February 6, 2026

Good afternoon! This week, you will find information on many topics including in-school activities, a senior scholarship studio opportunity on February 9th - sign up required and due today, last chance for Slippery Rock Instant Decision Day; SAT Test Prep Opportunity; NEW scholarships, out of school opportunities; and summer activities.

Quick Links:

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In School Activities

Senior Scholarship Studio - NOTE: Sign up deadline!

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 - LAST CALL!
Date: Thursday, 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.

SAT Testing Prep

For students from ANY school district, SAT Boot Camp is a 5-hour intensive workshop focused on test taking and time-management, grammar, usage, math, and critical reading skills and strategies. Students will partake in practice drills with actual test questions and keep all review materials. This is a great opportunity, whether you are just getting started in SAT preparation or if you want a final boost of confidence before taking the SAT this spring!
A registration form is attached and can be accessed HERE.
SAT Boot Camp will be held at Fox Chapel Area High School on Sunday, March 1st from noon-5pm. The cost is $100. Questions can be directed to Lisa_Gibson@fcasd.edu.
Information Flyer

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

Dr. Freddie Fu Sports Medicine Scholarship
UPMC Sports Medicine is proud to once again offer the Dr. Freddie Fu Sports Medicine Scholarship Program in 2026. The scholarship program was developed to increase student interest in a career in sports medicine. One scholarship for the amount of $2,000, minus taxes, will be awarded to a western Pennsylvania resident entering his/her senior year of high school in September 2026 in return for a six-week summer internship (20-22 hours per week for six weeks in a row) at the UPMC Freddie Fu Sports Medicine Complex and the UPMC Lemieux Sports Complex. The recipient will

have the opportunity to observe patient evaluation, treatment, and rehabilitation by physical therapists and athletic trainers, observe clients in the Sports Performance Department, and observe surgery with UPMC orthopedic surgeons.
For more information and application instructions please see our Scholarship Program Website. A scholarship application is also attached to this email.
Deadline: April 11, 2026

Kids Chance of Pennsylvania
Kids' Chance of Pennsylvania (KCPA) makes a significant difference in the lives of affected Pennsylvania families by providing scholarship support to help eligible students pursue and achieve their higher educational goals.The mission of Kids' Chance of Pennsylvania, Inc. (Kids' Chance of PA) is to provide scholarship grants for college and vocational education to children of Pennsylvania workers who have been killed or seriously injured in a work-related accident resulting in financial need.
Information Link
Application Link
Deadline: June 15, 2026

Grow PA Scholarship Grant
Grow PA Scholarship Grants are offered on a first-come, first-served basis, determined by the date a complete application is received. Renewal applicants receive priority until July 1, 2026. To qualify, students must submit a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and are encouraged to complete the FAFSA before applying for a Grow PA Grant. The Grow PA Scholarship Grant provides up to $5,000 per year for students enrolled in eligible programs of study for a maximum of four academic years. Recipients must complete their program requirements and live and work in Pennsylvania for 12 months for each year they receive funding. Failure to meet these obligations will convert the scholarship grant to a loan that must be repaid.
For the application and further details, visit pheaa.org/growpa.
Deadline: July 1, 2026

Other Scholarship Opportunities

The Pittsburgh Foundation
The Pittsburgh Foundation and The Community Foundation of Westmoreland County scholarship application period for the 2026-27 school year is now in the final two weeks!
2026 Scholarship Application Timeline

- January 5, 2026 – All scholarship applications open for The Pittsburgh Foundation and The Community Foundation of Westmoreland County.

- **Tuesday, February 17, 2026 - Application deadline for all scholarships at The Pittsburgh Foundation and The Community Foundation of Westmoreland County.***
- Award notifications out to students prior to May 1, National College Decision Day.

*Note: applications on the Scholarship America site will close at 3 PM CST/4 PM EST on February 17, 2026. All others will close at the end of the day.

With two weeks left in the application period, we are seeing quite a few scholarships that still have **zero** applications. Please encourage students in your network to explore these opportunities and meet the deadline. They can begin their search on our Scholarship Search page.

Need assistance? Our scholarship team is here to support applicants every step of the way. Should you or any prospective applicants have questions, please reach out to us at scholarships@pghfdn.org.

University of Rochester Junior Awards

Bausch + Lomb Honorary Science Award

- High achievement and rigor in science and math classes
- Positive contributions to their school and within the larger community

Frederick Douglass and Susan B. Anthony Award

- Demonstrated commitment to understanding and addressing difficult social issues
- Leadership and dedication to community action
- Strong grades and rigorous courses taken in the humanities and social sciences

George Eastman Young Leaders Award

- Strong leadership experience at school and in the community
- High grades and challenging courses
- Extensive involvement in extracurricular activities

Xerox Award for Innovation and Information Technology

- Strong interest in innovation and/or information technology and a high level of achievement in this area
- Exposure to new technologies outside of school, such as pursuing serious work opportunities in local laboratories or industry
- Leading other students to new approaches to old problems (e.g., business plans for fundraising, innovative community service, after-school activities, and best uses of internal communications tools such as chat and blogs)

Information Link

If interested in being considered for this nomination, send Dr Maloney a letter of interest and resume no later than Friday, March 27, 2026.

