April 24, 2026

Good afternoon and welcome to this edition of the Future Ready Update. This week, you will find information on many topics including a reminder for seniors to complete the senior exit survey by May 4th, 2026 on Xello with final post-secondary plans. There is information on a mini-career fair event happening next Wednesday, April 29th during LEAD and Lunch, come check it out! Also highlighted are some new scholarships and a local scholarship with a May 1st deadline for Avonworth Track and Field Students. Please see the various out of school activities and summer programs, including a great local opportunity, Skyline Academy. There are several job opportunities for graduating seniors interested in entering right into the workforce. Finally, there is a volunteer opportunity at Avonworth Community Park on May 9th for a Basketball Skills Competition. See the attached document for detailed information on all of the activities and many others.

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Attention Seniors

Please complete the **Senior Exit Survey in Xello** before May 4, 2026 to participate in the post-secondary bulletin board that will be displayed outside of the counseling office. This is the board that shows post-secondary plans with your permission. Follow the steps below.

1. Log into your Xello account
2. On the right hand side of your dashboard, click on “Senior Survey 2026”
3. Complete the survey. This will allow me to send your final transcript to your chosen school and allow me to put your name and plans on the board. I plan to complete the board the week of May 5th-8th
4. Next, go to your “college planning” page under “plans” on the right hand side of your dashboard
    a. Click on “College Applications”
    b. Please go in and update your status for schools you have applied to

If schools aren’t listed, you can go in and add them manually in Xello.

Thanks for participating and see me with any questions!
Grade 12 Students

In School Activities

REMINDER: Mini-Career Fair #2 - Advanced Manufacturing and Skilled Trades
Mini-career fair focused on careers in Advanced Manufacturing and Skilled Trades.
Details. Partner with: Advanced Manufacturing Pathway/Bill White
Date: Wednesday, April 29, 2026
Time: 10:30am - 12:00pm (set up at 10:15am)
Location: LGI due to high interest from exhibitors
List of vendors so far:

PennWest University (California, Clarion & Edinboro)
CCAC
Slippery Rock University
German American Chamber of Commerce, Pittsburgh Chapter
Turner Construction Company
Rosedale Technical College
Pittsburgh Institute of Aeronautics
Community College of Beaver County
Douglas Education Center
Industrial Arts Workshop
Aerotech, Inc.
Master Builder's Guild
Massaro CM Services
Slippery Rock University
Aerotech, Inc.
Bella Capelli
Carpenters Union

Scholarships

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

Jack Downey Avonworth-Northgate Co-op Track and Field Memorial Scholarship: Class of 2026 - note deadline!

This $1000 scholarship is being awarded in honor of Mr. Jack Downey, former Northgate/Avonworth track and field coach, to a deserving senior member of the Northgate/Avonworth track and field program. To qualify for this scholarship, the applicant must be a participant of the track team for 2 years including their senior year, demonstrate a genuine financial need for the scholarship funds and have a minimum GPA of 2.5 and write a 250-word essay about a skill, value, or attribute learned as a student-athlete that will help them to be successful in their future. The applicant must plan to attend a college or technical school the semester following graduation.
All applications must be submitted by Friday, May 1st, 2026, at 3:00pm.
Application Link

CCAC Scholarships

Here are some scholarship opportunities for local high school graduates considering CCAC for the upcoming fall semester.

- High School to Career Scholarship
  Up to $10,000 in funding for recent high school graduates pursuing select career pathways
  Application deadline: June 15
- C. Harper Auto Group Scholarship for Automotive Excellence
  Up to $12,000 in funding for automotive students
  Application deadline: May 31
- Toni and Becky Pais Culinary Excellence Scholarship
  Up to $10,000 in funding for culinary students
  Application deadline: July 1

Informational Flyer

mikeroweWORKS scholarship

At mikeroweWORKS, we know the real world doesn't run on a once-a-year deadline. Training programs start and bills show up year-round. As a result, we've decided to expand our application window and give more hardworking men and women the chance to apply when they're ready and when funding matters most. This year, you can apply for a scholarship any time between February 23, 2026 until October 31, 2026.
It's a small change that we hope will make a big difference.

