SENIOR NEWSLETTER
OCTOBER 2026

Senior timeline page link **here**

Requesting a Transcript?

All transcript requests can be made by emailing our Registrar, Deana Thom dthom@usd232.org

ALWAYS include the name of the college, the admissions email address, or the physical mailing address for admissions.

Please allow two weeks from your request for the college to receive your transcript and get it attached to your account with them.

During these five days, any Kansas resident can apply for free at any of our 7 public universities, 19 community colleges, 6 technical colleges and the 21 private member institutions of the Kansas Independent College Association.

CLICK HERE!

FOR MORE INFORMATION

https://kansasregents.gov/students/apply-free-days

Scholarship Information

If you're going to college, your senior year of high school will be filled with a long to do list. You'll have to apply to college, sort through financial aid information and decide what school to attend - on top of finishing your high school education. In the midst of that chaos, applying for scholarships can get lost in the shuffle. However, while they may seem like an afterthought, scholarships are absolutely crucial if you want to reduce your college costs.

scholarships.com
KansasStateTreasurer.com
fastweb.com
supercollege.com

studentscholarships.org
wiredscholar.com
finaid.org
scholarshipguidance.com/newsletter

The 2027-28 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form is available beginning October 1.
Click here to get started.

UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY

WEST POINT®

ADMISSIONS EVENT

Students, school counselors, teachers, families and friends are all welcome to attend.

Meet with an Admissions Counselor and learn more about:

- **What West Point Offers**
- **Life as a Cadet**
- **The Application Process**

SCAN HERE
Sign up and reserve your spot TODAY!

Oct 22, 2026

05:30 pm

Olathe Indian Creek Library
16100 W 135th St
Olathe, KS 66062

admissionsgp@westpoint.edu

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

www.westpoint.edu

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On October 13, Seniors who have signed up will have the opportunity to take the ACT. The window to sign up for this exam is closed.

Free ACT Practice Test and Resources

Test your knowledge with free prep from the makers of the ACT test. Get your game on with the ACT practice quiz! Answer keys are provided at the end of the quiz. Go to their website to learn more.

ACT®

ABOUT THE CATERPILLAR THINKBIG PROGRAM

Are you interested in a rewarding career in heavy equipment technology? The Caterpillar ThinkBIG Program at WSU Tech is designed for individuals passionate about working with Caterpillar machines and engines. This unique two-year Associate of Applied Science degree combines state-of-the-art classroom instruction with paid, hands-on learning at a local Caterpillar dealership.

Participants spend half of their time learning the theory and mechanics of Caterpillar equipment in a classroom and lab setting at the WSU Tech City Center campus and the other half working at a local Caterpillar dealership. This program not only offers the opportunity to learn from industry experts but also provides a pathway to a long-term career with competitive pay and benefits. See details below and apply now to start your journey as a Caterpillar dealer technician!

HOW IT WORKS

The Caterpillar ThinkBIG program at WSU Tech spans two years and alternates between eight-week classroom sessions and paid, hands-on training at Foley Equipment, our local Caterpillar dealership. Students attend classes at the WSU Tech City Center campus in Wichita, KS, where they develop a strong foundation in mechanical and electrical systems, diagnostics, and safety practices. During the program, students gain real-world experience by working alongside seasoned professionals on cutting-edge Caterpillar equipment.

Students living outside the Wichita area are encouraged to participate, with some dealerships offering support for travel and lodging expenses during classroom sessions.

Upon successful completion, students earn an Associate of Applied Science degree in Heavy Equipment Technology and may secure a full-time position with their sponsoring dealer.

THE KANSAS BOARD OF REGENTS

Students may now apply for scholarships online by creating an account on their website. Applications are available for the following Scholarships:

- Kansas Comprehensive Grant
- Kansas Education Opportunity Scholarship
- Kansas Hero's Scholarship
- Kansas Military Service Scholarship
- Kansas National Guard Educational Assistance
- Kansas Nursing Service Scholarship
- Kansas Promise Act Scholarship
- Kansas ROTC Service Scholarship
- Kansas Teacher Service Scholarship

Click or Scan to Apply

MV NEXT STEPS

SAVE THE DATES
October 1
October 8
October 22

TAKE THIS CHANCE TO MEET WITH REPRESENTATIVES FROM 2 AND 4 YEAR COLLEGES, AS WELL AS CAREER, TRADE AND MILITARY REPRESENTATIVES TO DISCUSS YOUR NEXT STEPS.

