

COLLEGE & CAREER CONNECTION

SIMLEY HIGH SCHOOL'S COLLEGE & CAREER CENTER NEWSLETTER

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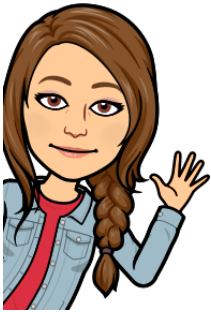
WELCOME!

Welcome to the new and improved *Career Center Connection*! The former newsletter, released on a monthly basis, lived a wonderful four years. With 2020 already bringing a host of changes, I figured what better time than now to revamp the newsletter and make it even better!

The *College & Career Connection* will remain a monthly newsletter. However, it will be published digitally and as a paper copy for both parents and students. It will combine the previous newsletter, the Scholarship Bulletin, and Who's Hiring job bulletin into a one-stop-shop of college and career planning. Additionally, you'll be able to find college visit and college fair information and other opportunities and happenings related to the College & Career Center.

If you have any questions or suggestions for what you'd like to see in an upcoming issue, please don't hesitate to reach out to me!

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

ORDERING YOUR OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT



Students who need an official high school transcript will need to request it on Parchment. Parchment is an online platform Simley High School uses to securely send official student transcripts. Students who need to order a transcript should go to: www.parchment.com.

Here, you will setup an account, add Simley as your high school, and then you'll be able to send your official transcript wherever you need. There is a small fee, which is to be paid directly on Parchment.

Please note, if you are applying to colleges using the Common Application, you only need to request/order one transcript. Parchment will ask for your Common App ID and you must have already put in your counselor's information under the "Recommenders and FERPA" section, as they use that as a matching factor to verify you are who you say you are. If you have any questions or challenges using Parchment, please see your counselor or Ms. Kimble.

DATES & DEADLINES TO NOTE:

PSAT Exam:

Thursday, 10/29 @ 8:30 AM in IMC
\$21.00 (paid online)

Deadline to register: Tues. 10/27

Register online at:

www.totalregistration.net/PSAT/242408

FAFSA is now OPEN!

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) opened on 10/1. Seniors MUST complete the FAFSA or MN Dream ACT to receive any kind of federal or state aid for college. This includes loans, grants, & work study.

To apply for the FAFSA, a student must be a U.S. citizen. The student completing the application and one parent will need an FSA ID. This can be setup before starting the application at:

www.fsaaid.ed.gov. The FAFSA application can be completed at: www.fafsa.gov.

Undocumented students can apply for state financial aid by accessing the online MN Dream Act- state financial aid application. [Click here for more information.](#)

AP Registration:

Register for your AP exam today! You must have joined your course in your College Board MyAP account before your order an exam on Total Registration! See your AP teacher, Ms. Kimble, or Ms. Powers-Johnson with questions.

Deadline to register: Friday 11/9/2020
Register online at:

www.totalregistration.net/AP/242408

MINNESOTA GOES TO COLLEGE MONTH

October is *Minnesota Goes to College* month! This initiative (previously called College Knowledge Month) is aimed to encourage all MN students to explore their post-secondary options and understand the importance of pursuing some type of education or training post high school.

To see all of the month's happenings, check out this helpful calendar: [October calendar](#).

For seniors, this is a particularly important month. All seniors are encouraged to complete their applications this month. All MN State Colleges & Universities (not the U of M system) have waived their application fees- some for the entire month but all of them for the last week of October (25-31).

[For a complete list of schools waiving their application fee, click here](#). Now, get out there and apply!



POST-SECONDARY & CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

COLLEGE REPRESENTATIVE VISITS

Unfortunately, we will not be hosting college representative visits this fall at Simley. Most all colleges are actively hosting webchats, open Zoom meetings, and their admissions staff can be easily accessed for questions and more information.

Additionally, colleges have done an excellent job at creating virtual content- tours, presentations, information sessions, and videos that make it easy to learn about a particular school. I **highly recommend students visit the Admissions pages of schools in which they are interested to take advantage of this important content!** If you want to get in touch with a representative specific to Simley, please contact me and I will help you get the contact information you need!

VIRTUAL COLLEGE FAIRS

Fall is a great time to attend college fairs! Although we are disappointed that our annual fair is not taking place in person, we are excited that it will be taking place virtually! In addition, there will be a national virtual college fair as well. Students will be able to explore college options, chat with college representatives, attend virtual presentations, and gather information about a wide range of colleges and universities! Connect from anywhere, conveniently and safely!



The fairs start mid-October and run through early November, with the availability to go back and visit booths into December.

[Open this flyer for different fair opportunities and how to register for each!](#) Please note: this flyer can also be picked up in the Career Center!

WHO'S HIRING

JOB POSTINGS FOR STUDENTS SEEKING EMPLOYMENT

<p>Evergreen Industries</p> <p>Inver Grove Heights, MN</p>	<p>High school students for seasonal work. October-early December. Work consists of assembly and wreath decoration. Day and evening shifts are available. We will work with your school and extracurricular schedule! Pay starts at \$10.00 per hour. 16+ or 15 years old for shorter shifts.</p>	<p>Now accepting applications and hiring for the season! Contact Karen Booth at: 651-457-4441</p>
<p>Birthday Party Host/Pool Attendant at the Grove (IGH Parks & Rec.)</p> <p>Inver Grove Heights, MN</p>	<p>This position coordinates all aspects of birthday parties on the day of the party and aids with our operations of our water features in the water park. Must be 16+ and have a desire to work with people and independently. Complimentary fitness membership + \$10.00 - \$15.51/hour.</p>	<p>Accepting applications through November 1st. Apply online at: www.invergroveheights.org/jobs.</p>

SCHOLARSHIPS

AS OF OCTOBER 19, 2020

Scholarships are a great way to help pay for college. There is an abundance of money available, but there is also a lot of hard work that goes into applying for scholarships. Scholarships listed below are scholarships of interest that have come to the attention of the Career Center and Counseling Office. The following links will provide an expansive scholarship search opportunity.