Website
Application Link

Dollar Bank Scholarship
The Dollar Bank Foundation is offering an exciting opportunity for high school seniors—a college scholarship valued at $10,000 over four years ($2,500 per year), awarded to one student in each of Dollar Bank's three markets. Attached you'll find a printable flier with additional details, and all entry forms are available online at dollar.bank/scholarshipcontest.
Here's a quick overview of eligibility and entry requirements:

- No purchase or transaction is necessary.
- The contest is open to full-time 12th grade students currently attending an accredited high school in the Pittsburgh Area (Allegheny, Beaver, Butler, Washington, or Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania); the Cleveland Area (Cuyahoga, Lake, Lorain, Summit, or Medina County, Ohio); or the Hampton Roads Area (City of Virginia Beach, Chesapeake, Norfolk, Portsmouth, Newport News, Franklin, Hampton, Suffolk, Poquoson, Williamsburg, and counties of Gloucester, James City, Mathews, Southampton, Surry, or York, Virginia).
- Applicants must expect to graduate in June 2026.

The essay prompt for this year focuses on the unique qualities of mutual financial institutions. Dollar Bank is the nation's largest independent mutual bank, owned by and operated for the benefit of its customers. We invite students to address any of the following questions in their essay:

- What does it mean for a financial institution to truly belong to its community?
- What qualities, actions, and impact would you expect to see in a mutual bank?
- Do you think this model is important in today's world? Why or why not?

To enter, students should develop an essay of at least 1,000 words in response to one of the prompts and register online at dollar.bank/scholarshipcontest. Completed essays must be submitted by May 29, 2026, at 5:00 PM ET.
For any questions, please feel free to reach out to PublicAffairs@dollarbank.com.

Out of School Activities

Voices of Tufts - Fly-In Program Fall 2026
Voices of Tufts, our signature fall fly-in program, is designed to introduce high school seniors to the ways students create a sense of belonging and community at Tufts University. We look forward to hopefully receiving a nomination (or two or three) from you for students in the high school class of 2027!

Tufts University is a medium-sized research university just outside of Boston, Massachusetts where students are as intellectually playful as they are powerful, and are as eager to study environmental sustainability as they are Marvel comics. Tufts University meets 100% of the demonstrated financial need of all admitted students, regardless of citizenship status. Students pursue 150+ majors, minors, and programs across our School of Arts and Sciences, School of Engineering, and School of the Museum of Fine Arts. Learn more here.

About Voices

Voices of Tufts gives high school seniors a sense of "life on the Hill" through mock classes, conversations and panels with current students, and opportunities to connect with our Division of Student Diversity and Inclusion.

Tufts Admissions is currently finalizing plans for fall 2026 programming and exploring both virtual and in-person program options.

There is no cost to participate in Voices. Additionally, the first-year application fee will be waived for all students who are nominated for Voices and all students who apply for Voices.

Nominations are due by June 22, 2026. All nominated students will be contacted directly by Tufts Admissions and encouraged to apply for Voices once the program application opens in May.

If you or your students have any questions about Voices of Tufts or about Tufts University, please email voices@tufts.edu. We look forward to working with you and your students, and appreciate all you do to support them.

If you are interested in being nominated for this opportunity, email Dr. Maloney with your resume no later than May 29, 2026.

Summer Activities

Summer College Programs - Gettysburg College

Gettysburg College is excited to offer several opportunities for high school juniors and sophomores to attend academic programs over the summer months. Students that attend a Gettysburg College summer camp will experience an immersive learning environment, welcome atmosphere, and historic yet contemporary campus setting. Learn more about our summer programming below or take a moment to explore our website.

