



CAREER CENTER CONNECTION

NEWS FROM THE SIMLEY HIGH SCHOOL CAREER CENTER

OCTOBER, 2017

JOIN US FOR MN COLLEGE GOAL: A FAFSA COMPLETION WORKSHOP!

The FAFSA (free application for federal student aid) is required for any student seeking federal and state financial aid- including grants and loans- to attend any college in the country.

A Minnesota college goal FAFSA completion workshop offers detailed answers to questions and line-by-line application assistance.

Get FREE professional help! Financial aid officers from local colleges along with other qualified volunteers will be on-site to help college-bound students and their families complete the FAFSA. There will also be translators on-site to support Spanish speaking families.

Take advantage of this excellent opportunity and get your FAFSA done early and accurately! Here is a list of what you will need to bring with you to the event:

- ✓ Social Security Number
- ✓ Alien registration number, if you're not a U.S. citizen
- ✓ Driver's license number, if you have one
- ✓ Prior-prior year's tax information or tax returns for you and your parents (2016 taxes)
- ✓ Information on savings, investments, and business and farm assets for you and your parents
- ✓ Records of untaxed income
- ✓ Laptop- Chrome books will be available for use at the event

This event will take place during fall conferences on **Tuesday, October 17th** from **5:30 pm – 7:30 pm** in the **Spartan Center**. Please note that the FAFSA typically takes around an hour to complete.

For more information about the FAFSA please refer to page 3 of this newsletter or go to www.fafsa.gov.

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**ATTEND AND ENTER
A DRAWING FOR A
\$500 SCHOLARSHIP!**



OCTOBER IS COLLEGE KNOWLEDGE MONTH!

College Knowledge Month is a Minnesota statewide initiative, piloted in 2011, which encourages students to explore, plan and apply for college. College is any type of post-secondary training beyond high school. From the Minnesota Department of Education:

The goal of College Knowledge Month is to provide every graduating high school senior with the preparation, opportunity, and support needed to apply to college. Minnesota College Knowledge Month is a statewide effort which encourages students to take a significant step toward college by providing assistance and building excitement for the application process.



2017 College Knowledge Month at Simley High School will include:

- ✓ Daily college knowledge facts on the announcements.
- ✓ Over 15 college representative and military visits during the month (see page 4)
- ✓ Any student who attends a college representative visit at Simley, goes on a campus tour, or submits an application to college in September or October to be entered into a drawing for great college prizes!
 - Grand prize for seniors only: A mini fridge- perfect for next year's dorm room!
 - Complete an entry ticket in the Career Center if you submitted an application or went on a campus tour. Students are automatically entered if they attend a college rep visit at school.
- ✓ Wear your college gear on October 25th (College Wear Wednesday!) to wrap up a great CKM!
- ✓ Seminars for seniors on the Common Application and Writing College Essays
- ✓ Encouragement to apply to colleges during College Knowledge Month as a majority of colleges in MN offer application fee waivers during the week of October 23rd!
- ✓ FAFSA Completion Workshop for families on October 17th (5:30-7:30) during conferences.



**Seniors!
You can win
this fridge!**

FREE APPLICATIONS TO COLLEGE!



Colleges and universities that will not charge a fee during last week of CKM
FREE TO ALL STUDENTS OCTOBER 23-27, 2017

CENTURY COLLEGE
DAKOTA COUNTY TECHNICAL COLLEGE
HIBBING COMMUNITY COLLEGE
INVER HILLS COMMUNITY COLLEGE
ITASCA COMMUNITY COLLEGE
LAKE SUPERIOR COLLEGE
MESABI RANGE COLLEGE
MINNESOTA STATE COLLEGE SOUTHEAST
MN STATE COMMUNITY AND TECH. COLLEGE
MINNESOTA STATE UNIVERSITY, MANKATO

MINNESOTA STATE UNIVERSITY, MOORHEAD
MN WEST COMMUNITY & TECHNICAL COLLEGE
NORMANDALE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
NORTH HENNEPIN COMMUNITY
NORTHLAND COMMUNITY AND TECH. COLLEGE
RAINY RIVER COMMUNITY COLLEGE
SOUTHWEST MINNESOTA STATE UNIVERSITY
ST. CLOUD STATE UNIVERSITY
VERMILLION COMMUNITY COLLEGE
WINONA STATE UNIVERSITY

FREE APPLICATIONS TO COLLEGE! (continued)



