



# Odyssey ECCO

## Counseling Connections

March 2024 Vol. 3

### Important Dates & Events

<b>March 1<sup>st</sup></b>	Upperclassmen Friday
<b>March 9</b>	AAYLC Annual American Youth Leadership Conference
<b>March 11<sup>th</sup></b>	Registration PPSC Opens
<b>March 13<sup>th</sup></b>	Movie Night
<b>March 14</b>	Teacher Workday NO SCHOOL
<b>March 15</b>	Teacher Workday NO SCHOOL
<b>March 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	Donuts with the Dean
<b>March 25-29</b>	Spring Break NO SCHOOL
<b>March 29</b>	Colorado County Clerks Association Scholarships Due
<b>April 1- 12</b>	STAR testing
<b>April 5<sup>th</sup></b>	Upperclassmen Friday
<b>April 9</b>	Concurrent Enrollment Forms Due
<b>April 12</b>	CMAS
<b>April 17</b>	PSAT for Freshman and Sophomores
<b>April 19</b>	SAT for ALL Juniors, Location: Testing site ON CAMPUS

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### Resources

#### Phoenix Flash

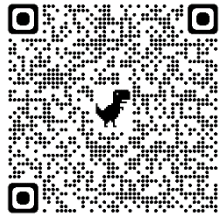
The Student News Site of Odyssey Early College and Career Pathways  
[phoenixflash.org](http://phoenixflash.org)



#### D11 Work Based Learning Opportunities Newsletter (2/25/2024)

Interested in internships, job shadowing, or career exploration? Please check out the D11 Work Based Learning Opportunities Newsletter at <https://www.smore.com/6rpce>.

## ACCESSIBILITY SERVICES AT PIKES PEAK



Through an interactive process with a disability specialist, instructors, and students, [Accessibility Services at Pikes Peak](#) provides classroom and testing accommodations for students with both temporary and long-term disabilities.

Helping students with accessibility services at college will be different from high school. [Visit the Accessibility Services resources page](#) to learn more about confidentiality, documentation, tips for how to help your students self-advocate, and more!

### Get Schooled

Choose Your Path.

Get Into College.

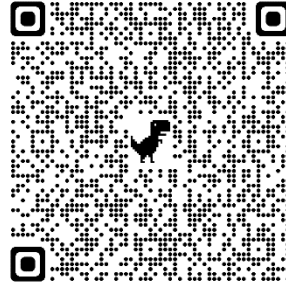
Find Your First Job.

- Get personalized feedback on college application essays
- Text an advisor
- Get help on financial aid and FAFSA
- Find trusted scholarships
- Land your first job



### **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.



## Pike's Peak Business and Education Alliance (Internship)

If you are going to be at work for a lot of your life, why not choose a career that matches your talents, interest, and aptitude?



## Club Aspen

Exciting News! The Patterson Center for Resiliency is introducing Club Aspen, our groundbreaking therapeutic after-school program for middle and high school teens facing mental and behavioral health challenges. Club Aspen is a place where your teen can explore real-world coping and life skills.

When: Monday to Friday, after school, with flexible attendance: 1 to 5 days per week!  
Drop off: 3:30-4:00pm | Pick up: 5:30-6pm (Extended hours during school breaks)  
Club Aspen is covered by Medicaid and CHP+ and affordable rates are available for others! Transportation support is available.

If you know a teen who could benefit, share our flier, or contact info. Tours and more information available after reaching out!

Learn more at <https://www.thepatterncenter.org/afterschool> or call us at 719-300-5735.



## Finding a College That Fits

Finding the right school to continue your education is important; it must be the right fit.

Try out some of these links to help you find the best school to meet your needs!

<https://www.d11.org/administration/schools/school-counselors/finding-a-college-that-fits>



## College Prep Scholars Program

The [2024 College Prep Scholars Program](#) application opens in early February, and the deadline is March 20, 2024.



## Important Dates and Events

### Concurrent Enrollment Forms for the 24-25 school are **Due April 9th!**

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 Form site 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 Form site with the link to their child's form so they can review and sign. The link and instructions are below.

