



OCTOBER ONE-LINER 2017



News You Can Use

WHAT THE UW COLLEGES WANT YOU TO KNOW...

Eau Claire – Top Majors - Nursing, Elementary Education, Biology (Pre-Med, Pre-Vet, Pre-Chiro), Accounting, Psychology, Business, Chemistry, Physics, Music.

2nd largest Foreign Language major in the state.

The university's **forensics team** has won the state forensics championship 18 years in a row and they are home to the largest marching band in the UW-System next to Madison.

Green Bay – Top Majors - Business, Psychology, Human Development, Human Biology (Pre-Med) Elementary Education, Communications, History, English, Political Science, Accounting.

Chiropractic = Human Biology. 3 years @ UWGB and then 4th year at Palmer Chiropractic School.

Most nationally known for Environmental Sciences.

UW-La Crosse – Top Majors: Biology (Health Professions), Education, Psychology, Marketing, Finance. **Unique Programs of Study:** Archaeological Studies, Clinical Lab Science, Community Health Education, Exercise & Sport Science, Information Systems, Nuclear Medicine Technology, Public Administration, Radiation Therapy, Therapeutic Recreation.

Athletic training is now a graduate degree.

It is very important to UW-La Crosse that seniors have a math and a science in their senior year.

UW-Madison - students who apply by Nov. 1 will hear of acceptance by the end of January. Those who apply by Feb. 1 will hear of acceptance by the end of March. **One letter of recommendation** is required. Choose academic teachers who know first-hand your ability to be successful at the collegiate level. Admission decisions sent to you by e-mail.

UW-Milwaukee – **Top Majors:** Health Sciences, Business, Theatre & Arts, Nursing, Engineering. **Unique Majors:** Architecture, Marine Biology, Sign Language Studies. **Nursing and Architecture** applications deadline, January 1.

UW-Oshkosh - **Top Majors:** Nursing, Business, Marketing, Finance, Accounting, Special Education, Biology, Criminal Justice, Psychology, Social Work, Fine Arts, Journalism. **Unique Majors:** Interactive Web Management, Sustainability, Radiologic Science, Aviation Management, dual major in Elementary & Special Education, Radio-TV-Film

UW-Parkside - **Unique Majors:** Studio Art, Sports Management, Sustainable Management

**Only college in the state that offers a major in Public Relations - Part of the School of Journalism and Mass Communications.

UW-Platteville – **Top Majors:** Agriculture, Biology, Business, Criminal Justice, Education, Engineering, Industrial Studies (Construction Management). **World Class Programs:** Renewable Energy, Social & Environmental Justice, Nanotechnology Engineering, Forensic Investigation. Forensic Investigation facility is one of a kind in the nation.

UW-River Falls – **Largest Majors:** Business Administration, Animal Science, Biology, Psychology, Elementary Education. **Unique Majors:** Digital Film & TV Communications, Dairy Science, Biotechnology, Agricultural Studies, Fine Arts, Equine Studies

UW-Stevens Point – **Top Majors:** Biology, Business Admin, Elementary Education, Wildlife Ecology, Forestry, Music, English, Interior Architecture. **Unique Majors:** Paper Science, Forestry/Wildlife, Sustainability, Criminal Lab Science, Communicative Disorders, Dietetics, Art & Design (one of 32 campuses in the Nation with an accredited Art & Design program).

**One of two colleges in the state for Chemical Engineering.

UW-Stout – **Most Popular Majors:** Business, Computer Engineering, Construction, Early Childhood Education, Engineering Technology, Game Design, Graphic Design & Interactive Media, Hotel, Human Development & Family Studies, Manufacturing Engineering. **Unique Majors:** Apparel Design, Golf Course Enterprise, Interior Design, Entertainment Design, Retail Merchandising, Restaurant & Tourism Management, Hotel Management.

UW-Superior - **Unique Majors:** Transportation & Logistics Management, Art Therapy, Digital Cinema (Journalism), Interactive Media, Forensic Chemistry, Aquatic & Fisheries.

UW-Whitewater – **Popular Majors:** Business, Marketing, Finance, Biology, Elementary Education, Accounting, Physical Education, Art Education, Special Education, Journalism, Early Childhood Education, Media Arts & Game Development.

**Nationally known for services for students with disabilities.

Largest Business Education graduates in the state.

Offers a master's degree in Social Work.

Game Development Club were national champions in Zombie Competition.

College Application Words of Wisdom

Avoid misspellings and grammatical errors—Errors in spelling and grammar are big pet peeves of admissions people. If you make a mistake on something as important as your college application, it suggests that either you don't pay attention to details or you simply don't care.

Include extracurricular activities—Knowing that you are active and well-rounded is valuable to many colleges. You should mention activities such as sports, the arts, formal organizations, and volunteer work. Talking on the phone and hanging out with friends, however, shouldn't make the cut.

