



High School Senior Year

Timeline

October

- Work hard in your classes
- Attend admission rep visits
- Complete FASFA, opens 10/1. (Academic year 23-24 opens 12/1)
- Polish essays begin supplemental essays (if applicable)
- Finalize list of schools to apply
- Complete Early Decision and/or Early Action application(s) if applying early
- Watch for counseling updates and plan on attending College Planning Night

November

- Prepare to submit regular decision applications in advance of deadlines
- Schedule virtual or in-person interviews (if possible)
- Clean up social media accounts
- Research and apply for scholarships
- Start watching for deadline to apply for Senior Shortened Day
- Take care of your health
- Enjoy a Happy Thanksgiving break with friends and family

December

- Complete FASFA
- Follow up with requested recommendations
- Send test scores and transcripts
- Complete applications and supplements
- Submit applications before winter break so you can enjoy the holiday's

January

- Submit applications to colleges with late deadlines
- Send semester transcripts if needed
- Follow up with your schools to make sure your applications are complete
- Check counseling websites for scholarships

February

- Stay engaged with high school (watch out for senioritis)
- Continue to check back and apply for scholarships
- Start thinking about graduation plans
- Keep up with and enjoy extracurricular activities

March

- Compare financial aid awards
- Think about summer (jobs? internships? volunteer? travel?)
- Make graduation arrangements with friends and family
- Focus on self-care
- Enjoy spring break!

April

- Attend "admitted student" events at colleges you are considering
- Decide whether to accept waitlist spots (if offered)
- Keep grades up-the college you accept will require a final transcript
- Get excited for Senior Awards and graduation!

May

- Take AP tests (your college may accept scores make sure to check at chosen schools)
- Inform those who wrote recommendations of your choice and write them thank you notes
- Research first-year housing options; connect with potential roommates
- Prepare for finals
- Happy Graduation!

Month-by-Month BREAKDOWN

REQUESTING A TRANSCRIPT?

All transcript requests can be made by contacting our registrar, Deana Thom, by email at dthom@usd232.org.

ALWAYS include the name of the college or office the transcript is to be sent to, along with a full mailing address.

Please allow two weeks from your request for the college to receive and process.

Federal Student Financial Aid Programs

The U.S. Department of Education has three basic categories of student aid in the form of grants, work-study programs and loans. These federal programs can help a student afford to attend a post-secondary vocational technical program, community college or four-year university. Federal aid can help pay for educational expenses such as tuition and fees, room and board, books and supplies, transportation, and more!

Grant money is based on the student's financial need and typically does not have to be repaid. Work-study programs allow students to work part time on (or sometimes off) campus while attending school and these funds do not have to be repaid. Loans from the federal government must be repaid but generally have low, fixed interest rates.

Changes to the FAFSA for the 2024-2025 year only!!!

For the academic year 2024-2025 year ONLY you will not be able to submit FAFSA until December. This is due to the form shortening and changes being made.

- The date will remain October 1 for every year after
- You no longer need tax documents. All information is automatically accessed through an IRS Database (FADDX)
- Parents and students will need FSA ID from **studentaid.gov** (typically 3-5 days before applying) and SSN to apply



Kansas Board of Regents

Students may now apply for scholarships online by creating an account on their [website](#). Applications are available for the following scholarships:

- Kansas State Scholarship
- Kansas Ethnic Minority Scholarship
- Kansas Nursing Service Scholarship
- Kansas Teacher Service Scholarship
- Kansas Career Technical Workforce Grant
- Kansas Military Service Scholarship
- Kansas National Guard Educational Scholarship
- Kansas Computer Science Education Scholarship
- Kansas Promise Act Scholarship





Kansas Society of CPA's Inspire Business Camp October 26, 2023

This one-day business camp is for high school juniors and seniors. The camp will showcase how accountants are the elite athletes of the financial and business worlds. Students will learn about key business aspects, meet and learn from successful accounting pros and college students, get tips on college and career readiness, and compete in fun team activities! Students can secure a chance to win a \$500 scholarship to a Kansas college of their choice and kick-start their college search by visiting various college booths.