- Raise.me** raise.me/join Raise.me is a free micro-scholarship platform where you can earn money for doing well in your classes, visiting colleges, and participating in extracurricular activities. You can begin to earn money as early as 9th grade! Check out the website for specific schools that will accept the raise.me scholarships.
- Going Merry** www.goingmerry.com One-stop-shop for applying for scholarships. Apply for scholarships all within the site and will fill in your basic information within the application (doesn't take you to outside sides to set up additional accounts).
- Fastweb** www.fastweb.com
- Big Future** <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/scholarship-search>
- College Niche** <https://colleges.niche.com/scholarships/>
- Unigo** <http://unigo.com>

Sponsor/Amount	Deadline/how to apply	Eligibility/requirements
Aspiration in Computing Award Sponsored by: National Center for Women and Information Technology Regional and national winners with a multi-level award system	November 5, 2020 https://www.aspirations.org/recognitions/AiCAward	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The National Center for Women and Information Technology (NCWIT) honors young women at the high school level for their computing-related achievements and interests. Recipients will be selected for their computing and IT aptitude, leadership ability, academic history, and plans for post-secondary education. Applicants who self-identify as women, genderqueer, or non-binary in grades 9-12 (ages 13+) are encouraged to apply.
MN Credit Union Foundation Scholarship Sponsored by: Foundation Scholarship Council \$1,000 (16 scholarships)	November 30, 2020 www.mncun.org/fsc-2020.html	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Must be a member of a MN Credit Union Plan to attend an accredited, non-profit educational institution In 500 words or less, respond to the essay prompt: Knowing that we have the power today to change the story of tomorrow, how will you prepare for future financial obstacles? Reflect on your personal and your family's experiences. Financial need is not considered
Education Matters Scholarship Sponsored by: UNIGO \$5,000 (1 scholarship)	November 30, 2020 www.unigo.com/our-scholarships	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Must be 14 years or older at time of application submission, be a legal resident, and planning to attend an accredited post-secondary institution. Submit an online short response (250 words or less) to: What would you say to someone who thinks education doesn't matter or that college is a waste of time and money?

<p>Act Six Scholarship Sponsored by: Urban Ventures</p> <p>Full tuition scholarships (45 recipients in the Twin Cities)</p>	<p>December 1, 2020</p> <p>https://www.actsix.org/about/</p>	<p>Act Six is a leadership and scholarship program that connects local faith-based community affiliates with faith- and social justice-based colleges to equip emerging urban and community leaders. Applicants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Love their community and want to use their college education to make a difference as a leader on campus and at home. • Will graduate from high school in 2021 • Are not currently enrolled at a 4-year college (students at 2-year colleges may apply) • Want to attend at least one of the Act Six partner colleges in their program site.
<p>Science Ambassadors Scholarship Sponsored by: Cards Against Humanity</p> <p>Full tuition scholarship (1 scholarship)</p>	<p>December 14, 2020</p> <p>www.scienceambassadorscholarship.org</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This is a full-ride scholarship for a woman studying science, technology, engineering, or math. • Film a 3-minute video of yourself explaining a STEM topic you're passionate about. • See video for examples, past winner submissions, and video requirements.
<p>Equitable Excellence Scholarship Sponsored by: Equitable Foundation</p> <p>\$2,500 (300 recipients) \$10,000 (52 recipients and of those 52, 10 will be selected to receive an additional \$15,000)</p>	<p>December 15, 2020 <i>(only the first 10,000 applications will be accepted- apply early!)</i></p> <p>https://equitable.com/foundation</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrate courage, strength, and wisdom as shown by community impact through volunteer service • Be a high school senior planning to attend an accredited 2-year or 4-year college or university in the United States. • Be a U.S. citizen or legal resident • Winners come from a wide range of backgrounds and experience, but are united by their drive, determination, and strong character.
<p>College Covered Scholarships Sponsored by: Discover Student Loans</p> <p>\$5,000 (1 scholarship per month, 12 times per year)</p>	<p>Students can enter one time per month per promotional period (November 30, December 31, January 31)</p> <p>https://scholarship.collegecovered.com</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sign up for emails to get helpful college tips and resources, and enter for the chance to win a scholarship. Throughout the year, 12 eligible students or parents will be randomly selected to win a \$5,000 Discover Student Loans Scholarship Award to help cover college expenses. • You can enter once per month per promotional period.

Tips and Strategies for Scholarship Applications:

- It's a numbers game- apply more to win more
- Create a separate email address specifically for scholarships so that your primary email isn't flooded
- You CANNOT win if you don't apply
- Read and follow the instructions carefully
- Proofread your application and have someone else proofread it as well
- It gets easier after the first 6 applications
- Be open and honest; be yourself
- Don't throw out small scholarships- they add up!
- Use several scholarship search engines
- Tailor your application to meet the sponsor's goals
- Create a resume/activity list so that you don't have to recreate it each time
- Reuse your essays