



# Odyssey ECCO

## Counseling Connections

September 12, 2022 – Vol. 3

**2022-2023 CEA forms are due NOW! All students 9-12 complete this.**

[https://fs26.formsite.com/WNUMX3/piang8bjbg/form\\_login.html](https://fs26.formsite.com/WNUMX3/piang8bjbg/form_login.html)

Emails went out on Friday of last week if your student is missing part or all of the CEA. If you have questions call (719-328-2088) or email Kristine at [Kristine.Stenger@d11.org](mailto:Kristine.Stenger@d11.org)

### Important Dates & Events

**September 13, 2022** – Off-Campus PPSC Course Drop Date – Last Day to drop Off-Campus PPSC courses without penalty.

**September 20, 2022** – Q1 Progress Report grades available 8:00 AM.

**September 23, 2022** – Building Prof. Day No Students (D11 Campuses only)

**September 26, 2022** – 5:30-7:30 PM Southern Colorado College Fair 2022 at Coronado High School (1590 W. Fillmore St. Colorado Springs).

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

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

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



## 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 is on October 13, 2022. Parents and Seniors join us for Pizza and FASFA or College Application help.**
2. **Free College Application Days (October 18-20) Start applications now so they are ready to submit during the free application days.**
3. **Quest Bridge Scholarship (Deadline to apply is September 27, 2022) [Website](#)**
4. **Daniels Scholarship Fund (Applications must be submitted between September 15 & October 15.) [Website](#)**
5. **Boettcher Foundation Scholarship (Applications must be submitted between September 15 & October 15.) [Website](#)**

## 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.>

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

Join the counselors for help on completing your FASFA, and your Colorado College applications ready for Free Colorado College applications days October 18-20<sup>th</sup>.

## 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
August 27, 2022	July 29, 2022	August 16, 2022
October 1, 2022	Sept 2, 2022	September 20, 2022
November 5, 2022	October 7, 2022	October 25, 2022
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

## **Attention: High School Students!**

Have you ever considered sharing your ideas to help the African American Youth Leadership Conference (AAYLC) prepare for its annual conference? Now is the time to get involved! You are personally invited to play an essential part of the planning process for our in-person conference in March 2023.

The goal of the AAYLC Student Advisory Committee is to obtain the perspective of youth on various issues that impact students daily. We are seeking high school students who are willing to share their voices on a variety of topics, and create an action for the 2023 AAYLC. This includes choosing the topics for workshops, presenters, entertainment and more.

Additionally, students will benefit from learning important leadership, public speaking, decision making and teamwork skills. All team members will have access to a network of organizational and community leaders, mentors, and presenters.

Students will meet every other week on Sunday afternoons from 3:30pm - 5:00pm. Our first meeting will be held at Colorado Early Colleges, 4425 N. Chestnut Street, Colorado Springs 80905 on Sunday, September 18th. If you are interested in participating, please click [HERE](#) to RSVP.

## **The 2022 Southern Colorado College Fair**

The 2022 Southern Colorado College Fair is fast approaching! The fair will take place on Monday, September 26th from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the Coronado High School Gym: 1590 W. Fillmore Street, Colorado Springs, 80904. This event is open to all D11 students and their families. 11th graders, especially, should plan on attending, as now is the time to start thinking about your college choices!

This is a unique opportunity for students and families to:

- Meet one-on-one with approx. 200 admissions representatives from colleges and universities throughout Colorado and across the country
- Get answers to important questions about the application process, admissions, scholarships / financial aid, majors, college life and more

Follow this link to see the colleges that will be represented at this event: [Bit.ly/SoCoCollegeFair2022](https://bit.ly/SoCoCollegeFair2022)

