber Street Colorado Springs, CO 80903

September 28 Impact Team Dinner with Perouse St. Francis	October 3 Baby-sitter Certification Part I	October 10 Baby-sitter Certification Part II	October 17 Shopping & Cooking with the Grillini's Center	October 24 Impact Team Dinner with Perouse St. Francis
November 7 Owning and Caring for a Pet with National Mill Dog Rescue	November 14 STEM in Space with the Space Foundation	November 21 Closed for Holiday	December 6 Sport Safety and Fall Play with First Tee	December 12 Art Exhibition with Berntz School of Art

Scan the QR code to learn more and register for the Forge program



### Contact Us

forgeevolution.org  
 info@forgeevolution.org  
 (719)-475-7815  
 ForgeEvolution

### Who to invite?

Please find a list that includes but is not limited to potential interested audience members for our Forge sessions.

- 9/26 - Teens that are close to or of driving age
- 10/3 & 10/10 - Family & Consumer Science and Relationship courses, teens interested in becoming babysitter certified
- 10/17 - Cooking class, Family & Consumer Science, teens interested in life skills and budgeting
- 10/24 - Teens that are close to or of driving age
- 11/7 - Teens interested in animal based professions or hobbies
- 11/14 - Robotics teams, teens interested in astronomy, drones, space and science
- 11/21 - Closed for Holiday
- 12/5 - Golfers, athletes, teens interested in learning more about sports
- 12/12 - art courses, teens that enjoy painting and/or working with clay, youth in need of self-expression

## Counseling Staff & Appointments

### Counseling Center - 719-328-2088

<u>Katrina Everette</u>	<u>Lisa Fowler</u>	<u>Taura Gandy</u>
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)

## Get Involved!



**2022**  
Scholarship, Financial Aid & College Application Sessions

REGISTRATION OPENS Sept 16th

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS ENDELICA REID AND MARY WILLIAMS FROM THE UNITED NEGRO COLLEGE FUND (UNCF)

OCTOBER 15 | 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM  
Location: Teala Professional Development Center

COMMUNITY COLLABORATION WITH EDUCATING CHILDREN OF COLOR (ECCOC), PEAK EDUCATION AND THE SACH FOUNDATION'S ELEVATED PROGRAM

High School students are invited to hear from the United Negro College Fund (UNCF), participate in a Financial Aid and Scholarship Essay Writing Presentation, meet with scholarship representatives, and attend an optional College Application Workshop.

**ELEVATED**  
AMCC.ORG

## Fall After School Clubs and Tutoring have started!

Scan this QR code with your phone to see the schedule!




**GAY STRAIGHT ALLIANCE**

We celebrate diversity and have fun! We watch movies, discuss political issues that matter for LGBTQ+, have school wide events (movie nights, dinners, contests), and support one another!

**MEETINGS ARE ON WEDNESDAYS AT 3:00, ROOM 253. THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE SEPT. 21**

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BE WHO YOU ARE. LOVE WHO YOU LOVE

## Odyssey ECCO Spirit Week Oct 17th-21st

- October 18th: Too Tired Tuesday
- October 19th: Tourist Day
- October 20th: Senior Citizens vs. Preschooler day
- October 21<sup>st</sup>: Adam Sandler day

**SPiRiT WEEK**