OCTOBER 1st

United States Air Force
United States Army National Guard
United States Army ROTC
Grand Canyon University
Kansas State University
United States Marines
Minerva University
Pittsburg State University
University of Nebraska
Washburn University
US Military Academy West Point
Wichita State University
William Jewell College
University of Missouri

OCTOBER 8th

Baker University
Cleveland University
Donnelly College
Emporia State University
Graceland University
Great Jobs KC
Metropolitan Community College
University of Missouri - KC
University of Oklahoma
United States Air Force National Guard
United States Army
Z Hair Academy

OCTOBER 22nd

CRL
Garmin
Johnson County Community College
Lithko Contracting
MidAmerica Nazarene University
Newkirk Novak Construction
University of Saint Mary
University of Kansas
Bethany College
Kansas City Kansas Community College
Paul Mitchell The School
Park University
University of Kansas Health System

EXPLORE POST-GRAD OPTIONS

DURING SEMINAR

OPEN TO ALL GRADES

IN THE PAC!!

STEP UP JOB FAIRS

Step Up Job Fairs are events that connect job seekers with employers in Kansas and Missouri, providing opportunities to find full-time and part-time positions, network, and learn about available jobs and training programs. Attending a Step Up Job Fair allows you to meet recruiters face-to-face, potentially have on-the-spot interviews, and submit your resume for various roles, making it a convenient one-stop-shop for job hunting.

Tuesday, November 10, 2026
12:30 PM - 3:00 PM

Olathe Community Center
1205 E Kansas City Rd
Olathe, KS 66061
For more information go to their website

WaterOne

INTERNSHIPS

Internships with WaterOne offer real-world opportunities ranging from field services, information technology, marketing, audit, engineering, human resources, and more. As a WaterOne intern, you'll help us with the relentless pursuit of our vision: Setting the standard for utility excellence.

Internships are open, competitive opportunities just like any other job opening at WaterOne.

Click here for more information.

Transferology®

Free Resource for Students

Are you trying to research how college credit will transfer? Transferology.com is a free resource for students to help answer this question.

Kansas Scholarshop

The search engine is prowered by the profile you build. The more information you provide, the more success you will have. With access to thousands of scholarships, students can search and find scholarships tailored specifically to their deepest passions.
Check out their website.

KANSAS SCHOLARSHOP

Scholarships.com

2026 is here, and with it are countless scholarship opportunities for high school seniors of all kinds. Start the year off strong with Scholarships.com.

Area College Events

Crimson & Blue Day

Crimson & Blue Day is a campus wide open house event intended to give you a comprehensive view into all things KU. This all-in-one experience provides you with open access to KU's superior academic programs, student life opportunities, and student services resources.

Friday, October 16, 2026

Sign Up Here!

Be a BU Student Day

Experience a day in the life of a Baker Student! You will attend class, discover our campus and explore academic programs.

Wednesday, October 14, 2026

Sign Up Here!

Shocker Saturdays

Can't make it to campus on a weekday? Shocker Saturday is perfect for you! This event consists of an admissions presentation, a panel with current Wichita State students, a campus and housing tour, and a free t-shirt.

Saturday, Oct. 10

Nov. 7, Dec. 5, and more

Sign Up Here!

Meet Mizzou Days

Meet Mizzou Days allow you to experience what your life will be like at Mizzou. The visit includes a Mizzou overview, campus tour and a complimentary lunch in an on-campus dining hall for all guests. Optional sessions after lunch include a departmental fair and academic information sessions.

Saturday, Nov 14

Friday, October 2 or 9 or 23

Sign Up Here!

MC Open House

Join us to experience what makes McPherson College one of the best in the Midwest. When you come for an Open House visit you'll get to meet the team of professors, staff and student leaders who make it all happen. Each day includes: academic exploration, campus tour, clubs and orgs fair, classic car rides and tacos!

Saturday, Oct 24, Nov 21

Sign Up Here!

Rumble in the Jungle

This isn't your average campus visit. It's an all-day open-house packed with energy, future friends, and a first look at Gorilla Nation. Explore your academic interests (adademic fair), connect with faculty and staff and take an optional tour of campus facilities to see what makes Pitt State feel like home.

Satuday, November 7, 2026

Sign Up Here!

Black & Gold Visit

Get a look at what Emporia has to offer! You will receive an extended tour of the campus and residence halls and also receive information regarding admissions, financial aid and scholarship information.

Saturday, October 3, 2026

Game Day Visits

Saturday, Oct 17, Nov 7

Click Here for Info!

Powercat Preview Day

Powercat Preview provides a big picture preview of the K-State experience. You will meet with representatives from your academic area of interest, better understand K-State's admissions requirements, see residence hall spaces and get a glimpse into life as a Wildcat.