Colleges and universities that never charge a fee: FREE TO ALL STUDENTS ALL YEAR

PRIVATE COLLEGES

AUGSBURG UNIVERSITY
BETHANY LUTHERAN COLLEGE
BETHEL UNIVERSITY
CARLETON COLLEGE
COLLEGE OF SAINT BENEDICT
CONCORDIA COLLEGE, MOORHEAD
CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY, ST. PAUL
THE COLLEGE OF ST. SCHOLASTICA

GUSTAVUS ADOLPHUS COLLEGE
HAMLINE UNIVERSITY
SAINT JOHN'S UNIVERSITY
SAINT MARY'S UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA
ST. CATHERINE UNIVERSITY
ST. OLAF COLLEGE
UNIVERSITY OF ST. THOMAS

MINNESOTA STATE CAMPUSES

ANOKA TECHNICAL COLLEGE
ANOKA-RAMSEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE
CENTRAL LAKES COLLEGE
HENNEPIN TECHNICAL COLLEGE
METROPOLITAN STATE UNIVERSITY

PINE TECHNICAL & COMMUNITY COLLEGE
RIVERLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE
ROCHESTER COMMUNITY & TECH. COLLEGE
SAINT PAUL COLLEGE
SOUTH CENTRAL COLLEGE

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA CAMPUSES

CROOKSTON

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR FAMILIES OF SENIOR STUDENTS



Students planning to attend college during the 2018-2019 school year can apply for financial aid using the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) starting on the first of October. This is now possible because the FAFSA will use income information from prior-prior year (PPY). This will eliminate the need to estimate tax data on the FAFSA and means that your previous year's taxes do not need to be done to complete the application. The IRS Data Retrieval Tool will pull the information and put it into your application once your identity is verified.

The first step to completing the FAFSA is to set up a Federal Student Aid ID (FSA ID).

This is required for both student and parent and will serve as your electronic signature. A separate email address is required for both student and parent to create the account.

A few tips and reminders when creating your FSA ID:

- ✓ Parent and student should each set up their own ID (Mom or Dad should NOT set up account for student).
- ✓ Use accurate social security number.
- ✓ Triple check that your date of birth is correct.
- ✓ Do not use an email attached to school. Use a personal email because you will use this ID for the entirety of your college career and while you are paying off any loans you take out.
- ✓ You will create 5 challenge questions: 2 from a list of possible questions, 2 created by the user, 1 with an important date (can't be birthdate)
- ✓ Be sure to write your ID down! It's a long, painful process to reset/retrieve the information.

Once you've created your FAFSA ID, you can start your application. Remember, you do not have to complete the application in one sitting, so feel free to come back to it later, if needed. In general, it will take around 45 minutes – 1 hour to complete. For more information and to complete the application, go to: www.fafsa.gov or join us for the FAFSA Completion Workshop on Tuesday, October 17th (5:30 – 7:30) in the Spartan Center.

TAKE ADVANTAGE OF MEA BREAK

MEA Break is an excellent time for students to go on college visits. Most schools in MN and many in Wisconsin hold special open houses and host special events on these days specifically for junior and senior students to visit their campus. Students do not have school on Wednesday (10/18), Thursday (10/19), and Friday (10/20) so take advantage of these days to make a few college visits! Check individual school websites for more information on special MEA events and if you need to register. Stepping foot on campus, taking a tour and talking to admission representatives is the best way to find out if a college will be a good fit for your student!



TRENDING CAREERS

INFORMATION SECURITY ANALYSTS



What Information Security Analysts Do:

Information Security Analysts set up plans to protect companies' information and technology from outsiders. They work with companies to build secure computer systems, install software that protects the information, test systems, train staff on security, build electronic firewalls and encrypt information, and monitor data logs for any strange activity and evaluate where the problems occurred.

Work Environment:

Information Security Analysts have a high level of contact with users, managers, and vendors. They work indoors on a set-schedule and must be sure that all details are exact.

Helpful High School Courses:

In addition to taking a strong college preparatory curriculum, helpful electives to take in high school that prepare you for this occupation include: Computer Applications, Computer Programming, Computer Science, and Network Technology.

How to Become an Information Security Analyst:

Information Security Analysts typically have a bachelor's degree in a computer-related field. Popular majors that lead to this position include: Computer Science, Information Technology, Computer Systems Analyst, and Computer Systems Networking and Administration. *Colleges in Minnesota that offer at least one of these majors include:*

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| ✓ Augsburg University | ✓ Minnesota State University Moorhead |
| ✓ Bemidji State University | ✓ Normandale Community College |
| ✓ Carleton College | ✓ St. Cloud State University |
| ✓ Century College | ✓ St. Olaf College |
| ✓ College of St. Ben's/St. John's University | ✓ St. Paul College |
| ✓ Concordia University- St. Paul | ✓ University of Minnesota, Duluth |
| ✓ Dakota County Technical College | ✓ University of Minnesota, Morris |
| ✓ Gustavus Adolphus College | ✓ University of Minnesota, Twin Cities |
| ✓ Minnesota State University Mankato | ✓ University of St. Thomas |

Pay

The median annual wage for an Information Security Analyst is \$87,480 in Minnesota.

