



MARCH

High School
Senior Year

**SENIOR
NEWSLETTER**

Timeline

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!

**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.

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.

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 Office of the State Bank Commissioner Division of Banking (OSBC) Scholars Essay Contest

The OSBC's annual Kansas Financial Scholars Essay Contest is open and available to high school seniors who will continue their education in Kansas. Five winners will be given a scholarship based on an essay that covers topics surrounding financial literacy. 1st place scholarship is \$3,000! Entry forms and essays are due by April 1, 2024.

For requirements and application visit:
KansasFinancialScholars.com

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.

JCCC IS ACCEPTING SPRING 2024 NAIL TECHNICIAN APPLICATIONS!

This is a 19 week program consisting of 16 credit hours, 350 contact hours, completed in one semester. This course provides theory and skill instruction in determining nail disorders and care as well as the artistic application of tips, overlays, and sculptured nails. Upon successful completion, students will be prepared to take the Kansas State Board of Cosmetology Manicurist examination.

Program dates and class schedule:

January 8 - May 25, 2024

Monday - Thursday, 5:30 pm - 9:30 pm

Saturday - 9 am - 1 pm

Class location: JCCC School of Cosmetology (West Park Campus)
9780 W. 87th St., Overland Park, KS 66212

As an EXCEL in CTE course, students will only have to pay for their books and supplies. More information can be found [here](#)

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

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

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.

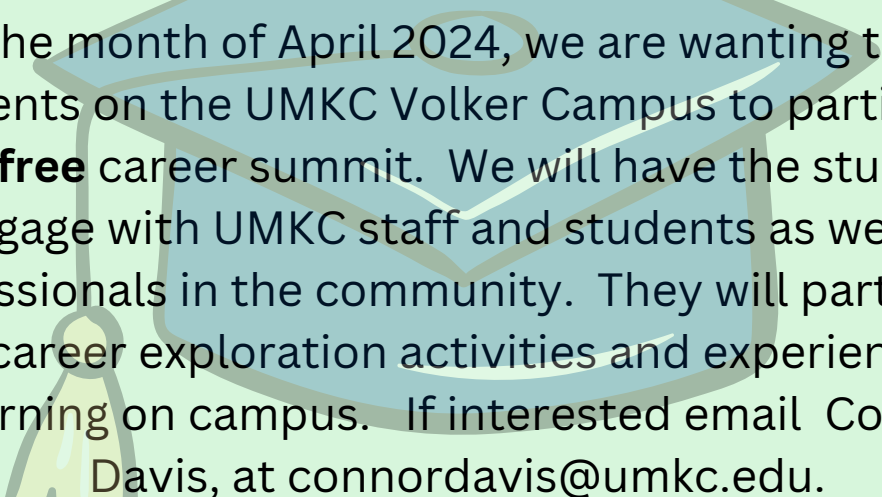


Lockheed Martin STEM Scholarships

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 GPA
 - 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.



Horatio Alger Association Scholarships

The Horatio Alger Association seeks to provide scholarship assistance to deserving students who have demonstrated integrity, determination in overcoming adversity, academic potential, the personal aspiration to make a unique contribution to society, strength of character and financial need. The Association awards 2 scholarships with a \$25,000 National scholarships and 7 students from the state of Kansas with \$10,000 scholarships. Deadline to apply is March 15th. For more information visit horatioalger.org



Executive Women International Kansas City

The Executive Women International (EWI) Scholarship Program is open to high school seniors who:

- Plan to pursue a degree at an accredited post-secondary institution
- Have demonstrated financial need
- Have a minimum 3.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale
- Have contributed to their community as demonstrated by their involvement in extracurricular activities, work, religious, civic or volunteer activities
- Are a legal resident of the United States

Please go to their website to apply. Applications are due March 25

Mill Valley Booster Club Scholarship

Each year, the Mill Valley Booster Club gives twelve \$500 scholarships to MVHS seniors whose parent(s)/guardians are members of the Booster Club. The 2024 scholarship application will be posted on the MV Booster Club Site on February 1, 2024 or you can pick one up from Mrs. Sanders in the Counseling Office. The submission deadline will be March 29, 2024. Scholarship requirements: Student must be a MVHS Senior. Student must have a 3.0 GPA.

Parent(s)/guardian must be a Booster Club member by December 21, 2023. Student must plan to attend a 2 or 4 year university, vocational or technical school.

Shelter Insurance Foundation Agent Scholarship

Shelter Insurance is offering a graduating Mill Valley senior a \$1,500 scholarship to the college, university, or trade school of your choosing! Applications will be available in the Counseling Office after the first of the year. The deadline to apply is March 31, 2024.

