

Counselor Corner
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The College of Health and Behavioral Sciences Day at Fort Hays State University is Friday, March 29. This free event is open to high school students who are currently juniors and seniors in the 2022-2023 school year, as well as transfer students interested in careers in the health and behavioral sciences.

Students will visit all six departments in the College of Health and Behavioral Sciences (Allied Health, Communication Sciences and Disorders, Health and Human Performance, Nursing, Psychology, and Social Work); learn about academic, career, and other unique educational opportunities within the departments. tour academic facilities, including clinical and simulation labs. engage with faculty, staff, and students in each department For more information and to sign up for this exciting event, please have students go to: www.fhsu.edu/admissions/events/health-and-behavioral-science-day

The 28th Annual National Student Poetry Contest has four divisions of competition; grades 3-5; grades 6-7; grades 8-9; grades 10-12. Poem must be no longer than 20 lines, and can be on any topic as long as it is not vulgar or offensive. Works must be submitted by April 30. Find out more at www.libraryofpoetry.com.

The Financial Scholars essay contest will award up to five scholarships of \$1000 or more to seniors attending a two or four year school in Kansas. This Scholarship Contest is designed to recognize students who place importance on managing their money well, right from the start. Having goals, and the proper information to attain them, will prove rewarding. For requirements and application visit Kansas FinancialScholars.com. All documents are due April 1.

Current Sophomores and Juniors should consider the 2024 Summer Venture in Business program hosted at the University of Kansas. This pre-college summer academy is designed for underrepresented students and/or potential first-generation college students in high school who are interested in studying business.

Students will stay on KU's Lawrence campus and learn about various aspects of business while immersing themselves in the college experience both in and out of the classroom. They'll gain connections to academic resources and opportunities at KU and attend workshops focused on college and career readiness. This program is FREE for all eligible participants; all participants receive a scholarship that covers the general cost of the program.

You can attend one of two five day sessions, June 9-14 or July 14-19. The application process to this program is competitive, and there are a limited number of spaces available. The June application closes on March 31, 2024. To find out more you can email business.ku.edu/svb. Or you can also contact Dyan Ross at dyross@ku.edu or at 785-864-1562

Thomas County Farm Bureau Association is offering three \$600.00 scholarships (\$300 per semester), which are renewable for the duration of the student's schooling, with a maximum of four years. Two of the scholarships have a preference for agriculture majors and the third is for any chosen field of study. Applicant must be a high school senior in a Thomas County high school who is a dues-paying Thomas County Farm Bureau Association member Student must have a high school GPA of 3.0 or higher. Your counselor will have a copy of the application, which is due April 1. If you

are a member of Farm Bureau in another county, check with your agent. The procedures are different in every office, but its worth checking into.

Another example of who you do business with: The Midwest Liberty Federal Credit Union offers two scholarships of \$2500 each to students who are members. To find out more call Lisa Beideck at 308-345-7040. Deadline to apply is March 29.

In November of last year, the new ESU Esports Arena officially opened as the home of Hornet Esports. The 24-system lab houses high-speed computers, large video monitors and intuitive controls that allow the university to field teams for competitive play in the National Association of Collegiate Esports. Varsity players for Hornet Esports are eligible for scholarship dollars to compete and student coaches can receive stipends. To find out more go to emporia.edu, then enter "esports program" in the search icon. You can request more information there as well.

Are you a high school junior that has experienced homelessness in the last six years? The SchoolHouse Connection Scholarship program may be the jumpstart you need to be successful after high school. A SchoolHouse Connection Scholar Will Receive a \$2,500 Scholarship Award; One-on-One Support from SchoolHouse Connection Staff; Three All-Expenses-Paid Trips; and support from SchoolHouse Connection Scholars. Application deadline is June 1. All the info you need is at www.schoolhouseconnection.org/scholarship.

The Joseph Shinoda Memorial Foundation is committed to assisting students complete their education in floriculture or horticulture or a closely related field. Each year scholarships are awarded to worthy students. Criteria for awards are career goals, work and extra-curricular experience, financial need and grades. Scholarship awards generally range from \$500 - \$7,000. The deadline to apply is April 25. Find out more at www.shinodascholarship.org/index.php/scholarships.

The Sheridan County Conservation District wants to notify the school that the District is offering two scholarships in the amount of \$1000 each. The scholarship funds will be for the college or technical school of the recipient's choice (must live in Sheridan County). The successful applicant should be planning a career in an agricultural or conservation related field. This is a broad field ranging from Ag business, wildlife, water and soil conservation, water quality, or many Ag related fields. School counselors have a copy of the application, which is due April 1.

Deadlines to remember: 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: April 6- Open House at K-State; April 15 at FHSU; Freshman/Sophomore Day at WSU-April 27; Sophomores/Juniors at Washburn-April 12