



# APRIL

## SENIOR NEWSLETTER

LAST ONE!!!

### 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!

**COLLEGE PLANNING  
CHECKLIST FOR  
HIGH SCHOOL  
SENIORS:**

**[CLICK HERE!](#)**





# REQUESTING A TRANSCRIPT?

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

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## Sallie Mae

### Financial Aid resources to help students find the right fit!

Offer Comparison Worksheet  
Tips for Decoding  
Financial Aid offers

Find out more on this website:  
<https://www.salliemae.com/college-planning/financial-aid/financial-aid-offers>

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## J. Trenton Hughes KU Scholarship

Each year two Mill Valley High School students are recipients of the J. Trenton Hughes Scholarship. This scholarship will be given to two seniors that are attending the University of Kansas next fall. Each student will receive a one time award that is approximately \$1,985.00. Each student applying for this scholarship needs to submit their application which consists of extra-curricular activities (both school and community), discuss their goals and future plans, and tell why they feel that they are the best candidate for this scholarship.

Applications are available in the Counseling Office and must be turned in by Monday, April 22nd.

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## 2024 - 2025 FAFSA Issue Alerts: Open issues and workarounds.

— As we are aware, there are still technical issues within the FAFSA system, preventing numerous applicants from completing the form. Callers to the hotline have encountered hours-long hold times, and many report being disconnected without warning. Reaching a human being may not help since so many issues remain unresolved. For now, the only option that may provide a quick answer is the U.S. ED's full list of open issues and workarounds. Users must click on an open issue to expand it and see the suggested workaround. Not all open issues have workarounds presently. Any resolved issues are also posted, underneath the open list.

# The Cooper Davis Rise Above Scholarship

Each year one Mill Valley High School senior will be the recipient of the Cooper Davis Rise Above Scholarship. This scholarship is provided by the Cooper Davis Memorial Foundation - Fentanyl Awareness and Education.

This scholarship will be given to a senior who has overcome a unique obstacle. The recipient will receive a one time award of \$1,000. Included, but not limited to, examples of unique obstacles a student may have overcome might be:

- Drug misuse or substance use disorder
- GPA that suffered early on and has now been significantly raised
- Loss/grief
- Struggles with emotional health, anxiety, depression, etc
- A period of time when you made a lot of bad choices, but then decided to choose a better path for your life

Each student applying for this scholarship needs to submit the application with responses to the provided questions, discuss their goals and future plans, and tell why they feel they are deserving of this award. Copies of the application are available in the Counseling Office. Please submit applications by April 26, 2024

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## Rotary Club of Shawnee Dan Cook STEM Scholarship

The Rotary Club of Kansas is pleased to once again announce our annual \$1,000 Dan Cook Memorial STEM Scholarship, open to high school seniors who reside in Shawnee, Kansas and who are committed to pursuing higher education in a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics related field. The deadline to apply is Friday, April 26th.

Applications can be found in the Counseling Office..

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## Pittsburg State School of Science and Math

Pittsburg State University is launching a new program in partnership with Kansas City University (KCU) called the Accelerated Medical Path-Undergraduate Program (AMP-UP), designed for students interested in healthcare careers. To see details and apply go to this [link](#)





# Future U STEM Camp

We are excited to invite rising high school juniors and seniors to join us at Burns & McDonnell headquarters June 17-20 for the opportunity to connect with engineers, architects, technologists and construction professionals.

Along with engaging speaker sessions and hands-on activities, students will have the opportunity to visit two critical infrastructure projects and meet the professionals working on those projects. Students will also hear from college admission specialists who will talk about future education opportunities.

Join us for Future U from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. June 17-20. Space is limited. Application deadline is April 19. All applicants will be notified of their status by May 3.

More information can be found [here](#)

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## National Council of Jewish Women (JCJW) Greater Kansas City Section Scholarships

These scholarships are available to all seniors in the Greater Kansas City area regardless of race, religion or gender. Selections will be based on grades and ACT scores. The applicant must also demonstrate financial need. Along with the application, students need to furnish pages 1 and 2 of both parents' most recent Federal Income Tax 1040 Form. Deadline to apply is April 15th

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## 2024 Nurse Academy June 11th or 12th

Step into the shoes of a frontline nurse in this 1-day immersive experience. This amazing opportunity is hosted by The University of Kansas Health System in collaboration with the University of Kansas School of Nursing. Join us to learn more about the nursing profession, the impact you can make, and the lives you can change!!