Shawnee Chamber of Commerce Scholarships

The Shawnee Chamber of Commerce Foundation has two scholarships available:

The Betty Charlton \$2,000 Scholarship was founded in memory of Betty Charlton, a former Chamber employee, to help students in Shawnee finance their education. We also have created a \$1,000 scholarship for students going into a trade, the SEDC Career Ready Scholarship. Applications, along with requirements can be found in the Counseling Office with Mrs. Sanders. Applications are due March 25th.

UMKC Career U Summit Friday, April 12th from 9 am - 1 pm

Come join us for a morning on the UMKC Volker Campus! The UMKC PCE-Career U Summit is **free** to attend with lunch provided. Students will get to engage with UMKC staff; Connect with Kansas City Professionals; Participate in college and career exploration activities. Sign up today!

Kansas State University

All University Open House

Come explore campus and see everything
K-State has to offer!

Saturday, April 6th from 9 am - 3 pm

For more information go to
k-state.edu/openhouse



Fort Hays State University (FHSU)

College of Health & Behavior Sciences Day

We will be hosting the spring College of Health and Behavioral Sciences day at Fort Hays State University on Friday, March 29th. This FREE event is open to high school seniors who are interested in careers in the health and behavioral sciences. Students will:

- Visit all six departments (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 and staff, and students in each department.

For more information and to sign up click [here](#).

Greater Kansas City Crime Stoppers and Metro Chiefs & Sheriffs Association Scholarship Essay Contest

The Great KC Crime Stoppers/TIPS Hotline and the Metropolitan Chiefs and Sheriffs Association are sponsoring a scholarship contest for high school students in Missouri and Kansas. Two winners, one from each state, will each receive a \$1,000 scholarship. Each student must submit a typed essay of 750 to 1,000 words on this topic:

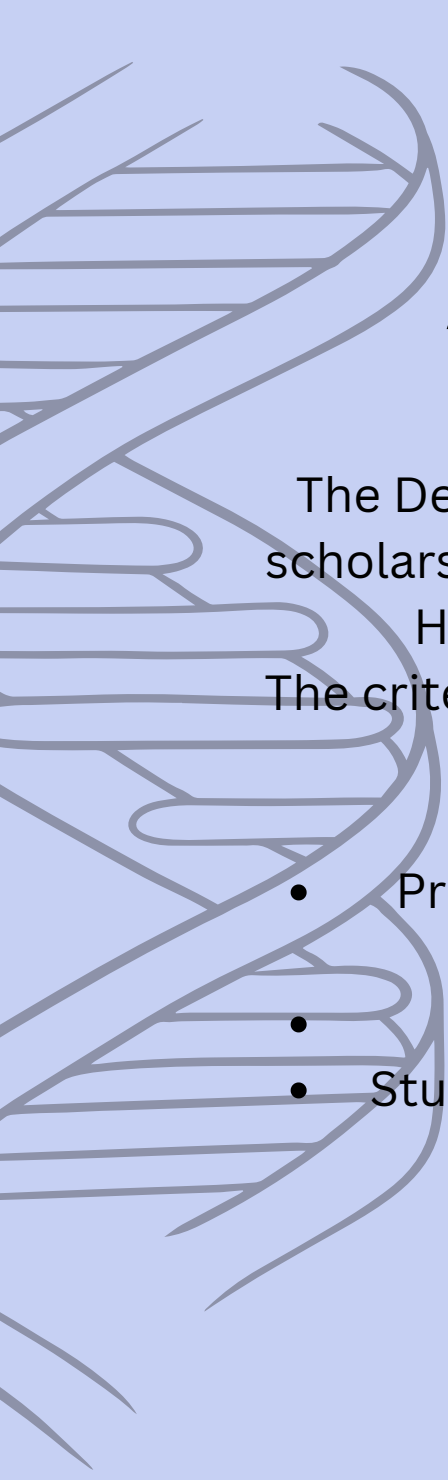
Serving the public as a Law Enforcement Officer is not for everyone. What would be the rewards and challenges of becoming a future Law Enforcement Officer today?

How can law enforcement entities help to encourage the next generation of upstanding young citizens to enter and stay in public service as a career?

For requirements, more information and the application, see Mrs. Sanders in the Counseling Office. Deadline to apply is March 31st

Automobile Dealers Association of Greater Kansas City Scholarship

The purpose of this scholarship is to provide assistance to students graduating from high schools in Johnson or Wyandotte counties in Kansas and Jackson, Cass, Clay or Platte counties in Missouri who are planning to pursue a degree in the automotive field. The deadline to apply is April 1, 2024. Please visit this website to fill out an on line [application](#)



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

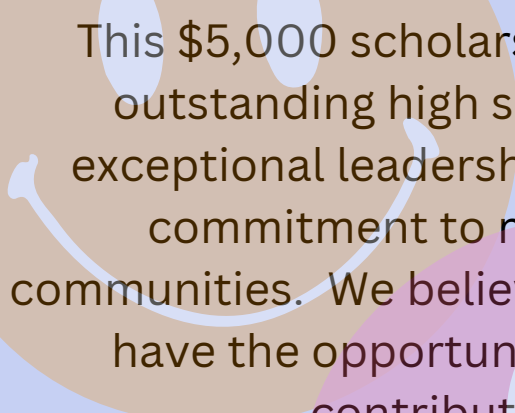
Click [here](#) to apply!

