



NOVEMBER ONE-LINER 2017



News You Can Use

ARE YOUR COLLEGE APPLICATIONS COMPLETED?

If you are planning on attending any level of post-secondary education, you should be diligently working on your application(s). The first target date of Nov. 1 has passed so get those done ASAP!

As you complete college applications, be sure the school meets your needs. And remember that you won't be able to slack off after your last application has been submitted. College admissions officers are increasingly putting more weight on a student's performance during his or her last semester.

HAVE YOU RECEIVED YOUR APPLICATION STATUS LETTER?

With the exception of UW-Madison, application status letters should be sent out 2-4 weeks from the time you submitted your application. You should get a formal letter in the mail stating whether you have been accepted, have been put on a wait list or declined admission.

Once you have been accepted, housing and scholarship forms should follow. Be aware of deadlines.

UNIVERSAL TRANSFER AGREEMENT

The presidents from the UW-System and the Wisconsin Technical College System (WTCS) have signed the Universal Transfer Agreement. The agreement identifies general education courses that students either at the UW-System or WTCS can transfer to the receiving institution. This collaboration has resulted in numerous transfer opportunities within and between the two systems. Individuals considering a transfer continue to be encouraged to work closely with an academic advisor to ensure that the most efficient transfer of credits occurs.

FABCO/CAT SERVICE TECHNICIAN PROGRAM

FABCO Equipment Inc., Caterpillar and Fox Valley Technical College have established FABTECH, a service technician education center on FVTC campus in Oshkosh, WI. The Center offers a certificate series of courses focused on developing Caterpillar engine, construction equipment, electric power generation & marine engine service technicians. This year's FABTECH class is well on its way. FABCO and FVTC are now accepting applications for the fall semester of 2018.

EQUINE SCIENCE

If you enjoy working with horses & would like to make a career out of it, explore a degree in Equine Science from Highland Community College in Freeport, IL. The program provides the training & experiences you need to build a career in the horse industry.

UNIQUE PROGRAMS AT NORTHEAST IOWA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

NICC is just 15 minutes from Dubuque, IA & offers some unique programs worth exploring. Those programs include: Commercial Electrician, Gas Utility Construction, Industrial Electrician, Large Animal Vet-Tech, Wind Turbine Repair Technician. Go to www.nicc.edu/collegeprograms to learn more.

COLLEGE MAJORS 101

Get up-close and personal with over 150 majors. Choose from any major and gain insights to help find the perfect fit for you. Let Universities contact you about your major interests by registering in the area called "Get Recruited" and/or enjoy featured videos of your college choice.

SWTC's Career Spotlights



Culinary Management

Degree Type: 2 Year Associate Degree

Median Starting Wage Range: \$9.70-\$14.55

The Culinary Management program prepares students to enter management and supervisory positions in restaurants, institutional and health care facilities, and the marketing segment of the food service industry. General food service skills as well as specialized training opportunities provide students with the knowledge and skills necessary to successfully train and supervise employees as well as to operate a food service establishment.

While business operation is an emphasis of the program, students also receive experience with large quantity food preparation and kitchen operations. Sanitation Certification is included as part of the curriculum.

Golf Course Management

Degree Type: 2 Year Associate Degree

Median Starting Wage Range: \$16.46-\$32.55

The Golf Course Management program prepares students for positions as managers and assistant managers of both public and private golf courses. Job duties may include managing personnel and public relations, overseeing food and beverage operations, administering financial plans, coordinating golf shop operations, managing the maintenance of facilities and equipment, directing turf and non-turf management practices, and complying with regulatory and legal issues.



VISITING SCHOOL CAMPUSES

CAMPUS PREVIEW DAYS

Eau Claire	- Mon-Fri, 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.
Green Bay	- Oct. 6, 20, 27; Nov. 10; March 30; April 13
LaCrosse	- Oct. 20, 27; Nov. 10; Feb. 16; April 27
Madison	- visitbucky.wisc.edu
Milwaukee	- visit.uwm.edu
Oshkosh-	- Oct. 6, 20; Nov. 13, 17; April 6; July 16, 17
Parkside-	- Oct. 9; April 6
Platteville	- uwplatt.edu/admission/visit
River Falls	- Oct. 13, 19, 20, 21; Nov. 10, 11; Dec. 1; Feb. 19; March 23, 24; April 6, 27, 28
Stevens Point	- Oct. 20, 21; Nov. 3, 4; April 21
Stout	- Oct. 19, 20, 27; Nov. 3, 10; Feb. 19; March 23; April 6, 13
Superior	- Oct. 20, 21; Jan. 20; April 7
Whitewater	- Sept. 29; Oct. 6, 9, 20, 27; Nov. 10

Register Online

SOUTHWEST TECH'S CAMPUS VISIT OPPORTUNITIES

Program Visit Days: Visit a specific program, attend an admissions information session, talk to current students, and tour campus. Lunch is included. For 11th & 12th graders. Pre-registration is required.