Friday, Oct 2 or 16, Nov 6

Sign Up Here!

Discover UMKC

Discover UMKC is designed for students beginning to explore UMKC. This event will provide you with access to academic unit representatives, current UMKC students, campus resources, and admissions information.

Friday, Oct 16 or Nov 20

Sign Up Here!

Discovery Days

How will YOU flourish at William Woods? Explore all of th eways at Discovery Days. This event goes more in-depth than your typical campus tour to showcase the programs, people, activities, and amenities that make WWU the place for you. High School seniors that attend will receive a one-time $1000 William Woods event scholarship!

October 3 & February 15

Sign Up Here!

Fall Tiger Day

The Fort Hays State University Admissions Office invites all future Tigers and their families to spend the day on our campus! This event is tailored for high school juniors and seniors, with $5,000 in scholarships to be won! Discover everything FHSU offers, from academic programs and financial aid to student life, clubs and organizations, campus housing, and much more. Attendees will receive FREE Tiger Perks, including lunch, an FHSU T-Shirt, chances to win scholarships & Tiger gear, a free ticket to FHSU Football, and a concession voucher.

Saturday, October 17

Sign Up Here!

Area College Events

Rock View

A preview day of life as a Rockhurst Hawk. Spend a half day learning what Rockburst University has to offer! Start your visit with an admission presentation that covers academic programs, scholarships and financial aid, student involvement on campus, and more. After the presentation join us on a walking tour of campus to check out on-campus amenities, a residence hall, and other key campus locations.

Friday, November 13

Sign Up Here!

M.D. Program Discovery Day

Join us at the MD Program Discovery Day to learn more about the KU School of Medicine MD program. The event provides high school students who are interested in pursuing a career as a physician with information about preparation for medical school during high school and college, a presentation by a featured student about their path to medicine and ends with a tour of the campus.

Friday, November 13 & March 5

Sign Up Here!

USM Discovery Days

University of Saint Mary Discovery Days are designed to help you explore all aspects of college life. Learn about student organizations at an activity fair. Meet faculty, coaches, and fine arts program directors. Tour campus. Attend a class and hear from a panel of students. Enjoy lunch in the dining hall. Learn about the admissions process, scholarships and financial aid.

Monday, October 12, February 15

Sign Up Here!

JCCC Hospitality Management Experience

The Hospitality Management Experience is the perfect opportunity for prospective students interested in Hospitality Management and Culinary Arts. You'll learn about available programs and career path opportunities, as well as what to expect as a student in these programs. During your visit, you will also have the chance to explore campus with a current JCCC student and learn important informaion about admission, scholarships and financial aid, and student life.

Monday, October 26 & November 16

Sign Up Here!

Game Day Visit

Your day begins with a brief admissions presentation, where you'll learn about academic programs, student support services, and the opportunities waiting for you at HutchCC. Then enjoy a guided campus tour led by our friendly staff, giving you an inside look at classrooms, student spaces, and campus resources. Each attendee will receive free admission to the game, a Gave Day Visit t-shirt and you'll be entered into a scholarship drawing. Wrap up your visit by cheering on the nationally recognized Blue Dragon football team.

Saturday, October 24

Sign Up Here!

Senior Day

Senior day will give students a fun, behind-the-scenes look at how we support them throughout their journey as a Dodge City Community College Conquistador. They have the opportunity to: learn about mental health strategies, chat with advisors, tour on-campus housing, meet and chat with peer tutors, and how we support student success in the classroom. Stay for the prizes, t-shirts, and $5,000 worth of scholarships.

Thursday, October 29

Sign Up Here!

College Events

Texas Tech Preview

Experience the energy of Texas Tech Preview, an unforgettable day that brings our bold spirit to life. Explore a vibrant campus full of opportunity, where innovation meets tradition and your future starts to take shape. From dynamic academic programs to a thriving student life, you'll discover just how much is possible here.

Monday, October 12, 2026

Sign Up Here!

University Days

University Days is your chance to explore the limitless opportunities available to you at The University of Alabama. Learn about life on campus, available majors and minors, academic and student support services, admissions, scholarships and much more.

October 12 & October 16

Sign Up Here!

Razorback Reveal

During the fall semester, the University of Arkansas invites high school seniors to attend our open house for future Razorbacks. Faculty, staff and current students will share information and personal stories about the many opportunities available. You will also have the chance to tour campus and meet with representatives.

Saturday, October 3, 2026

Sign Up Here!