Get confirmation if applying online—If you apply online, you should receive confirmation that the college or university received it. Confirmation could be an e-mail message, a Web page response, or a credit card receipt. Follow through and make sure that your application has been submitted.

Writing your college statement:

The statements/essays that are most helpful are the ones that give more insight into the student, providing additional information not found on a high school transcript or a standardized test score. They would like to know what inspires you, why you are focused on a particular area of study, why you are interested in attending their campus and/or any other personal information you would like them to take into consideration when reviewing your application for admission. And, your statement should be well-written, organized, grammatically correct...and proofed!

APPLY EARLY FOR CAMPUS HOUSING

Students should apply for housing as early as possible. Most campuses send a housing application shortly after the letter of admission. Watch your mail and e-mail closely for housing information 2-3 weeks after you have been admitted.

UW-Journey

UW-HELP has developed a whole new way to explore the UW System. UW Journey is a mobile app created for students & parents to make the college search process easier and more engaging.

Wisconsin State Senate

The Wisconsin State Senate is proud to offer a unique educational experience to high school juniors and seniors. The Senate Scholar Program is an elite program designed to challenge Wisconsin's best students. One student from each of the 33 Senate Districts may participate in the week-long program in Madison.

Applications need to be received no later than November 22, 2017.

UNITED STATES SENATE YOUTH PROGRAM

Since 1962, the United States Senate Youth Program has offered students from every state in the country the chance to visit our nation's capital to attend a series of seminars and discussions with senators, representatives, and officials of the executive and judicial branches of government. In addition to this all-expense-paid trip, each student will receive a \$5,000 scholarship. This year, the annual USSYP will take place March 3-10, 2018 in Washington, D.C. Application materials are to be completed and due by 8:00 a.m. on Oct. 16, 2017.

STUDENT/ATHLETE TIME TO REGISTER WITH NCAA

Students looking to participate in a Div. I or II collegiate sport must register with the NCAA Eligibility Center. Students must request that their ACT scores be forwarded directly to the center by entering code "9999" as a reporting selection when registering for the test. Go to:

<http://web1.ncaa.org/eligibilitycenter/common/>

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.

Interested in Career in Healthcare?

AHEConnect is a mentoring program open to upperclassmen interested in healthcare careers. Selected high school students will be matched with a college student pursuing a healthcare degree and a healthcare professional working in

the field. This unique mentoring program is a great way to learn if healthcare is the right choice for you. Apply before October 13, 2017.

SWTC's Career Spotlights



Broadband – Fiber Optics – Networking

Degree Type: Certification

Manufacturing is becoming more automated and uses those same technologies. Over the next three years, Southwest Tech will provide technical certifications in fiber optics, broadband technologies, and industrial networking to meet local needs.

Agribusiness Management

Degree Type: 1 Year Associate Degree

Median Starting Wage Range: \$22.00-\$39.00

As a student in the Agribusiness Management program, you'll learn agricultural input supply, production, finance, commodity assembly and processing, and marketing. Graduates obtain positions in a wide variety of specialty areas. The demand in this field is expected to remain high for several years in such jobs as: Sales Representative, Service Representative, Manager Trainee, Crop Specialist, Loan Officer.

Graphic & Web Design

Degree Type: 2 Year Associate Degree

Median Starting Wage Range: \$12.00-\$17.00

Graphic & web designers create a wide variety of materials including advertisements, displays, packaging, signs, logs, web sites and web pages to meet the needs and preferences of their various clients for communication and promotion. Related careers include Graphic Designer, Photographer, Desktop Publisher.



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

Open House – October 11, 2017 (no registration required) - Explore all options and services available at SWTC at this annual event. Representatives from each program and service area are on hand to perform demonstrations, engage visitors in hands-on activities, and lead tours through classrooms and labs. Future students who apply during this event or online before midnight, will have their **\$30 application fee waived**.

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.

- **Tuesday, October 24** Accounting, Accounting Assistant, Administrative Professional, Business Management, Supervisory, Administrative Professional, Graphic & Web Design, Office Support Specialist, Management, Cosmetology, Culinary Programs, Golf Course Management, IT-Computer Support Technician, IT-Network Communication Specialist, Leadership Development, Supply Chain Management, Supply Chain Assistant, University Transfer Liberal Arts.
- **Thursday, November 2** - Health and Public Safety programs: Medical Coding Specialist, Health Information Technology, Cancer Information Management, Laboratory Science Technician, Medical Laboratory Technician, Dental Assistant, Medical Assistant, Midwife, Nursing, Physical Therapist Assistant, Child Care Services, Early Childhood Education, Human Services Associate, Criminal Justice Studies, Security Operation, Paramedic, EMT
- **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
December 9, 2017
February 10, 2018
April 14, 2018
June 9, 2019
July 14, 2018

September 22, 2017
November 3, 2017
January 12, 2018
March 9, 2018
May 4, 2018
June 15, 2018

