February 20, 2026

Good afternoon! This week, you will find information on many topics including post-secondary school visits are back, possible virtual opportunities with sign-up; NEW scholarships posted, including an amazing opportunity for students interested in community college through job corps; out of school opportunities, summer activities, including summer programs through LaunchX, Boston University, Johns Hopkins and Georgetown and more; and a lifeguard job opportunity with Allegheny Parks.

Quick Links:

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Post-Secondary Visits

Please see the Avonworth HS Counseling Department website and NEW bulletin board outside of the counseling office to see which dates colleges/postsecondary schools will be visiting our school. In order to increase the amount of representatives that can visit Avonworth, I have included visits during the second lunch. If the reps are visiting during your lunch period, you can bring your lunch to the visit.

College Rep Visits February 23rd - 27th

Location: *Large Group Area (Across from room 541)*

Day	Date	School	Time	Place
Monday	2/23/26	CCAC	11:00am - 11:30am	Open Space by room 541
Tuesday	2/24/26	University of Louisville	11:00am - 11:30am	Open Space by room 541
Thursday	2/26/26	PennWest - California	11:00am - 11:30am	Open Space by room 541

Pittsburgh NACAC College Fair - Rescheduled!

Tuesday, March 24th, 2026
9:15am - 1:30pm
Lunch on site!

You MUST complete the registration link below to attend this fair. Parent Permission forms MUST be signed!
Registration Link - you MUST register by Friday, March 20th to attend - **NEW registrations only.**
Parent Permission Form - Due Friday, March 20th, 2026 - **ALL students**

Virtual Careers in Technology Panel
UPMC Women in IT is collaborating with Microsoft to host a virtual panel discussion in celebration of International Women's Day. This engaging session will highlight a variety of careers in technology and provide students with the opportunity to hear directly from professionals working in the field.
Event Details:
When: March 11 | 12:00–1:00 PM
Who: Students in grades 9–12
Sign up with Dr. Maloney - can be viewed in Future Ready Room
Information Flyer

Virtual Career Day - Hospital and Health System Association of Pennsylvania (HAP)
Date: March 12, 2026
Time: 9:00am - 10:30am
Sign up with Dr. Maloney - can be viewed in Future Ready Room
The Hospital and Health system Association of Pennsylvania (HAP) is bringing high school students an exciting Virtual Career Day that opens the door to five of the most in-demand and impactful careers in health care:

- Surgical technologist
- Respiratory therapist
- Radiology technologist
- Cybersecurity/IT specialist
- Registered nurse

Students will hear powerful stories and real-world insights from professionals across five leading health systems in Pennsylvania, discovering how these roles save lives, protect communities, and shape the future of healthcare.
This dynamic event is designed to spark curiosity, inspire purpose, and help the next generation imagine themselves making a difference in a career that truly matters.

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
March Going Merry Scholarship Link

Pittsburgh North Regional Chamber Educational Foundation Scholarship
Each year, the Pittsburgh North Regional Chamber Educational Foundation awards scholarships to high school students within the Chamber's footprint who are continuing their education, and to high school graduates and adults looking for additional education in the trades. Our annual $1,000 college scholarships are awarded to students deemed by the Foundation to have exemplary community service records and leadership experience. We are happy to announce that our application period is now open to imminent high school graduates scheduled to begin college in the fall of 2026. Interested students should complete our online application form no later than **Friday, April 17, 2026.**
Feel free to share the links below with your students. They are also welcome to visit our PNRC Educational Foundation webpage.
Questions? Contact Dr. Amanda Laichak, PNRC Educational Foundation Chair, or call 412.512.3657.
College Application Link
Trade School Application Link

Ritton Family Foundation Scholarship
The Ritton Family Foundation and Par Mar Stores are proud to offer a scholarship program designed to assist students in our communities. The Foundation provides multiple scholarships to high school seniors, graduates and college undergraduates enrolled in a full-time course of study at a college university or trade school.
Application Link
Deadline: April 15, 2026

Three Rivers Desk and Derrick Scholarship
The Association of Desk and Derrick Clubs is an international nonprofit organization. The Club's purpose is to promote educational and professional development of individuals employed in, or affiliated with, the petroleum, energy and allied industries. Three Rivers Desk and Derrick Club is a local chapter of the Association of Desk and Derrick Clubs. This year our club plans on awarding two scholarships, each of $2,500.00 to students seeking to further their education by either enrolling in a College or University in an energy-related/supportive training and skills.

