January 30, 2026

Good afternoon! This week, you will find information on many topics including a message for seniors regarding mid-year transcripts; a virtual fair opportunity; in-school activities, including a senior scholarship studio opportunity on February 9th - sign up required; a great amount of information on scholarships, including articles and MANY updated scholarships opportunities; out of school opportunities; and summer activities, including experiences offered through various colleges.

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Mid-year Transcripts - Seniors

Required mid-year transcripts have been sent to institutions. If you need a mid-year transcript sent to a school not on Common App/Xello, please email Dr. Maloney with the school name and email address for transcripts. Mid-year transcripts are available to all seniors to view on Xello.

1. Login to Xello
2. Hover over “Plans”
3. Click on “College Applications”
4. Scroll down to “Transcripts”, you will be able to click on the transcript and view.

Virtual College Fair

We are sad that the NACAC College Fair has been postponed. In the meantime, you can participate in the NACAC Virtual College Fair.
The Virtual NACAC Hosted Fair is coming up on Sunday, February 1st.
This virtual fair is a great opportunity for you and your students to connect with college representatives from across the country, all from the comfort and convenience of their computers. All high school students, transfer students, high school or college counselors, and families are welcome to register for this complimentary event.
Date and Time:
Sunday, February 1st, 2026
1:00 PM - 6:00 PM ET

View the list of exhibiting colleges and universities.

In School Activities

Senior Scholarship Studio
Attention Seniors! The Senior Scholarship Studio provides seniors with dedicated time and support to search for scholarships, complete applications, and work on essays. Students can attend with a specific scholarship or to get started. Bring a charged device and any materials you have. Use the link below to sign up for assistance with scholarships.
Date: Monday, February 9, 2026
Time: Mods A-D, sign up for all or any you can attend
Location: LGI
Sign up Link
Please sign up by Friday, February 6th, 2026.

AW Beattie Application and Application Night
The AW Beattie Application is now open.
AW Application Information Link as and Website
AW Beattie Website
Important Dates:
Application Night - February 10, 2026, 6:30pm - 8:00pm - meet with a representative from AW Beattie and get assistance with your application.
Open House - Thursday, March 5th - 5:30pm - 8:00pm. AW Beattie is holding an open house - come and see the many programs and opportunities available at AW Beattie - Open House Flyer
See Dr. Maloney or Mrs. Levis with any questions.

Instant Decision Day - Slippery Rock University
Date: Friday, February 12, 2026
Time: 11:00 - 11:30 - into lunch if needed
To save time, complete these items
Sign up for the event, using this link: https://forms.gle/oLc92S5o5zT4PyYf6
Go to: https://admission.sru.edu/apply/
Register a NEW Account as a First Year, First Time Student and complete the application - this takes about 15 minutes - easy application
You DO NOT need to pay the application fee, it will be waived during the instant decision day
Let Dr. Maloney know if you need assistance or have any questions.

UPMC Sports Medicine Career Day Program

On Wednesday, March 4, 2026, UPMC Sports Medicine will be hosting our Virtual Sports Medicine Career Day. The Career Day program is geared toward high school students interested in a career in sports medicine. The program will be approximately 2.5 hours long and will feature a variety of career opportunities supporting athletes of all types. Each speaker will give a 15-minute introduction to their career which will include information such as educational background, job opportunities, salary, future of the profession, what interested them in their career choice, and an example of a typical day. The program may vary, but anticipated presenters include an athletic trainer with both professional sports and one in the performing arts, physician assistant, sports nutritionist, physical therapist, a program director/clinical coordinator for an athletic training program and more. The finalized program will be sent to those expressing interest in attending, and students will have an opportunity to email their questions to the speakers ahead of time. This program will take place via Microsoft Teams. Students and/or high school staff can begin logging in at 8:15 am, with presentations beginning at 8:30 am, and concluding at 10:50 am.
Students interested in participating should email Dr. Maloney for space to watch the event
Information Link
Registration Link

