



Highland Park CCRC Happenings

Sept. 29th – Oct. 12th, 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:

Monday, Oct. 2nd

Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)	10:30am (Middle of 2A)
Loyola Univ. Chicago	1:43pm (Start of 4A)

Tuesday, Oct. 3rd

Grinnell College	9:05am (Middle of 1B)
Whitman College	10:30am (Middle of 2B)
UW-Superior	1:43pm (Start of 4B)

Tuesday, Oct. 10th

Smith College	9:05am (Middle of 1A)
Macalester College	10:30am (Middle of 2A)
DePaul Univ.	1:43pm (Start of 4A)

Wednesday, Oct. 11th

St. Catherine Univ.	9:05am (Middle of 1B)
Willamette Univ.	10:30am (Middle of 2B)
Univ. of Iowa	1:43pm (Start of 4B)

Thursday, Oct. 12th

Univ. of New Hampshire	9:05am (Middle of 1A)
Concordia Univ.- St. Paul	10:30am (Middle of 2A)
Univ. of MN- Duluth	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!

MN Goes to College Month Activities!

October is **MN Goes to College** month! The goal of this month is to provide every graduating high school senior with the preparation, opportunity, and support needed to apply to college.

To promote this initiative there will be numerous college themed activities happening this month. Here are some things to keep on your radar:

National College Fair Field Trip for 12th Graders- The HP School counseling staff will be taking 12th graders to the National College Fair at the Mpls Convention Center on Thursday, Oct. 5th from 9:40am – 12:30pm. This is great way for students to explore various colleges from around the country and meet with college admission staff. Students can pick up a permission slip from Ms. Baheriy or Mr. Carlson in the CCRC.

CCRC After-School Workshops for Seniors- Mr. Carlson is hosting after-school workshops in the CCRC from 3:00 – 5:00. These workshops will be held every week on Tuesdays and are meant to be space for 12th grade students to get support with anything related to the college application process, their plans for after high school, or just be quiet space to get work done!

College Application Blitz- Need help getting started on a college application? 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! This will be an open space for seniors to connect with others and get help with their college apps!

When: Mon. Oct 30th & Tues. Oct. 31st. **Where:** CCRC **Time:** 10/30- 1st hr, 10/31- 4th hr

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 Minnesota Colleges and 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.](#)

HBCU College Fair

Minnehaha Academy is hosting its 2nd Annual Historically Black College/University (HBCU) College Fair at 3100 West River Parkway, Minneapolis, MN on **Tuesday, October 3, 5-8 PM!**

The schedule for the event is as follows:

- 5:00-6:00 PM: Arrival & HBCU Fair
- 6:00-6:50 PM: HBCU Alumni Panel
- 6:50-8:00 PM: HBCU College Fair

[Click here to learn more and to register for this event!](#)

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
Real Talk-Virtual Events for Black Parents	Real Talk, our virtual event series for Black students and their parents, is back! We're kicking off the season with two nights to help students decide whether an HBCU (Historically Black College and University) or PWI (Predominantly White Institution) is right for them.	October 3 rd and 10 th Virtual Events	These events are the perfect opportunity for students to interact directly with admissions reps and current college students! Click here to register and learn more!

<p>U of M- Mini Medical School Event</p>	<p>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? “Food, Nutrition & 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>Oct. 25th, Nov 1st and Nov 8th</p> <p>Virtual Event</p>	<p>This series will delve into understanding different substances ingested– including cannabis, alcohol, psychedelics, and opioids– and their effects on mental and physical health.</p> <p>Click here to learn more and to register for this FREE event!</p>
<p>Perry Outreach Program</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 orthopaedics 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. 28th 9am-3:30pm</p>	<p>Click here to learn more and to apply!</p>
<p>LEDA’s Princeton University Summer Institute</p>	<p>Leadership Enterprise for a Diverse America (LEDA) offers a FREE all expenses paid 5 week summer 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 senior year of high school and college.</p>	<p>Deadline to apply is December, 12th 2023.</p> <p>Click here for more information and to apply!</p>	<p>Meals, lodging, and transportation to and from campus will be paid for by the university.</p> <p>To be eligible for the program a student must be an 11th grader, a U.S. Citizen, Permanent Resident, or have DACA status, and have a family income of less than \$90,000. Minimum unweighted GPA of 3.5, are enrolled in rigorous coursework, and have demonstrated leadership.</p>

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

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

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. Visit the CCRC to get help registering. Juniors do NOT complete online registration for the March 12th 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!

Minnesota Association for Korean American (MAKA) Scholarship- The Minnesota Association for Korean Americans (MAKA) is awarding a limited number of scholarships to Minnesota high school seniors of Korean origin/heritage who plan to pursue a higher education. The MAKA Scholarship Committee will award a scholarship of \$1500 to scholarship winners who are seniors in high school, have a minimum of 25% Korean heritage, minimum 3.0 gpa and have demonstrated academic excellence and strong leadership qualities. *(Deadline 10/1/23)*

Precision Metalforming Association Educational Foundation Scholarship- The Precision Metalforming Association Educational Foundation, in cooperation with PMA districts, are offering scholarships of \$1,000 or more to individuals seeking a career in the metalforming industry. Each award is for one year and will be granted based on academic merit. Post-secondary students may reapply for consideration the following year. No

applicant may receive more than two scholarship awards. Graduate students, trades job training, certificate program and apprentice applicants are limited to one award. *(Deadline 10/2/23)*

Golden Door Scholars- Status doesn't determine opportunity. Tenacity and hard work do. With our scholarship, undocumented students invest in their education and define their future. *(Deadline 10/1/23)*

Coca-Cola Scholars Program- This is an achievement-based scholarship. Students are recognized for their capacity to lead and serve, as well as their commitment to making a significant impact on their schools and communities. 150 Coca-Cola Scholars will be selected to receive this \$20,000 scholarship. *(Deadline 10/2/23)*

Optimist Club Scholarship- 15- \$3000 scholarships will be awarded to St. Paul seniors! Applicants should have broad records of success at school and in community in the face of adversity (e.g. economic, familial, medical/disability, etc.) and 3.0+ GPA is recommended. *(Deadline 10/6/23)*

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)*

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](#)