



# Highland Park CCRC Happenings

## Oct. 13<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023

### College Admission Visits and More!

College visit season is here! Colleges & programs from all over the United States will be visiting Highland throughout this fall and early winter. This is your time to meet with admission counselors to ask questions about their college, application and acceptance requirements. Listed below are the colleges and programs that will be visiting the next 2 weeks. Click on link below to sign up for a visit!

#### Upcoming College Visits:

##### **Wednesday, Oct. 18<sup>th</sup>**

Case Western Reserve Univ. 9:05am (Middle of 1A)  
Univ. of North Dakota 10:30am (Middle of 2A)  
Univ. of Puget Sound 1:43pm (Start of 4A)

##### **Wednesday, Oct. 25<sup>th</sup>**

Drake Univ. 9:05am (Middle of 1B)  
Luther College 10:30am (Middle of 2B)  
North Dakota State Univ. 1:43pm (Start of 4B)

##### **Thursday, Oct. 26<sup>th</sup>**

Iowa State Univ. 9:05am (Middle of 1A)  
Hamline Univ. 10:30am (Middle of 2A)  
Xavier Univ. 1:43pm (Start of 4A)

[Click here to RSVP/ Sign Up for a Admission Visit and to see the Highland Park Admission Visit Schedule!](#) *Note: This schedule is updated regularly.*

### Announcements!

#### **College Application Blitz 10/30 & 10/31**

SENIORS! Need help getting started on your college applications? Have a question about the college application you're working on? Just want to connect with others while applying to colleges? **Come to College Application Blitz!**

College Application Blitz will take place in the CCRC on Monday, Oct. 30<sup>th</sup> during 1<sup>st</sup> hour and Tuesday, Oct. 31<sup>st</sup> during 4<sup>th</sup> hour.

*This will be an open space for seniors to connect with others and get help with their college apps!*

## **iLead Law & Leadership Conference**

The iLead Law & Leadership Conference is a one-day workshop on Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup> focusing on law and leadership skills for high school students. During the workshop, students will work with judges, lawyers, and leaders in the legal community who are committed to supporting their academic growth and legal career aspirations. Lunch, prizes, and program material provided!

This program is FREE to all students, with public transportation passes available to students who express a need. [Click here to apply and learn more!](#) **Deadline to apply is Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup>!**

## **Delta Sigma Theta Sorority**

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Incorporated is offering a mentoring program African American, Pan African, and all young ladies of color, ages 11-18. [Click here to learn more and to apply!](#)

## **High School Page Program is Accepting 11<sup>th</sup> grader Applications**

The Page Program is a hands-on educational opportunity for 11<sup>th</sup> grade students who are interested in government. Page program participants will participate in meeting with legislators, lobbyists, members of the judiciary and more. [Click here for more information.](#) Applications are due Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup> 2023.

## **FAFSA/ MN Dream Act Info Events**

The MN Department of Education will be hosting free financial aid events available to all MN students and families! This series of free virtual events runs **Tuesday evenings in October**. With coming 24-25 FAFSA changes, these sessions will cover the college application process, how to create a Federal Student Aid ID (FSA ID), general financial aid information, and how to search and apply for scholarships.

**All sessions will have simultaneous interpretation in Spanish, Somali and Hmong and students who attend will be entered to win a \$500 scholarship! [Click here to learn more and to register!](#)**

## **Free Application Opportunities at MN Colleges & Universities**

Many postsecondary institutions waive application fees during Minnesota Goes to College Month. [Click here to see the list of MN colleges and universities that are waiving application fees.](#)

## **Xello College App Transcript and Letter of Recommendation Directions**

Seniors! When applying to colleges you may be asked to submit a letter of recommendation and/or an official transcript. To request either of these you will use Xello! [Click here to see directions and videos on how to submit these requests!](#)

## College Possible is Recruiting

### **COLLEGE POSSIBLE**

Want to earn a college degree? Become a College Possible student for personalized support and mentorship through every step of the college process. It's free! Application requirements:

- Academics: At least a 2.0 GPA (unweighted)
- Income: Free and Reduced Lunch (FRL) or Pell Eligible
- Aspiration: Desire to attend a 4-year school
- Commitment: Willing to attend virtual sessions and consistently communicate
- There is NO citizenship requirement

[Click here to apply!](#)

## Job/Internships & Other Career Opportunities!

[CLICK HERE](#) to see a list of current jobs/internships & other career opportunities! This list will be updated throughout the year, so check back frequently