When: Thursday, October 26th - 9 am - 2:30 pm

Where: McPherson College, McPherson, KS

Deadline to register: October 5th

Contact karen@kscpa.org if you are interested



The University of Chicago

Increasing college access and affordability is the hallmark of The University of Chicago's financial aid process. The UChicago application is free for any student applying for need-based financial aid and over \$200 million in financial support ensures students can attend UChicago free from financial burden. Students from families earning less than \$60,000 per year attend for free, including free housing and food. Students from families earning less than \$124,000 receive free tuition. For more information go to their [website](#)

Kansas City Job Fair

Tuesday, October 24th, 1:30 pm - 4:00 pm

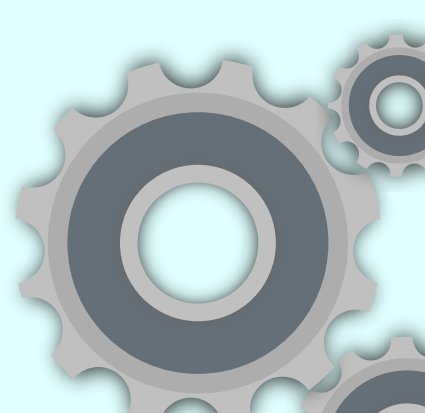
Indian Creek Library, 16100 W. 135th St., Olathe, KS



Kansas State University Salina Aerospace and Technology Campus 2023-2024 Events

Preview Day: Showcase of their hands-on-learning environment and programs on Friday, October 20, 2023

TWIST - Teen Women in Science & Technology is open to any young woman in high school who is interested in learning about careers in science and technology! Friday, January 5th, 2024



Fort Hays State College of Health and Behavior Sciences Day



Fort Hays State will be hosting the spring College of Health and Behavior Sciences Day on Friday, November 3rd, 2023. This **free event** is open to high school juniors and seniors interested in careers in the health and behavior sciences. Students will:

- Visit all six departments in the College of Health and Behavioral Sciences (Allied Health, Communication Sciences and Disorders, Health and Human Performance, Nursing, Psychology, and Social Work).
 - Learn about academic, career, and other unique educational opportunities within the departments.
 - Tour academic facilities, including clinical and simulation labs
 - Engage with faculty, staff, and students in each departments
- For more information and to sign up please go to this [link](#)

Other upcoming events: Future Educators Day – October 16th and Applied Technology Day – November 14th. Info is on their [website](#).

Free 3-Day Window to Apply to Kansas Colleges and Universities

Kansas Board of Regents has approved a 3-DAY window in November for colleges and universities in Kansas to waive application fees for Kansas residents seeking to enroll as undergraduate students. This window to apply for **free** is November 7th - 9th.



Hutchinson Community Center Fire Science Student Field Day Friday, 11/3 from 9 am - 2 pm Fire Science Facility 3211 E. 4th Ave. Hutchinson KS

You will see exciting firefighting techniques, meet student firefighters, and learn about different fire service careers. Discover more about student internships and summer jobs in the fire service! This is open to high school juniors and seniors, plus their parents. Advanced registration is required and space is limited.

Register at www.hutchcc.edu/fieldday

JCCC’S EARLY COLLEGE MEETUPS

Early College students are high schoolers who participate in any of the following programs:

- Career Ready
- College Now
- Dual Degree
- Quick Step Plus



Monthly Meetups

Join us for food, friends, and fun conversation!

You’re a JCCC Early College student if you participate in any of the following programs:

- Career Ready
- College Now
- Dual Degree
- Quick Step Plus

These monthly meetups are just for you!

- Enjoy free pizza and cookies
- Hang out with friends and make new ones
- Get prepared for your time at JCCC and beyond



First Monday of each month
5:30–7 p.m.
CoLab (OCB 100)
Johnson County Community College

UPCOMING DATES

Mon. Oct. 2

The Good, the Bad and the Ugly of the First Few Weeks of College:
Q&A Panel Discussion with College Freshmen

Mon. Nov. 6

What Is Your Superpower and What to Do with It:
How Your Skills Translate to a Future Degree or Career

Mon. Dec. 4

Community Give-Back: Take Part in a Community Service Event to Benefit JCCC’s Student Basic Needs Center



SCAN to register



SCAN for JCCC campus map

Kansas State University Salina Aerospace and Technology Campus

Be a Salina Wildcat for a Day!

High school seniors are invited to immerse themselves in the life of a Salina wildcat during this overnight experience!

Oct 12-13
Oct 26-27
Nov 9-10

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Pittsburg State University Rumble in the Jungle!

College of Technology Open House and Career Expo at the
Kansas Technology Center
Pittsburg State University, 909 E. Ford St.
Friday, November 3rd, 8 am

This event is tailored specifically for students eager to explore their technology programs and discover promising career opportunities in the ever-evolving tech industry. This event is a unique opportunity! Designed to cater to high school seniors, it offers an array of engaging demonstrations, enlightening information sessions, and valuable interactions with our dedicated faculty and fellow students.