Out of School Activities

CCBC Academies Applications - New Academy launched [Business]

- CCBC's High School Business Academy is designed for high school students in grades 11 and 12 at participating school districts and provides the opportunity to begin a business pathway while earning college credit. Through a cohort-based experience, students complete foundational business coursework during their junior year and select from elective business courses during their senior year to further develop their knowledge and skills. Students who attend during their 11th and 12th grade years may graduate from high school with up to 25 college credits toward a business-related degree. Depending on the courses completed, students may also earn a business-related micro-credential. Students who complete the Business Academy will be well positioned to matriculate to CCBC after high school to complete an associate degree and transfer to a partner four-year institution to pursue a bachelor's degree in a business-related field.
- The Business Academy will be offered virtually "live" or in person on our Monaca campus.
- We are currently working with marketing in creating our curriculum sheet and logo for our Business Academy. Be watching our website for those updates!

IMPORTANT!! We are beginning to accept applications for the High School Academies for fall 2026. I have attached our Academies Admissions' packet along with a helpful step-by step guide on how to apply through our online application. You can provide these documents to any student interested in applying for the Academies for next fall! The Admissions' packet attached is designed for you to sit with your interested student to see how the Academies will work with their high school schedule.
Please email us at collegehereandnow@ccbc.edu We would be happy to answer your questions!
Step by Step Application Guide
Application Link

High School Academies Titan Recruit Day - CCBC

We're excited to invite your students to Titan Recruit Day on Wednesday, February 25th at 5 pm on our Monaca campus! High school students and their families are encouraged to attend to get a head start on their college journey and explore the many pathways available at CCBC. Our College Here and Now team will host an informative session on Dual Enrollment and High School Academies.
Stick around afterward for some fun — enjoy free food and cheer on the CCBC Titans Basketball Teams home games!
Informational Flyer

Discover Swarthmore - Student Fly-In Program

Swarthmore is one of the nation's top liberal arts and engineering colleges. We are reaching out to share that we are now accepting nominations for our all-expenses-paid fly-in program Discover Swarthmore, which could be an exciting opportunity for your students. Discover Swarthmore was designed to level the playing field for students who may not be able to visit our campus in person without financial assistance, or have other obstacles on their path to college. If you would like to be nominated for this Fly-In program, email Dr. Maloney a letter of interest and resume by **Friday, March 27, 2026.**

Water and Wastewater Career & Educational Fair
Looking for a career with purpose, stability, and growth? Join us for the Water and Wastewater Career & Educational Fair and explore exciting opportunities in water, stormwater, and wastewater with local employers and training providers. If interested in attending, please respond to this email or register here.
Date: February 10, 2026
Time: 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM
Location: PA CareerLink® Pittsburgh – Downtown Office 914 Penn Ave 6th FLR Pittsburgh, PA 15222
This event is perfect for:

- Job seekers interested in open positions
- Individuals exploring training and certification programs
- Students and career changers looking to learn more about the water and environmental industries

You'll have the chance to:

- Meet directly with employers who are hiring
- Learn about education, training, and certification opportunities
- Network with industry professionals
- Discover career pathways in essential and growing fields

Project Pipeline Winter Workshop
Please join the Pittsburgh chapter of the National Organization of Minority Architects for their annual Project Pipeline Winter Workshop. This one day event invites 6-12th graders to learn design skills from local minority architects and interior designers.
Date: Saturday, February 21, 2026
Time: 10am - 4pm
Where: Boys & Girls Club of Western PA, 4600 Butler St., Pittsburgh PA 15201
Cost: $5.00 per person includes all tools and lunch
Information Flyer and Registration Link

Rosedale Technical College - Open House

Rosedale Technical College is hosting an Open House on Open House on Saturday, April 18th from 10-1. I have attached a flyer on the event along with a QR Code to register. This event will be for any junior or senior.
Informational Flyer

Beyond Now Summit - NYC
On March 7th, high school students are invited to The Times Center in NYC for the Beyond Now Summit. This isn't a typical school event, it's a Professional Accelerator designed to give you "insider access" to the entrepreneurs, executives, and creators who are currently redefining global industries.
Our exciting speaker lineup is here - more speakers will drop in the weeks leading up to the event (so check back often), but you can purchase tickets and register now, map out your day and prioritize the connections that will build your social capital. See who you'll be meeting face-to-face:

- Andrew Ross Sorkin: Journalist & Financial Columnist
- Jessica Williams: Head of Brand Marketing & Partnerships at Shopify
- Dayne Carter: Athlete Partnership Lead at SNAP
- Brianna LaPaglia: Content Creator, Barstool Sports
- Adam Ornelas: Senior Manager, Influencer & Content at DoorDash
- Jay Hammonds: Head of Technical Support Services at Robinhood
- Peter Tuchman: The "Einstein of Wall Street"
- Aidan Brannigan: Founder at No Boring Brands
- Kenny Dichter: CEO of Wheels Up + RealSIX
- ...and many other founders and executives.