Application Link
Deadline: June 30, 2026

Job Core College Program
Job is offering a college program to students through CCAC, BCCC, CCBC and WCCC. They cover whatever college related costs aren't covered by Pell Grants. See flyer for more details. Attend the open house event for more information.
Date: April 16 and 17
9:30am - 11:30am
Pittsburgh Job Corps Campus
7175 Highland Drive
Pittsburgh, PA 15206
Job Core College Program Brochure
Job Core Open House Flyer

Out of School Activities

United States Military Academy Information Session
Event Details:

- Date: Thursday, February 26, 2026
- Time: 6:00 PM
- Location:
  Lyon Tower
  360 Evansdale Dr
  Room G08
  Morgantown, WV 26505

REGISTER HERE!
During the Admissions Presentation, we will discuss:

1. What West Point Offers: Learn why West Point stands as a premier institution for leadership development, academic excellence, and character growth.
2. Life as a Cadet: Gain insights into the daily life of a West Point Cadet, including academics, athletics, and leadership training.
3. The Application Process: Understand the steps to apply to West Point and gather valuable tips to enhance your application.

Space is limited, so be sure to secure your spot at the event and register as soon as possible.

Healthcare Professional High School Mentoring Program
2025-2026
Program Recording(s)
November 2025: Healthcare Administrator

Meeting Recording:

https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/I1_69QuqGkW0p_p1aKCUyfTBlsWW-V8STG5alypcS_I11EJ8_znTxXp5WqUSLJZG.jr0pP0_vgn4l4Nny?startTime=1762878649000

December 2025: Nursing/Nursing Administrator
Meeting Recording:
https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/-MMBHbJ36JVqJssRJ0a4qR20caIDQ-GtwIVUGuC_X7IRsRPhjZ4-G69CA6x8Ahd_.bQXBjSpHg_ZUzQOS

January 2026: Health Science/Genetic Counseling
Meeting Recording:
https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/5lBnn-a7484eL_0bSbNF-KLJ_4mKtUD4Y5x81nOvAtJAgYKscqMlOS4SbkgOQNyX.Izm2wcd9XaYqmZOg?startTime=1768321834000

February 2026: Health Science/Physician Assistant/Physical Therapy
Meeting Recording:
https://us02web.zoom.us/launch/csd?origin=https%3A%2F%2Fus02web.zoom.us%2Frecording%2Fdetail%3Fmeeting_id%3DosZiuwBMQXGgrWTxJfoCyQ%3D%3D%26show_share%3Dtrue&option=osZiuwBMQXGgrWTxJfoCyQ%3D%3D
Coming in March 2026: Psychology

Summer Activities

Pre-College Programs - Boston University
It may not feel like it outside, but summer is just around the corner. Applications for Boston University's Summer Term Pre-College Programs are now open, and high school students can apply online via our website. Our pre-college programs will give students a taste of college life while also challenging their minds with college-level academics. Each of our programs offers an excellent opportunity to prepare for the future as they expand their horizons and discover their personal and academic potential. To discover the best program option for your student, visit our website, where you can find important dates, course descriptions, schedules of social activities, housing and tuition details, and all the information they will need to apply. Programs still enrolling for 2026 can be found below.

- Summer Challenge offers a choice of 21 non-credit seminars for rising sophomores, juniors, and seniors who wish to explore their academic interests and college life over two weeks.
- Academic Immersion (AIM) gives rising juniors and seniors a chance to focus intensively over three weeks on psychology, medicine, business, or creative

writing through a combination of classroom work and hands-on experiential learning activities.
- High School Honors allows academically motivated rising juniors and seniors to take BU college courses and earn up to 8 credits on campus or online.

All of our pre-college programs now offer residential and commuter options, and include fun social activities on campus and throughout Boston. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at summerhs@bu.edu.

Pre-College Programs - Stanford University

This two-week online enrichment program is designed for academically motivated and intellectually curious students in grades 8–11. Each course provides an in-depth exploration of a single subject, offering a chance to dive deep into advanced topics and connect with peers from around the globe who share your interests.

Featured courses this summer include:

- Artificial Intelligence
- Biomedical Engineering
- Creative Writing: Poetry, Fiction, and Nonfiction
- Introduction to Finance and Banking
- Logic and Problem Solving
- Orbital Mechanics and Aerodynamics

Challenge yourself with advanced content rarely found in high school curriculum while engaging in a dynamic and supportive learning environment.

The application deadline is Friday, March 13, 2026 at 11:59pm Pacific Time.

Information and Application Link

Summer Camp - Bowling Green University

BGSU Academic Summer Camps for 2026!

There are all kinds of incredible camps: a virtual forensics camp with new kits; camps that provide the opportunity to explore art and creative writing; and those that cover cybersecurity and AI from experts. And, there are a lot more, too! A March 1 priority deadline for some select camps is approaching, so check all of the camps out and apply soon.

