

School Counseling Newsletter

April 2020

School Counseling Staff	News	Upcoming Events and Dates
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Scoir. If you have any questions on sending transcripts, please reach out to your NKU counselor.

Say "YES" to NKU by June 1st!

If students are ready to confirm to NKU, they are now able to complete this process. They will visit the [website](#) to activate their account and then they will need to pay the \$75 confirmation fee (or submit a fee waiver) to hold their spot. NKU is a great option for students who want to stay close to home, but would still like to live on campus.

NKU Housing Deadline is coming soon!

April 15th- Priority Housing Deadline: Students can apply for housing by April 15th to guarantee their preferred housing option.

May 1st- Housing Deadline: If a student misses the April 15th deadline, they do not need to worry! May 1st is the deadline for guaranteed housing. If they complete the application by this date, they will list their top three choices for NKU Housing.

Once they do that, they will receive an email to register for [Northern Exposure: Orientation and Registration](#). Once they complete these two steps, they can declare they are Norse!

If any of your students are eligible for free or reduced lunch, please consider filling out the waiver form attached to this email to waive the student's Orientation and Confirmation fee.

Trades Institute

Students who are interested in construction trade specific careers should consider attending this year's District Council 6 Potential Member Showcase Event **Thursday, April 16th at 200 Kovach Drive, Cincinnati, OH 45215 from 10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.**

District Council 6 will feature profiles of the Drywall Finishing, Glazing, Painting, and Sign & Display Trades. This showcase gives students another option to look at when they're trying to decide what they want to do with their future. All students in attendance will get the opportunity to learn about and experience the skills needed for each craft, while learning about our apprenticeship program that offers debt free alternatives to a costly four-year degree.

There will be everything from hands-on exhibits like virtual reality welders, lifts and painting simulators. We will also provide reading materials for students to learn about each craft the IUPAT represents. We're doing whatever we can to educate students of what a career path in the building trades would be like.

Miami University Regionals Work+

Work+ is a program designed for Miami University Regionals students to obtain an associate or bachelor's degree while working part-time and getting their tuition paid. work+ makes it possible for a student to earn a college degree debt-free!

Email: workplus@MiamiOH.edu

Phone: 513-785-1884

<http://miamioh.edu/regionals/admission/work-plus/>

***Reporting College/ Post-Secondary Acceptances and Scholarship Awards -**

Cincinnati Public School District would like all students to report their college and post-secondary acceptances and scholarship awards. Please make sure that your child shares **copies of their acceptance and scholarships to their respective Counselor.**

Financial Aid

FAFSA stands for Free Application for Federal Student Aid. The **FAFSA** is the application students fill out in order to determine their **financial aid** eligibility. The **FAFSA** needs to be filled out each academic year. You can submit a **FAFSA** at www.fafsa.gov. If you need assistance, visit the college's Financial Aid Office.

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Graduation Requirements for the Class of 2021 and 2022

[Get Ready. It's Your Future.](#)

ACT PREP - Take some time this summer to begin ACT Prep!

The district Curriculum department has started an ACT Prep web page:

<https://sites.google.com/a/cpsboe.k12.oh.us/curriculum/act-prep?authuser=0>

This material can be accessed by anyone at any time.

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It's Not Too Early for College Visits - Gamble parents who wish to take their son or daughter to college related programs and tours on school-days, will need to contact the Office at 363-2602 to report their excused absence. Students will also need to pick up a Post-Secondary excused absence form from their School Counselor.

Leadership Opportunities and Special Programs

Birthright Africa offers students an opportunity to visit Africa for free.

To take a birthright trip to Africa, you have to be a US citizen and between 13 to 30 years old.

You also have to be of African descent; this includes African American, Afro-Caribbean, Afro-Europeans, Afro-Asian and Afro-Latinx, according to Elsheikh.

"We consider all black people of African descent," Elsheikh said. "Our target groups are those who have been negatively impacted by the traumatizing enslavement and colonization of black people."

Birthright AFRICA collaborates with high school, college, or community-based organizations who are then considered "partners." These educational partners select the participants and the country they will visit as part of the Birthright AFRICA program.

Anyone who isn't already a part of one of these education partners can [register](#) through the Birthright AFRICA website which will then redirect them to a partner in their area with available spaces where they can apply.

Those who take the trip to Africa get to go for **free** -- flights, hotels, food, and costs of museums are covered by Birthright AFRICA and the educational partners.

For those who aren't interested in a trip but would like to help fund them, Birthright AFRICA heavily relies on [donations](#) to make these life-changing trips possible.

For more information visit <https://birthrightafrica.org/about/scholars-program/>

The Cincinnati ARTS and TECHNOLOGY STUDIOS - CATS

The **CATS** program is housed at Longworth Hall and is free to our students. They can learn more about Digital Mult-Media, 2 or 3- Dimensional Design, Ceramics, or Stained Glass. Students who want to attend

may catch a Bus to the program right after school. **Students can remediate Intersession or ART credit if needed. Please speak to your son or daughter if they need to remediate Intersession or ART and encourage them to attend this great, free opportunity!**

American Legacy Theatre (A.L.T.) Junior Board Leadership Program 2020

Please apply directly on the website at <https://www.americanlegacytheatre.org/>

All students interested should apply. This program will be of particular interest to your students involved in drama and the creative arts looking to move from one who executes to one who creates. At A.L.T., we believe in diversity of thought and giving voice to the voiceless in the Greater Cincinnati area. As such, we feel it is essential to offer an opportunity that empowers students to create an original work using their voices and stories. In addition to creating original work, students will also participate as the Junior Board of Directors. Participating as a junior board member allows students to develop collaboration skills, agency, creative expression, and non-profit business acumen.