Scholarship Roundups & Guides

1. Fastweb – Top Scholarships for 2026
A comprehensive calendar and listing of scholarships that are opening (and closing) throughout 2026, with deadlines, award amounts, and application tips for students. This guide is regularly updated and includes opportunities for high school seniors, current college students, and graduate applicants.
2. Fastweb – Top Scholarships for High School Seniors: Class of 2026
A focused article specifically about scholarships aimed at high school seniors graduating in 2026, including tips on merit- and need-based awards and how to organize applications throughout the year.
3. Scholarships.com – High School Senior Scholarship Directory
A searchable directory of thousands of scholarships specifically categorized by school year, including High School Senior listings with millions in total awards available. This is a great resource to help students find opportunities they are eligible for.
4. Going Merry – 25 National Scholarships for High School Seniors in 2026
A curated list of well-recognized national scholarships that seniors should consider applying to, especially for the Class of 2026.
5. Bold.org – Top National Scholarships for 2026 & No-Essay Options
Bold.org maintains detailed collections of scholarships by type (national, no-essay,

specific majors, etc.) with award amounts and deadlines, useful for seniors seeking multiple application options.
6. The Ultimate Guide to College Scholarships
We've gathered scholarships for students with various GPAs, talents, and even heights. (You read that right: heights.)

Scholarships

Scholarships are updated in Xello under College Planning, then scholarships. Also, all GoingMerry scholarships are listed on the Avonworth High School Counseling website: https://ahs.avonworth.k12.pa.us/counseling-office
February Going Merry Scholarship Link

William and Debrah Pettigrew Scholarship - NOTE DEADLINE!
Bill Pettigrew will provide a donation of $10,000 to be utilized for an annual $1,000 scholarship for a graduating high school student who wishes to attend college to become a teacher. Both Bill and his late wife Debrah, worked over 50 years in public education. Debrah was a speech and language instructor, and Bill was a long-time superintendent of schools and an original, and founding father member of the PARSS board
The criteria for submissions are as follows:
Student must have a cumulative high school 2.5 GPA or better
Submission of a merit essay describing academic and professional goals including why those goals were chosen and what has been done thus far to prepare for postsecondary education (300-900 words; 2-4 pages)
Express a clear intent to pursue a career in teaching.
Student must be accepted for enrollment to a four-year institution for teacher preparation
The chosen essay will be presented to the individual with a check and certificate during the Pennsylvania Association of Rural and Small Schools Conference at the Wyndham Hotel in Boalsburg, Pa. April 30, 2026.
Due: February 1, 2026
Application Link

2026 PACAC Scholarship - NOTE DEADLINE!
Four students will be selected for the $1,000 PACAC Scholarship, and one student will be selected for the $1,500 Benjamin James Memorial Scholarship.The deadline to apply is February 2, 2026 at 11:59pm ET. More information about the scholarship, and the application, can be found here: http://www.pacac.org/pacac-scholarship
Scholarship Poster

Due: February 2, 2026

The Pennsylvania Society Semiquincentennial Scholarship Award
DUE TO SNOW-RELATED SCHOOL CLOSINGS ACROSS THE COMMONWEALTH, THE DEADLINE FOR THE INTIAL INTEREST FORM HAS BEEN EXTENDED TO 2/4/26
In honor of America's Semiquincentennial, we have reimagined this year's scholarship contest criteria. The scholarship is open to all current Pennsylvania public high school juniors (Class of 2027.) Candidates will be asked to complete our Initial Interest Form, linked below, and then prepare and record a short video presentation based on one of the following prompts:
Prompt #1: Discuss the significance of America's 250th anniversary to Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, or your own town.
Prompt #2: Discuss what you believe will be important in the next 250 years of America's history.
Prompt #3: Discuss your own personal involvement in celebrating America's 250th anniversary citing examples in your own area.
Initial Interest Form Link **[DUE 2/4/26]**
Full Guidelines & Due Dates
Juniors