Kansas Masonic Foundation Scholarship Program

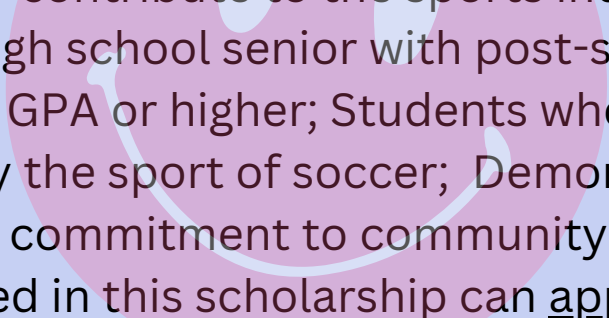
The Kansas Masonic Foundation seeks to demonstrate both our personal commitment and the heartfelt desire of Kansas Masons and donors to help advance education for the common good and well-being of our society. The purpose of these scholarships is to provide financial assistance to undergraduate students who are pursuing opportunities for personal and professional growth via higher education.

Criteria for general scholarships: Must be a Kansas resident; Must be attending one of the eligible Kansas Universities; Acceptance letter from University/College or copy of current college transcript; Enrolled in 12 credit hours per semester; Demonstrate financial need. Apply on line [here](#)
Deadline March 15, 2024

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

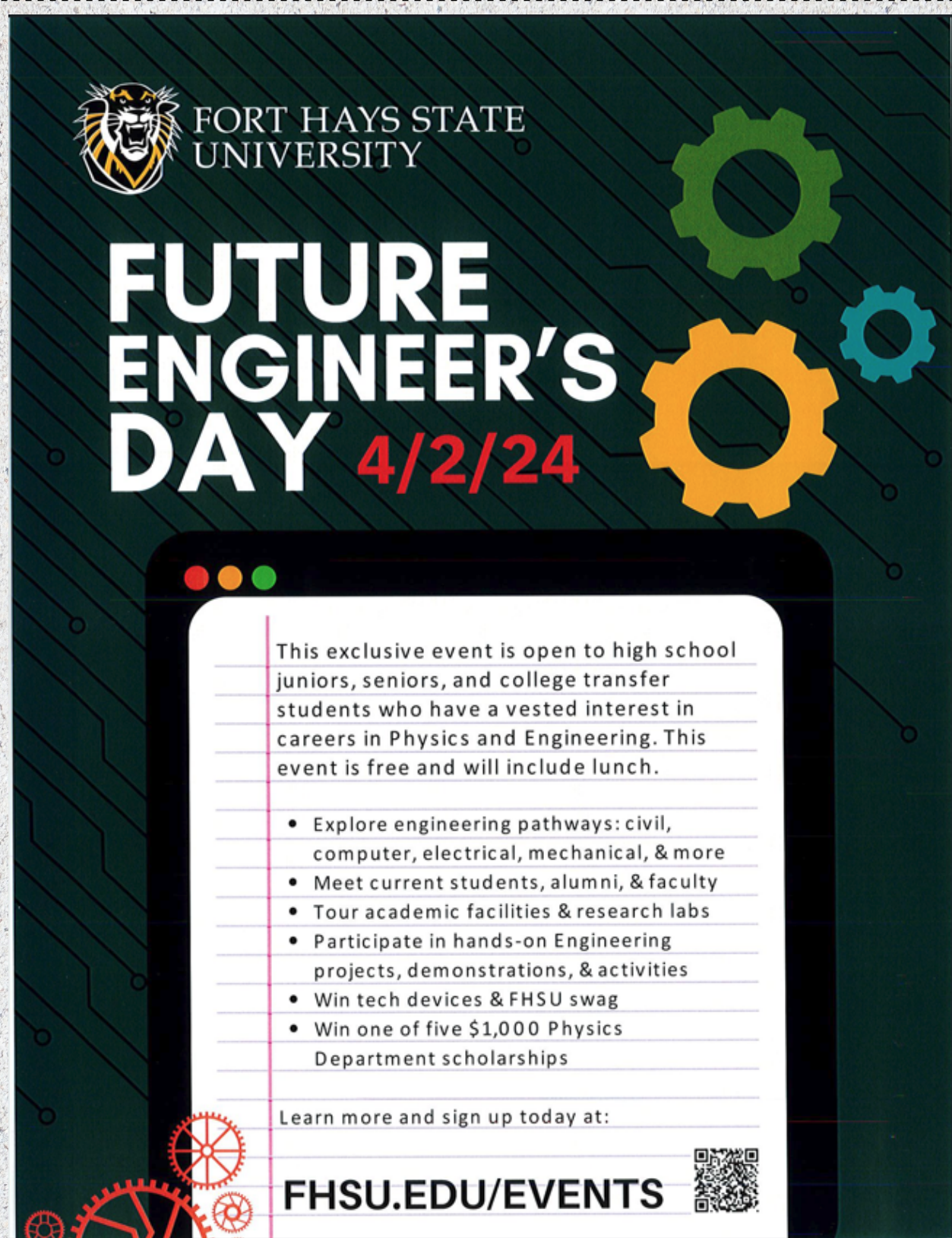
- Rodrock Development is offering a total of \$20,000 in scholarships to be divided among a talented group of young people who believe:
- That the world can be a better place
- That they can help make it so

