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# COUNSELOR'S CORNER

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Scholarship & testing information and much more!



## WHAT'S NEW:

On the counselor's page, you can request your transcripts!  
Check it out.



## ATTENTION

### College test prep scams are happening

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Recently, we heard about scams targeting parents of high school students preparing for college. The scammers claim to be from The College Board – the organization responsible for the PSAT and SAT tests. They call or email you, asking for credit card numbers so they can send PSAT prep materials that the student has supposedly requested. Often the scammers have the student's name, address and phone number – making them seem more believable. Except your student didn't ask for materials, and it's not this group calling.

Here are some tips to avoid a test prep scam.

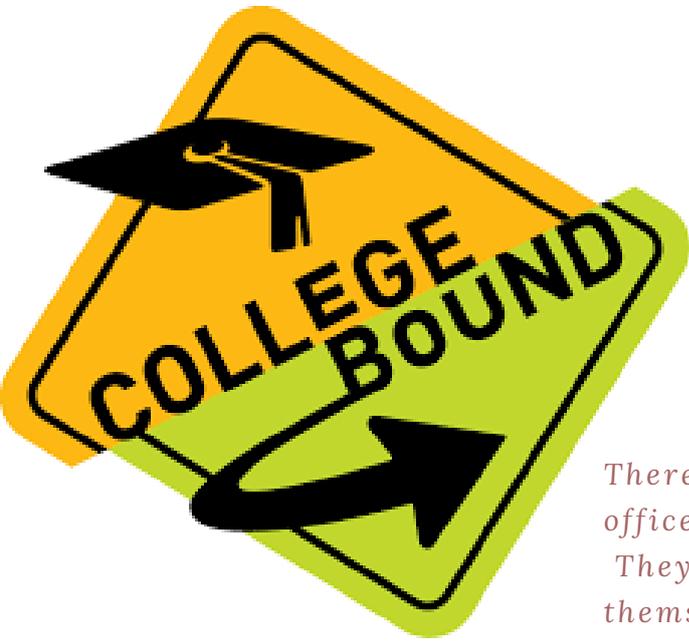
The College Board will never ask you to give credit card, bank account or password information over the phone or via email.

Make sure the company offering test prep materials is legitimate. How? Before you give up your money or personal information, research the company online. Search for their name plus the word "scam" or "complaint." See about other people's experiences. And talk to someone you trust, like another parent or your child's school counselor, before you pay.

Consider how you pay. Credit cards have significant fraud protection built in – meaning that, if you find out you paid a scammer, you may be able to get your money back if you report it quickly. And if anyone asks you to pay by wiring money or by using a reloadable card or gift card, it's a scam.

[https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/blog/2018/10/college-test-prep-scams-are-happening?utm\\_source=govdelivery](https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/blog/2018/10/college-test-prep-scams-are-happening?utm_source=govdelivery) Accessed 11/8/18

**ASVAB TESTING HAS BEEN RESCHEDULED FOR  
JANUARY 15TH. PLEASE CONTACT MRS. GLASGOW  
IF YOU ARE STILL INTERESTED, OR WOULD LIKE TO  
TAKE THE TEST**



**COLLEGE REPRESENTATIVES  
VISITING SMA**

*All visits are at 2:15 in the Commons  
University of Nebraska on November 13th*

**ACT**

*There are free ACT Practice booklets in the counseling  
office and the genius bar for any student interested.  
They are an excellent way for students to familiarize  
themselves with the test, as well as 'practice' the test!*

**USEFUL INTERNET SITES**

*Below is a list of internet site that Mrs. Glasgow approves and recommends parents  
and students to visit*

[www.dhe.mo.gov](http://www.dhe.mo.gov)

[www.edvisors.com](http://www.edvisors.com)

[www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)

[www.fastwebt.com](http://www.fastwebt.com)

[www.finaid.org](http://www.finaid.org)

[www.mappingyourfuture.org](http://www.mappingyourfuture.org)

[www.mcckc.edu/ScholarshipSearch](http://www.mcckc.edu/ScholarshipSearch)

[www.mcckc.edu/Scholarwise/ScholarshipSearch.asp](http://www.mcckc.edu/Scholarwise/ScholarshipSearch.asp)

[www.gocollege.com](http://www.gocollege.com)

[www.missouriconnections.org](http://www.missouriconnections.org)

[www.scholarships.com](http://www.scholarships.com)

[www.scholarshipsforstudents.com](http://www.scholarshipsforstudents.com)

[www.studentaid.ed.gov](http://www.studentaid.ed.gov)

[www.studentscholarshipsearch.com](http://www.studentscholarshipsearch.com)



# REMINDERS FROM LAST MONTH'S NEWSLETTER

## SUMMIT TECHNOLOGY ACADEMY OPEN HOUSE NIGHTS

Three Open House Nights offered in late fall & early spring of the 2018-2019 school year:

- November 15, 2018 (Back up date for inclement weather–Nov. 29)
- January 10, 2019 (Back up date for inclement weather–Jan.17)
- February 7, 2019 (Back up date for inclement weather–Feb. 11)

6:00-7:30 PM- Summit Technology Academy Classroom Open House

At our open house, parents and students can:  
Explore the STA courses and offerings  
Visit with teachers and students from various programs

Attend informational sessions on accelerated college and internship options

Tour the MIC campus

Postcards will be delivered to students at their homes soon, but I did attach a digital copy for each of you so that you can share with any interested students.