First Commonwealth Bank College Scholarship Program
Our mission is to improve the financial lives of our neighbors and their businesses. There is no better way to give back to the community than through the education of area youth, which is why we are excited to offer the First Commonwealth Bank Scholarship Fund. The 2026 Scholarship program is now accepting applications. Please click here to apply online. For a complete set of rules, please click here. The deadline to submit your application is Friday, February 27, 2026, at 5:00 p.m.
Due: February 27, 2026

The Lola G. Duff and William H. Duff, II Scholarship
This scholarship was established under the will of Lola G. Duff and is administered by PNC Bank, NA, Trustee, to assist Allegheny County, PA students who are of Protestant faith, and attending or planning to attend a full-time program leading to an initial bachelor's degree. Renewable scholarships are offered each year for full-time study at an accredited four-year institution of the student's choice.
The program is administered by Scholarship America®, the nation's largest designer and manager of scholarships and other education support programs for corporations, foundations, associations, and individuals. Eligibility for individual programs is

determined at the sole discretion of the sponsor, and eligible applications are reviewed by Scholarship America's evaluation team.
Awards will be classified in two categories; merit and financial need. A student could receive an award in both categories, but must complete an application for each category for consideration. Click the appropriate button below for more information on each program and to access the applications:
Financial Need Scholarship Link
Merit-Based Scholarship Link
Due: March 4, 2026

Ron Main Scholarship for Education and Innovation
We're excited to announce that applications for the 2026 Ron Main Scholarship for Education and Innovation are now available! This scholarship honors our late founder, Ron Main, and his commitment to education and technology innovation. Completed scholarship applications should be emailed to scholarship@questeq.com by the application deadline.
Application Link
Due: March 10, 2026

Hagan Scholarship Foundation
The Hagan Scholarship is a nationwide need-based merit scholarship, designed to provide recipients with the opportunity to graduate college debt-free. Applicants must attend a traditional public high school governed by a school district. Free workshops, Free Schwab Brokerage Accounts and Free Study Abroad provide recipients with a practical understanding of important life skills not typically covered in the school curriculum. Recipients graduating college while in the Hagan Scholarship Program can apply for a Hagan Graduate Scholarship good for up to four additional consecutive semesters.
Information Flyer
Application Link
Due: March 15, 2026

Lenzner Family Award
The Lenzner Family Award was created to assist a student with financial need who has shown great academic improvement over the years and plans to attend a post-secondary educational program. The two winners (one female and one male) will be announced at the annual high school awards event. Each award is worth $1,000 and is a one-time disbursement (non-renewable).
Application Link
Due: March 27, 2026

Seniors

Ryan Ballou/Southall Scholarship
This award recognizes students for their promotion of a positive environment for the benefit of the Avonworth community.
Criteria*: Open to all high school students (grades 9-12). The applicant must submit a 500 word essay explaining their service/activities. Your counselor must sign the application as a formal nomination and screening process.
Application Link
Due: March 27, 2026
All students grades 9-12

Avon Club Scholarship
The Avon Club Scholarship is a $3,000 scholarship awarded annually to a female senior student residing within the Avonworth School District. Senior students residing Avonworth High School as well as private and home school students are eligible, but the student's home address must be located within the Avonworth School District footprint.
Application Link
Due: April 6, 2026
Female Seniors

Westinghouse Women in Nuclear Engineering (WIN) Scholarship
The scholarship is geared towards local high school females graduating this spring who are pursuing a bachelor's degree in engineering, mathematics, or physical sciences. This year's scholarship recipient will receive $3,000 to support them in their STEM studies! The attached scholarship application must be completed, along with the video essay, and submitted by April 10th, 2026.
Application Link
Printed Application
Informational Flyer
Due: April 10, 2026

Tzu Chi USA Scholarship
The Tzu Chi USA Scholarship, funded by the Buddhist Tzu Chi Foundation, provides financial assistance to outstanding college-bound high school graduates and returning undergraduate scholars within selected regions of the United States. Scholars are selected based on financial need, academic pursuit(Commitment to continuing education at a college or university), and a strong commitment to community

involvement. Applications are now open! Please ensure your application is submitted by the April 15, 2026 deadline.
Information Link
Application Link
Due: April 15, 2026