- **Thursday, November 9** Auto Collision, Automotive Technician, Agribusiness (Agronomy, Animal Science Management), Agricultural Power & Equipment Technician, Building Trades-Carpentry, Dairy Herd Management; Electrical Power Distribution, Electro-Mechanical Technology, Farm Operations & Management, Industrial Mechanic, Instrumentation & Controls Technology, Precision Machining Technology, Welding.

Welcome Wednesdays: Get an industry-specific tour of campus followed by an admissions information session and the chance to talk to current students. For 9th-12th graders and adults. Pre-registration is required.

- December 6, 2017



CHECK IT OUT

ACT

ACT DATES

TEST DATE	REGISTRATION	LATE REG
October 28, 2017	September 22, 2017	Sept. 23-Oct. 6, 2017
December 9, 2017	November 3, 2017	Nov. 4-17, 2017
February 10, 2018	January 12, 2018	January 13-19, 2018
April 14, 2018	March 9, 2018	March 10-23, 2018
June 9, 2019	May 4, 2018	May 5-18, 2018
July 14, 2018	June 15, 2018	June 16-22, 2018

Students who are able to demonstrate a financial hardship may request that the ACT registration fee be waived. The general criterion for a fee waiver is that the student participates in the Free or Reduced Lunch program at the school. Students who qualify should request the form from the guidance office.

ACT PREP WORKSHOPS

1. CESA #3 is offering one day ACT Test Prep Workshops throughout southwest Wisconsin for students who want to prepare for the ACT. The workshop includes: test taking strategies, tips for each subject area, opportunities to work through sample tests, and background ACT information that will ease test anxiety.

Note: If we are interested in hosting an ACT Prep Workshop at River Ridge, we must have ten students. The cost is \$85 per student. Sign up in guidance office.
2. Free ACT Test Prep:
 - A. Preparing for the ACT – This booklet summarizes general test-taking strategies, describes content of each of the tests and informs you of what to expect on test day. It includes an ACT practice test, a sample answer document and scoring instructions.
 - B. Online: www.act.org/standard/index.html
OR
www.knowhow2gowisconsin.org



Financial Aid & Scholarships

Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

- **You can file your 2018-19 FAFSA as early as Oct. 1, 2017.** The earlier submission date will be a permanent change, enabling you to complete and submit a FAFSA as early as October 1 every year.
- **You'll use earlier income tax information.** You will be required to report income tax information from an earlier tax year. For example, on the 2018-19 FAFSA, you and your parent(s) will report your 2016 income and tax information, rather than your 2016 income and tax information.
- **Financial aid recommended filing dates** for new freshmen varies from December 1 to March 15 among UW colleges.

Top Ten Most Unusual Scholarships

1. Scholarship for Left-Handed Students
2. Duck Brand Duct Tape Stuck at Prom Contest
3. David Letterman Telecommunications Scholarships
4. Zolp Scholarships
5. Patrick Kerr Skateboard Scholarships
6. Scholar Athlete Milk Mustache of the Year Award
7. National Marbles Tournament Scholarships
8. Klingon Language Institute Scholarships
9. National Beef Ambassador Program
10. Vegetarian Resource Group Scholarships

Top Ten Scholarships for Community Service

1. Segal AmeriCorps Education Awards
2. The Do Something Awards
3. Comcast Leaders and Achievers Scholarships
4. Discover Card Tribute Awards
5. Echoing Green Fellowships
6. The Heart of America Christopher Reeve Awards
7. Kohl's Kids Who Care Program
8. Samuel Huntington Public Service Awards
9. National Caring Awards
10. Youth Action Net

COLLEGE GOAL WISCONSIN – A workshop to assist high school seniors, parents & adults returning to college complete the Free Application for Federal student Aid (FAFSA). Scholarship drawings occur at each workshop.

Workshops closest to River Ridge:

Madison (James Madison Memorial High School) – Wednesday, November 8, 2018.



Spring Lake Inn

Job Description: Dishwasher, bus tables, light cleaning duties

Hours: Thursday-Saturday 4:30-Close

Pay: \$8.25 + Tips

Contact: Dena Schneeberger – 563-249-9075

Al-Do Farms

Job Description: Farmhand

Contact: Dave Schwantes – 723-2231



Imagine America Foundation – Deadline: Unknown

Wisconsin Elks Association – Deadline: Nov. 27, 2017

Engineers Foundation – Deadline: December 18, 2017

GE-Reagan Foundation – Deadline: Jan. 4, 2018

National Honor Society – Deadline: Jan. 30, 2018

American Legion Oratorical Competition – Deadline: Feb. 10, 2018

American Legion Schneider-Emanuel Scholarship – Deadline: March 1, 2018

Americanism & Gov't Scholarship Test – Deadline: April 2, 2018