



CAREER CENTER CONNECTION

NEWS FROM THE SIMLEY HIGH SCHOOL CAREER CENTER

OCTOBER, 2018

FAFSA COMPLETION NIGHT TUESDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2018

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.

The FAFSA Completion Night event will start with a brief financial aid presentation followed by time to work on and potentially complete the FAFSA. Financial aid officers from local colleges will be on-site to help college-bound seniors and their families complete the FAFSA. There will also be translators at the event 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 needed
- ✓ Driver's license number, if you have one
- ✓ Prior-prior year's tax information or tax returns for you and your parents (2017 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 16th 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 go to www.fafsa.gov.

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



IMPORTANT FIRST STEPS FOR THE FAFSA

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. 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 (only one parent needs an account) 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 (Parent should NOT set up account for student).
- ✓ Use accurate social security number and 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'll create 5 challenge questions: 2 from a list of questions, 2 created by the user, 1 with 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.

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.

2018 College Knowledge Month at Simley High School will include:

- ✓ 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.
 - Representative visits will be counted through November 8th and the drawings will take place on **Friday, November 9th!**
- ✓ Wear your college gear on October 24th (College Wear Wednesday!) to wrap up a great College Knowledge Month!
- ✓ College knowledge trivia and fun facts on the announcements.
- ✓ Open time for seniors to complete applications with assistance in the Career Center.
- ✓ 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 22nd!
- ✓ FAFSA Completion Workshop for families on October 16th (5:30-7:30) during conferences.



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 (10/17), Thursday (10/18), and Friday (10/19) 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!





FREE APPLICATIONS TO COLLEGE!

As Minnesota high school students think about applying to college, application fees should not be a barrier. Some Minnesota colleges and universities do not charge application fees or they don't charge fees at certain times of the year.

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

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA CAMPUSES

CROOKSTON

MINNESOTA STATE CAMPUSES

ANOKA TECHNICAL COLLEGE
ANOKA-RAMSEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE
CENTRAL LAKES COLLEGE
METROPOLITAN STATE UNIVERSITY
PINE TECHNICAL & COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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

COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES THAT WILL NOT CHARGE A FEE DURING COLLEGE KNOWLEDGE MONTH FREE TO ALL STUDENTS IN OCTOBER 2018

PRIVATE COLLEGES

MPLS. COLLEGE OF ART & DESIGN > use code MCW2019

MINNESOTA STATE CAMPUSES

ALEXANDRIA TECHNICAL & COMMUNITY COLLEGE
BEMIDJI STATE UNIVERSITY
FOND DU LAC TRIBAL & COMMUNITY COLLEGE > use CKM2018
HENNEPIN TECHNICAL COLLEGE
LAKE SUPERIOR COLLEGE
MESABI RANGE COLLEGE

MINNESOTA STATE, MOORHEAD
MINNEAPOLIS COMMUNITY AND TECHNICAL COLLEGE
NORTHWEST TECHNICAL COLLEGE
RAINY RIVER COMMUNITY COLLEGE
RIDGEWATER COLLEGE
ST. CLOUD STATE UNIVERSITY
ST. CLOUD TECHNICAL AND COMMUNITY COLLEGE

COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES THAT WILL NOT CHARGE A FEE DURING LAST WEEK OF CKM FREE TO ALL STUDENTS OCTOBER 22-26, 2018

MINNESOTA STATE CAMPUSES

CENTURY COLLEGE > use code CKM 2018
DAKOTA COUNTY TECHNICAL COLLEGE
HIBBING COMMUNITY COLLEGE
INVER HILLS COMMUNITY COLLEGE
ITASCA COMMUNITY COLLEGE
MPLS. COMMUNITY AND TECHNICAL COLLEGE > use CKM2018
MINNESOTA STATE COLLEGE SOUTHEAST
MN STATE COMMUNITY AND TECH. COLLEGE > use CKM2018

MINNESOTA STATE UNIVERSITY, MANKATO
NORMANDALE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
NORTH HENNEPIN COMMUNITY
NORTHLAND COMMUNITY AND TECH. COLLEGE > use CKM2018
RAINY RIVER COMMUNITY COLLEGE
SOUTHWEST MN STATE UNIVERSITY (Waiving fees 10/20-10/28)
VERMILLION COMMUNITY COLLEGE
WINONA STATE UNIVERSITY

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 \$94,950 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 10/10/2018*

COLLEGE SPOTLIGHT

INVER HILLS COMMUNITY COLLEGE

The Right Direction.

www.inverhills.edu

Public, 2-year institution



*****AMANDA FISHER, INVER HILLS ADMISSION REPRESENTATIVE WILL BE VISITING SIMLEY HIGH SCHOOL ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 15TH @ 8:30 AM. SIGN-UP WITH MS. KIMBLE IN THE STUDENT CENTER TO ATTEND THE VISIT!**

Student demographics:

7,309 Students (41% Male/59% Female)

33% Students of Color

36% Full-time/64% Part-time

Tuition (2018-2019): \$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. Additional visits have potentially been added since this publication. For the most up-to-date information please see the calendar outside of the Counseling Office or visit the Career Center!

OCTOBER, 2018

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1	2 <i>Can't make it to campus for a tour? Take a virtual tour!</i>	3 Air Force ROTC at University of St. Thomas @ 11:45 AM	4 National Guard @ lunch	5
8	9 U.S. Army @ lunch	10 PSAT Exam @ 8:00 AM	11	12 University of Missouri @ 9:30 AM Hamline University @ 10:20 AM
15 Inver Hills Community College @ 8:30 AM	16 Mankato State Uni. @ 8:30 Uni. of Northwestern @ 10:20 Paying for College: FAFSA Completion Night! (5:30 - 7:30)	17 18 19 <i>MEA Break- Get out and visit colleges! Most have open houses and special events to take advantage of!</i>		
22 University of St. Thomas (time TBD) University of Minnesota-Twin Cities @ 9:00 AM	23 St. Scholastica College @ 10:45 AM	24 College Wear Wednesday! Wear your college gear today!	25 Air Force @ lunch	26 University of Wisconsin- Superior @ 1:00 PM
29 St. Olaf College @ 10:20 AM	30	31	Don't forget! College Fair at Simley on November 1ST!	

IMPORTANT DATES TO NOTE

- ✓ **Tuesday, October 16:** FAFSA Completion Night event @ Simley (5:30 – 7:30 in the Spartan Center)
- ✓ **Saturday, October 27:** ACT Exam
- ✓ **Thursday, November 1:** College Fair at Simley HS
- ✓ **Friday, November 9:** College Knowledge Month drawing entries due to the Career Center for prize drawings!

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COLLEGE TRIVIA:

This school's mascot is an anteater:

- A. Rhode Island College
- B. Trinity Christian College
- C. Campbell University
- D. UC Irvine

Check out the answer in next month's issue of Career Center Connection!

Last Month's Answer:

What school created real life Quidditch?

Middlebury College in Vermont