

COLLEGE & CAREER CONNECTION

SIMLEY HIGH SCHOOL'S COLLEGE & CAREER CENTER NEWSLETTER

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'MN GOES TO COLLEGE' MONTH = SUCCESS!



October was *Minnesota Goes to College* month! It was an extremely successful month in planning, applying, and learning about post-secondary options. You can read about some of the work that was completed below.

I was in junior Comm11 classes early in the month and students participated in a fun "College Knowledge 101" jeopardy game. We have welcomed 30+ colleges into Simley this fall, so far. It has been extremely valuable having college representatives back in the building and visiting with students. The College and Career Center hosted financial aid night/FAFSA Completion events during conferences. Between the in-person and virtual events, over 30 families of seniors successfully started or even completed the FAFSA! In conjunction with MN free application week, we held an "Application Completion Day" late in the month. This event was an awesome success in getting seniors to ask questions, plan, and make progress on their applications. Students who attended the event were able to put their name in for fun college prizes- here is picture of just a few of the winners and their prizes!



AP TEST REGISTRATION

AP registration is open! Students should have "joined" their course on <https://myap.collegeboard.org/login> using a join code provided their teacher. Once that is complete, students need to pay for their exam. This year, registration will take place on **Smart School K-12** (on the parent portal). Cost is \$56/exam or \$5/exam if you qualify for educational benefits. **Registration is due on November 5th**. After this date, ordering an exam will include an additional \$40 fee from the College Board. Additional information can be found at: <https://bit.ly/APregistration21>.

COLLEGE AND MILITARY VISITS TO SIMLEY

November will be the end of fall college visits, so take advantage of the month! This is your time to meet with admission counselors to ask questions about their college and learn about their colleges, campuses, and application requirements. **Sign-up in the Student Center, or go to: <https://bit.ly/visitsignup21>, or scan the QR code.**

Upcoming college visits:

Tuesday, November 9:

Wednesday, November 10:

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Thursday, November 11:

Tuesday, November 16:

Thursday, November 18:

Friday, November 19:

Waldorf University @ 9:25 AM

University of Northern Iowa @ 9:25 AM

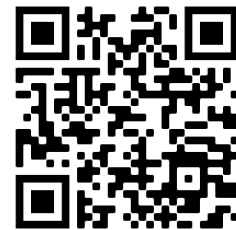
Luther College @ 11:15 AM

Northern State University @ 1:35 PM

Upper Iowa University @ 11:15 AM

St. Mary's University @ 11:15 AM

Carroll University @ 9:25 AM



Upcoming military visits:

Monday, November 15:

Thursday, November 18:

Monday, November 22:

U.S. Marine Corps. @ 10:20 AM

Army (reserves) @ 9:25 AM

MN National Guard @ 10:20 AM



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Simley College & Career website: https://www.isd199.org/schools/simley/college_career

WHAT SHOULD SENIORS BE DOING?

In general, seniors should have the following completed or be working toward completion this month:

- ❑ Finalize post-secondary path/plan. (2-year technical or community college, 4-year college, apprenticeship, work, military)
- ❑ Within that path/plan, **narrow down and finalize** the list of schools they plan to apply to, branch they want to enlist in, trade they want to pursue, etc. Seniors applying to college should have a safety, match, and reach school on their list.
 - **Not sure how?** Work on researching different types of schools, branches of military, talk with reps, attend college and job fairs, etc. (This newsletter includes a ton of exploration opportunities to take advantage of!)
- ❑ **Apply!** If college is in the plans, now is the time to complete applications. Don't forget to send your transcripts (<https://bit.ly/simleytranscript>), pay the application fee, and submit any additional required materials. Your application will not be reviewed until all required pieces are submitted. If you qualify for education benefits see your counselor for a fee waiver.
- ❑ **Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)** pursuing any kind of higher education. (www.fafsa.gov)
- ❑ Start or continue applying for **scholarships**. Check out <https://bit.ly/collegeFA101> for more financial aid info and resources.

VIRTUAL FINANCIAL AID NIGHT HOSTED BY ST. OLAF

Choosing a college involves finding a school with the academic, social, and most importantly financial fit. This 1-hour webinar will be informative for families thinking about sending their first student off to the world of post-secondary education or those with college-aged students just looking for a refresher.


The event will take place on **Thursday, November 11** at 7:30 pm. To register, go to: <https://bit.ly/stolafpayingforcollege>.

Find out about the different types of financial aid available, things to consider when looking at the cost of a school, and more. Information will be helpful whether you are thinking about a 2-year or 4-year school and is not specific to the college of the presenter. It is open for all families interested in learning more about paying for college. This will be presented by St. Olaf College Dean of Admissions and Financial Aid, Chris George '94.

