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## Principal's Corner

Happy New Year, KAHS Students and Families,

As we welcome everyone back to school, I would like to extend a special congratulations to Mr. Simmons and the Kutztown FBLA. In its first year, the team has had an outstanding start, earning four first-place honors at the Berks County FBLA competition and achieving impressive results at its first regional competition, held at Kutztown University. Several students have now qualified for the state competition in April, a tremendous accomplishment for our program and our students.

As we move into January, please be mindful that the end of the second quarter is approaching, along with midterms, written assessments, tests, and projects. The beginning of the third quarter will follow shortly. Families are encouraged to regularly check PowerSchool for up-to-date information on grades and academic progress.

Thank you for your continued support. Congratulations again to all our FBLA students on their hard work and success.

- Dr. Flicker

**Parent Volunteer Sign Up Information: Please click [HERE](#) to volunteer or chaperone a KAHS event.**



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## SAVE-THE-DATE

January 19      School Closed

January 21      End of Second Quarter

# Job Postings

### Bear Creek Mountain Resort

- Local high school students ages 16+ for positions in Mountain Operations, Food and Beverage, and Hotel divisions
- Employees get over \$500 in perks
- Apply online at [www.bcmountainresort.com](http://www.bcmountainresort.com)

### Maple Grove Pub and Grill in Alburtis, PA

- Dishwasher
- Apply in person

### Hillside Acres Hog Farm

- Part-time position
- Ages 14+
- Position includes feeding, caring for sowing, growing pigs, pressure washing, farm help
- Call Matt at 484-955-2608

### Senior Helpers

- In-Home Caregiver
- <https://www.seniorhelpers.com/pa/lehigh-valley/>



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## **SAT Dates**

February 27, 2026  
April 17, 2026  
May 22, 2026

**To register, visit**

**[www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org)**

## **ACT Dates**

December 13, 2025  
February 14, 2026  
April 11, 2026  
June 13, 2026  
July 11, 2026

**To register, visit**

**[www.my.act.org](http://www.my.act.org)**

## **STUDENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

The Student Assistance Program (SAP) identifies and helps students who are experiencing behavior and/or academic barriers that come between students and success in school. If you know someone who could benefit from SAP, please fill out a [SAP Referral Form](#).

# President's POV

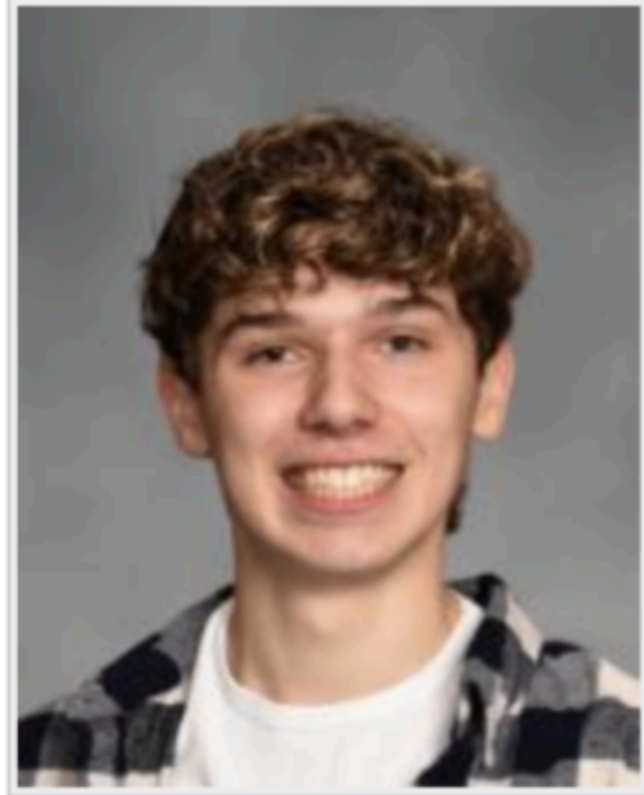


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Coming to the midway point of the year, students need to make sure they are focusing on their midterms and locking in on work in the new year! Seniors also should make sure they are applying for as many scholarships as possible! Go down to Mrs. Cicale Smith for more details on possible scholarship opportunities. I hope everyone not only had a phenomenal break, but used it as a time to rest in order to push ourselves to the end of the year. Cannot wait to see what everyone accomplishes as we approach the second semester!