## Upcoming Post-Secondary & Volunteer Opportunities!

Event Name	Description	When & Where	Notes
<b>Minneapolis College (MCTC) Open House</b>	At the Open House you can: Apply to Minneapolis College for FREE, Learn about our 109 programs, Visit with campus faculty and staff, Hear about the Financial Aid process and paying for school and Tour campus!	Tuesday, Oct. 17 <sup>th</sup> 5-7pm  Minneapolis College	<a href="#">Click here to learn more and to RSVP!</a>
<b>Century College Open House</b>	We invite you to our Fall Open House where you can explore the diverse educational opportunities available at Century College! This is a campus-wide event featuring both our East and West campuses.	Tuesday, Oct. 24 <sup>th</sup> 4-7pm	<a href="#">Click here to learn more and to RSVP!</a>
<b>U of M- Mini Medical School Event</b>	Have you ever read a food label and thought what does it really mean? Or wondered why nutrition guidelines or recommendations seem to change year to year? How do soaring temperatures, little rain, and extreme weather conditions around the world impact food production, and what effect do patterns of human consumption have on the environment?	Oct. 25 <sup>th</sup> , Nov 1 <sup>st</sup> and Nov 8 <sup>th</sup>  Virtual Event	This series will delve into understanding different substances ingested– including cannabis, alcohol, psychedelics, and opioids– and their effects on mental and physical health.

	<p>“Food, Nutrition &amp; the Effects of Substances on Health” will explore these questions and more, diving into the connections between food and nutrition as well as the health of our planet.</p>		<p><a href="#">Click here</a> to learn more and to register for this FREE event!</p>
<p><b>Perry Outreach Program</b></p>	<p>We will be holding our POP event for high school students in the Minneapolis area. Students, who gender-identify as women or nonbinary, in grades 10 and up who are interested in exploring careers in orthopedics or engineering are encouraged to apply. In addition to six hands-on mock surgical exercises, participants will hear lectures from local women surgeons and engineers.</p>	<p>Oct. 28<sup>th</sup> 9am-3:30pm</p>	<p><a href="#">Click here to learn more and to apply!</a></p>
<p><b>Concordia Univ. Senior College Readiness Event</b></p>	<p>Our Senior College Readiness event is designed for seniors and first-generation students, wherever they may be in the college search and selection process.</p>	<p>Friday, Nov. 10<sup>th</sup> 1:30-3pm</p> <p>Admissions Welcome Center, CSP campus (<a href="#">350 Hamline Ave. N</a>)</p>	<p><a href="#">Click here to learn more and to RSVP!</a></p>
<p><b>Sustainable Systems Management &amp; Bioproducts and Biosystems Engineering Open House</b></p>	<p>This event will include a general program overview with specifics about each specialization, food and drink, along with a question and answer panel made up of current students, alumni, industry professionals and staff. This event will include a general program overview with specifics about each specialization, food and drink, along with a question and answer panel made up of current students, alumni, industry professionals and staff.</p>	<p>November 11, 10am -12 pm. in 106 BioAg building on the St.Paul campus</p>	<p><a href="#">Click here for more information and to RSVP!</a></p>
<p><b>LEDA’s Princeton University Summer Institute</b></p>	<p>Leadership Enterprise for a Diverse America (LEDA) offers a <b>FREE all expenses paid 5 week summer</b> institute program at Princeton University. At this summer program students will receive leadership training, college guidance, ACT/SAT prep and more. Students will continue to have access to program resources during their</p>	<p><b>Deadline to apply is December, 12<sup>th</sup> 2023.</b></p> <p>Meals, lodging, and transportation to and from campus will be paid for by the university.</p>	<p><a href="#">Click here for more information and to apply!</a></p> <p>To be eligible for the program a student must be an 11<sup>th</sup> grader, a U.S. Citizen, Permanent Resident, or have DACA status, and have a family income of less</p>

	senior year of high school and college.		than \$90,000. Minimum unweighted GPA of 3.5, are enrolled in rigorous coursework, and have demonstrated leadership.
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Note Employers and organizations reach out to counselors to share job and volunteer opportunities. We list the opportunities above as a resource for students. Highland does not endorse one business or organization over another and students seeking employment or experience should do so on their own free will. Highland does not accept responsibility beyond the sharing of information above.