COLLEGE EXPLORATION OPPORTUNITIES

Program/Event Title	Description	Date(s)	URL/RSVP
Inver Hills Community College Open House	In November, IHCC is offering two different events for students to connect with the college and learn more about campus and programs. Students and families can choose to attend an in-person or virtually, whichever works best for them. Students who attend either event will be entered into a drawing to win a \$500 scholarship that can be used in Spring 2022, Summer 2022, or Fall 2022. We will also provide attendees with information about how to apply for FREE.	In-person, campus-based: November 17 th (4-5) Virtual: November 18 th (5-6)	https://www.inverhills.edu/openhouse/

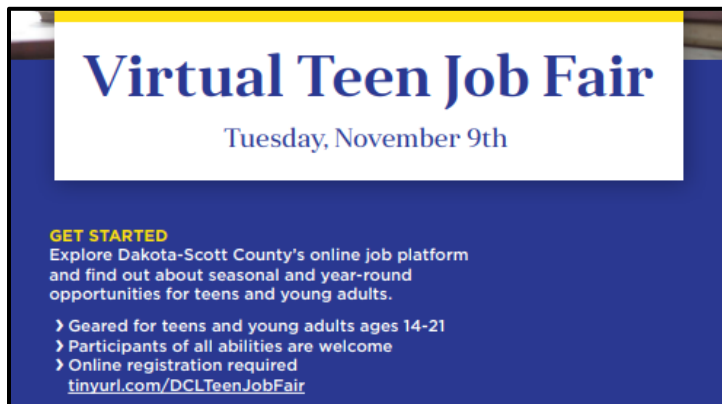
CAREER EXPLORATION OPPORTUNITIES

Program/Event Title	Description	Date(s)	URL/Contact
'Diesel Days' at General Equipment and Supplies (Shakopee, MN) <i>Co-sponsored by: North Dakota State College of Science (NDSCS)</i>	Participants in this event will be involved in hands-on activities and will learn about the vast opportunities for employment in the Diesel industry; the many partnerships sponsorship programs at NDSCS; and how companies cover many of the costs associated with college tuition, fees and supplies through scholarships and reimbursement. The event is free and lunch is provided. Transportation not provided.	Friday, November 12 th (10 AM – 1 PM)	RSVP as soon as possible by contacting Jim Johnson at: james.johnson.2@ndscs.edu or 612-816-9252.
Construct Tomorrow (St. Paul, MN) 	Construct Tomorrow is the best event for any student looking to pursue a trade. It's essentially a trades fair that provides students information about apprenticeship career training and opportunities in the construction industry. Students have the opportunity to explore and learn about different trades through hands-on activities and engaging conversation.	December 2 & 3 (8:30-2:30) <i>*You'll sign-up for a 1.5 hour time slot when you register</i>	https://www.constructtomorrow.org/school-registration *No school the 3rd- take advantage of this great opportunity!

WHO'S HIRING

Check-out November 9th is the next Virtual TEEN Job Fair. Don't miss out on this awesome opportunity! Employers will be live 12:30 - 4:30 on Tuesday, November 9, 2021.

Make a good impression with potential employers during this live event. Connect with companies, ask questions, and learn about job opportunities through live chat, audio, and video channels.



The link to register for the fair is:

<https://portal.premiervirtual.com/event/register-jobseeker/5098-teen-fair>

You can also go to: www.tinyurl.com/DCLTeenJobFair for more information.

JOB POSTINGS FOR STUDENTS SEEKING EMPLOYMENT

Position	Job Description	Contact/How to Apply
Customer Service Representative at Clean'n'Press West St. Paul	Cashier and customer service work in a friendly store environment. No experience necessary. Great first job- learn to interact with customers, handle transactions, and learn to follow simple business processes. P/T hours (4-7), 2-3 days per week and some Saturdays (9-3). No late evenings and no Sundays! \$11-\$12/hour.	Send your name, phone number, email and a best time to contact you and we will follow-up by the end of the next school day. Text at: 651.373.1239 Email at: angela@cleannpress.com
Express Eagan	The Sales Associate is responsible for providing a great in-store shopping experience for customers. They assist with additional tasks including, but not limited to, stocking, cleaning, and folding merchandise. Express associates enjoy: competitive compensation, 50% off Express merchandise, and being a part of a great team!	Apply at: www.express.com/careers
IGH Parks & Rec Inver Grove Heights	Hiring swim instructors, pool attendants, and life guards. Have fun and get paid!	www.ighmn.gov/jobs
Target Inver Grove Heights	Target IGH is hiring for seasonal positions. Benefits include: competitive pay (\$15/hour starting), great discounts, flexible scheduling, free virtual doctor appointments, and more!	www.targetseasonaljobs.com
Kohls Eagan	Kohl's is hiring students as young as 16 as part-time associates either on the sales floor or at the registers. We offer a flexible schedule, and substantial discounts on brands that students are interested in, Under Armour, Nike, Adidas, as well as cosmetics, and electronics.	https://careers.kohls.com/ (search Eagan)
Chick-fil-a West St. Paul	Currently hiring for team members. Closed on Sundays.	www.cfaweststpaul.com

Note: Employers and organizations reach out to share job opportunities. We list the opportunities above as a resource for students. Simley does not endorse one business or organization over another and students seeking employment or experience should do so on their own free will. Simley does not accept responsibility beyond the sharing of information above.