- Elliot Johnson, President of the Class of 2026



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Educational Foundation, Inc.

## **Hospitality and Career Exploration Workshop**

- Open to 7th-12th grade students
- April 8, 2026 from 9-2
- Delta Hotels by Marriott Allentown
- 7736 Adrienne Drive, Breinigsville, PA
- Create awareness of hospitality career pathways in culinary arts, pastry arts, hospitality and tourism
- Register here:

<https://web.prla.org/atlas/events-v4/register/1992>



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## MONTHLY ATTENDANCE DRAWING

EACH MONTH DURING THE 2025- 2026 SCHOOL YEAR WE WILL HOLD AN ATTENDANCE DRAWING! SEE BELOW FOR MORE DETAILS.



STUDENTS WITH 0-1  
ABSENCES & 0-1 TARDIES  
THAT MONTH ARE ENTERED!



WIN A PIZZA PARTY FOR  
YOU AND 9 FRIENDS!



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# SCHOLARSHIPS

## ★ Berks County Community Foundation Scholarships

- <https://bccf.org/funds/scholarships/>
- **DEADLINE**→ **February 1, 2026**
- Many scholarships available to KAHS Students

## ★ PASBO Facilities Managers Scholarship

- Eligible applicants include graduating seniors who are pursuing a career path in the skilled trades or building facilities/ construction fields and will be enrolling in at least a two-year postsecondary educational program
- **AWARD**→ **\$4,000.00**
- **DEADLINE**→ **April 7, 2026**
- Applications are available in the guidance office

## ★ PSPE Valley Forge Chapter 2026 Engineering Scholarship

- **AWARD**→ **\$1,500.00**
- **DEADLINE**→ **April 15, 2026**
- Eligible applicants include graduating seniors pursuing a degree in engineering
- Applications are available in the guidance office

## ★ Berks County Kennel Club Scholarship

- Eligible applicants include graduating seniors pursuing a degree in animal studies (i.e. zoology, animal science, veterinary technician, etc.)
- **AWARD**→ **\$1,000.00**
- Applications are available in the guidance office
- **DEADLINE**→ **April 30, 2026**

## ★ Horatio Alger Scholarship

- **AWARD**→ **\$25,000**
- Apply online at [www.horatioalger.org/scholarships](http://www.horatioalger.org/scholarships)
- **Deadline**→ **March 1, 2026**
- Eligible applicants include high school juniors who are planning to continue their education after high school and have a minimum GPA of 2.0

## ★ PSBA Frerichs Scholarship

- Eligible applicants include graduating seniors planning to pursue a bachelor's degree in education at Pennsylvania State System school and have a demonstrated track record of leadership during their high school tenure
- Apply online here: <https://psbatrust.org/scholarship-application/>
- Applicants must submit an essay, cover letter, resume, unofficial high school transcript and two letters of recommendation.
- **DEADLINE**→ **March 13, 2026**

