February 27, 2026

Good afternoon! This week, you will find information on many topics including an important message regarding the scholarship site, “Going Merry”, which is shutting down on March 6th; several field trip opportunities and save the date for two mini-career fairs; a NEW scholarships posted; PHEAA financial aid updates; out of school opportunities, summer activities, including several college pre-programs and an actuarial science camp; and a lifeguard job opportunity with Allegheny Parks.

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Attention Seniors! Going Merry Shutdown
Going Merry will shut down at the end of March. Please complete any scholarship applications with upcoming deadlines by March 5, 2026, as applications will close at that time. Student and counselor data, including personal information, will be securely handled as part of this transition. If you have questions, please contact support@goingmerry.com.

In School Activities

Westinghouse Field Trips - *if you are interested in either of these field trips, see or email Mrs. Bacon or Dr. Maloney*

March 25th	March 26th
The Introduce a Girl to Engineering workshop is a space for students to explore STEM concepts with less peer pressure. Informational Flyer	The Engineer Your Future workshop allows students to explore STEM concepts in a collaborative environment. Informational Flyer

The goal of these workshops is to encourage students to consider a career in a STEM field. Each provides an overview of the potential for careers in engineering and other technical fields; and includes an overview of nuclear power, engineering disciplines, a career panel Q&A with Westinghouse engineers, and hands-on activities. Each day's program begins at 8:45 a.m. Schools are encouraged to arrive as early as 8 a.m. for an optional networking breakfast during which students can mingle with engineers. Lunch will be provided. The event will wrap up at 1 p.m. The content of each day's event will be substantially similar.

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**

Save the Date! - Future Ready Mini-Career Fairs
Mini Career Fair #1
Mini-career fair focused on careers in the Health and Medicine Pathway. Details and sign up link are below.

Date: Wednesday, March 25, 2026
Time: 10:30am - 12:30pm (set up at 10:15am)
Location: Avonworth High School
304 Joseph's Lane
Pittsburgh, PA 15237
If any parents/guardians or community members representing Health and Medicine careers would like to exhibit, please use the registration link below.
Registration Link

Mini-Career Fair #2
Mini-career fair focused on careers in Advanced Manufacturing and Skilled Trades. Details and sign up link are below.
Date: Wednesday, April 29, 2026
Time: 10:30am - 12:30pm (set up at 10:15am)
Location: Avonworth High School
304 Joseph's Lane
Pittsburgh, PA 15237

If any parents/guardians or community members representing Advanced Manufacturing and/or Skilled Trades careers would like to exhibit, please use the registration link below.
Registration Link

Financial Aid

FAFSA Overview – Line by Line
On Wednesday March 11, 2026, at 6:00 PM, PHEAA Access Partners will present an overview of the 2026-27 FAFSA process to guide students and families through a step-by-step process of filing the FAFSA and PA State Grant applications. Register at pheaa.org/virtual.

Understanding and Comparing Financial Aid Offers
On Wednesday March 18, 2026, at 6:00 PM, PHEAA Access Partners will present information on the steps students should take after completing the FAFSA. They will discuss the financial aid process, strategies to review and understand financial aid offers from colleges, and how to compare different types of aid. Register at pheaa.org/virtual.

Scholarships

Scholarships are updated in Xello under College Planning, then scholarships.

Perry-Highland's Women's Association Scholarship
The Perry-Highland Women's Association is accepting applications for a $5,000 Scholarship. Applicants must live in the North Hills area and be enrolled in a college or technical school for either summer 2026 or fall 2026. To receive application materials, please email phwa.scholarship@gmail.com. The application deadline is March 16, 2026. In addition to the increased scholarship award, we are pleased to share that one recipient will also receive an additional $1,000 supplemental scholarship, made possible through the generosity of a former Perry-Highland Women's Association member. This gift is intended to support educational expenses beyond tuition, including but not limited to textbooks, a computer, meal plans, or other essential school supplies. This supplemental award reflects our continued commitment to helping students succeed by addressing the full range of costs associated with higher education.
Deadline: March 16, 2026
Scholarship Flyer
Scholarship Application

