

## COLLEGE CONNECTION

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## KEY DATES

- **NOVEMBER 7**  
Registration Deadline for December 13  
ACT Test Date

## NOVEMBER 12

**NATIONAL SIGNING DAY**  
NCAA Early Signing Day

- **NOVEMBER 13**  
Career Connections Panel: Medical
- **NOVEMBER 24**  
Career Connections Panel: Engineering
- **NOVEMBER 24**  
Late Registration Deadline for December  
13 ACT Test Date

## SDHS ALUMNI

**Kennedy Mueller '21**  
*University of Missouri-  
Columbia '25*



Kennedy Mueller '21 was a multi-sport student-athlete at St. Dominic High School, competing in both Basketball and Golf. In addition, she was one of the first Head of House leaders and a student ambassador for the school. She continued pursuing leadership roles at Mizzou in the Delta Delta Delta sorority that included Director of Lifetime Membership and First Year Experience, as well as Vice President of Chapter Programming and Development. Kennedy recently graduated from the University of Missouri with a Bachelor of Health Science, minoring in both Business and Psychology while earning a Certificate for Sales and Customer Development. Kennedy is now the Associate Sales Representative for Stryker Upper Extremities.

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## SPOTLIGHT

**NOV**  
**12**

## NATIONAL SIGNING DAY

Congratulations to our student-athletes who are signing with their respective schools to play collegiate athletics next year!

## Signing Day Ceremony

7:00am - Main Gym  
*Open to all students*

Emma Mechlin - University of South Carolina (Equestrian)  
Leah Bodmer - St. Louis Community College (Volleyball)  
Anna Birkenmeier - DePauw University (Soccer)  
Madison Miller - Culver-Stockton (Softball)  
Addison Burroughs - Columbia College (Volleyball)  
Abi Mandrell - Missouri Baptist University (Softball)  
Emma Keele - Maryville University (Volleyball)

Heidi Zeigler - Lindenwood University (Track and Field)  
Marisa Schnurbusch - Culver-Stockton (Soccer)  
Drew Laramie - Columbia College (Baseball)  
Natalie Frazier - Maryville University (Volleyball)  
Isabella Daniel - Mount Mercy (Golf)  
AJ Flamm - Moberly Area CC (Baseball)



## HELPFUL Tips

## Scholarship Essay

A **scholarship essay** is a written piece that students submit as part of an application to win a scholarship—financial aid awarded based on academic merit, achievements, background, or specific criteria set by the scholarship provider.

## Purpose:

The goal is to persuade the scholarship committee that you are the best candidate for the award.

## What Makes a Good Scholarship Essay:

- ✓ Clear focus and structure (*introduction, body, conclusion*)
- ✓ Authenticity – *your real story, not what you think they want to hear*
- ✓ Specific examples – *show, don't just tell*
- ✓ Connection to the scholarship's mission – *tie your goals or values to what the organization stands for*
- ✓ Proper grammar and tone – *proofread carefully*

## SCHOLARSHIP ESSAY TIPS



## GUIDANCE Focus

### A+ Scholarship Program

The A+ Scholarship Program is a merit-based scholarship that provides scholarship funds to eligible graduates of A+ designated high schools who attend participating public community colleges or vocational/technical schools, or certain private two-year vocational/technical schools.

#### Student Eligibility Requirements

- Be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident.
- Enter into a written agreement with your high school prior to graduation.
- Attend a designated A+ high school for 2 years prior to graduation.
- Graduate from an A+ designated high school with an overall unweighted grade point average of 2.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale.
- Have at least a 95% attendance record overall for grades 9-12.
- Perform at least 50 hours of unpaid tutoring or mentoring, of which up to 25% may include job shadowing prior to graduation.
- Maintain a record of good citizenship and avoid the unlawful use of drugs and/or alcohol while in grades 9-12.
- Have achieved a score of proficient or advanced on the Algebra I end of course exam or a higher level DESE approved end-of-course exam in the field of mathematics.



## COLLEGE Planning

### Scholarship

- Where is the money? Check out our live list of FREE scholarships that you can apply for!
- Also, check out these popular search engines to locate more scholarships specific to your student:

[My Scholarship Central](#) | [Scholarships.com](#)

**2025-2026  
SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION**

### SCOIR CHECKLIST

- ☐ Complete your profile
- ☐ Add colleges to your list (e.g., "Considering" or "Applying")
- ☐ Request teacher recommendations
- ☐ Request transcripts
- ☐ Update application status (e.g., submitted, accepted)
- ☐ Indicate your final college choice



## HELPFUL Links

#### ► College Guidance

[stdominichs.org/academics/college](http://stdominichs.org/academics/college)

#### ► Scoir

[scoir.com](http://scoir.com)

#### ► Scholarships

[fastweb.com](http://fastweb.com) | [myscholly.com](http://myscholly.com)

#### ► FAFSA

[studentaid.gov](http://studentaid.gov)

#### ► Common App

[commonapp.org](http://commonapp.org)

#### ► NCAA Eligibility

[web3.ncaa.org/ecwr3](http://web3.ncaa.org/ecwr3)

#### ► ACT

[act.org](http://act.org)

#### ► SAT

[satsuite.collegeboard.org](http://satsuite.collegeboard.org)



## NOVEMBER COLLEGE Visits

Students of all grade levels have the unique opportunity to connect with college representatives during Empower Hour in the Eisenbath Atrium. **The following colleges will be on campus during the dates noted below.**



SAINT LOUIS  
UNIVERSITY  
EST. 1818

Saint Louis University  
11/5/25



University of Mississippi  
11/6/25



UHSP  
University of Health  
Sciences & Pharmacy  
11/13/25



Drury University  
11/19/25

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