Beaulah Frey Environmental Scholarship
ASWP awards one $2,500 scholarship to a graduating high school senior from our service area of Allegheny, Armstrong, Butler, Beaver, Fayette, Washington, and Westmoreland counties. Students who are applying to two or four-year colleges to further their studies in an environmentally-related field are eligible to apply.
Application Link
Information Website
Due: April 25, 2026

BigSun Scholarship
The BigSun Organization is proud to be able to continue to help young athletes succeed in their academic pursuits. We are offering an annual scholarship to a deserving student. All student athletes are eligible for this award, regardless of which sport they are participating in or what their capacity in that sport is.
Deadline - **June 19, 2026**
Amount of Award - **$500.00**
The successful applicant will be a high school senior or be attending a post secondary institute and currently involved in some sport at that institution or in the community..
Please visit our website at http://www.bigsunathletics.com to learn how to apply.

High Point Junior Scholars Program
To qualify for membership into the Junior Scholar Program, students must meet the following requirements:

- Current junior in high school
- If submitting test scores:
    - 3.45-4.0 GPA (unweighted, 4.0 scale)
    - Evidence Based Reading & Math SAT Score between 1220-1600
    - ACT Score between 25-36
- If not submitting test scores:
    - 3.6-4.0 GPA (unweighted, 4.0 scale)
- Leadership and achievement in one or more of the following activities: an area of academic interest, community service, the arts, athletics, entrepreneurial endeavors or international adventures

Junior Scholars have the unique opportunity for non-binding early acceptance to High Point University and will receive an initial $2,500 scholarship per year to HPU, totaling $10,000 over four years. If an admitted applicant is eligible for any HPU merit-based scholarships in excess of $2,500 per year, the higher scholarship will be awarded in its place. The Junior Scholars Scholarship is contingent on the student enrolling at High Point University.
Email Dr. Maloney a current resume and cover letter for consideration.
Deadline: March 31, 2026
Current juniors interested in High Point University

Other Scholarship Opportunities

These options are also listed on the Future Ready Hub - https://asdfutureready hub.my.canva.site/#page-t

1. **Xello -** All listed scholarships on the Future Ready Update can also be found on Xello. Xello also has scholarship opportunities available. Use your Xello login and go to:
    a. Plans
    b. Scholarships
    c. Complete the profile and begin searching for scholarships
2. **Going Merry** – A one-stop platform where students can create a profile and get matched to scholarships they qualify for, apply online, track deadlines, and manage applications in one place. help.earnest.com+4Going Merry+4Going Merry+4
   Link: https://app.goingmerry.com/counselors/home
3. **The Pittsburgh Foundation – Scholarship Search** – A local (PA region)-focused scholarship portal offering hundreds of funds administered in and around the Pittsburgh area. Great especially for students in Western PA. pittsburghfoundation.org+2pittsburghfoundation.org+2
   Link: https://pittsburghfoundation.org/scholarshipsearch
4. **Fastweb** – A national scholarship database of over 1.5 million scholarships (valued at billions of dollars). Students fill out a profile and get matched to awards they are eligible for. mefa.org+3Fastweb+3Fastweb+3
   Link: https://www.fastweb.com/
5. **CareerOneStop – Scholarship Finder** – Sponsored by the U.S. Department of Labor; this tool lets students search more than ~9,500 scholarships, grants and fellowships for a wide range of training/education paths (not just 4-year college). careeronestop.org+2careeronestop.org+2
   Link: https://www.careeronestop.org/Toolkit/Training/find-scholarships.aspx

6. **BigFuture (by College Board) – Scholarship Search** – Offers a searchable database of scholarships and also has monthly drawing-type awards ($500 and $40,000) for students who complete key college-planning steps. BigFuture+2BigFuture+2
   Link: https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/
7. **Scholarships.com** – (Not directly cited in these sources, but widely known) A broad scholarship search engine where students can filter by major, interest, state, etc.
   Link: https://www.scholarships.com/
8. **ScholarshipOwl** – (Also not directly cited here) Another platform that aggregates scholarship opportunities and helps with streamlined applications.
   Link: https://scholarshipowl.com/

Out of School Activities

Engineering Events - University of Dayton

Explore Engineering is a FREE event where your students can learn about a career in engineering, engineering technology, computer science or physics and what makes a University of Dayton degree unique. They'll participate in hands-on activities in our labs, meet our faculty and current students, and tour our campus and facilities.