## ★ PSBA Marcus Scholarship

- Apply online here: <https://psbatrust.org/scholarship-application/>



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- Applicants must submit an essay, cover letter, resume, unofficial high school transcript and two letters of recommendation.
- **DEADLINE**→ **March 13, 2026**
- Eligible applicants include graduating seniors planning to pursue a bachelor's degree in public safety, criminology, forensics or other law-enforcement/safety majors
- ★ **PSBA H.H. Quimby Scholarship**
  - Apply online here: <https://psbatrust.org/scholarship-application/>
  - Applicants must submit an essay, cover letter, resume, unofficial high school transcript and two letters of recommendation.
  - **DEADLINE**→ **March 13, 2026**
  - Eligible applicants include graduating seniors who have served as a student representative to their local school board during their high school academic career and must have a demonstrated track record of leadership and service during their high school tenure and plan to pursue a degree focused on policy, political science, advocacy or non-profit management.
- ★ **PSBA Swope Scholarship**
  - The Swope Scholarship recognizes a student planning to pursue a bachelor's degree in the arts and Scholarship must possess a demonstrated track record of leadership in the arts during their high school tenure.
  - Apply online here: <https://psbatrust.org/scholarship-application/>
  - Applicants must submit an essay, cover letter, resume, unofficial high school transcript and two letters of recommendation.
  - **DEADLINE**→ **March 13, 2026**
- ★ **Great Allentown Fair Foundation Scholarship**
  - Eligible applicants include graduating seniors pursuing an education related to agriculture
  - **DEADLINE**→ **July 10, 2026**
  - Apply online at [www.allentownfairfoundation.org](http://www.allentownfairfoundation.org)
- ★ **Society of Women Engineers- Lehigh Valley Section**
  - **AWARD**→ **\$3,500.00**
  - **DEADLINE**→ **February 1, 2026**
  - Apply online at [www.lv.swe.org/scholarship](http://www.lv.swe.org/scholarship)
  - Eligible applicants include graduating students who identify as female and are enrolling in an engineering program at a college or university
- ★ **Guy L. Moser Scholarship Fund**
  - Eligible applicants include graduating seniors enrolling at Gettysburg College with a minimum high school GPA of 2.0
  - **Deadline**→ **February 25, 2026**
  - Apply online at [www.csascholars.org/moser](http://www.csascholars.org/moser)
- ★ **PA American Legion Scholarships**
  - Eligible applicants include any student in grades 9-12
  - Essay between 500-1000 words



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- Essay top is available at [www.https://pa-legion.com/programs/student-programs/](http://www.https://pa-legion.com/programs/student-programs/)
- **AWARD→ \$3,500.00**
- ★ **PA American Legion Scholarship Oratorical Contest**
  - Eligible applicants include any student in grades 9-12
  - Essay between 500-1000 words
  - Essay top is available at [www.https://pa-legion.com/programs/student-programs/](http://www.https://pa-legion.com/programs/student-programs/)
  - **AWARD→ \$7,500.00**
- ★ **Sebastianelli Drum Corps Scholarship**
  - Eligible applicants include any senior who is a grandchild or child of a Pennsylvania Legionnaire living or deceased and is a member of the band and is majoring in music in college
  - **AWARD→ \$500.00**
  - Apply online at [www.https://pa-legion.com/programs/student-programs/](http://www.https://pa-legion.com/programs/student-programs/)
- ★ **Joseph P. Gavenonis Scholarship**
  - Eligible applicants include any senior who is a grandchild or child of a Pennsylvania Legionnaire living or deceased and pursuing a four-year degree at a Pennsylvania college
  - Apply online at at [www.https://pa-legion.com/programs/student-programs/](http://www.https://pa-legion.com/programs/student-programs/)
- ★ **Robert W. Valimont Endowment**
  - Eligible applicants include any senior who is a grandchild or child of a Pennsylvania Legionnaire living or deceased and pursuing a technical training, education, or certificate at a less-than-four-year program in Pennsylvania
  - Apply online at at [www.https://pa-legion.com/programs/student-programs/](http://www.https://pa-legion.com/programs/student-programs/)
- ★ **Robert Trace Essay Contest**
  - Eligible applicants include any student ages 15-18 who is a grandchild or child of a Pennsylvania Legionnaire living or deceased or child of a Pennsylvania soldier killed as a result of a war on terrorism
  - Must complete a 300-500 word essay on the topic “Patriotism and Citizenship- What America means to me”
  - **AWARD→ \$500.00**
  - Apply online at at [www.https://pa-legion.com/programs/student-programs/](http://www.https://pa-legion.com/programs/student-programs/)
- ★ **2026 Sun Safety Poster Contest**
  - Eligible applicants include all students in grades K-12
  - Award→ \$5,000.00 grant to fund a sun safety education program or shade structure at school
  - **DEADLINE→ January 20, 2026**
  - For grant information, please visit [www.padermatology.org/public-health-education-fund](http://www.padermatology.org/public-health-education-fund)
- ★ **Ephrata-Reading Elks Lodge Scholarship Legacy Awards**
  - **\$4,000 scholarships**
  - Eligible applicants include children and grandchildren of dues-paying Elks members
  - **Deadline: February 2, 2026**
  - More info is available at <https://www.elks.org/scholars/scholarships/Legacy.cfm>



