COLLEGE & CAREER CENTER

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Redmond High School's College & Career Center is dedicated to preparing and supporting students for their next steps- whether that be college, technical programs, or entering the workforce. Find useful college and career planning information and resources on the CCC Website: College & Career - Redmond High School

Have a Great Spring Break!



Please check the CCC Website for more events including details and updates.

April 27, 10:50 AM – 11:20 AM Military Rep Visit

- U.S. Marine Corps
- U.S. Navy
- Washington Army National Guard

If you have 2nd Lunch and would like to receive a pass to contact a rep, please email Ms. Wu at rwu@lwsd.org. Most rep visits are drop-in tabling events in the College and Career Center and there's no need to sign up.

April 29, 8:35 AM – 11:35 AM Career Exploration/ASVAB test

The Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB) is a multiple-aptitude battery that measures developed abilities and helps predict future academic and occupational success. It is offered to high school and post-secondary students as part of the ASVAB Career Exploration Program at no cost to the student. For more information about the ASVAB: HOME | ASVAB (officialasvab.com). Current minimum scores for each branch of the military are: Air Force—31; Army—31; Coast Guard—40; Marine Corps—31; National Guard—31; Navy—31.
Students can sign up for the ASVAB here: April 29, 2026 Career Exploration/ASVAB Test Sign-Up – Fill out form. Deadline to sign up is April 27. **An ASVAB score of 31 or higher fulfills the graduation pathway requirement.**

May 1, During BOTH Lunches Class of 2026 Destination Day Celebration

Whether it's college, technical school, the military, an apprenticeship, a job, gap year or something else, Redmond's Destination Day celebrates the many future directions of the Class of 2026. Seniors, wear your destination merch!! During both lunches, seniors can come to the College and Career Center for some treats, photo ops and swags. We want to celebrate YOU!! Congratulations on your decision!

Check the CCC Website for details on CCC Events, Student Opportunities and Scholarships calendars as well as many other information and resources to help you explore and plan for your future.

$$$ SCHOLARSHIP News$$$

New scholarships have just been added, with more still coming in. Check the Scholarship Deadlines Calendar on the CCC website for the latest opportunities! 🎓

Seniors: If you've received a scholarship listed on the Scholarship Calendar on the CCC website, please email Ms. Wu at rwu@lwsd.org **by April 28** if you would like it recognized in the graduation program.

College Bound's commitment to Washington students

Through the generous Washington College Grant (WA Grant), eligible College Bound students who fulfill the program requirements get free public college tuition, or an equivalent amount for an approved private college or career school. Students must apply for financial aid and attend a participating college in Washington.

Looking for volunteer opportunities, internships, jobs, or other experiences?

Check the Student Opportunities Calendar on the CCC website and the bulletin boards across the hall from the CCC for the latest updates.

Gift Cards for Financial Aid!

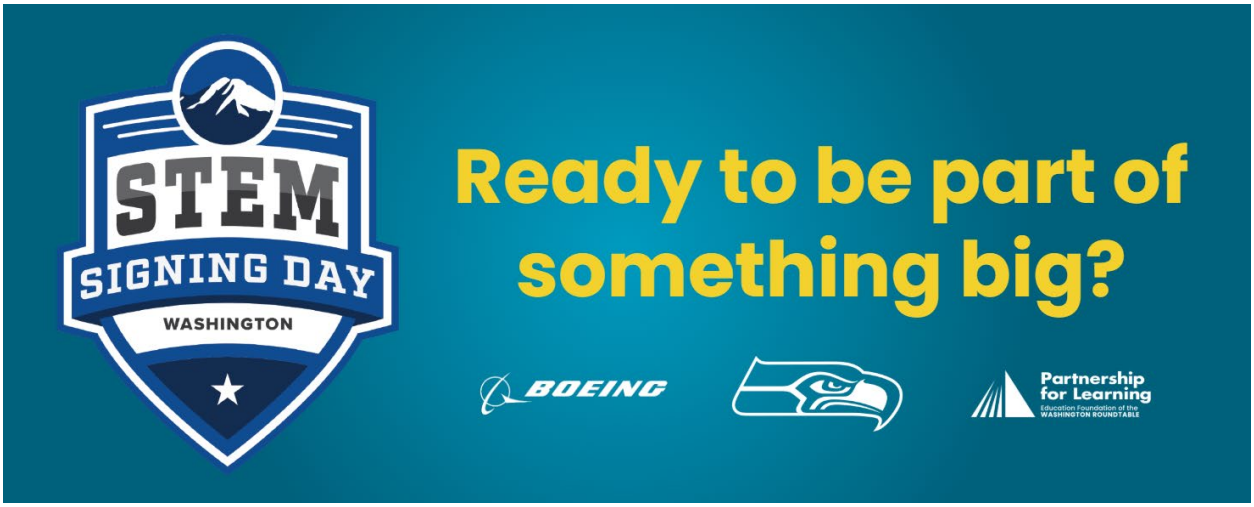
Complete your FAFSA or WASFA between April 1-24, you will receive a $20 digital gift card from College Success Foundation*! (while supplies last)



How does it work? Students should show proof of submission to their counselor by showing their FAFSA/WASFA dashboard or emailing a screenshot of their submission date.