## **Testing Information!**

### **ACT 2023-2024 Test Dates & Registration Deadlines**

<b>ACT Test Date</b>	<b>Registration Deadline</b>	<b>Late Registration Deadline</b>
October 28 <sup>th</sup>	September 22 <sup>nd</sup>	October 6 <sup>th</sup>
December 9 <sup>th</sup>	November 3 <sup>rd</sup>	December 1 <sup>st</sup>
February 10 <sup>th</sup>	January 5 <sup>th</sup>	January 19 <sup>th</sup>
March 12 <sup>th</sup> (All Juniors optional test at Highland, REGISTRATION TAKES PLACE IN SCHOOL)		
April 13 <sup>th</sup>	March 8 <sup>th</sup>	March 22 <sup>nd</sup>
June 8 <sup>th</sup>	May 3 <sup>rd</sup>	May 17 <sup>th</sup>
July 13 <sup>th</sup>	June 7 <sup>th</sup>	June 21 <sup>st</sup>

**ACT Update:** I strongly encourage all students research their prospective colleges' guidelines/requirements regarding the ACT. At the start of COVID many colleges changed their ACT requirements due to testing limitations. Many colleges have announced they will continue being test-optional (will not require the ACT test) for the class of 2024 and some have eliminated the requirement indefinitely.

### **Register to Test**

Register for the ACT at [actstudent.org](https://actstudent.org). Visit the CCRC to get help registering. Juniors do NOT complete online registration for the March 12<sup>th</sup> test. Registration for this test will happen on paper and in school.

### **Free Online ACT Prep Resources**

Check out these FREE ACT preparation resources:

- FREE Virtual Practice Tests
- ACT Academy
- ACT Study Guide
- The Princeton Review Free Practice Tests

## **Scholarships!**

**Heisman High School Scholarship-** Applying for the Heisman High School Scholarship is your chance to be rewarded and gain local, state, and even national recognition for all that you've put into your high school career. If you've maintained at least a B average, participate in at least one of the school sponsored sports, are a leader in your community and role model at your school, then you've got what it takes. (*Deadline 10/17/23*)

**Carol Jorgenson Scholarship for Environment-** SAIGE will award a \$1,000 scholarship to two full-time students pursuing undergraduate degrees in an environmental stewardship discipline, including environmental studies, natural resource management, the natural sciences, public administration, public policy, and related fields. Eligible applicants must be affiliated with a federally recognized tribe and be a full-time student pursuing an undergraduate degree in an environmental stewardship discipline. *(Deadline 10/27/23)*

**United States Senate Youth Program (USSYP)-** Two student leaders from each state will participate in a remote learning experience about the work of their national government. Student delegates will hear major policy addresses by senators, cabinet members, officials from the Departments of State and Defense and directors of other federal agencies, and they will hear from the president of the United States and a justice of the U.S. Supreme Court. In addition, each delegate will also be awarded a \$10,000 college scholarship for undergraduate studies, with encouragement to pursue coursework in history and political science. *(Deadline 10/28/23)*

**Voice of Democracy Scholarship-** Voice of Democracy audio-essay program provides high school students with the unique opportunity to express themselves in regards to a democratic and patriotic-themed recorded essay. Each year, nearly 25,000 9-12 grade students from across the country enter to win their share of more than \$1 million in educational scholarships and incentives awarded through the program. The national first place winner receives a \$35,000 scholarship paid directly to the recipient's American university, college or vocational/technical school. A complete list of other national scholarships range from \$1,000-\$21,000, and the first place winner from each VFW Department (state) wins a minimum scholarship of \$1,000. *(Deadline 10/31/23)*

**Ron Brown Scholarship-** The Ron Brown Scholarship advances higher education for community-minded and intellectually gifted African Americans. RBSP competitively awards Ron Brown Scholars four-year \$40,000 scholarships (\$10,000 each year) to the most talented and economically-challenged high school seniors who demonstrate a keen interest in public service, community engagement, business entrepreneurship and global citizenship. *(Deadline 11/1/23)*

**Aspiration in Computing Award-** The National Center for Women and Information Technology (NCWIT) Award for Aspirations in Computing honors young women at the high-school level for their computing-related achievements and interests. Award recipients will be selected for their computing and IT aptitude, leadership ability, academic history, and plans for post-secondary education. Minnesota Aspirations Award applicants will automatically be entered into the national NCWIT Aspirations Award competition. *(Deadline 11/6/23)*

**Elks Most Valuable Student Scholarship-** The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will be awarding over 500 High School Seniors from across the country scholarships in the amount of \$2.44 million dollars. At our local Minnesota Lodge, they have given out more than \$80,000 in scholarships to seniors. *(Deadline 11/13/23)*