[Form site Concurrent Enrollment Form](#)



If this is the first time you completed a form through Form site, create an account by filling out the boxes on the left. Please make note of the username 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 Form site. You do not need to complete your course information; we will attach your schedule before sending it to PPCC. It is important that you initial the three locations where it is needed, check all 13 checkboxes, and then sign with a full signature at the end.

Once you click submit, the form will go to your parents for their initials and signature. Once your parent hits submit the form will go to your counselor for approval.

If you have any questions feel free to reach out to Kristine Stenger at [Kristine.Stenger@d11.org](mailto:Kristine.Stenger@d11.org) or 719-328-2088.

## SAT Information

If you want to take the SAT again to improve your score, here are some additional testing opportunities (Testing site is located off campus)

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

SAT Date	Registration Deadline	Late Registration
May 4,	April 19,	April 23, 2024
June 1,	May 16,	May 21, 2024



A promotional poster for the 31st Annual African American Youth Leadership Conference (AAYLC) 2024. The poster features a group of five diverse students smiling. At the top left, a logo reads "2024 YOU ONLY FAIL YOU STOP TRYING African American Youth Leadership Conference". Below the students, a blue banner says "Registration Open!" and a yellow banner says "GRADES 6-12". The main text in the center reads "31ST ANNUAL AAYLC MAR 9 COLORADO COLLEGE 8:00AM - 4:30PM All Students Welcome!". On the right side, a vertical list under the heading "JOIN US" includes: "FREE REGISTRATION", "ENGAGING SESSIONS", "GREAT FOOD", "ENTERTAINMENT", and "PRIZES &amp; GIVEAWAYS". At the bottom right, there is another QR code. The background of the poster has a light blue sunburst pattern.

Regional Pikes Peak Workforce Center

# JOB FAIR

Don't miss the chance to attend the job fair, where you can meet with employers face-to-face and learn about job openings in your field.



**DS** Colorado Springs School District 11  
Work-Based Learning



**rmacac**  
Rocky Mountain  
Association for College Admission Counseling

## COLORADO SPRINGS SPRING COLLEGE FAIR

Saturday, March 2, 2024  
9:00a-11:30a MDT

**Pine Creek High School**

10750 Thunder Mountain Ave., Colorado Springs, CO 80908

Student registration available at [www.StriveFair.com](http://www.StriveFair.com)



10:00am - 2:00pm  
**MARCH 11TH, 2024**



Roy J. Wasson Campus

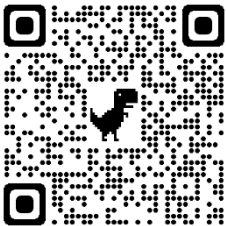
**TALK TO YOUR COUNSELOR TO SIGN UP**

**MUST REGISTER**



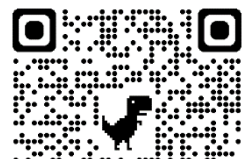
[WWW.CONNECTINGCOLORADO.COM](http://WWW.CONNECTINGCOLORADO.COM)

- Creating an account is required for entry into Workforce Center job fairs or hiring events.
- This will allow us to provide you with a "scan card" for express entry into job fairs. It also helps the workforce center track the number of participants attending our events. Please remember to bring your scan card with you on job fair day!
- This is best completed on a desk/laptop computer at [www.connectingcolorado.com](http://www.connectingcolorado.com).
- You must have your social security number to create this account. You can create this account at home with parental assistance if necessary.