Redmond Lions Club Community Service Award

ELIGIBILITY
A graduating senior will be selected who has demonstrated outstanding service to their community during their High School years to receive a $500 cash award. Apply by May 4, 2026. Check the Scholarship or Student Opportunity Calendars on the CCC website for details.



Washington State STEM Signing Day 2026!

What Is STEM Signing Day?

Modeled after signing days for student athletes, STEM Signing Day recognizes high school seniors who are committing to pursue a degree or training program in science, technology, engineering, or math. Whether students plan to attend a four-year university, enroll in a community or technical college, begin an apprenticeship, or pursue another postsecondary training pathway, STEM Signing Day celebrates the next step in their STEM journey.

The 2026 celebration will take place on June 5 at the Seattle Seahawks' training facility in Renton, WA, creating a memorable setting to recognize these future innovators. Students selected as honorees will sign a letter of intent and participate in a celebration that includes:

- 🎁 STEM-themed swag
- 💳 A gift card, to help with the cost of books and supplies
- 🏈 A visit from Seahawks mascot Blitz
- 💡 Opportunities to connect with STEM leaders and fellow students

Who Can Apply?

Any Washington high school senior graduating in 2026 and planning to pursue a postsecondary pathway in a STEM field is invited to apply!

Fifty student honorees and their families will be invited to attend this special event on June 5 at the official practice facility of the Seattle Seahawks and meet Blitz, the Seahawks mascot! They'll also take home some **STEM Signing Day swag**, including **a gift card** to help with the cost of books and supplies.

Check here for more information: Washington State STEM Signing Day 2026

The application is NOW OPEN. The deadline to apply is Friday, May 1.



The Garrett J. Goodchild Achievement Award is a fantastic scholarship opportunity for graduating seniors from Eastlake, Lake Washington, or Redmond high schools who will be attending one of nine independent, not-for-profit Washington colleges and universities this coming fall. This award is available to such a small group that your students have a great chance standing out among the other applicants.

Learn More and Apply!

ICW will award a $2,500 scholarship, renewable for up to four years with satisfactory academic progress, for $10,000 in support to a 2026 graduate of Eastlake, Lake Washington, or Redmond high schools.

Interested students must submit an essay, resume, and letter of recommendation using this form on the Independent Colleges of Washington website. The scholarship is a memorial to Garrett J. Goodchild, who passed away in 1996 prior to his senior year at Eastlake High School and was established by family and friends.

Applications are due by April 17, 2026

EARTH DAY CELEBRATION

EARN VOLUNTEER HOURS + HAVE FREE PIZZA

- **SATURDAY, APRIL 18th @ 9AM**
- Help remove invasive species at **Bridle Trails State Park** in the **Kirkland/Bellevue** Area
- Earn volunteer hours and spend time with friends!
- Scan the QR code below for more info and to complete the **required** registration
- Join us for **FREE pizza** after! (12NOON-1PM)

For more information, email bridletrailsparkfoundation@gmail.com.

https://www.bridletrails.org

BRIDLE TRAILS PARK FOUNDATION

Bridle Trails State Park
NOTE: This event will take place at:
Acheson Property, 5220 132nd Avenue NE, Bellevue
Saturday, April 18, 2026
From 9AM to 1PM

🌸 Spring Break Suggestions from the College & Career Center

Spring Break is a great time to **relax, recharge, and take small steps toward your future.** Even one or two of these ideas can make a big difference.

🎓 College Exploration

- Visit a college campus (in-state or virtual)
- Take a virtual campus tour
- Start or refine your college list
- Research majors you're interested in
- Attend virtual college info sessions

Spring of junior year is often considered an **ideal time to visit colleges** because campuses are active and you can see authentic student life.

💼 Career Exploration

- Job shadow someone in a career you're curious about
- Conduct a short informational interview
- Watch career day or "day in the life" videos
- Explore career assessments (interest inventories)- Check the CCC website for help
- Research salary and education requirements for careers

Job shadowing and internships during breaks can help students **gain real-world insight and build stronger college applications.**

🤝 Gain Experience

- Volunteer in your community- Check the Student Opportunities Calendar on the CCC website
- Start a short-term project
- Apply for summer jobs or internships
- Work on leadership or service hours
- Help a local organization

Volunteering during spring break helps students **build skills, gain experience, and strengthen resumes.**

🧠 Academic & Personal Growth

- Start studying for AP exams
- Read a book related to your interests
- Learn a new skill (coding, design, writing, etc.)
- Work on passion projects
- Build or update your resume

Using spring break to get ahead on schoolwork, search for internships, or apply for scholarships can **reduce stress later in the semester.**

🎯 Seniors

- Compare college offers
- Research housing options
- Apply for scholarships
- Learn about financial aid
- Plan your next steps

🌟 Keep It Simple: Try the 3-Thing Challenge

Choose:

- 1 thing to **explore**
- 1 thing to **build**
- 1 thing to **relax**

Example:

- Explore: Visit a college website
- Build: Update resume
- Relax: Spend time with family/friends

Email Ms. Wu at rwu@lwsd.org by April 22nd and share what you did for the **3-Thing Challenge** and you will be entered for a drawing to win one of these amazing Gelrova

LED Backpacks:



Winners will be announced in the April 22nd CCC News!