Job Outlook

This occupation is growing faster than average- it is projected to grow at a rate of 11.3% over the next 10 years.

**Information from Minnesota Career Information System (MCIS) on 10/5/2017*

COLLEGE SPOTLIGHT

INVER HILLS COMMUNITY COLLEGE

The Right Direction.

www.inverhills.edu

Public, 2-year institution



Student demographics:

8,093 Students (41% Male/59% Female)

31% Students of Color

35% Full-time/65% Part-time

Tuition (2017-2018): \$5,333

Degrees offered: Associate of Applied Science, Associate of Arts, Associate of Fine Arts, Associate of Science, Certificate, and Diploma

Admissions:

Inver Hills Community College has an open admissions policy, meaning you need only a high school diploma or a GED to be admitted and enroll. Students are required to complete the ACCUPLACER, a course placement exam to make sure that they are at a college level and appropriately placed.

At-a-Glance:

- ✓ Gorgeous campus with small class sizes and instructors that know your name
- ✓ Complete the first two years of a bachelor's degree for a fraction of the cost
- ✓ Convenient and accessible services on campus with staff dedicated to your academic and career success
- ✓ National designation as an adult-friendly learning institution and one of the best colleges for veterans.

Academic Programs: Inver Hills Community College offers more than 50 degree and certificate programs which are ideal for transfer or starting a career. Highlighted programs include: network technology and security, emergency medical services, computer science, accounting, biology, psychology, Minnesota Alliance for Nursing Education (MANE) BSN, law enforcement, paralegal, and project management.

Housing and Campus Life: Inver Hills offers a limited number of apartment-style living on-campus. There are a variety of housing options off-campus, in the community as well.

The college has over 25 student clubs, organizations, and activities in the areas of music, theater, culture, and student leadership. Students have access to a fitness center, health services clinic, disability services, multicultural center, a community garden and orchard, and a newly renovated, state-of-the-art Learning Center located in the library.

Noteworthy: Inver has transfer agreements with 17 four-year schools and 96.7% of credits earned at Inver Hills transfer.

UPCOMING VISITS TO THE CAREER CENTER

Students must sign-up and get a pass from Ms. Kimble prior to visit. All visits held in the Career Center unless otherwise noted.

OCTOBER, 2017

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
2 University of Minnesota- Rochester @ 10:30 AM	3	4 Kansas City Art Institute @ 7:55, 8:47, and 9:38 (in Mr. Gilbertson's art classes)	5 University of Minnesota- Twin Cities @ 1:00 pm	6
9 Dakota County Technical College @ 9:30 AM	10	11 Army National Guard during lunches (lunchroom) Carthage College (WI) @ 1:00 PM	12 St. Catherine University @ 1:00 PM	13 College of St. Ben's/St. John's University @ 10:25 AM
16 University of Wisconsin-Superior @ 10:45 AM U.S. Army during lunches (lunchroom)	17 <i>MN College Goal: FAFSA COMPLETION WORKSHOP!</i> <i>(5:30 PM – 7:30 PM in the Spartan Center)</i>	18	19 20 <i>MEA Break: Get out and visit colleges!</i>	
23 Inver Hills Community College @ 10:25 AM University of St. Thomas @ 1:00 PM	24 University of Missouri @ 1:40 PM	25 <i>COLLEGE WEAR WEDNESDAY!</i> U.S. Navy during lunches (lunchroom)	26 Winona State University @ 9:30 AM	27 Hamline University @ 9:30 AM
30	31 Normandale Community College @ 12:45 PM			

*Additional visits have potentially been added since this publication. For the most up-to-date information please see the Simley HS webpage under "Career Center" or have your student check the calendar outside of the Career Center.

IMPORTANT DATES TO NOTE

- ✓ **Tuesday, October 17:** MN College Goal: FAFSA Completion Workshop (5:30 – 7:30 in the Spartan Center)
 - See page one for more details!
- ✓ **Saturday, October 28:** ACT Exam
- ✓ **Thursday, November 2:** College Fair at Simley HS

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FACT:

**COLLEGE MEANS ANY POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION OR TRAINING
BEYOND HIGH SCHOOL.**