Out of School Activities

Open House - Douglas Education Center
Date: Thursday, April 16, 2026
Time: 10:00am - 2:00pm
Van Keulen Complex
531 Schoonmaker Ave
Monessen, PA 15062
RSVP: www.dec.edu/openhouse
Information Flyer

Summer Activities

Pre-College Programs - University of Rochester
Led by renowned professors, URochester's Pre-College Programs provide high-achieving high school students with an unforgettable summer experience diving deep into areas of interest while tapping into the independence and intellectual rigor that comes with URochester's flexible curriculum.
Information Link

Design, Build, Play - IUP Cook Honors College
The Cook Honors College at Indiana University of Pennsylvania will offer Design, Build, Play as part of its 2026 Summer Honors Program from July 6 to July 24. This course will be offered for dual enrollment instruction credits as HONR 281. This three-week course will be comprised of two hands-on workshops for one week on campus, with two weeks of online instruction that students can complete from home. The total cost for room, board, programming, and three credits of instruction is $745 for in state students and $886 for out of state students. See our cost breakdown for more information about costs! HONR 281 is split into two main areas of focus: games and storytelling with Prof. Mike Sell (English) and creative engineering in our STEAMSHOP with Prof. Rick Adkins (Mathematics).
Information Brochure
Website Link

Forensic Science and Law Workshop - Duquesne University
For current high school sophomores and juniors:
The professional Forensic Science and Law fraternity Phi Sigma Lambda invites you to apply for our Twenty-Second Annual Forensic Science and Law Workshop at Duquesne University this summer!
Workshop Topics Include:
• Mock Crime Scene and Trial

• Arson Investigation
• Firearms and Toolmarks
• DNA Fingerprinting
• Hair & Fiber Analysis
• …and more!
Dates: June 22–25, 2026
Time: 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. daily
Location: Duquesne University, Pittsburgh, PA
Cost: $375 participation fee (includes meals, t-shirt, and Pittsburgh activities).
*Scholarships are available to students with financial need. Apply for a scholarship here.
Application Deadlines:
• Early Application Deadline – March 13, 2026
• Final Application Deadline – April 3, 2026
Eligibility Requirements:
• High school junior or senior as of Fall 2026
• Strong interest in the sciences
• Minimum 3.0 GPA
For more information, and to apply, please visit their website.

Bucknell Academy Summer Experience
We're still looking for creative, collaborative students to join us for the 2026 Bucknell Academy Summer Experience (BASE). And the deadline to apply is coming up on March 14!
BASE is an immersive residential experience that exposes high school students to college-level learning and helps them build the problem-solving skills to make an impact on our world. This looks like:

- Gaining deeper understanding of pressing world issues
- Collaborating with faculty and peers
- Experiencing a liberal arts education
- Exploring Bucknell's campus

When: June 21-26, 2026
Who: High school students who will be rising sophomores, juniors or seniors are welcome to apply
Deadline: March 14 (decisions will be released in mid-April).

Actuarial Sciences and Programming Camps - Lebanon Valley College
An actuary uses mathematical and financial tools to help identify and manage risk, so it's a great career for students who are mathematically strong but not necessarily interested in teaching. For more than 30 years we've run a one-week residential summer camp for rising high school seniors to help them decide if they want to pursue

actuarial work. This message has four links. The first two point to pages where students can apply for the camps, and the latter two allow people to RSVP for virtual information sessions about the actuarial profession and the camps. The information sessions are open to students, parents, teachers, and anyone else who's interested.

1. Actuarial Camp Application https://www.lvc.edu/academics/summer-community-programming/actuarial-science-camp/
2. Data Science Camp Application https://www.lvc.edu/about/camps-community-programming/computer-data-science-summer-camp
3. March 25 Information session, 7pm, Eastern time https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/ae2c2e73-b834-4b9f-83a8-1ea8ded435fc@1806862d-5bf0-4768-9215-32bedbcb091e
4. April 15 Information session, 7pm, Eastern time https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/a7cf7774-25a9-447f-ae0c-50fd7bc54866@1806862d-5bf0-4768-9215-32bedbcb091e

Informational Flyer

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. For the next two weeks, the update will be sent on Thursday, March 5th and March 12th. If you are looking for specific information or items, don't hesitate to reach out.

Have a great weekend and let's go Lopes!

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