K-State Engineering Fall Events

ENGINEERING SENIOR EXPERIENCE DAY

Experience “engineering for a day”, explore majors, interact with faculty and students, and learn more about opportunities to get involved. Manhattan: Friday, Oct 13; Wednesday, Oct 25: Monday, Nov 13; Monday, Dec 4

Women in Engineering Day

Meet and interact with alumni and current members of Women in Engineering and the Society of Women Engineers through hands-on activities, panel discussions, a social event and more! Manhattan: Friday, Nov 3

Nights with K-State Engineering

Not able to come to campus? K-State engineering may be coming to your area! Representatives will lead an interactive presentation for you and your guests to learn more about engineering.

Lenexa: Kiewit - Thursday, Oct 19

Overland Park: Blue Valley CAPS - Thursday, Oct 26

For more information visit engg.us/events

UMKC Professional Career Escalators CAREER U Monthly workshops



These workshops are tailored to high school seniors across the KC Metro. Each month there will be a different topic. October’s topic is: Agile Work Profiler which identifies your top skills and interests - your Agilities - as they relate to the workforce. Additionally, you’ll get to hear professionals discuss their own career paths with time to ask questions. Also, if you attend 4 workshops as a senior, you get an automatic spot in the collegiate UMKC Professional Career Escalators Program which comes with a scholarship!

There will be a virtual workshop on Wednesday, October 25th
You will receive a link upon registration.

Register [here](#)

FEATURED SCHOLARSHIPS

Seven Days Make a Ripple Change the World

\$1,000 Kindness Scholarship

SevenDays has a scholarship opportunity for graduating seniors. All high school seniors in the Kansas City metro area are eligible to participate.

Up to 5 scholarships will be awarded.

Application is due January 12th

Visit www.sevendays.org for requirements and more information

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RUDD FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS

Making a positive impact in the world through social initiatives and a full-ride scholarship program for high-achieving students.

There are forty 4 year full ride scholarships available.

Scholarship eligibility:

- Must have a cumulative, unweighted high school GPA of 3.0 or above;
- Graduating high school in 2024 and will enroll full time in the fall;
- Demonstrate financial need (Pell-eligible)
- Must be a US Citizen
- Must reside in the state of Kansas
- Must be admitted and will attend either Emporia State, For Hays State, Kansas State, or Wichita State.
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Applications accepted 10/1 - 12/1/2023

SEDC Career Ready Scholarship

The Shawnee Economic Development Council Career Ready Scholarship provides financial assistance in the amount of \$1,000 to graduating Shawnee high school seniors seeking a career in construction or construction trades such as electrical, plumbing, HVAC, carpentry, or other related professions. A successful applicant must identify either trade school where they will continue their education or acceptance of direct employment by a licensed Kansas City metro area contractor. Financial award must be used to cover costs related to tuition, books, fees, tools and/or equipment related to the construction industry. Awardees will be paired with a SEDC Scholar mentor who will assist with selection of tools and supplies required to be work ready on first day of employment. For more information go to this [link](#)



Washburn University

Merit Scholarships

Fund your own future! These Merit Scholarships range from \$4,000 to \$20,000 for incoming first-time freshman and are awarded with just their high school GPA - no test scores required.

Learn more online at washburn.edu/scholarships

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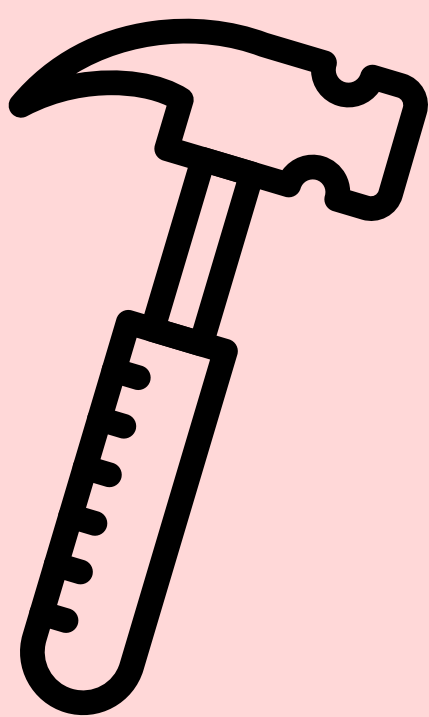
U N I V E R S I T Y

Water One Internships

WaterOne offers real world opportunities for students enrolled in post-secondary education. Our internships range from field services, engineering, human resources, and more. These are great ways to gain experience in a career path or organization you are interested in. As one of our interns, you'll help us with relentless pursuit of our vision: Setting the standard for utility excellence.