Information and Application Link

Summer Programs - United State Naval Academy

Our Summer STEM program is a 6 day overnight camp for rising 9th (1st week of June), 10th (2nd week of June), and 11th (3rd week of June) graders. The camp is $450 but also has a financial aid scholarship available as well. I personally love this camp because it both promotes STEM majors and careers through a series of STEM modules

taught by midshipman and professors, but also because it helps students envision what their college experience has the potential to be.
Our Summer Seminar program is also a 6 day overnight camp for rising 12th graders (3 sessions in June). The camp is $450 but also has a financial aid scholarship available as well. This camp is a great way for students to envision their college experience at USNA. The program is focused on developing students as leaders, athletes and scholars, and features exciting events such as an endurance course and leadership workshops.
The application deadline for both programs closes on March 31, 2026. Of note, both programs utilize a rolling admissions process, so the sooner students apply, the more likely they are to be accepted into the program!

Looking for nominees - Wildlife Academy
We're searching for passionate teens, ages 14–17, to join the Wildlife Leadership Academy's 2026 field schools! Whether they dream of studying wildlife, exploring streams, or simply want to learn more about the great outdoors, this is their chance to dive into hands-on learning and leadership. Every nominated student will receive a mailed invitation to apply, including information on what to expect and how to apply for one of our 5-day residential field schools focusing on species like white-tailed deer, bass, brook trout, wild turkey, and bear. Students gain knowledge, leadership skills, and the confidence to lead conservation efforts in their home communities!
Email Dr. Maloney if you would like to be nominated.

Summer Internship Opportunity at CMU
Bugs as Materials is a hands-on summer internship program for high school students aged 16 and older. Participants work in CMU research labs alongside faculty and graduate mentors, exploring microbiology, engineering, and biomaterials through real laboratory projects.
- July 1–31, 2026
- Tuesdays–Thursdays, 9:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.
- Carnegie Mellon University (Pittsburgh, PA)

Students can apply here:
https://forms.gle/4UodS3xQUMT3ahv79

Georgetown Pre-College Online Program
Georgetown's Pre-College Online Program allows high school students ages 13 and up to explore academic interests through flexible, fully online courses designed and taught by Georgetown University faculty. Offered year-round, students may choose from enrichment or college-credit options in fields such as medicine, cybersecurity, psychology, business, law, international relations, and writing. Courses include dynamic

video instruction, structured assignments, and mentorship or TA support, culminating in a final capstone project. Participants earn a certificate of completion or three transferable college credits while gaining meaningful exposure to college-level academics in a structured yet self-paced environment.
Application Deadline: Rolling

LaunchX
LaunchX is a selective entrepreneurship program that challenges high school students to build real startups, not just study business theory. Founded at MIT, LaunchX emphasizes hands-on learning as students work in small teams to identify problems, conduct market research, develop prototypes, and pitch ventures to mentors and panels. Programs are offered in person in San Diego and online in several formats, ranging from introductory boot camps to intensive flagship experiences. With a focus on initiative, collaboration, and resilience, LaunchX is best suited for students eager to take ownership, navigate ambiguity, and bring ideas to life.
Application Deadline: March 4
Application Link

Johns Hopkins University's Summer at Hopkins
For more than 35 years, Johns Hopkins University's Summer at Hopkins has provided motivated high school students with a rigorous and rewarding academic experience. Participants can earn college credit through immersive Pre-College Programs, enroll alongside undergraduates in Summer Term courses, or join the five-week Next Generation Scholars Academy. Offered in both in-person and online formats, courses are led by JHU faculty and emphasize intellectual challenge and meaningful engagement. Students explore their academic interests, connect with ambitious peers from around the world, and gain valuable insight into the expectations of college-level study.
Application Deadline: March 10
Application Link

Northwestern Pre-College Online Program
Northwestern's Pre-College Online Program invites high school students to experience the intellectual rigor of a top research university through specialized, career-focused courses. Offered in two- and four-week formats, programs explore areas such as artificial intelligence, business, engineering, law, medicine, psychology, and finance. Courses are built around interactive modules, real-world case studies, and a culminating capstone project that challenges students to apply what they have learned. Designed and delivered by Northwestern instructors, each course blends flexibility with

academic depth, giving students a structured yet independent introduction to college-level coursework and professional pathways.
Application Deadline: Rolling
Application Link

Summer Language Program at Beloit College
Beloit College's Summer Language Program offers an intensive, fully immersive virtual experience in Chinese, Japanese, or Russian. Open to high school, college, and adult learners, each 3.5-week session is equivalent to a full semester of college-level language study, with students able to earn up to eight credits over seven weeks. Featuring small classes and a low student-to-instructor ratio, the program emphasizes cultural literacy alongside rapid language acquisition. Through full-time study, daily instruction, and individualized support, participants make meaningful gains in fluency while building skills that prepare them for advanced coursework, travel, or professional opportunities abroad.
Application Deadline: Rolling
Application Link

Job Opportunity

Life Guard - Allegheny County Parks
We're recruiting individuals 15+ for paid lifeguard positions this summer at our pools in North Park, South Park, Settlers Cabin Park, and Boyce Park. It's a great opportunity for individuals who enjoy being active, working outdoors, and earning extra cash. Training and lifeguard certification are available.
Information Flyer and QR Code

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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