Counselor Corner
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Registration deadline for December 9 ACT is November 3. Go to www.myact.org.

Kansas's first Apply Free Days will be held on November 7-9th, 2023, for Kansas residents! During these three days, any Kansas resident, regardless of age or income, can apply for free at any of our 7 public universities, 19 community colleges, 6 Technical colleges, and the 21 private member institutions of the Kansas Independent College Association. Eligible programs include general applications, certificate programs, associate degree programs, and bachelor degree programs.

All institutions will still have application fee waivers available during the entire year for students who qualify for financial hardship. Those forms will not be required during the Apply Free window. (Remember- Kansas Community Colleges, PSU, Washburn U, and many of our private institutions never have general application fees. They are free to apply to everyday!) Find out more at www.kansasregents.org/students/apply-free-days.

Are you interested in Emporia State? Now is the best time for them to apply! The application for undergraduate admission is FREE until November 10th. This saves you the $30 application fee. Students cannot apply for scholarships or housing until they are admitted, so even if they aren't positive that they want to attend Emporia, one should still apply. Here is the link to do so: www.emporia.edu/admissions-costs/admissions-and-costs/

Colgate, in partnership with the Hispanic Heritage Foundation and as part of the Foundation's Youth Awards, sponsors "Haz La U" (Make the U), a college grant program for high school seniors of Hispanic heritage. Application deadline is November 13. Go to www.colgate.com/en-us/make-the-u# to find out more and apply.

High school seniors are invited to immerse themselves in the life of Salina Wildcat for a Day (KSU Aerospace and Technology). This is an overnight experience, and the next one is November 9-10. Find out more at salina.k-state.edu/admissions/events.

Join us for the Northwest Tech Junior/Senior Tech Expo! You will learn about two programs of interest, meet program instructors, speak with current Northwest Tech students, have an opportunity to visit with industry professionals and get a tour of campus. High School Juniors & Seniors are invited to spend a day on campus at Northwest Tech! Each student will receive an NT swag bag!!   Lunch at the cafeteria is included as well. Register at www.nwktc.edu/nt-tech-expo.

Barton Community College is hosting its 19th Annual Jack Kilby STEM Day (JKSD) on November 20, 2023. This year's keynote speaker will be Kate the Chemist. BCC will have over 24 professionals from a range of STEM fields who will lead students through hands-on activities during two breakout sessions. As a part of JKSD, Barton will be hosting its Annual Math Bowl. Jack Kilby STEM Day is entirely FREE; however, registration is required. Find out more at https://bartonccc.edu/jack-kilby-stem-day

Students who apply to Nebraska Wesleyan University (NWU) by November 1 will receive a $500 renewable P-Wolf Priority Scholarship. Apply at https://slate.nebrwesleyan.edu/apply/. But there's more. . . . .

The Access NWU Scholarship Program funds 100% of tuition for all first-year or transfer students who qualify for the federal Pell Grant. The program serves most students whose family adjusted gross incomes are at or below $65,000. At NWU, more than 40 percent of our incoming class of students are Pell Grant recipients. With a $0 balance for tuition, students may use community scholarships, student loans and campus employment for other expenses.

Deadlines to remember: November 3-deadline to apply for December 9 ACT; November 15-Priority deadline to apply for FHSU scholarships; December 1-Deadline to apply for Rudd Scholarship, Deadline for Hagan Scholarship; January 5-deadline to apply for February 10 ACT; Feb. 15-Final deadline to apply for FHSU scholarships; 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.

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