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## ★ 2026 Pennsylvania American KLegion 91st Annual Essay Contest

- Grades 9-12
- Essay prompt- “Why is the 14th Amendment Important in Today’s America?”
- Applications are available in the guidance office
- **Deadline: January 7, 2026**
- Applications are available in the guidance office
- **Award → \$3,500.00**

# Events and Opportunities

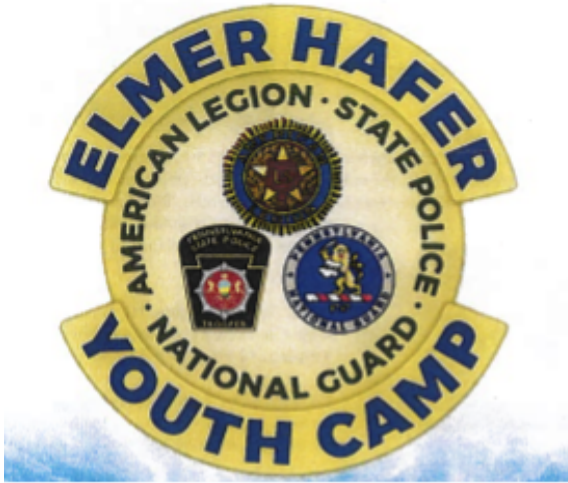


WILDLIFE  
LEADERSHIP  
ACADEMY

- The mission of the Wildlife Leadership Academy is to engage and empower high school age youth to become Conservation Ambassadors to ensure a sustained wildlife, fisheries and natural resource legacy for future generations.
- Three programs to choose from:
  - Conservation Advocate Training
    - Stepping Stone and Outreach
  - Conservation Ambassador Training
    - Field School and Outreach
  - Advanced Conservation Ambassador Training
- Eligible applicants include students age 14-17
- May - August 2026
- Madisonburg, PA
- Scholarships are available
- Apply online [www.wildlifeleadershipacademy.org](http://www.wildlifeleadershipacademy.org)



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Elmer Hafer Youth Camp  
→ Sponsored by the American Legion, the National Guard, and PA State Police  
→ June 7-13, 2026  
→ Messiah University  
→ Eligible students include youth ages 15-17 who are interested in a career in law enforcement or the military  
→ \$225.00 registration fee  
→ Apply online  
[www.bit.ly/EHYouthCamp](http://www.bit.ly/EHYouthCamp)

## Keystone Boys State Camp

- Open to any high school junior
- Fee- \$225.00
- Educational workshop for high school leaders
- Camp dates- June 14-20, 2026
- Messiah University
- Applications are available in the guidance office



### *Monthly Words of Wisdom:*

"If you can't fly then run, if you can't run then walk, if you can't walk then crawl, but whatever you do you have to keep moving forward."

- Martin Luther King, Jr.



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## College Open Houses

### **Pennsylvania College of Technology**

→ February 21, 2025

### **West Virginia University**

→ January 31, 2026

→ February 28, 2026



KAHS Guidance Department

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