SCHOLARSHIPS

SCHOLARSHIPS SEARCH ENGINES

GOING MERRY www.goingmerry.com
 SCHOLLY <https://myscholly.com/>
 BIG FUTURE <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/scholarship-search>

FASTWEB www.fastweb.com
 UNIGO <https://www.unigo.com/>

SCHOLARSHIPS AS OF NOVEMBER 4, 2021

Sponsor/Amount	Deadline/how to apply	Eligibility/requirements
<p>Raise.Me</p> <p>Colleges and universities in the region that partner with Raise.Me include (not limited to): U of MN- Duluth, Mankato State U, Gustavus Adolphus College, Augsburg University, U of MN- Morris, and others. Award amounts vary.</p>	<p>Each college partnered with Raise Me has their own deadlines. Check the website for details.</p> <p>raise.me/join</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Raise.me is a free “micro-scholarship” platform where you can earn money for your achievements. You can begin to earn money as early as 9TH grade! Students add their achievements (grades, participation in clubs and athletics, volunteering, visiting college campuses, completing FAFSA, etc.) to their portfolio and earn micro-scholarships at partner colleges. Check out how Raise.Me works here: https://youtu.be/eY_qUe0MGS8
<p>College Covered</p> <p>Sponsored by: Discover Student Loans</p> <p>\$5,000 (1 scholarship per month, 12 times a year)</p>	<p>November 30, 2021, December 31, 2021</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 promotional period.
<p>Act Six Scholarships</p> <p>Sponsored by: Urban Ventures</p> <p>45 full-tuition scholarships in the Twin Cities</p>	<p>November 2, 2021 Extended to November 30, 2021</p> <p>https://www.actsix.org/program-sites/minneapolis-st-paul/</p>	<p>Act Six is Minneapolis-St. Paul’s only full-tuition, full-need urban leadership award. Act Six brings together diverse, multicultural cadres of young people who to use their college education to make a difference as a leader on campus and in their community. Six partner colleges include: Augsburg College, Bethany Lutheran College, Bethel University, Concordia College Moorhead, North Central University and University of Northwestern.</p>
<p>Aspiration in Computing Award</p> <p>Sponsored by: National Center for Women and Information Technology</p> <p>Regional and national winners with a multi-level award system.</p>	<p>November 5, 2021</p> <p>https://www.aspirations.org/recognitions/AiCAward</p>	<p>The National Center for Women and Information Technology (NCWIT) honors young women at the high school level for their computing-related achievements and interests.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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, gender queer, or non-binary in grades 9-12 (ages 13+) are encouraged to apply.
<p>The Leadership Scholarship</p> <p>Sponsored by: The Leadership Scholarship Committee</p> <p>Various amounts, multiple awards</p>	<p>November 30, 2021</p> <p>http://theleadershipscholarship.org/index.html</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Leadership Scholarship provides merit-based scholarships to students who are currently living in, or have lived in subsidized-housing, and who have shown strong leadership qualities in their service to their communities. 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.

<p>MN Credit Union Foundation Scholarship Sponsored by: Foundation Scholarship Council</p> <p>\$1,000 (8 scholarships)</p>	<p>November 30, 2021</p> <p>https://www.mncun.org/scholarship-council.html</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8, \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded to students graduating in the class of 2022 • Must be a member of a MN Credit Union • Plan to attend an accredited, non-profit educational institution • Financial need is not considered • In 500 words or less, respond to the essay prompt: <i>How did the way you interact and communicate with businesses change during the pandemic and what would you like to see continue in the future? From these experiences what suggestions do you have for your credit union?</i>
<p>Education Matters Scholarship Sponsored by: UNIGO</p> <p>\$5,000 (1 scholarship)</p>	<p>November 30, 2021</p> <p>www.unigo.com/our-scholarships</p>	<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>BestPrep Student Spotlight Competition Sponsored by: BestPrep</p> <p>Valuable prizes for the top 20 students. See the packet for a complete list of prizes. \$2,500 (1st place prize)</p>	<p>December 3, 2021</p> <p>https://bestprep.app.box.com/s/dh0yg9feprvn5m1p2eeg7oc5gl8rbzvu (Information packet and application)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students grades 9-12 in a Minnesota public, private, charter, or home school during the 2021-2022 school year. Students must have an educator or program leader designated to review their submission. • Write an essay in response to the designated prompt. • All submissions will be judged by a panel of business and education volunteers on the following criteria: comprehension/understanding of the subject matter, creativity, organization, clarity, and originality. • The top 20 students and their respective educators will be invited to BestPrep’s Educational Forum on February 28, 2022.
<p>Science Ambassadors Scholarship Sponsored by: Cards Against Humanity</p> <p>Full tuition scholarship (1 scholarship)</p>	<p>December 13, 2021</p> <p>https://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</p> <p>\$5,000 (100 annual scholarships that will be renewed to award recipients each academic year for four years, for a total of \$20,000 per recipient + \$2,500 (100, one-time scholarships)</p>	<p>December 17, 2021</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.