**ALA Colorado Girls State 2024,  
June 10, 2024, to June 15, 2024**

**Northeastern Junior College in Sterling, CO**



# ALA Colorado Boys State 2024

June 2, 2024, to June 8, 2024

Northeastern Junior College in Sterling, CO

## Scholarships

### Colorado County Clerks Association

High School seniors can apply now for scholarships offered by the Colorado County Clerks Association. It's a great opportunity if you plan on attending a university, college, junior/community college, or technical institution. Clerk Steve Schleiker encourages students who reside in El Paso County not to miss out. Submit your scholarship application to [kristiridlen@elpasoco.com](mailto:kristiridlen@elpasoco.com). Contact her with questions by phone at 719-520-6226. **The deadline for applications is March 29, 2024.** Students who reside in other Colorado counties should apply to their respective County Clerk. The application packet with information on the process is available at <https://www.clerkandrecorder.org/scholarship>



### Denver Foundation

Happy New Year! Scholarships at The Denver Foundation are now open! Please don't forget to share the many [scholarship opportunities](#) available for your students to apply to on our website. The deadline for many of our opportunities is March 1, 2024.



### PTA Scholarship

Scholarship opportunities that are being offered by the El Paso Council PTA for seniors graduating in May 2023. Currently, there are 2 available and applications are now being accepted.

- \$1000 PTA Scholarship for Future Educators

This scholarship is available to graduating high school seniors in the Pikes Peak Region (Districts 11, 20, 28, & 49) pursuing a degree in education

And

- \$1000 PTA Scholarship for STEAM Fields

This scholarship is available to graduating high school seniors in the Pikes Peak Region (Districts 11, 20, 28, & 49) pursuing a degree in Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, or Mathematics (STEAM).

The high school or a feeder elementary/middle school must hold a PTA charter. Please pass on this opportunity to all students that qualify. Eligible students may obtain an apply online at [Contact Us \(epcpta.org\)](http://Contact Us (epcpta.org)). All paperwork must be postmarked no later than March 15.

Students should email the completed application, essay, and letters to me:

Kristy Hawkins....epcptascholarship@gmail.com

Student can mail the completed application directly to:

El Paso Council PTA  
Scholarship Committee  
2955 New Center Point #1005  
Colorado Springs, CO 80922

### **Latin American Educational Foundation**

The Latin American Educational Foundation (<https://www.laefcolorado.org/>) scholarship application is currently open, and they have extended the deadline!

**The deadline to submit your application is Friday, March 22, 2024, by 11:59 PM.**

Award amounts:

- \$3000 for 4-year degrees
- \$2000 for 2-year degrees/vocational

Eligibility Requirements:

- Colorado resident  
Applicants must graduate from a Colorado high school in May 2024.  
DACA and undocumented friendly. U.S. Citizenship and U.S. Permanent Residency not required.
- Self-identify and committed to serve the Latino community.
- Minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA (unweighted or weighted).
- Must be a high school student graduating in May 2024.

For more information and link to apply:

<https://laef.awardspring.com/Home/ScholarshipDetails/309731>.

## **CLASS OF 2024!**

### **Senior Reminders**

May 10 Last Day for Odyssey Seniors on Campus

May 10 Senior Awards Ceremony 8:00 to 9:00 a.m.

May 10 **Final Senior Meeting (Mandatory in person) 9:00 to 9:30 a.m.**

May 10 Senior Celebration Brunch (Seniors Only) 9:30 to 10:15 a.m.

**(Laptop /equipment return and yearbook pick up during brunch)**

May 11 Pikes Peak State College Graduation

May 12 ALL Obligations fulfilled (unpaid debts)



May 13 Name pronunciation due with Dr. Lamphere

**May 16 Graduation 9:00 a.m. (students report at 7:15 a.m. in the Dance Studio)**

## **Counseling Staff & Appointments**

**719-328-2088**

### **Katrina Everette**

Students Last Name N-Z

Office 719-328-2058

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[katrina.everette@d11.org](mailto:katrina.everette@d11.org)

Book an appointment [HERE](#)

### **Lisa Fowler**

Students Last Name A-K

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Cell 719-393-3423

[lisa.fowler@d11.org](mailto:lisa.fowler@d11.org)

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### **Taura Gandy**

Students Last Name L-M

Career Pathways A-Z

Office 719-328-2053

[taura.gandy@d11.org](mailto:taura.gandy@d11.org)

Book an appointment [HERE](#)

**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)

