

High School Senior Year

Senior Newsletter September Edition

Timeline

September

- Sign up for your senior interview, double check grad requirements, discuss post grad options and make a preliminary college list
- Create calendar of admissions and financial aid deadlines
- Plan final campus visits
- Register for Oct, Nov, or Dec test dates if retaking the ACT or SAT
- Request recommendations
- Draft college application essays

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.



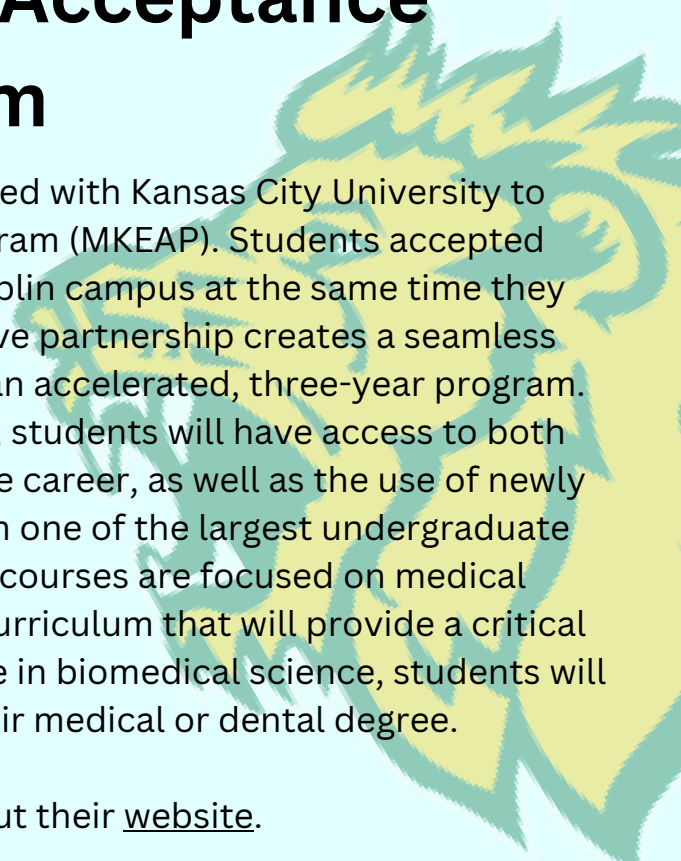
When: Thursday, October 26th - 9 am - 2:30 pm
Where: McPherson College, McPherson, KS
Deadline to register: October 5th
Contact karen@kscpa.org if you are interested



MISSOURI SOUTHERN STATE UNIVERSITY

MSSU-KCU Early Acceptance Program

Missouri Southern State University has partnered with Kansas City University to develop the MSSU-KCU Early Acceptance Program (MKEAP). Students accepted into the program will be admitted to the KCU Joplin campus at the same time they are accepted to Missouri Southern. This exclusive partnership creates a seamless transition into medical or dental school through an accelerated, three-year program. Taught by scholarly and real-world field experts, students will have access to both MSSU and KCU faculty during their undergraduate career, as well as the use of newly renovated chemistry and biology labs, along with one of the largest undergraduate cadaver labs in the region. General education courses are focused on medical or dental school preparation with a customized curriculum that will provide a critical foundation. After receiving their bachelor's degree in biomedical science, students will then transition to KCU-Joplin to finish their medical or dental degree.

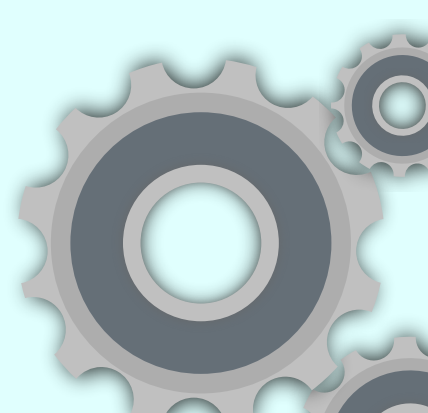


For more information check out their [website](#).