While this summer program at A.L.T. is not free of charge, we do have a number of fully funded scholarships students can apply for. While we are aware that some students may have an issue with transportation, we would like to assure you that transportation should not be an issue that would keep students from applying. We will do our best to work with applicants on logistics if need be.

Attached to this email you will find the application paperwork. You can also direct your students to download a copy of the application or apply online at <https://americanlegacytheatre.org/junior-board>.

If you want more information about a prior year's performance and hear feedback from the student participants about the process, you can check out this [YouTube clip](#) and [visit the site](#).

College Visit Opportunities

DVS is offering the following college day trips for Cincinnati Area High School **Sophomores and Juniors (Seniors in special cases)**. There is a minimum GPA and/or ACT requirement to attend each trip. View below. Please see your school counselor or college guide to apply and RSVP.

DVS continued...

Ohio University-April 9, 2020 (3.0 GPA and/or 18 ACT Score)

No cost to attend. Caregivers, Counselors and Parents are welcome to join us as well.

Each trip departs and returns to this location: Kroger (Parking Lot), 4777 Kenard Ave, Cincinnati, OH 45232

Scholarship Opportunities for High School Seniors - FREE MONEY!-

Career & Technical Scholarship Application Information

2020 Horatio Alger Career & Technical Scholarship Application Information

The Horatio Alger Association seeks to assist students who have demonstrated integrity, perseverance in overcoming adversity, strength of character, financial need, commitment to pursue career or technical certification/degree, and a desire to contribute to society.

To apply for the Career & Technical Scholarship Program, the following items must be completed by April 15, 2020:

- An online application at application.horatioalger.org
- A copy of the full Student Aid Reports (SAR), Income documentation must be submitted online
- Proof of citizenship (if not born in the United States)

Applications submitted after April 15th will be reviewed on a rolling bases and awards are contingent on availability

Scholarships for Minority Groups

The Thurgood Marshall College Fund

<https://www.tmcf.org/our-scholarships/current-scholarships>

Deadline: Varies

This is a database of 500 scholarships for students planning to attend one of the 47 public HBCUs

United Negro College Fund

<https://www.uncf.org/scholarships>

Deadline: Varies

A large organization providing scholarships and internships for minority group members

Demonstrated Need Requirement

For STEM Majors

The Charles Shelton Foundation

<https://www.thecharlessheltonfoundation.org/scholarship>

Deadline: April 15, 2020

For African-American students pursuing a degree in Veterinary medicine or Veterinary technology

Mae & Mary Legacy Foundation

<https://www.maeandmarylegacyfoundation.org/apply>

Deadline: April 30, 2020

African American students pursuing careers in the healthcare profession

ScholarSHPE

<https://www.shpe.org/students/scholarshpe>

Deadline: June 30, 2020 (opens February 1, 2020)

For Hispanic students pursuing a STEM undergraduate career

Business and Communication Field Majors

Asian American Journalists Association

<https://www.aja.org/scholarships-internship-grants>

Deadline: April 21, 2020

Students with commitment to the field of journalism and/or sensitivity to Asian American and Pacific Islander Issues.

Elastic Band Co. Scholarship

<https://elasticbandco.com/pages/elastic-band-co-scholarship>

Deadline: May 31, 2020.

For a member of a minority group plan to pursue careers in fashion and/or entrepreneurship.

The Actuarial Foundation

<https://actfnd.academicworks.com/opportunities>

Deadline: Probably May, make an account to see date

Multiple scholarships for minorities planning to pursue a career in actuary science (using math to assess risk in insurance, finance and other industries)

Fine Art Majors

AIGA Worldstudio Scholarships

<https://www.aiga.org/worldstudio-scholarship/>

Deadline: April 15

Low income, pursuing Graphic Design, Illustration, or Photography. Preference given to minority students

African American

The Joshua David Gardner Memorial Scholarship

<https://www.joshgardnerendowment.org/application/>

Deadline: April 30, 2020

For students who are admitted or enrolled in an accredited four-year historically black college or university in the United States

Minority Empowerment Initiative Trust

<http://diosohio.org/mission/local-mission/minority-empowerment-initiative-trust/>

Deadline: May 1, 2020

African American high school graduates who have been admitted as a full-time student to an accredited school or program of advanced learning. Priority is given to those students with the greatest economic need

For more, see <https://thevoiceofblackcincinnati.com/scholarships-for-students/>

Asian and Pacific Islander

Gold Mountain Scholarship

<https://www.oceanational.org/gold-mountain-scholarship?rq=scholarship>

Deadline: April 13, 2020

Asian American and Pacific Islander students who are must be the first in their family to go to college

Hispanic/Latino

Community Scholarships

- **College Board Opportunity Scholarships** <https://opportunity.collegeboard.org/>
- **Cincinnati Scholarship Foundation**
<https://www.cincinnati-scholarship-foundation.org/apply-for-a-scholarship/>

Deadline: April 30, 2020

Miami CCP Scholarships

Fall 2020, Miami Regionals will offer a \$2,000 **renewable** Merit Scholarship for current Miami CCP seniors choosing to enroll at Miami Regionals after high school graduation. Students must have a 3.0+ high school GPA and complete a separate [Scholarship Application](#) for consideration for this competitive scholarship opportunity.

Miami Engineering Technology Scholarships

Do your students have an interest in Engineering Technology? We want them here! There is a \$3,000 **renewable** scholarship for students interested in this major. Students must indicate Engineering Technology on their admission application, have a 3.0+ high school GPA, and demonstrate financial need for consideration.