What to expect: Hospital Department Tours  
Learn and Practice Skills

Explore Various Fields of Nursing

For information regarding this event, email  
[nurseacademy@kumc.edu](mailto:nurseacademy@kumc.edu)

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## Washburn University NE Kansas Advantage Scholarship

Full tuition award at Washburn University!  
You must be a full time student that resides in eligible counties (Visit their [website](#) for those counties). You must have a 3.0 or higher GPA on your high school transcript and also be Pell Grant eligible or have a household income of \$75,000 or less.



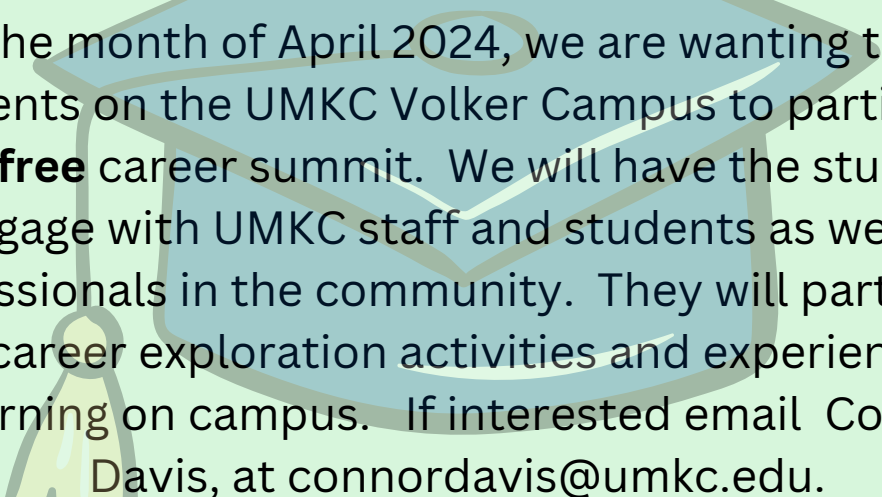


# Lockheed Martin STEM Scholarships

They are offering 100 renewable \$10,000 scholarships for students. Awards are open to individuals studying eligible engineering or computer science majors who demonstrate financial need. To be eligible applicants must:

- Be a U.S. Citizen
  - Be high school seniors with a 2.5 or above GPS
  - Be majoring or planning to major in Aerospace Engineering, Computer Engineering, Computer Science, Cyber/Cybersecurity, Electrical Engineering, Electrical and Computer Engineering, Industrial Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, Mathematics, Physics
  - Plan to enroll in full-time undergraduate study at an accredited four-year college or university in the United States
  - Demonstrate financial need
  - Be willing to consider internship opportunities with Lockheed Martin
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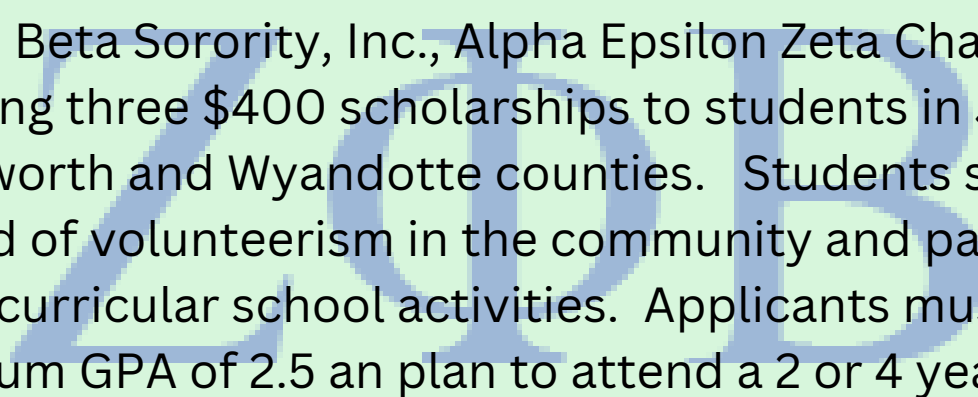
## UMKC Professional Career Escalators CAREER U Career Summit



For the month of April 2024, we are wanting to host students on the UMKC Volker Campus to participate in a **free** career summit. We will have the students engage with UMKC staff and students as well as professionals in the community. They will participate in career exploration activities and experience a morning on campus. If interested email Connor Davis, at [connordavis@umkc.edu](mailto:connordavis@umkc.edu).

