

# GUIDANCE NEWSLETTER



## October 2025

### End of the First Nine Weeks

As we are approaching the end of the first nine weeks of school, please work on submitting any missing assignments, work with your teachers to make up missing quizzes and test.

How is your attendance? Don't let your attendance keep you from earning credit for all the work you have done for the quarter.

Let's start strong and end strong!

### Important Dates

- **Columbia College - Oct. 2nd**
- **College Fair - Oct. 7th at 8:45 - 9:30 in the AHS GYM (students only)**
- **Cogat Testing - Oct. 7th - 8th**
- **Senior Day - Oct. 10th (Rhodes - pick up items @ lunch )**
- **School closed - Oct. 13th & 14th**
- **FAFSA Info Night - Oct. 21st at 6:00 pm in the Community Room.**
- **End of 1st Qtr - Oct. 22nd**
- **PSAT - Oct. 23rd**
- **College Application Day- Oct 28<sup>th</sup> in the Media Center**
- **WIN- Oct. 29th - 30th (Select Seniors)**

### Jan. Grad Reminder:

Please return graduation forms to Guidance, by the Oct 25<sup>th</sup> deadline.

### Spring PACE Reminder:

Requests for Spring PACE Courses can be found [here](#). (Priority deadline is Nov 1st)

### AP/ IB Test Form Due Oct 15th:

Students who are taking an AP or IB course this year please return your test form agreements by the Oct 15<sup>th</sup> deadline.

### IGPs

All students are required to have an IGP meeting each year, where we review high school graduation requirements, testing plans, and educational or vocational goals beyond high school. We strongly encourage parents and guardians to join these very important meetings. Please be mindful of your current schedule and avoid selecting a meeting time if you have Algebra 1, English 2, Biology, or US History, as these classes have End of Course examinations, and we want to limit any missed class content. To schedule your meeting select your counselor below:

- Ms. Madensky will meet with Seniors, then Juniors and Pre-IB students. [Mrs. Madensky's IGPs](#)
- Ms. Hearn will meet with students under Special Education, 504 plans, and Multiple Language Learners. [Mrs. Hearn's IGPs](#)
- Mr. Painter will meet with Sophomores and Freshmen starting in October. [Mr. Painter's IGPs](#)

### World Mental Health Day

Let's all come together to talk about mental health and show everyone that mental health matters. Talking about our mental health can help us cope better with life's ups and downs. So, on World Mental Health Day and beyond it, why not check in with your friends, family, peers, or colleagues?

Let's show our school spirit and wear green on Oct 10th for World Mental Health Day.



# 2025 ED-OP COLLEGE

# FAIR

TUESDAY  
OCTOBER 7th



8:30-9:30 am  
AHS Mini Gym  
Juniors and Seniors

5:30-7:00 PM  
at HCS SCHOLARS ACADEMY  
on CCU Campus

- Please register for a barcode before the event at [www.StriveFair.com](http://www.StriveFair.com).

Show your barcode to colleges to share your information!



Students and Parents visit [StriveFair.com](http://StriveFair.com) to register, set your location to 50 miles and then choose Aynor High School Event. Barcode can be used at both locations

PARKING AVAILABLE IN  
CCU "GG" PARKING LOT  
-NO PASS REQUIRED



**THE EVENING EVENT IS OPEN TO ALL  
HORRY COUNTY STUDENTS & PARENTS!**



## Center for Educator Recruitment, Retention, & Advancement

# TEACHING FELLOWS

Application is now open

## Overview

The first-ever winner of the Dick and Tunky Riley WhatWorksSC Award for Excellence in Education, the South Carolina Teaching Fellows Program is designed to recruit high-achieving students into the teaching profession and to help them develop leadership qualities. Annual Program data can be found at <http://www.cerra.org/teaching-fellows-data.html>.

- The Program is funded annually by the General Assembly, and up to 230 awards are offered each year.
- Teaching Fellows receive up to \$24,000 in awards (up to \$6000 a year for four years) while they attend a Teaching Fellows Institution and pursue a degree that will lead to initial teacher certification.
- Teaching Fellows are provided numerous professional development and leadership opportunities above those offered through the institution's teacher preparation program.
- Teaching Fellows also are involved with communities and businesses through various service projects and partnerships with local schools.
- Teaching Fellows agree to teach in a South Carolina public school one year for every year they receive the Fellowship. Teaching Fellows loans not repaid through service in the classroom, must be repaid through financial means.

