

Counselor Corner
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The College Planning Conference is September 28 at Colby Community College. This is a fair environment where you can talk to admissions reps from all sizes and types of schools across Kansas, with a few out of state schools. And schools include technical ones as well. There are usually some military representatives mixed in. Most schools will take upperclassmen, but parents are welcome as well. If you have any questions contact Erika Moore at CCC at 785-460-4675 or email erika.moore@colbycc.edu.

Kansas State has expanded eligibility for its Land Grant Promise to students from all 105 Kansas counties. The K-State Land Grant Promise assures that full-time, Pell-eligible undergraduates with a total household income of \$70,000 or less will receive a total grant and scholarship aid package up to the equivalent cost of 15 credit hours of in-state tuition.

Students are automatically evaluated for this opportunity once they are enrolled at full time and have completed the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, or FAFSA, by K-State's priority date of March 1. The promise, which has been expanded to all K-State locations — including the Manhattan, Salina and Olathe campuses and K-State Online — is offered to qualifying undergraduates actively working toward their first bachelor's degrees.

Plan now to attend K-State's Wild About FCS event on October 6! Participants will take a deep dive into topics and demonstrations relating to Family and Consumer Science related careers and Family and Consumer Sciences Education. Tours, presentations and discussion sessions will be provided for both educators and students. Questions on the event? Email Shandi Andres or call 785-532-5500

The Elks offer a national scholarship program dubbed "Most Valuable Student." Over 500 scholarships will be awarded, ranging from \$4000 to \$30,000. Apply by November 13 at enf.elks.org/MVS.

Local Elks lodges also offer a Legacy Scholarship for college bound seniors who are children or grandchildren of Elks Members. Applications are available at enf.elks.org/leg. These are due at the local lodge by February 5.

If you are applying for the Legacy Scholarship to the Hoxie Lodge just submit name/DOB/Parents Name; a brief description of plans after high school; a copy of senior transcript; a list of school and community activities; and one letter of recommendation. Mail it to: Hoxie Lodge #2415; Box 586; Hoxie, Ks. 67740. Deadline for this particular scholarship is April 1.

Wichita State offers scholarships of up to \$64,000. But you must have completed the application process to WSU by October 15 to be eligible for these competitive scholarships. Scholarship materials must be completed by November 1. Get started at www.wichita.edu/admissions/. Many scholarships are awarded out of this program.

Unleash your student's passion for engineering at KU's High School Design Competition and give them the opportunity to compete for a part of the \$12,000 in scholarships that will be awarded at the competition. Find out more at enr.ku.edu/high-school-design-competition.

You're invited to join Cornell University, Emory University, Pomona College, Rice University, and Washington University in St. Louis to hear more about our distinctive learning opportunities and dynamic communities. Each of our schools is unique, but we are united in our commitment to support counselors, students, and families as they navigate the college admissions process. This zoom for these five colleges will be held on Wednesday, September 27, at 8 p.m. ET. Register at <https://riceadmission.rice.edu/portal/consortium-student>.

Deadlines to remember: September 27: ACT Prep Workshop at NKESC (register by September 17 to get \$60 charge), September 13-Test portion of Hansen Scholarship; September 22-deadline to apply for October 6 ACT; October 15: Admissions application due at WSU for premier scholarships (with Nov. 1 deadline for Scholarship forms); October 20: Hansen CT scholarship application due in Logan; November 3, deadline to apply for December 9 ACT; December 1: Deadline to apply for Rudd Scholarship; January 5, deadline to apply for February 10 ACT; Feb. 19: Deadline to apply for Ellis Foundation Scholarship; March 8, deadline to apply for April 13 ACT; May 3, deadline to apply for June 8 ACT; June 7, deadline to apply for July 13 ACT.