## **Student Activities Request**

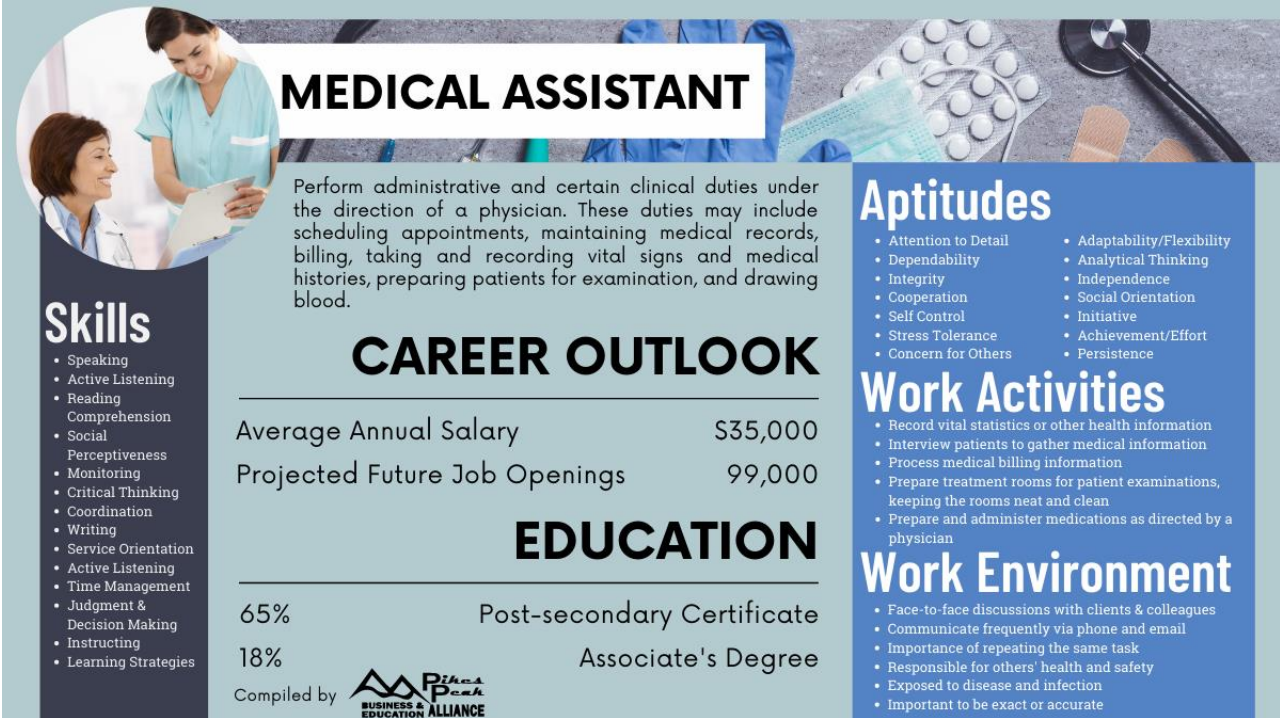
We have many students participating in activities and sports throughout the district and community and we want to celebrate what our students are doing. Please take a minute to complete the form using the link below, and feel free to upload photos of your child or email them to [Kristine.Stenger@d11.org](mailto:Kristine.Stenger@d11.org).

<https://forms.gle/vZacqMoenn4MG3GT9>

## **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**



**MEDICAL ASSISTANT**

Perform administrative and certain clinical duties under the direction of a physician. These duties may include scheduling appointments, maintaining medical records, billing, taking and recording vital signs and medical histories, preparing patients for examination, and drawing blood.

### Skills


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

### CAREER OUTLOOK

Average Annual Salary	\$35,000
Projected Future Job Openings	99,000

### EDUCATION

65%	Post-secondary Certificate
18%	Associate's Degree

Compiled by 

### Aptitudes

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

### Work Activities

- Record vital statistics or other health information
- Interview patients to gather medical information
- Process medical billing information
- Prepare treatment rooms for patient examinations, keeping the rooms neat and clean
- Prepare and administer medications as directed by a physician

### Work Environment

- Face-to-face discussions with clients & colleagues
- Communicate frequently via phone and email
- Importance of repeating the same task
- Responsible for others' health and safety
- Exposed to disease and infection
- Important to be exact or accurate

## **Counseling Staff & Appointments**

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

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**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)