

I'm reaching out to share about Summer 2026 opportunities through [Vanderbilt Programs for Talented Youth \(PTY\)](#). Based on your position, I thought you might know of students who would be interested in PTY opportunities.

**PTY is now accepting applications for the following summer experiences:**

**[Vanderbilt Summer Academy \(VSA\)](#)** | A one-week program where students explore new ideas in a choice-based course, dive into advanced material, and join a community of high-achieving students from around the globe. *Options for rising 7th-12th grade students.*

**[Vanderbilt Summer Institutes \(VSI\)](#)** | A two-week program for rising high school juniors and seniors where they tackle complex courses led by Vanderbilt faculty and experience what university-level learning really feels like. *Options for rising 11th-12th grade students.*

**[Vanderbilt Mentor Immersion \(VMI\)](#)** | Students closely with an expert mentor in a field they are passionate about—no matter where they live. Students collaborate with a small group of driven peers, deepen their understanding of a discipline, and complete a capstone project. *Summer options for rising 11-12 grade students.*

**[SAVY & Career Connections at SAVY](#)** | Weeklong summer classes designed for high-achieving students to explore accelerated subjects. Taught by master teachers and Vanderbilt faculty, staff and graduate students, SAVY programs challenge students in fun, engaging ways. *Options for rising 1st-8th grade students.*

**Course descriptions and application information is posted on the PTY website. We hope you will share this information with parents and students.**

**<https://pty.vanderbilt.edu/>**

*PTY is committed to making programs available to academically advanced students regardless of a family's ability to pay the full tuition. Therefore, need-based financial aid is available based on income.*

Please reach out to us if you have any questions.

Regards,

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