In addition, the Women Engineering Program and the Multi-Ethnic Engineers Program are hosting WEP/MEP Connect — a special event where your students can grab lunch on campus or bring their own, then engage with students in the programs to hear how they're making connections, finding community, and getting involved in the School of Engineering and beyond. This session is open to any and all Explore Engineering participants and their families.

Our spring Explore Engineering event is geared toward high school juniors and sophomores. We encourage seniors who are accepted to UD to attend an admitted student event, as the activities are geared toward their next steps.

Explore Engineering Details
Saturday, Feb. 28
11 a.m.: Optional campus tour
Noon: Lunch on your own or optional WEP/MEP Connect session
1 to 5 p.m.: Explore Engineering program

Space is limited and registration is required. Registration will close on Friday, Feb. 20, or when full. Please encourage your students to register today to secure their spots! You can also download this flyer to share with your students.

Sheet Metal Workers - Apprenticeship Application

Earn while learning your trade, healthcare, retirement, industry leading wages. CCAC College Credits. Representing over 70 contractors. AWS Welding Certifications.

Test date: March 28, 2026
Application Deadline: March 23, 2026
www.sheetmetalapprenticetraining.com
Information Link

Summer Activities

Summer Matchpoint
Summer is more than just a break from school—it's a chance to explore new interests, build skills, and make meaningful connections. At College MatchPoint, we've curated a range of opportunities to help high school students discover their passions and grow in ways that align with their personal and academic goals. Whether you're looking to gain hands-on experience, dive deeper into an area of interest, or simply try something new, this resource is here to guide you.
Information Link

RxPlore Summer 2026 - University of Pittsburgh School of Pharmacy
July 24 – 26 2025 from 9am-4pm at the University of Pittsburgh School of Pharmacy
Created for rising high school juniors and seniors, RxPLORE is a professional summer camp that provides exposure to the critical role pharmacists play within healthcare. If you already have a passion for pharmacy or are just starting to explore career options within the healthcare field, RxPLORE is right for you! Form valuable connections with faculty and current pharmacy students while you explore some of the many career options available for a PharmD!
More information and registration - https://www.rxplore.pharmacy.pitt.edu/

Bucknell Academy Summer Experience (BASE)
BASE is a residential experience where students work together to tackle real-world challenges in innovative ways. Our 6-day program immerses students in Bucknell's interdisciplinary approach to the liberal arts, with instruction from our top-tier professors.
This year's theme: Human-Centered Communication in a Digital Era
When: June 21-26, 2026
Who: Rising sophomores, juniors and seniors in high school are welcome to apply
Deadline: March 14, 2026
Information Link

Summer Hoya - Georgetown University Summer Program
Attend Georgetown's Hoya Summer High School Sessions and live on our historic hilltop campus, meet classmates from around the world, and earn college credit—all while experiencing the excitement of college life. Choose from 1-, 2-, and 3-Week Academies, our College Prep Program, and Summer College. Attend lectures, work on

projects, or visit local D.C. institutions by day. Enjoy movies on the lawn, cookouts, and concerts by night. Georgetown faculty are some of the foremost experts in their fields, and learning from them is a one-of-a-kind experience. Be in the classroom with former diplomats, public health officials, economists, scientists, and experts across professions as you develop knowledge and leadership skills.
Information Link