Show Me Day

At Show Me Day, you'll connect with professors and current students in your program of interest to get a better idea of what life at SEMO can look like. You will also build your afternoon around what matters most to you. That means you can attend sessions on student life, academics, scholarships, and more, all led by the people who know SEMO the best.

Saturday, October 3 & November 7

Sign Up Here!

Big Red Experience

Get a closer look at all you can accomplish at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln! At Big Red Experience, you'll explore campus alongside a current student, enjoy a meal in a dining center, discover opportunities for student involvement and explore resouces designed to help you succeed. Plus, you'll dive deep into your career interests during dedicated academic sessions.

October 15, 2026

Sign Up Here!

Fraudulent scholarships can take many forms. Check out this article to learn about common scholarship scams and how to avoid them.

Explore your future with

HOT CAREERS

TRY HANDS-ON ACTIVITIES

EXPLORE HIGH-DEMAND CAREERS

DISCOVER PATHWAYS THAT FIT YOU

Curious about what comes next after high school? Hot Careers puts you in the driver's seat with hands-on experiences that let you explore real careers, real skills, and real college pathways — before you decide.

DON'T MISS OUT!

Technical Education Center (TEC)

November 6, 2026

8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Kansas City Kansas Community College.

College Financing Night at JCCC

Registration link coming soon!

- **Date**: Tuesday, Nov. 17
- **Time**: 4:30 – 7 p.m.
  - Doors open at 4 p.m.
- **Location**: Regnier Center 101

MORE INFO

Are you a current or future college student — or helping someone become one?

Join us for a free event designed to connect students and families with the financial resources and support they need for higher education success. Don't miss this opportunity to connect, learn, and plan for your future! Open to all current and prospective students and their families.

- Questions? Contact Haley Crawford, Financial Aid Communications Coordinator at hcrawfo5@jccc.edu.

JOHNSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

USD 232 INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

Are you interested in earning school credit while gaining hands-on workplace experience in a career field that interests you? Get real world experience in a field of your choice. There are internships available in all fields such as business, healthcare, trades, education and more! This program is open to all seniors.

MVHS SCHOLARSHIP PAGE

Check out the MVHS Scholarship Page!
Click the link below for:

- **Scholarship Search Sites**
- **MV Next Steps Info**
- **College and Career Planning**

Action Scholarship

The Seven Days of Kindness Action Scholarship is open to all graduating seniors. This scholarship awards $1,000 to students who take action to spread kindness in their communities. Please click here for more information. The deadline to apply is January 8, 2027.

KLL Memorial Scholarship Fund

the kelly lynn lutz foundation

The KLL Memorial Foundation was established to provide scholarships and financial assistance for students and families suffering from cancer related illnesses. Students pursuing secondary education are eligible for up to a 4 year scholarship if they have lost a parent or caretaker to cancer. This is a $2,500 annual scholarship at the secondary school of your choice. The deadline to apply is January 10, 2027. Open only to students in the Kansas City Metro area. For more information go to KLLscholarshipfund.org/scholarship

RUDD FOUNDATION 2026 Scholarship

Application Requirements:

- Graduating high school senior who plans to enroll full-time in the fall
- Must have a cumulative, unweighted high school GPA of 3.0 or above
- Must have taken the ACT or SAT and submit the score to apply
- Must be a Kansas resident and qualify for in-state tuition
- Demonstrate financial need (Pell-eligible)
- Will attend either Emporia State, Fort Hays State, Kansas State, or Wichita State Universities
- Must be a U.S. Citizen or a permanent resident

Applications accepted October 1 - December 1, 2026

Click here for more information

College of Engineering

KIEWIT SCHOLARS

The application for the Kiewit Scholars Program is now open! It will close on November 15, 2026. This program offers four years of full tuition, a book stipend, one year of housing and a guaranteed internship at Kiewit to students interested in the building and construction industry pursuing the following majors: Civil Engineering, Construction Management, Electrical Engineering, Environmental Engineering, and Mechanical Engineering at the University of Nebraska. Apply today!!

KIEWIT Scholars

WICHITA STATE UNIVERSITY DISTINGUISHED SCHOLARSHIP INVITATIONAL (DSI)

This fall Wichita State University will be offering high school seniors the chance to compete in the DSI. This DSI is one of the premier scholarship competitions in the country, awarding one $80,000 Richard D. Smith Scholarship, THREE $64,000 Harry Gore Memorial Scholarships one $40,000 Mike & Mary James Scholarship, one $34,000 Mark & Stacy Parkinson Scholarship and others to attend Wichita State in the fall of 2027. The DSI application is due by 11:59 pm on Sunday, November 8 and you must submit Wichita State admission application materials by November 1.

Look here for more information.