

COLLEGE CONNECTION

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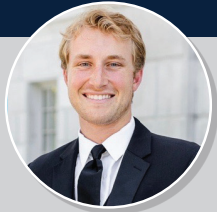


KEY DATES

- **MARCH 5**
Career Connections Panel: Medical
- **MARCH 5**
Mid-Semester Reporting (Athletic Eligibility)
- **MARCH 10**
Career Connections Panel:
Human Services & Education
- **MARCH 23-26**
St. Dominic ACT Bootcamp
- **MARCH 31**
Career Connections Panel:
Public Service/Safety
- **APRIL 7**
District ACT (11th grade)
PreACT (9th and 10th grades)

SDHS ALUMNI

Conner Hood '19
University of Missouri-Columbia (2023)



Conner Hood is a 2019 graduate of St. Dominic High School who was a multi-sport student-athlete involved in both baseball and basketball. In addition, he excelled in the classroom and was a member of the National Honor Society. Conner would go on to study Chemical Engineering at Mizzou, earning his degree in 2023 in addition to minoring in Math and Chemistry. Currently, Conner is a Project Engineer at Bunge in St. Louis.

[FULL INTERVIEW](#)



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SPOTLIGHT

JUNE 8-11

June ACT Bootcamp

The ACT Bootcamp is designed to prepare our St. Dominic Class of 2027 and 2028 for the June 13 National ACT.

Dates: June 8-11 (Monday-Thursday)

Time: 3:30-6:45pm

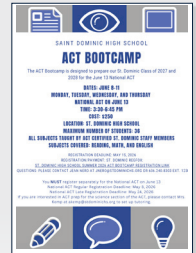
Cost: \$250

Location: St. Dominic High School

Maximum number of students: 36

Subjects Covered: Reading, Math, and English

All Subjects taught by ACT certified St. Dominic staff members

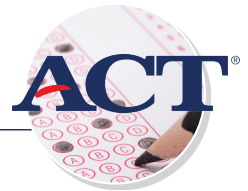


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HELPFUL Tips

ACT Updates and Sample Tests



What's Changing?

- ✓ Reduced the number of questions overall (there are 44 fewer questions).
- ✓ Reduced the test length.
- ✓ Students can receive their college-reportable Composite score after 125 minutes of testing, rather than 195.
- ✓ Students get more time per question. We've reduced the number of answer choices in math questions from five to four.
- ✓ Students can now choose to take the ACT National test with or without the science section.

What's Not Changing?

- ✓ The ACT scale will remain 1-36, as it has been for 35 years, with no changes to ACT benchmarks or state-specific achievement standards.
- ✓ Scores from tests taken prior to the rollout of the new Composite score will not change.
- ✓ Ability to predict success in first-year college credit-bearing courses will not change.
- ✓ Both paper-and-pencil and online test options will continue to be available.

[ACT UPDATES](#)

[SAMPLE TESTS](#)



GUIDANCE Focus

Pre-College Summer Camps

Summer is not far away and many colleges have summer career exploration opportunities, but may not send literature. If there is a specific college you are interested in, check their website for possible summer events/precollege camps. This is a great way to stack your academic resume and see if a specific college is for you.



COLLEGE Planning

Scholarship

- Where is the money? Check out our live list of FREE scholarships that you can apply for!
- Also, check out these popular search engines to locate more scholarships specific to your student:

[My Scholarship Central](#) | [Scholarships.com](#)

**2025-2026
SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION**



CLASS OF 2026

Report all Earned Scholarships HERE

SCOIR CHECKLIST

- Complete your profile
- Add colleges to your list (e.g., "Following" or "Applied")
- Request teacher recommendations
- Request transcripts
- Update application status (e.g., "Accepted," "Waitlisted," "Denied")
- Indicate your final college choice by marking yourself as "Enrolling"



HELPFUL Links

- ▶ College Guidance
stdominichs.org/academics/college
- ▶ Scoir
scoir.com
- ▶ Scholarships
fastweb.com | myscholly.com
- ▶ FAFSA
studentaid.gov
- ▶ Common App
commonapp.org
- ▶ NCAA Eligibility
web3.ncaa.org/ecwr3
- ▶ ACT
act.org
- ▶ SAT
satsuite.collegeboard.org



MARCH COLLEGE Visits

Students of all grade levels have the unique opportunity to connect with college representatives during Empower Hour in the Eisenbath Atrium. **The following colleges will be on campus during the dates noted below.**



Lindenwood University
3/11/26



Saint Louis University
3/12/26



Savannah College of Art and Design
3/12/26



Southern Illinois University -Edwardsville
3/25/26



Mizzou
4/1/26

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