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

Preview Day: Showcase of their hands-on-learning environment and programs 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



Scholarship Searches on the Internet

www.wiredscholar.com— This site offers interactive tools and information for college preparation, evaluation, application, selection and financing.
www.finaid.org—This site has information about scholarships, loans, savings, military aid, financial aid forms, calculators and beyond.
www.collegeboard.com— This site has information about colleges, college majors and scholarships.
www.admissions.ku.edu/scholarships—University of Kansas scholarships
www.ksu.edu/sfa—Kansas State University Scholarships
www.jccc.net/home/scholarships/index.php— Johnson County Community College
www.scholarshipguidance.com/newsletter - Weekly Scholarships



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.

Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology



For the past 24 years, Rose-Hulman has been ranked #1 as the top undergraduate engineering school by US News and World Report. Here are some of the reasons students should consider Rose-Hulman:

- An excellent STEM education. Most people know us for engineering but our science programs are among the best in the country!
- 11:1 Student/Professor ratio - world class education with 1:1 attention.
- Hands on work in State-of-the-art labs. Get to work with cutting edge technology as a freshman.

99% Place Rate (Class of 2022). Average starting salary is over \$80,000.

- 18 Undergrad STEM majors to choose from (*10 graduate programs).

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

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.

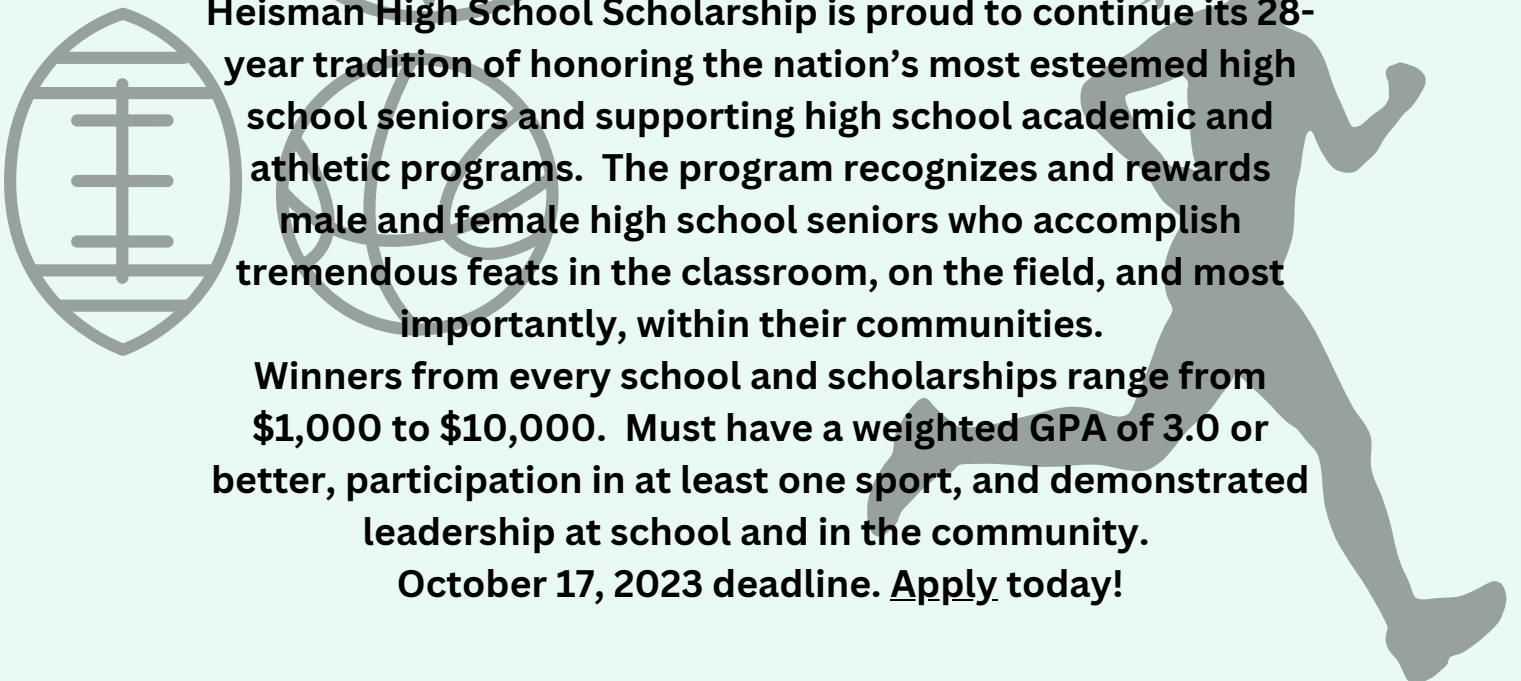
Application is due January 12th

Visit www.sevendays.org for requirements and more information

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2023 Heisman Scholarship



Heisman High School Scholarship is proud to continue its 28-year tradition of honoring the nation's most esteemed high school seniors and supporting high school academic and athletic programs. The program recognizes and rewards male and female high school seniors who accomplish tremendous feats in the classroom, on the field, and most importantly, within their communities.