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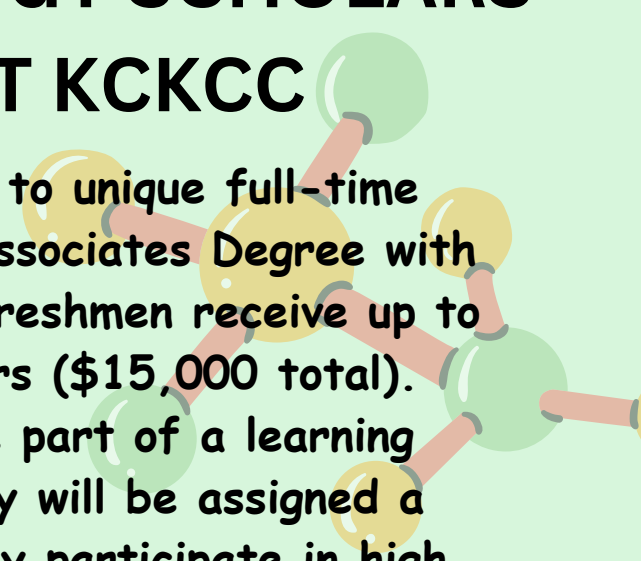
## Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Scholarship Opportunity



Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., Alpha Epsilon Zeta Chapter will be offering three \$400 scholarships to students in Johnson, Leavenworth and Wyandotte counties. Students should have a record of volunteerism in the community and participate in extracurricular school activities. Applicants must have a minimum GPA of 2.5 and plan to attend a 2 or 4 year college. For more requirements and to apply go to their [website](#). Application deadline is April 13th.

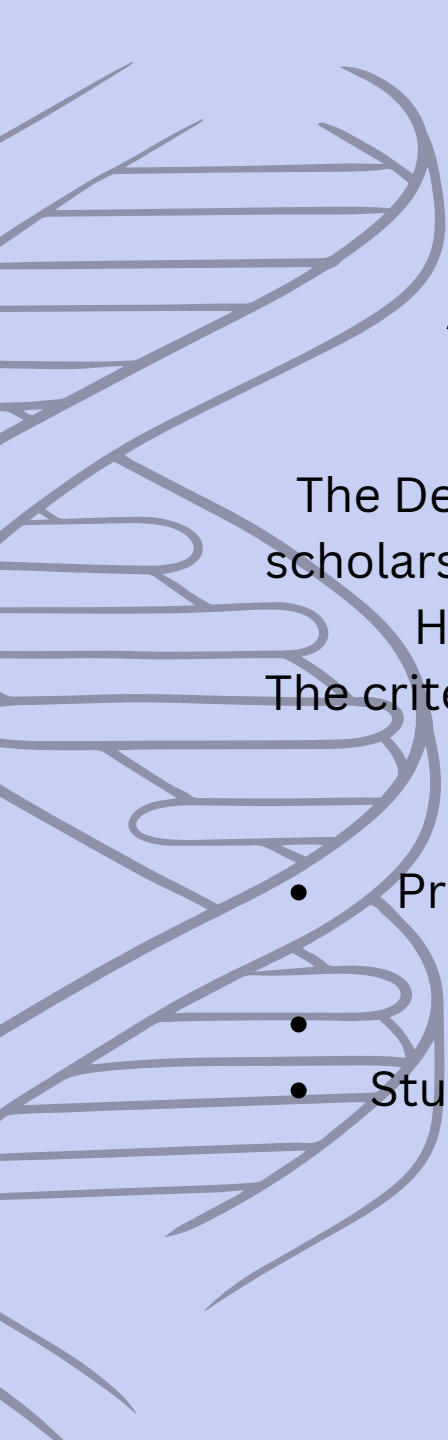
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## NSF S-STEM BIOLOGY SCHOLARS PROGRAM AT KCKCC



Scholarships will be awarded to unique full-time students who are pursuing an Associates Degree with a biology emphasis. Incoming freshmen receive up to \$7,500 annually for two years (\$15,000 total).

