

Counselor Corner
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You still have time to enroll for Spring at Colby Community College. It is now offering a Certificate of Completion for High School students in Solar PV and Wind Technology. This unique two-semester program specifically concentrates on Solar Photovoltaic (PV) and Wind Technology. Solar PV and Wind is one of the fastest growing technologies in the energy market. Because this program is online, it gives the student the ability to learn and work from anywhere with internet access.

This program can be taken as a full-time, part time, or even a high school student. High School students can take courses for dual credit (if their school supports this program). If a high school is located in Kansas, Senate Bill 155 applies (funds the student's tuition). Students can also start this program in the fall or spring semester (every 8-weeks) Each 8-weeks, the student will participate in an online course or courses that will precisely prepare him/her for a career in Solar PV and/or Wind Technology.

If you need additional information, contact Derek Reilley, Program Director, by phone at 785-460-5431 or by email at derek.reilley@colbycc.edu. To enroll your students, please contact outreach at (785)460-4611. The next start date for these certificate programs is January 16th.

Fort Hays State University offers a nursing guaranteed admission opportunity to qualified first-time, full-time freshman students majoring in nursing (transfer students are not eligible). If selected, the student is granted admission preference and will not have to participate in the competitive application process in the sophomore year. Students must remain in good standing and meet all NGAP and nursing department requirements to be granted full admission.

High school seniors are eligible to apply. In order to be considered, applicants must meet the following criteria at the time of application submission: Admission to Fort Hays State University; Declare nursing as intended major; Minimum ACT 24 or SAT 1160. Apply at <https://www.fhsu.edu/nursing/Nursing-Guaranteed-Admission-Program/> If you have questions, please feel free to respond back to Nurs.APS@fhsu.edu or call Tiffany directly at 785-628-4256.

Johnson and Wales University is looking to identify the next generation of culinary leaders through its Future Food Scholarship Competition. Participants could earn scholarship funds toward their JWU education, and the top 10 applicants will travel to campus to showcase their recipes. To qualify for the Future Food Scholarship Competition, students must complete their JWU admissions application and the competition application before January 15, 2024. Find out more at www.jwu.edu/future-food-competition/index.html.

There is an interesting article in Psychology Today about the dangers of playing video games too much. There are several thought-provoking links. Give it a look at www.psychologytoday.com/us/blog/open-gently/202311/heavy-gaming-may-aggravate-attention-problems.

MENSA will award 178 scholarships based on an essay of your career and academic goals. Submission deadline is January 15. Find out more at www.mensafoundation.org/what-we-do/scholarships/us-scholarships/

Calling all high school seniors! The Sparkling Ice® Flavorful Futures Go Green Scholarship program is now accepting applications. Follow your dreams and fund your flavorful future with a \$5,000 scholarship that can be applied to any trade, vocational, or academic 2-year or 4-year program. Application deadline is January 31. Find out more at <https://apply.mykaleidoscope.com/scholarships/seasonalflavorsgogreen2024>

Deadlines to remember: December 31-Initial wave of scholarships awarded by CCC; January 5-deadline to apply for February 10 ACT; Feb. 1-Deadline to apply for Kansas Kiwanis Scholarships, Priority Deadline to submit FAFSA to KU; Feb. 15-Final deadline to apply for FHSU scholarships; Feb. 19-Deadline to apply for Ellis Foundation Scholarship; March 8-deadline to apply for April 13 ACT; March 31-Deadline to apply for Kansas Masonic Foundation 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