Winners from every school and scholarships range from \$1,000 to \$10,000. Must have a weighted GPA of 3.0 or better, participation in at least one sport, and demonstrated leadership at school and in the community.

October 17, 2023 deadline. Apply today!




Distinguished Young Women of Kansas Scholarship Program

This program is for girls who are seniors in high school.

The program is free to participate in and provides valuable life experiences including interview skills, public speaking, networking, and more! Deadline to apply is September 15, 2023



Wichita State Distinguished Scholarship Invitational (DSI)



Wichita State University will be offering high school seniors the chance to compete in the Distinguished Scholarship Invitational! The DSI is one of the premier scholarship competitions in the country, awarding three \$64,000 scholarships to attend Wichita State in the fall of 2024.

Application materials must be submitted by October 15th and complete and submit their DSI application by November 1st. For more information and how to apply check out this [website](#)



Mill Valley and De Soto High
School Present:

College

PLANNING NIGHT



October 4th 6-8:30
Featuring Presentations on

**FREE
EVENT**

College
Planning

**Q & A With
Counselors**

Paying for
College

**Transferring
College Credits**

Applied
Learning and
Internships

**Advice for
College Athletes**

Military
Benefits

**Technical
Career Options**

**Cedar Trails
Exploration Center**

**201 Mize Blvd, Lenexa KS
66227**

Fort Hayes State University (FHSU) Medical Diagnostic Imaging Programs

FHSU offers the following programs:

- A.S. in Radiologic Technology
- B.S. in Medical Diagnostic Imaging (which most students pair with their A.S. degree in Radiologic Technology)
- B.S. in Medical Diagnostic Imaging with emphasis in Ultrasound
- M.P.S. Masters of Professionals Studies

For more information go to this [link](#)



Step by Step through the FAFSA

The Antioch Library is hosting an online event to help students understand the FAFSA process. They will walk you line by line through the FAFSA form and explain the ins and outs of the college admissions and financial aid process. This event will be held on Tuesday, September 26th from 6:30 - 8:00 pm. The program will be online and is completely free.

To register click [here](#)



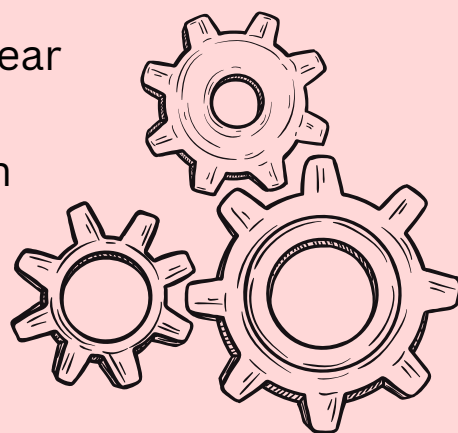
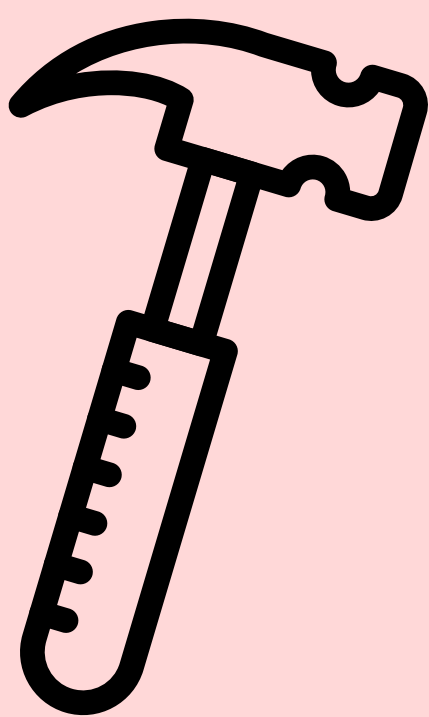
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University of Saint Mary Scrub Camp

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.

