



DECEMBER ONE-LINER 2017



News You Can Use

Senior Class Schedule Changes – Any changes to your senior class schedule must be submitted for approval to the college you are planning on attending. A change may impact your admission. For students who are admitted, their choice of senior courses was a major consideration in their admission. For students who are on the postpone list, the academic rigor of their senior courses is a major consideration when their application materials are reevaluated.

UW Campus Admission Status – All campuses are currently still taking applications for the fall of 2018. Applications received after Dec. 1 are evaluated on a space available basis and usually takes about 2-3 weeks to process.

Campus Housing – Students are encouraged to apply for housing immediately after being admitted to their college of choice. Students should apply for housing even if they are unsure that they will attend, or unsure whether they will live on campus. Student can contract for housing, pay their deposit, and still request a refund of the deposit until May 1.

College Scholarships – The deadline to apply for new student college scholarships is soon approaching. Deadlines will vary from campus to campus but most are due sometime between December and February. Make sure you are checking out scholarship information on your college's foundation webpage.

Archaeology & Anthropology @ UW-La Crosse – UW-L houses the top comprehensive undergraduate program in archaeology in the nation and the only one in the Midwest. If you are fascinated by the past or long to understand how ancient people once lived, then you may want to explore this program.

Archaeology is a fascinating field of study that has been popularized in movies such as Raiders of the Lost Ark. Though archaeologists are rarely faced with the kinds of adventures routine to Indiana Jones, it is an extremely exciting academic program. If interested in learning more, go to www.uwlax.edu/archaeology.

SWTC's Career Spotlights



Lab Science Technician

Degree Type: 1 Year Technical Diploma

Median Starting Wage Range: \$16.85--\$20.89

The Laboratory Science (Food Science) Technician program prepares students to provide laboratory support to the food processing and agriculture industries. Students learn to conduct laboratory analysis and reporting of food quality. With lab skills in common, the program will also provide a path to the established Medical Lab Technician.

Computer Support Technician

Degree Type: 1 Year Technical Diploma

Median Starting Wage Range: \$17.21-\$19.45

The Computer Support Technician program prepares students to effectively interact with PC, Mac, and mobile users, providing first-line technical support. Students are trained in a hands-on atmosphere to install, support, and troubleshoot PC, Mac, mobile, and audio/video devices.

Students gain an understanding of how a help desk functions, and the role of customer service in today's world of technology. Understanding the importance of call management and ensuring all calls and problems are dealt with quickly and effectively is also emphasized. Students actively participate in an on-the-job help desk internship/work experience with instructor supervision in a campus-wide help desk, providing support for peers, college faculty, and staff.



VISITING SCHOOL CAMPUSES

CAMPUS PREVIEW DAYS

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

Register Online

SOUTHWEST TECH'S CAMPUS VISIT OPPORTUNITIES

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

FABTECH OPEN HOUSE

- December 6, 2017 - 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

FABTECH is an accredited technical diploma program focused on developing entry-level technicians in the construction equipment, engine and electric power systems.

CAPRI COLLEGE CAREER DAY HOLIDAY STYLE

- December 6, 2017 – 12:30-3:00



CHECK IT OUT

ACT

ACT DATES

TEST DATE

December 9, 2017
February 10, 2018
April 14, 2018
June 9, 2019
July 14, 2018

REGISTRATION

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

LATE REG

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.



Country Inn & Suites, Prairie du Chien

Job Description: Breakfast Attendant, Housekeeping, Lifeguard and Laundry positions available.

Hours: Weekends and after school

Pay:

Contact: Bobby Jo @ 326-5700



Financial Aid & Scholarships

Finish up Financial Aid Applications

Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

January is almost here, & that means it's time for seniors to complete their college financial aid for the upcoming school year. The aid is intended to cover expenses such as tuition, room & board, books, other supplies & transportation. Most students receive the aid based on the level of their financial need.

Students can receive federal aid in the form of grants, loans or work-study. Grants are financial award that do not have to be repaid. Loans, of course, must be repaid after you complete your schooling. The best loans are those that are subsidized by the federal or state government. Work-study provides financial help through jobs, usually on campus, so students can help pay for education expenses.

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



SCHOLARSHIPS



Engineers of Wisconsin Foundation – Deadline: Dec. 18, 2017

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

National Honor Society – Deadline: Jan. 30, 2018

Grant County Dairy Herd Improvement Association – Deadline: Jan. 31, 2018

America’s Farmers Grow Ag Leaders – Deadline: Feb. 1, 2018

Wisconsin Professional Police Association – Deadline: Feb. 1, 2018

WASBO Foundation – Deadline: Feb. 1, 2018

Marine Credit Union – Deadline: Feb. 10, 2018

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

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

Peoples State Bank – Deadline: March 9, 2018

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

AB Nicholas Scholarship Foundation – Deadline: April 30, 2018