**Hispanic Heritage Youth Awards-** The Youth Awards honors Latino high school seniors who excel in the classroom and community and for their excellence in various categories including: Business & Finances, Entrepreneurship, Education, Healthcare & Science, Media & Entertainment, Sports and Technology. *(Deadline 11/13/23)*

**Jack Kent Cooke Scholarship-** The Cooke College Scholarship Program is an undergraduate scholarship program available to high-achieving high school seniors with financial need who seek to attend and graduate from the nation's best four-year colleges and universities. *(Deadline 11/16/23)*

**The Schoolhouse Connection Youth Leadership and Scholarship-** Our program is one of the nation's only national scholarship programs specifically serving youth that have experienced homelessness. The goal of our

program is to provide financial assistance and staff and peer support to ensure that you are successful in getting to and through higher education and into the workforce. *(Deadline 11/24/23)*

**Act Six Scholarship-** Act Six is Minneapolis-St. Paul's only full-tuition, full-need urban leadership award. For Fall 2023, Act Six will select between 38 of the Twin Cities' diverse urban leaders for full scholarships to six partner colleges: Augsburg College, Bethany Lutheran College, Bethel University, North Central University, Concordia College- Moorhead and University of Northwestern. *(Deadline 11/28/23)*

**MN Credit Union Foundation Scholarship Council-** The council will be awarding \$18,000 in \$1,000 individual scholarships - providing 18 Minnesota credit union members the opportunity to cut the cost of college. Any member of a Minnesota Credit Union Network affiliated credit union pursuing post-secondary education in the fall 2024/spring 2025 *OR* is a high school senior graduating in 2024 is eligible to apply. *(Deadline 11/30/23)*

**The NHS Scholarship-** Since 1946, the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP) has awarded more than \$23 million in scholarships to outstanding NHS seniors. This year, we are awarding \$2 million in scholarships to 600 students. Each year, scholarship recipients are selected based on their demonstration of the four pillars of NHS: Scholarship, Service, Leadership, and Character. *(Deadline 11/30/23)*

**Barbra Lotze Scholarship for Future Physics Teachers-** The AAPT Board of Directors offers scholarships for future high school physics teachers. These scholarships, supported by an endowment funded by Barbara Lotze, are available only to U.S. citizens attending U.S. schools. Successful applicants receive a stipend of up to \$3,000 and a complimentary AAPT Student Membership for one year. The scholarship may be granted to an individual for each of four years. Applicants must declare their intent to prepare for a career in physics teaching at the high school level and must be a U.S. Citizen. *(Deadline 12/1/23)*

**Ron Brown Scholar Program-** The Ron Brown Scholarship honors the legacy of Ronald H. Brown through a selective scholarship program that advances higher education for community-minded and intellectually gifted African Americans. *(Deadline 12/1/23)*

**Dell Scholarship Program-** Provides 500 \$20,000 scholarships and laptop to high school seniors with an unweighted 2.4 gpa or higher, who demonstrate financial need/ Pell Grant eligible, are attending a 4 year college in fall 2024, are a US citizen or permanent resident and are participating in an approved college readiness program for 2 years total in 11th & 12th grade such as AVID, Upward Bound, College Possible and Genesys Works. *(Deadline 12/1/23)*

**Stephen J. Brady Stop Hunger Scholarship-** A program that recognizes students who are driving awareness and mobilizing youth to be catalysts for innovative models that provide solutions to eliminate hunger in the U.S. Scholarship winners receive a \$10,000 scholarship and a \$5,000 grant for their hunger-related charity. *(Deadline 12/5/23)*

**Point Foundation Flagship Scholarship-** The Point Flagship Scholarship empowers LGBTQ students who are earning their undergraduate, graduate, and doctoral degrees at accredited colleges in the United States. *(Deadline 12/5/23)*

**The Leadership Scholarship-** Our awards aim to financially support students in the Minneapolis/St. Paul Metropolitan Area who have supported their communities by contributing their time and energy to make their communities better places to live. In order to be eligible for the scholarship, you must be enrolled full time in your last two years of high school, or your first year in college. You must either be currently living in affordable housing in Minnesota, or have lived in affordable housing in Minnesota in the past. *(Deadline 12/31/23)*

**More Scholarships**

- Your college's scholarships- search your college's financial aid website for scholarships your college offers!
- [Big Future College Board](#)
- [Niche](#)
- [Unigo](#)
- [Scholarship.com](#)
- [Fastweb](#)