Scholarship recipients will be part of a learning community through which they will be assigned a faculty mentor and can actively participate in high impact science activities. For eligibility requirements and information on the application process go to this [link](#).



# DeSoto Teachers Association Scholarship

The DeSoto Teachers' Association is offering one \$400 scholarship for two high school seniors (one at Mill Valley High School and one at Desoto High School).

The criteria are essentially the best overall application on basis of merit and demonstrated need.

- Priority consideration for students interested in a career in education
- Students of current or retired DTA Members
- Students of USD232 Employees or teachers in other districts

Application deadline: April 15th

Click [here](#) to apply!

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## Old Shawnee Days Junior Pioneer Scholarship

This essay contest is open to all seniors that are Shawnee residents. The winner will receive a \$1,000 college scholarship. They are asking applicants to think back to a positive, memorable day spend in our city of Shawnee. Describe what you did, with whom, places you visited in Shawnee, and what made that day so memorable! When referring to individuals, please use only their title such as Grandma or Grandma Lorraine.

The application can be found on their [website](#). The deadline is Friday, May 3rd at 12 pm.

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## The Victory Project - The Foundation of Sporting Kansas City is offering a Scholarship for Emerging Sport Leaders



This \$5,000 scholarship aims to recognize and support outstanding high school students who demonstrate exceptional leadership skills, a passion for sports, and a commitment to making a positive impact in their communities. We believe that emerging sport leaders should have the opportunity to further their education and contribute to the sports industry.

Eligibility: High school senior with post-secondary education plans; a 2.5 GPA or higher; Students whose lives have been impacted by the sport of soccer; Demonstrated leadership skills and a commitment to community service. Students interested in this scholarship can [apply](#) by April 17th



# RODROCK VISION SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

- Rodrock Development is offering a total of \$20,000 in scholarships to be divided among a talented group of young people who believe:
- That the world can be a better place
- That they can help make it so

## Requirements:

- Be a member of a 2024 high school graduating class
- Live in a Rodrock community
- Plan to continue your education beyond high school (college, trade school, or other formal post-high school program)
- Complete a Rodrock Vision Scholarship Program application in writing and submit it no later than Friday, April 12, 2024.
- If you become a finalist, appear for an interview
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Applications will be available in the Counseling Office with Mrs. Sanders.  
Mail to: Rodrock Development, PO Box 15144,  
Lenexa, KS 66285

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## Knights for Knowledge Scholarship Opportunity at Kansas State University

The Beta Chi Chapter of Omega Delta Phi Fraternity Inc is extending an invitation regarding a scholarship opportunity tailored toward the underrepresented minority students at Kansas State University. They are offering a \$500 and \$250 scholarship, specifically targeting graduating seniors committed to furthering their education at Kansas State University. The application deadline is April 19th at 11:59 pm. The application can be found [here](#).

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## Rotary Club of Shawnee, KS Community Service Scholarship

The Rotary Club of Shawnee, KS is pleased to offer \$1,000 scholarships to each of three high school seniors (1) who are committed to volunteer service and (2) who either reside in the city of Shawnee or attend a high school located in the city of Shawnee. The three recipients will be selected from qualifying candidates who submit the paperwork by April 11th. Scholarship applications and the requirements can be found in the Counseling Office with Mrs. Sanders

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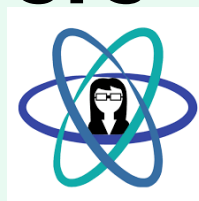
## JCCC Hosts Kansas Court of Appeals Tuesday, April 9th 9:30 - 11:30 am. Hudson Auditorium, NMOCA 217

Take an opportunity to see our judicial system in action. The Kansas Court of Appeals will hear oral arguments on the Johnson County Community College campus. This event is free and open to the public. You are welcome to quietly come and go during the session. The judges will hold a general Q&A session immediately following oral arguments. Please note they cannot answer questions specific to cases on the docket. To watch from off-campus, oral arguments will be livestreamed. A link will be posted on the Kansas Court of Appeals Visit [webpage](#) before the session.