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



The poster features the Fort Hays State University logo at the top left. The main title 'FUTURE ENGINEER'S DAY' is in large white letters, with the date '4/2/24' in red. To the right are three interlocking gears in green, orange, and teal. Below the title is a white box with a pink border containing event details. At the bottom left are three red gears, and at the bottom right is a QR code.

FORT HAYS STATE UNIVERSITY

FUTURE ENGINEER'S DAY 4/2/24

This exclusive event is open to high school juniors, seniors, and college transfer students who have a vested interest in careers in Physics and Engineering. This event is free and will include lunch.

- Explore engineering pathways: civil, computer, electrical, mechanical, & more
- Meet current students, alumni, & faculty
- Tour academic facilities & research labs
- Participate in hands-on Engineering projects, demonstrations, & activities
- Win tech devices & FHSU swag
- Win one of five \$1,000 Physics Department scholarships

Learn more and sign up today at:

FHSU.EDU/EVENTS

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

JCPRD Job Fair

JCPRD is gearing up for their job fair on Saturday, March 16th from 9 am - noon. This event is for any student that may be interested in summer, part-time and seasonal opportunities. They will be on the spot interviews!



The poster for the JCPRD Job Fair features a collage of four photos at the top: a lifeguard, a group of people on a boat, a group of people in green shirts, and three men in red shirts. Below the photos, the text reads "JCPRD Job Fair" in large orange letters, with a green shamrock to the left. To the right, it says "On the spot interviews!" in a cursive font. Below this, a yellow banner states "Now filling over 100 part-time & seasonal positions". The date and time are "Saturday, March 16 9 am to Noon", with a green shamrock between the date and time. The location is "JCPRD Administration Building, 7900 Renner Road, Shawnee, KS". A QR code is on the left, and a list of hiring areas is on the right: "We are actively hiring in these areas: Concessions, Outdoor Education, Aquatics & Marina, Children's Services, Okun Fieldhouse & Mid America West Sports Facilities, And more...Plus many volunteer opportunities!". A circular logo on the right says "NOW HIRING" and "Work where you play". At the bottom, it says "Call 913-826-3054 or visit JCPRD.com/jobs" and "JCPRD is an equal opportunity employer, a nationally accredited agency, and a National Gold Medal for Excellence Award Winner!".

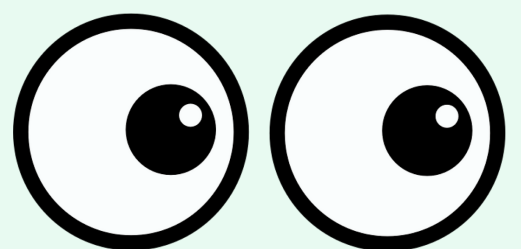
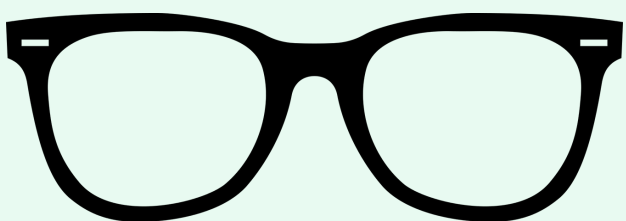
Society of Women Engineers (SWE) Scholarships



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.



Black and Veatch-KU Engineering Event

Are you a high school student interested in Engineering? Or do you know a high school student who is interested in Engineering? Please check out our upcoming Engineering event on March 27!

Registration for the KU + BV Engineering event (March 27) is now open. Please use the link below to register for the event.

Students will have the opportunity to meet current KU Engineering students and Alumni, learn about KU Engineering, hear from an Engineering panel, and more!

KU + BV Engineering Event
Date: Wednesday, March 27
Time: 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM
Location: 11401 Lamar Ave,
Overland Park, KS 66211

Register [here](#)