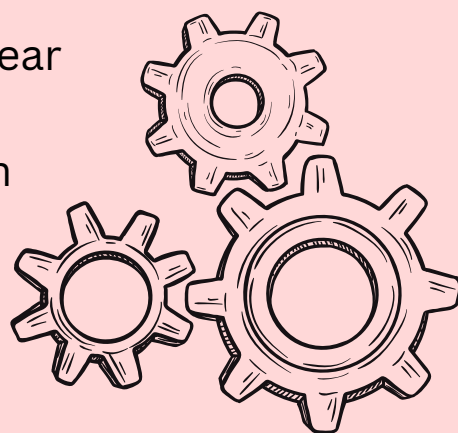
Internships offered: Human Resources, Legal, Communications, Facility Engineering, Fire Hydrant Auditor, Fleet Mechanic, GIS Technician, Grounds Maintenance, Meter Maintenance, and more! To learn more go to waterone.org/careers

Foley Equipment Diesel Technician Internship



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- Paid, hands on training each semester
- Scholarships & tuition reimbursement
- \$14,000 worth of tools
- \$2,500 stipend per semester



Learn more or apply at www.careers.foleyeq.com/thinkbig



University of Saint Mary Scrub Camp

Scrub Camp is a hands-on experience that will help you explore the many healthcare career paths. Join University of Saint Mary's for an unique learning opportunity that will dive into growing job fields and provide interactive activities. Students are able to learn and engage in hands-on activities with Nursing, Exercise Science, Athletic Training, Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, and the Human Anatomy Lab. Students can sign up by going to stmary.edu/scrub-camp

This event is on October 25th.

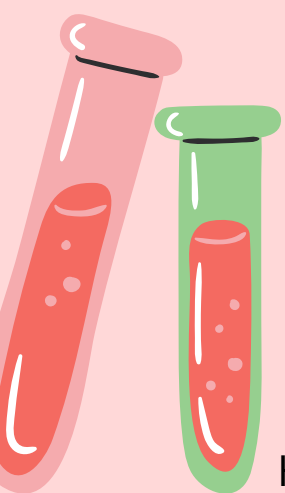


Kansas City Kansas Community Biology Scholars Program

Students selected into the KCKCC Biology Scholars Program will get up to \$15,000 in scholarships (\$7,500 each year), a science faculty mentor trained in asset-based inclusive mentoring techniques, and STEM opportunities to prepare you for a career in science. For more information and access to the application and recommendation form on their [website](#)

Missouri University of Science and Technology

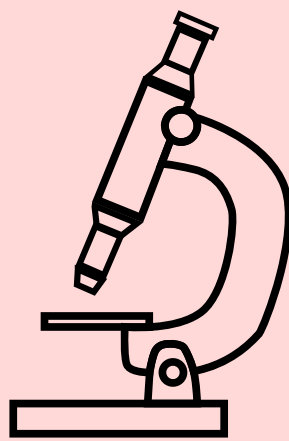
Come to one of these 2 events to learn about MS&T without leaving Kansas City! Learn more about admissions requirements, scholarships and financial aid opportunities, design teams, research, life on campus and much more! You may bring up to two guests. Registration is [required](#).



Prospective Student Receptions:

Thursday, October 12th from 6:00pm - 8:00pm
Burns & McDonnell, 9450 Ward Parkway KC, MO

Monday, November 13th from 6:00pm - 8:00pm
Kiewit Corporation, 8900 Renner Blvd. Lenexa, KS



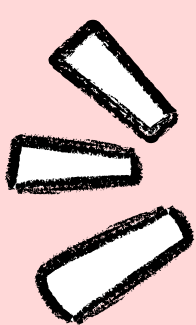
Garmin International Careers Event

Jump-start your career in tech! Unsure what to do after graduation? Garmin has jobs that require a high school diploma/GED or AS/Trade Certificate - including manufacturing, warehouse operations, product support and more. Join us for an informational webinar. There'll be opportunities to ask questions and get an in-depth look at life with Garmin.

Thursday, October 26th

Live via webinar @ 12:00 pm or 6:00 pm

Prior to the event they will send you a link to the email address you provide here



[Link Here](#)



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