# Northwest Missouri State University - Niche Direct Admission Partnership

We would like to share a new partnership we are launching next week in the event you have students asking you questions or mentioning it. Northwest has partnered with Niche and joins other state institutions (Missouri State, Missouri S&T, UCM, UMSL) to offer Niche direct admission to students who meet specified criteria. If your students are using Niche for their college search and meet our criteria, they may receive a direct admission offer from Northwest. This is a legitimate offer and interested students will receive a link to an onboarding form to fill out key information and confirm their offer. Encourage your students to complete this form entirely as it will gather some information that could make them eligible for additional scholarship dollars. As part of the onboarding form, students can also upload a copy of their transcript or put in your email information so we can request a transcript on their behalf. Additionally, we will continue to accept transcripts all the same ways we do now (email to [apply@nwmissouri.edu](mailto:apply@nwmissouri.edu), Parchment, etc.). While test scores are not required, we will still encourage students to submit them if available as it could only help, not hurt, their scholarship offer. Students do not have to use Niche to apply or show interest in Northwest. We will continue to have our free application on the Northwest website and that is where we will still receive a majority of applications.

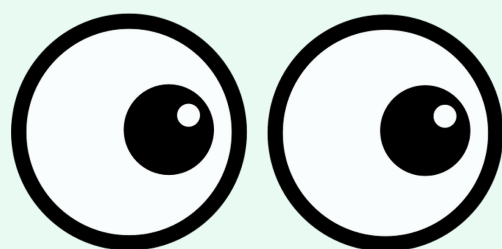
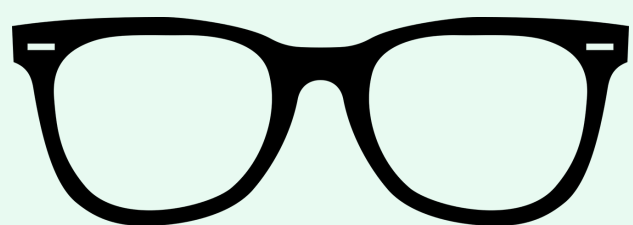
## Society of Women Engineers (SWE) Scholarships



SWE Scholarships support women interested in a Bachelor Program. Any student who identifies as a woman and pursue an ABET-accredited bachelor student program in preparation for careers in engineering, engineering technology, and fields related to engineering globally. For all SWE scholarships applicants complete one application and are considered for all scholarships for which they are eligible.

## Vision Care Associates Scholarship

Vision Care Associates is offering a \$500 scholarship to be awarded annually to an outstanding Mill Valley High School senior planning to continue his/her education after graduation at a college or vocational-technical school. Preference will be given to a student planning to major in science or math while pursuing an occupation in health care. Applications will be available in the Counseling Office with Mrs. Sanders. All applications must be turned in by April 15th, 2024.





# Subject: Technology Opportunity for Female Students

KC Tech Council is currently accepting online applications for LEGiT (Leadership and Empowerment for Girls in Tech) KC program. The program introduces girls to the wide variety of opportunities that come with tech careers in the KC area which include cybersecurity, software development, UI/UX, tech sales, product development, engineering, marketing and several others.

The goal is to ignite passion for the pursuit of a tech career where it may not have previously existed, and at a time when many young women are making the big decisions on their journey post high-school.

This new program, backed by Panasonic Energy, Burns & McDonnell, Meta, and other company partners, is meticulously designed to empower and equip female students in their final years of high school with comprehensive tech exposure, career pathway guidance, leadership opportunities and invaluable mentorship.

Please fill out the short application by April 15, 2024. Previous technology experience is not a prerequisite. Applicants simply need to have genuine interest in exploring the vast possibilities of a career in tech.

### QUICK LINKS

- [LEGiT Application](#)
- [www.LEGiTKC.org](http://www.LEGiTKC.org)

We are passing along an opportunity for female high school students entering their junior or senior years.

## Pittsburg State New Gorilla Scholarship Program

Pittsburg State now offers an exciting new scholarship program that is SO MUCH better than before! We removed the ACT requirement, made it renewable for all four years, and are accepting weighted GPA scores for the first time! And it's double or trip the amount of our old automatic Academic Achievement Award scholarships. This new program is effective immediately, even for 2024 graduates. For more information go to [this link](#)