Sept. 23-Oct. 6, 2017
Nov. 4-17, 2017
January 13-19, 2018
March 10-23, 2018
May 5-18, 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

HOW DO COLLEGES USE ACT SCORES? - ACT scores are one of the tools universities use when selecting students for admission. But they also use score reports for other purposes, such as course placement and student guidance. Here are just four examples of the many ways universities use score reports:

1. **Admissions.** ACT test results — along with high school grades, academic preparation and extracurricular activities — help college admission officers identify which students will thrive at their institution. Scores alone do not determine admission.
2. **Course placement.** ACT scores, academic background and high school grades are used together to determine which college sections would be most appropriate for each student.
3. **Academic advising.** College advisors look at ACT results, high school grades and classes, projected college grades, employment plans and other factors to help students find the perfect fit for his or her course of study.
4. **Scholarships and loans.** Some scholarships may use ACT scores and estimated grades to identify qualified candidates. ACT's unique score report also provides information about a student's educational needs, extracurricular achievements and educational plans. Agencies can use ACT data with other data to evaluate applications for both scholarships and loans.

USE YOUR TEST SCORES TO SEE HOW PREPARED YOU ARE FOR COLLEGE

Research shows that students who earn a score of 24 or higher on the ACT Science Test are more likely than others to be ready for college biology. Students earning a 22 or higher on the ACT Math Test are more likely than others to be ready for college algebra. 18 or higher on English Test are more likely to be ready for college English composition classes. And student earning a score of 21 or higher on the Reading Test are likely to succeed in college-level social science courses.



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



Financial Aid & Scholarships

WHAT'S CHANGING FOR 2018-19?

2018-19 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), these changes will be in effect:

- **You'll be able to submit your FAFSA earlier.** You can file your 2017-18 FAFSA as early as Oct. 1, 2017, rather than beginning on Jan. 1, 2018. 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.** Students 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 2017 income and tax information.
- **Financial aid recommended filing dates** for new freshmen varies. October 1-December 1 is the recommended window.

Fastweb's Free Scholarship Search includes over \$1 billion in awards – www.fastweb.com

Fall Tips for juniors and seniors:

- Register with www.fastweb.com to find scholarships.
- Create a calendar that includes all deadline dates for tests, applications and financial aid.
- Ask your school counselor for help on college applications and admissions tips.
- Create files for your target schools. Keep a list of application requirements (essays, transcripts, etc.) and deadlines in the file, including when to send your transcripts.
- Request letters of recommendation from teachers, advisors and employers who know you well. Ask for recommendations early.
- Take a rigorous academic course load.
- Research financial aid options.
- Attend college fairs.
- Keep your grades strong.
- Do community service and volunteer work.
- Explore your interests through your classes.

Scholarship Scams – Warning Signs:

1. **“For a small fee, we’ll give you a list of scholarships.”** Never spend money on a fee-based matching service. The biggest award databases are free on the internet.
2. **“You are guaranteed a minimum of \$1000 in awards.”** A service can’t guarantee any scholarships because they have no control over the scholarship judge’s decisions.
3. **“We’ll need a bank account/credit card number to verify your information.”** Your bank account and credit card information is confidential. A legitimate scholarship provider won’t ask for this information.
4. **“We will do all the work for you.”** To win a legitimate scholarship, you must submit your own applications, write your own essays and solicit your own letters of recommendation. There is no way to avoid doing the work.
5. **No contact information:** Legitimate sponsors should provide contact information upon request. If the sponsor does not supply valid e-mail, phone number or mailing address upon request, that could be a sign of a scam.
6. **Pressure tactics:** Don’t allow yourself to be pressured into applying for a scholarship, especially if the sponsor is asking for money up front.
7. **Sponsor goes out of their way to sound “official”:** Scammers sometimes use official-sounding words like “national,” “education” or “federal” or they display an official-looking seal to fool you into thinking they are legit.
8. **Your questions aren’t answered directly:** If you can’t get a straight answer from a sponsor, proceed with caution.

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:

Platteville (Platteville MS) – Wednesday, October 18, 2017

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

All events start promptly at 6:00 p.m. Attend an event and be entered to win a scholarship. For more information, please visit www.collegegoalwi.org.

SCHOLARSHIPS

COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES - All colleges and Universities have a number of scholarship opportunities for new freshman. The applications can be found on-line at their individual foundation office websites. These scholarships will **not** be listed in your One-Liner so you must seek these out on the internet.

NATIONAL, STATE & REGIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS - There are many national, state and regional (Grant County) scholarship opportunities that come across my desk every day. Certain conditions may have to be present (ie: certain majors, affiliations with a group, leadership positions filled, etc...) as well as the expected high academic qualifications. Some of these scholarships are sponsored by corporations, businesses with certain affiliations, and by colleges. Below are the scholarships that I have received to date:

Herb Kohl Excellence Scholarship – Deadline: Nov. 3, 2017

Wisconsin Elks Association – Deadline: Nov. 27, 2017

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