Why you should be in the room: This event is built on the power of "You Can Do This Now." You'll hear from founders who started businesses in their dorm rooms and professionals who took unconventional paths. Through intimate breakout sessions and meet-and-greets, you'll gain the kind of access most people don't get until years into their careers; and you're getting it while still in high school.
The Details:

- Date: Saturday, March 7, 2026
    - Start Time: 11 AM
    - End Time: 5 PM
- Location: The Times Center, 242 West 41st Street, New York, NY 10036
- Who Can Attend: Open to all high school students, so take your friends!

Don't just build a resume, build your future. See you in the city!
Purchase Tickets & Register Here
Informational Flyer

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

Experience Architecture - University of Pittsburgh

5th annual Experiencing Architecture summer program taught on the campus of the University of Pittsburgh. The program is taught by two licensed architects, where we spend three weeks working through an architectural problem with students, building models, sketching, and using drafting/modeling software. Students will get out into architecture firms, walking tours, and a trip to Fallingwater. The program is perfect for artistic students, those interested in sciences, and anyone who might be considering a career in design, architecture, engineering, or construction. The program is three weeks long, from July 6th through July 24th, and is open to all students who will be entering grades 9-12 in the Fall of 2026. There is no application or program fee, this is accomplished through a generous and collaborative effort geared toward making architectural education more accessible. Students from outside the Pittsburgh area are welcome to apply, our only requirement is that they have reliable, consistent transportation to and from our campus throughout the entirety of the program.
To apply, students can follow the link or QR code on the flyer, or the link below can be distributed.
Informational Link
Informational Flyer

Pre-College Institute - Stanford University

This two-week online enrichment program is tailored for academically driven and intellectually curious students in grades 8-11. Each course provides an in-depth exploration of a single subject, offering students the chance to deepen their academic interests while connecting with peers who share their enthusiasm. Participants join our global learning community and tackle advanced content that goes beyond the typical high school curriculum.
Please encourage your students and their families to visit our website for more information about the program and to access our digital flyer. The application deadline is March 13, 2026 at 11:59pm Pacific Time.
Questions, feel free to contact us

Engineering Challenge Camps - West Virginia University

Mining & Explosives Virtual Camp

Looking for something fun to do at home this summer? Check out the WVU Statler College's FREE Mining and Explosives Camp! This free, virtual camp is a fun and informative way to learn about mining and explosives. Discover what mining engineers do and how it relates to other fields of engineering.

- WHO: Current 5th - 12th graders
- WHERE: This camp is virtual! Experience mining engineering and explosives at home with interactive and engaging activities.

Questions? Email Dr. Amy McBrayer at Amy.McBrayer@mail.wvu.edu

Experience Mining Engineering

Dig deeper into the world of mining with this immersive, FREE, two-day overnight camp designed for rising high school sophomores, juniors, and seniors. Discover how essential minerals make their way from the Earth to the products we use every day. This hands-on experience goes far beyond coal — from modern surface mining to cutting-edge mineral processing and virtual underground mine exploration.

Pre-College Leadership Development Program - Carnegie Mellon

At Carnegie Mellon's Tepper School of Business, we've launched the Pre-College Leadership Development Program. We built this specifically to address the "readiness gap" we see in high-achieving students—helping them transition from being great students to being influential, empathetic leaders.

Why this program is different: In this four-week experience, we don't just lecture. Students work directly with CMU faculty to master the "human skills" that actually move the needle in college admissions and future careers: ethical decision-making, impactful public speaking, and collaborative team dynamics.

The Essentials:

- The Deadline: Applications must be submitted by March 1.
- Eligibility: Rising juniors or seniors during the summer of 2026 (must be 16 by June 20, 2026).
- Current Availability: We are currently accepting domestic, non-scholarship applications. Please note: The scholarship and international application windows closed on February 1.

Questions to: rjafry@andrew.cmu.edu.

Pre-College Programs - Rhode Island School of Design

There is still time to join summer 2026 Pre-College Programs at Rhode Island School of Design. Apply now—spaces are filling quickly!

Pre-College: June 27–August 1, 2026

Live on campus in Providence or commute from home and immerse yourself in day-long studio classes, visits to the Nature Lab and RISD Museum, critiques, and projects.

LEARN MORE & APPLY

Pre-College Online: June 22–July 30, 2026

Learn like a RISD student from anywhere in the world with live online classes two days a week and access to virtual resources and events.

LEARN MORE & APPLY

Pre-College Programs - Duke University

Duke Pre-College is expanding its academic offerings with new courses spanning technology, medicine, business, social sciences, and the arts. Students can explore subjects such as Artificial Intelligence, Biomedical Engineering, Introduction to Medicine, Film Studies, Music Composition, Behavioral Psychology, Law & Politics, International Security, Environmental Economics, and Financial Markets & Investments.

Information Link

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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