## Applying for Teaching Fellows

To apply for Teaching Fellows, students must be:

- a U.S. citizen or will be an eligible non-citizen under State Residency Statutes at the time of high school graduation (Please note - students categorized as Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) are not eligible for Teaching Fellows.)
- a legal resident of South Carolina (Please note - Residency will be verified by the Teaching Fellows Institution after a student has been offered an award.)

Students who wish to apply must complete an online application between October 1 and December 1 of their final year of high school. Two reference surveys; information about school/community involvement and/or work experience as well as leadership activities; a high school transcript with class rank included; and ACT and/or SAT test scores are collected through the application process. All complete applications are scored by an initial screening committee. Up to 500 qualifying applicants are invited to participate in the Teaching Fellows regional interviews, where they interview with a team of three

<https://apply.mykaleidoscope.com/program/TeachingFellows2025>

# LEDA LEADERSHIP ENTERPRISE for a DIVERSE AMERICA

Leadership Enterprise for a Diverse America (LEDA) empowers a community of exceptional young leaders from under-resourced backgrounds by supporting their higher education and professional success in order to create a more inclusive and equitable country.

## Our Program: LEDA for Life

### SUMMER INSTITUTE

**FREE** five-week Summer Institute at Princeton University and Yale University provides:

- Leadership training
- Writing classes
- College guidance and college trips
- ACT/SAT prep
- LEDA community
- Room, board, and travel **fully funded** by LEDA

### SENIOR YEAR

Throughout senior year, LEDA College Guidance offers:

- One-on-one college counseling
- Letters of recommendation
- Intensive feedback on application essays
- Funding for all application and testing fees
- Support applying for financial aid and scholarships

### COLLEGE AND BEYOND

In college, LEDA Scholars receive:

- Academic counseling and personal support from LEDA College Success
- Career counseling and development from the LEDA Career Network
- Support from LEDA's Peer Mentoring program
- Internship and job opportunities
- Financial support to attend LEDA community events

### SCHOLAR VOICES



**KENNETH, FAYETTEVILLE, NC**

LEDA Cohort 17

Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN • Class of 2027

“LEDA has empowered me to recognize the value of my voice and opinions, asserting their importance in spaces where they historically went unheard. The unwavering support and community from my counselors and peers have propelled me towards enduring success in college and beyond.”



**ANDRA, GREELEY, CO**

LEDA Cohort 10

Princeton University, Princeton, NJ • Class of 2019

“LEDA helped me to realize my value and what I was capable of. I applied and received admission to the top colleges in the world because of the guidance and support I got from LEDA.”



**BRANDON, LAS VEGAS, NV**

LEDA Cohort 14

Brown University, Providence, RI • Class of 2023

“I think LEDA was one of the very first times that I felt supported, that I felt like I could be myself, that I felt empowered by being around other students who came from a similar background.”

# Our Results



87% of LEDA Scholars have enrolled at one of the top 100 colleges in the U.S.



LEDA Scholars receive prestigious scholarships, including 56 Gates Scholars in college



LEDA Scholars receive outstanding financial aid: most Scholars have tuition, room, and board fully funded by their university

## Colleges with the most LEDA Scholars currently attending:



STANFORD UNIVERSITY



BROWN UNIVERSITY



UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA



YALE UNIVERSITY



COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY



UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA



HARVARD UNIVERSITY



MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY



WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY



PRINCETON UNIVERSITY



EMORY UNIVERSITY



CORNELL UNIVERSITY

## Apply to LEDA

### Who should apply?

- Junior attending public high school in the U.S., graduating in 2027
- U.S. Citizen, Permanent Resident, or DACA
- Annual household income under \$90,000
- Minimum unweighted GPA of 3.5

### Successful applicants demonstrate:

- A desire to be challenged academically
- A strong commitment to their studies
- A desire to be a leader in their families, schools, and communities
- A connection to LEDA's Core Values of Excellence, Integrity, Compassion, and Community

### Application Deadline

December 10, 2025

### Start Your Application

[ledascholars.org /apply](https://ledascholars.org/apply)

### Questions?

Email [recruitment@ledascholars.org](mailto:recruitment@ledascholars.org)

### More Information

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# Guidance Team

## Nicole Madensky

**Grades 11th and 12th, IB, & PACE. Mrs. Madensky is located  
in the Guidance Office, Room A118.**

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## Julie Hearn

**Special Education Counselor  
Homebound & 504 Coordinator, Mrs. Hearn, is located  
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## Michael Painter

**Grades 9th and 10th  
Mr. Painter is located in the Guidance Office, Room A123.**

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## Sonya Clark

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## Ashley Tyler

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