If you have questions, please feel free to reach out, or visit our website at

<https://sta.lsr7.org/openhouse/>

## FUTURE TEACHERS

Avila University FUTURE TEACHER EXPLORATION Opportunity. Please contact Julie Saviano, at [Julie.Saviano@avila.edu](mailto:Julie.Saviano@avila.edu)

## METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY COLLEGE (MCC)

*Engineering Night jointly sponsored by Metropolitan Community College (MCC) and Missouri S & T*

Tuesday, November 13th from 6:00 -8:30pm at MCC-Longview. Additionally, students and parents who arrive between 5:30 and 6:00 will be able to talk with Longview and S&T employees about any questions related to engineering education that they might already have. This event is designed to help high school students and their parents learn about the engineering programs at each institution and the seamless transfer agreement between the two programs.

Students can register to attend online

<http://mcckc.edu/visitlv> or by calling 816-604-2515, although walk-in are welcome! If you have questions, please call David Gann, Division Chair of Science and Engineering & Mathematics, at 816-604-2336 or email [david.gann@mcckc.edu](mailto:david.gann@mcckc.edu)





NOVEMBER 9, 2018

You may have heard the great news announced today by UMKC Chancellor Agrawal today that UMKC is committing a \$10 million match to KC Scholars to provide up to 400 additional Traditional scholarships. KC Scholars will raise another \$10 million from the community.

The combined \$20 million commitment will be used to support KC Scholars' Traditional Scholarships above and beyond those normally funded by KC Scholars through its annual application and award cycle. These additional Traditional Scholarships are restricted for use at UMKC only and will not be honored at any other KC Scholars' Postsecondary Network institution and are not transferrable to any other campus. These scholarships will operate like all KC Scholars' scholarships and under the same guidelines, with the only exception being that this scholarship will be available for use only at UMKC.

KC Scholars will select the recipients of this UMKC only scholarship and KC Scholars will manage all communication and information-sharing regarding the scholarship.

For the first cohort (of 4 total cohorts) that will enroll at UMKC in fall 2019, KC Scholars will use results of the annual application and award cycle that occurred in spring 2018. Students that scored just below those that were awarded scholarships in May 2018 will be offered this scholarship opportunity.

For the 3 cohorts subsequent and additional cohorts, KC Scholars will use its annual application and award cycle to identify the UMKC only scholarship recipients. These recipients will be selected after the normal annual award process and from among the next highest-scoring applicants. The UMKC only scholarship will be announced in May each year as will all KC Scholars' scholarships.

Students that are being offered this opportunity were notified on November 9 (via mail to them and their parent/guardian at their home address and a letter delivered to them by KC Scholars at their school). If interested, the student will be required to attend an in-person Information Session, submit specific documentation, and participate in all required college planning sessions designed specifically for this UMKC cohort (outside the existing advising that is underway for our May 2018 awardees).

High Schools – High schools with KC Scholars' applicants who are eligible for this UMKC only opportunity are aware of which students have been offered the opportunity. If KC Scholars did not contact your school, there are no students at your school being offered the opportunity. Check the KC Scholars website on December 15 for a listing of all students that accepted this scholarship.

Postsecondary Network Campuses – You do not need to do anything. Students selected for this opportunity are above and beyond those selected in the annual process and do not impact the normal process or the number of Scholars coming to your campus each year via the normal process.

Student Support Service Collaborators – The KC Scholars team will work with you regarding impact of this exciting news. College planning support being provided to the UMKC only Scholars between January 2019 and college enrollment in fall 2019 is being designed specifically for these recipients (and collaboratively between UMKC and KC Scholars) and will occur outside the existing advising and college planning support activities already underway.

If you have any questions about this fantastic news, please inquire directly with me or at [KCSUMKC@kcscholars.org](mailto:KCSUMKC@kcscholars.org) If you receive inquiries about this exciting UMKC only opportunity, please direct them to [KCSUMKC@kcscholars.org](mailto:KCSUMKC@kcscholars.org) since we are also dealing with general inquiries for the upcoming 2019 scholarship application cycle.

**PLEASE MAKE SURE TO CHECK THE COUNSELOR'S CORNER ON THE SMA WEBSITE FOR MORE SCHOLARSHIPS AND OTHER INFORMATION!**