- Young Civil War Historians Conference - June 12 - 17th, 2026 - Participants will gain hands-on experience in doing what professional historians do: using original historical documents, battlefield landscapes, Civil War photographs, and commemorative pieces like monuments and memorials as sources for drawing conclusions about the Battle of Gettysburg, and the Civil War more broadly.

- Start Here: The College Experience Camp - June 28 - July 2, 2026 - Start Here: The College Experience Camp offers high school students an exciting opportunity to explore a wide range of academic interests through interactive activities, engaging presentations, hands-on simulations, and/or group discussions.
- Camp Psych - July 12-17th, 2026 -Students will share experiences that introduce them to research in psychology in a fun, challenging, and engaging environment, as well as hands-on preparation for college studies.

Skyline Academy - NAIOP Pittsburgh

As we close in on our **April 30 application deadline**, I thought this video might be of value for students still unsure whether or not to apply to attend our 4th Annual Skyline Academy hosted by Carlow University (the video references the program when it was held at RMU).

Not only will these students have access to relationships and experiences most adults never get, we have a few additional things in the works that will makes this year's program the best yet:

- Students will get a back-stage tour of PNC Park and attend a game that evening
- We are planning a business breakfast with Dr. Kathy Humphrey, president of Carlow University, and have invited Pittsburgh Mayor Corey O'Connor, Allegheny County Executive Sara Innamorato, and Pittsburgh City Councilperson Erika Strassburger
- UPMC will host a tour of their new Kamin Tower where students will get an up-close look at a state-of-the-art medical facility and hear from the professionals who are bringing it to life
- Civil and Environmental Consultants will provide a tour of their building along with hands-on learning experiences and activities

From June 22–27, 2026, NAIOP Pittsburgh will host Skyline Academy at Carlow University, a week-long, residential experience for rising juniors and seniors focused on careers in the built environment. Students will explore fields like real estate development, architecture, construction, engineering, finance, and analytics through hands-on learning and direct interaction with industry professionals.

For students who are still figuring out their next step, this program provides clarity, confidence, and practical insight into high-demand careers, without adding to your team's workload.

- Program details + Flyer
- Student application: https://www.naioppittsburgh.com/skylineacademy
- Extended deadline: April 30, 2026 at 5 PM

Job Opportunities

R&R Pipeline, Inc.
R&R Pipeline, Inc. – A Veteran-Owned Business – is looking for laborers, operators and a foreman in Pittsburgh, PA to join our growing team!
We will be holding open Interviews at the Holiday Inn, 875 Greentree Rd. in Pittsburgh, PA on 5/5 from 9:00 - 2:00. Can't wait to see you there!"
Informational Flyer

City of Pittsburgh and Pittsburgh Regional Transit (PRT)
These sessions are a great opportunity to learn about current job openings and connect directly with employers. Both events are open to the public.
City of Pittsburgh Informational Flyer
Pittsburgh Regional Transit (PRT) Informational Flyer

Don's Glass & Mirror - Entry Level Laborer Positions
Please see the attached job flyer that we are interested in having posted for any seniors that are not interested in pursuing higher education. We have entry-level, full-time positions with on-the-job training.
If you have any questions or need further information, please contact us.
Don's Glass & Mirror, Inc.
12619 Perry Highway
Wexford, PA 15090
PH: 724-935-0099
Informational Flyer

Volunteer Opportunity

WHAT: Avonworth Community Park Basketball Skills Competition for Grades 3-6
WHERE: Avonworth Community Park
WHEN: May 9, 2026 10AM -1 PM (games start at 11AM)
This event is always a lot of fun but we need help to make it possible.
If you are able to volunteer, please sign up here:
https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090C4FAEAC23A1FD0-63497526-volunteers
AND if you have a player that'd like to sign up, get their slot here:
https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090C4FAEAC23A1FD0-63303575-26avonworth

Please let me know if you have any questions or you need further information. If you are looking for specific information or items, don't hesitate to reach out.

Let's go Lopes!

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