

Counselor Corner
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Fort Hays State University is proud to announce that its annual Hispanic College Institute (HCI), the only program of its kind in the state of Kansas, will once again be taking place this summer. HCI will take place June 5-8, 2024.

HCI is a free, four-day, three-night residential program that prepares high school students to enter and succeed in higher education. The program is based on research and input from Hispanic educators and community leaders, and much of the content is delivered by Hispanic professionals who can relate to participating students' experiences and challenges. The program is open to the current class of 2025 and 2026 high school students with a 2.5 GPA or above. Register and find out all you need at www.fhsu.edu/hci.

K-State recently announced an extension to the K-State Scholarship Network (www.k-state.edu/sfa/scholarships-aid/scholarships/ksn/) to now have a priority date of March 15th! Students are encouraged to complete this supplemental application to maximize their scholarship consideration throughout the K-State community and resources.

The Kansas Junior Golf scholarship is for Kansas high school seniors who are going to college or university in Kansas. The applicant must have participated in high school golf or a recognized junior golf program. It is not based on golf ability. The application to apply is March 11. Go to www.kansasgolffoundation.org/our-scholarships, then click on the application website box.

Step into the shoes of a frontline nurse in this 1-day immersive experience, the 2024 TUKHS Nurse Academy. This amazing opportunity is hosted by The University of Kansas Health System in collaboration with the University of Kansas School of Nursing. Nurse Academy will be held on July 11 or June 13th. Nurse Academy is open to any high school junior or seniors that are interested in nursing careers. If you have any questions please email the team directly at NurseAcademy@kumc.edu. Posters will have a QR code to register.

If you have a local chapter of Masons you may want to check about scholarships and sponsorships for Kansas Masonic Marching Band Camp. I received information at Healy from the Dodge City Masons. Applications are due March 31.

KJIL radio will have multiple \$1000 scholarships available for students heading to a Christian college for the 1st time, full-time this fall. Applicants must attend a high school within the station's on-air listening area (dual enrollment credits in High School do not disqualify from eligibility) Applications must be received at the KJIL/KHYM offices by FRIDAY, March 15, 5 PM CST to be considered. Find all the info you need at www.kjil.com/sign-up-to-win/go-scholarships-2024/

Hornet Connection registration is now open! These events are catered to new incoming students. They give new Hornets the opportunity to enroll in classes for their first semester, hear more about financial aid and learn the ins and outs of being a first-year student at ESU. Students can sign up at emporia.edu/hornetconnection.

ESU's first enrollment day is April 5. Whatever school you are attending, but on the lookout for this information. Early enrollment gives you a greater chance to get the classes/services you desire.

For Sophomores Only will be held at Kansas State on April 5 and 6, as part of Open House. Students will learn about making the transition from high school to college and will participate in activities to identify their strengths and skills. The deadline to apply is March 22. Register at www.k-state.com. For more info you can also call 785-532-2775.

In December 2023, the College Board held the last pen-and-paper SAT in the United States. Going forward, the SAT will exclusively be administered in a digital format. If you plan to take the SAT soon, go to forbes.com and search "What To Know About The New Digital SAT."

Most Kansas kids take the ACT, and it has not committed to a specific date to start digital testing. But this will be something to monitor. March 8 is the deadline to register for the April 13 ACT test. If you do this test, ACT will give you a FREE post-test virtual event hosted by the test prep experts at Kaplan. Get help understanding your April test results for better insights so you can shape a personalized test prep strategy for the future. There is nothing special to do other than take the April 13 ACT to receive these services.

Deadlines to remember: March 1-FAFSA Deadline for FHSU and KSU; March 8-deadline to apply for April 13 ACT; March 31-Deadline to apply for Kansas Masonic Foundation Scholarships; May 1-Deadline to apply for O'Brate Scholarships; May 3-deadline to apply for June 8 ACT; June 7-deadline to apply for July 13 ACT. Sophomore/Juniors Days: Feb. 15 at NCKTC-Beloit; Feb. 21 at NCKTC-Hays; April 15 at FHSU; Freshman/Sophomore Day at WSU-April 27; Sophomores/Juniors at Washburn-April 12