Summer College - Syracuse University
For over 65 years, Syracuse University has been providing rising high school sophomores, juniors and seniors with the opportunity to explore potential majors and careers in its renowned pre-college programs. In Summer College, your students can choose from over 100 college-level courses offered On Campus, Online or On Location in one of our academic centers in New York City or Los Angeles. As a Summer College student, they will:

- Build their resume or portfolio
- Enhance their college applications so they stand out to college admissions
- Test out a major before committing to their undergrad degree
- Make new friends with like-minded students from around the world
- Earn a Certificate of Completion and a Syracuse University credit or noncredit transcript

The scholarship deadline is March 1, 2026, and the final application deadline is May 1, 2026. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis and courses fill quickly, so please encourage your students to apply soon! Reach out if you have any questions by phone 315.443.5000 or email.

University of Chicago - Summer Pre-College Programs
The University of Chicago's summer pre-college programs draw from the multidisciplinary emphasis and intellectual richness of the College's Core curriculum. We offer a variety of courses in diverse subject areas and engagement levels that match any motivated high school student. For Summer 2025, we will host both residential programs and online courses, including:

- 1 Week Enrichment Programs: With enhanced financial support to help cover program costs, talented and motivated students have the opportunity to reside on campus and benefit from co-curricular programming to prepare them for the highly selective admissions process while learning about topics like economics, freedom of expression, leadership, or quantum physics. Students whose annual household income is $125,000 or less are automatically eligible for a waiver of the $2,500 program fee. And domestic students whose household income is $60,000 or less are also eligible for roundtrip travel expenses. If you know of a talented student who would benefit from an opportunity like this, we invite you to

nominate them now! Nominations are not required, but the nomination will send a direct email to your nominated student with a link to our site so students can learn about the program and apply.

- 2 Week Experience: These courses are designed to connect highly prized academic areas of study with professional pathways. Students learn key concepts and practices for a chosen field, and they'll also connect with professionals and practitioners through presentations, informational interviews, and career treks. Students can choose to explore 1 of 4 areas: business and entrepreneurship; healthcare and biological sciences; law and social impact; or technology and innovation.
- 3 Week Immersion: Through workshop discussions, research projects, and other activities, students live on campus and immerse themselves within a specific topic through three-week-long undergraduate-level courses for pre-college students designed by UChicago faculty and instructors. With the widest variety of courses we offer, subjects include astrophysics, biotechnology, coding, economics, literature, molecular engineering, political science, psychology, and more.

Outside of the Enrichment Programs, all Summer Session students can apply for need-based financial aid. Enrolled Summer Session students can participate in the Admissions Academy, a series of workshops that focus on the holistic admissions process to provide insights on admissions to highly selective colleges and universities and offer essay writing tips.

In addition to building skills, gaining insight into the college experience, and learning what makes UChicago a distinctive destination for higher education, any student who completes a Summer Session course or program is eligible for Summer Session Early Notification. This option gives our Summer Session students earlier access to the Early Decision 1 round if they decide to apply to the College for undergraduate admission in their senior year.

Students should apply by March 12th for the best selection of courses! To make it easier for you to share information with students, we've also created handouts to print and share. More information about our Summer Session programs and the unique intellectual experiences available to high school students can be found on our website, summer.uchicago.edu, and we're always happy to help answer questions at summersession@uchicago.edu.

Stanford Summer Humanities Institute

This three-week residential program invites rising high school juniors and seniors (current grades 10 and 11) to explore the profound questions at the heart of the humanities. Led by Stanford faculty and supported by graduate student teaching assistants, participants will:

- Engage with complex texts and ideas.
- Develop their writing through college-level assignments.
- Articulate thoughtful arguments in both discussions and written work.

This program offers a unique opportunity for students to grow academically and personally while connecting with peers who share their passion for the humanities. Feel free to share our website with your students so they can learn more about this transformative experience. You can also share this digital flyer to provide additional details.

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Just a reminder, all archived Future Ready updates since December 19, 2025 are located on the school counseling office website and uploaded to Xello resources for students. Please let me know if you have any questions or need further information. Have a great weekend and let's go Lopes!

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