

COBRA COUNSELING CORNER

JANUARY 2024



a peek at what's inside...

Welcome to 2024, Cobras!

In this newsletter you will find lots of exciting info:

- *FAFSA!
- *links for applications to West-MEC and MET
- *Award info
- *Dual Enrollment
- *So. Many. Scholarships!



FAFSA IS HERE!!

Completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®) form allows you to be considered for federal student aid. In addition, states and colleges use FAFSA information to award their own grants, scholarships, and loans.

Who needs to apply for FAFSA?
EVERY Senior planning to attend College, University or Trade School!

Who needs an FSA ID?
All Senior Students applying for FAFSA and their parents*
*Questions on special circumstances? Click [HERE](#)

GET YOUR FSA ID NOW!

National College Attainment Network for more info about the "Better FAFSA"

SAVE THE DATE!
We will be hosting a FAFSA workshop for students and their parents on
TUES., FEB. 13th
at 6PM in the CHS library.

SIGN UP [HERE!!!](#)



Make a list, check it twice

SENIORS:

- Everything you need to know about PAYING for COLLEGE! [CLICK HERE](#)
- It is absolutely not too late to apply to colleges
- Upload all award and acceptance letters to SchoolLinks!
- Sign up for the FAFSA Parent Workshop!

JUNIORS:

- February 29th, 2024 - 2nd hour - passes will be distributed for our "College 101 Workshop"! It is time to start planning for your future education Juniors!

SOPHOMORES:

- APPLY NOW! West-MEC applications are due, but will no longer be accepted after January 27th
- MET Academy applications are due now please see counselors for an application
- True Colors Workshop - will be an opportunity to get to know more about your personality and how it can help determine career and future interests - May 2, 2024

FRESHMAN

- True Colors Workshop - will be an opportunity to get to know more about your personality and how it can help determine career and future interests - April 30, 2024

Are you a Natural Networker or a Focused Futurist? You could be a Trailblazer or a Deep Diver? Take this cool little personality test from ASU to see what kind of college student you might be. Hear from students how they used those strengths and overcame weaknesses and what they wish they knew before starting their Freshman year!



ASU College Fit Quiz



UCLA Webinar



UCLA Prospective Scholars Day
Zoom Registration

UCLA's Alumni Scholars Club will be having a Prospective Scholars Day Zoom webinar on January 18, 20, and 21 from 5-6PM. UCLA will present information about Alumni Scholarships and have a Q&A with current Scholars. Official webinar registration is now open [here](#). Students must register to receive the webinar link.



TGEN Leadership Academy

Start Your Career Exploration At TGen Applications Open Today

TGen Bioscience Leadership Academy (TBLA) provides rising high school juniors and seniors an in-depth two-week summer program designed to showcase careers in translational research, clinical trials and precision medicine. TBLA is ideal for students who are academically driven and focused on building careers in the biomedical sciences.

All applicants must:

- Be 16 years of age by the program start date,
- A junior or senior high school student during fall 2024,
- Attend an Arizona high school, and
- Be eligible to work in US.

Applications close Wednesday, Feb. 7 at 5 p.m.

TGEN Leadership Academy
Application



Mayo Clinic Cares

The Mayo Clinic College of Medicine and Science's Office for Education Diversity, Equity and Inclusion announces that applications are open for the 2024 Mayo Clinic CARES Program for Arizona high school students! Mayo Clinic CARES is a pathway program

serving Arizona students in grades 9-11 with a strong interest in exploring health care careers, offering both a summer component and an academic year coaching and mentorship experience. This program is free-of-charge, requires no prior experience, and especially encourages students from the following groups to apply: diverse, first-generation college, Upward Bound or STEAM pipelines, under served, students receiving free or reduced school lunches, and special populations.

When applying, students can choose from either the 4-week, in-person experience at Mayo Clinic-Phoenix & Scottsdale in June 2024, or the 1-week, virtual program in July 2024.



Mayo Clinic Cares

NAU Pathway

Are you ready to embark on a rewarding journey as an educator? Join us for a special event on January 31, where we will guide you through the exciting path of becoming a teacher. Whether you are considering a career change or taking the next step in your academic journey, this event is tailored just for you!

- Learn about the available teacher certification degree programs
- Meet course instructors
- Get college transcripts reviewed
- Receive help with the NAU Admissions application
- Find out about scholarships to cover tuition
- Learn more about the FAFSA and College Board CSS Profile applications

Join us for a New and Current
Students Welcome Event

JANUARY 31, 2024
3 - 6 PM
stop by any time

**Littleton Elementary
School District**
ULC North & South Auditorium
1600 South 107th Avenue
Avondale, AZ 85323

NAU Pathway to Teaching



Bank of America Student Leaders



Since 2004, Student Leaders® has been part of our ongoing commitment to youth employment and economic mobility. We're helping prepare a diverse pipeline of community-minded young students to be successful in the workforce through leadership training and work experience.

By driving responsible growth, we deliver for clients and address pressing societal issues, including advancing employment opportunities for youth and young adults. Through our Student Leaders® program, we annually connect more than 300 community-minded high school juniors and seniors from over 100 communities to employment, skills development and service.

The students hail from many diverse backgrounds, but are united by their drive and commitment. Through paid internships with local nonprofits and participation in a national leadership summit, they gain practical work and life experience.

If you or someone you know have a passion for improving the community, see where the Student Leaders program operates and [learn more about our eligibility criteria](#).

[Browse the FAQs on our Student Leaders program.](#)

Applications for the 2024 program are now being accepted through January 17th, 2024.

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READY. SET. GO!!

SENIORS!!



SENIORS! We know that you have been hard at work applying for college and scholarships! Please bring those letters to **GUIDANCE** so that you can be featured on their Award display! We are super proud of you and want to honor your achievements!

College Acceptance letters and letters from those schools that include a dollar amount that the school is offering you to attend are "Award" letters. Please make sure that all of those Award Letters are uploaded to SchoolLinks so that you will get proper acknowledgement for those! If you don't know how to upload them or need help please see Mrs. Gonzalez in the Career Center - she can scan them for you!

USE THIS LINK TO LIST ALL OF YOUR AWARDS SO THAT YOU AND THE CHS CLASS OF 2024 CAN BE RECOGNIZED FOR THEIR SPECTACULAR ACHIEVEMENTS



Western Maricopa Education Center (West-MEC) is a public school district that provides innovative Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs. West-MEC offers programs in a huge variety of categories including Coding, Public Safety, Machining, Welding, HVAC, Medical Assisting, Veterinary Science, Automotive Tech, Hair Styling, Aesthetics, & so much more! Click [here](#) to apply!

MET Professional Academy is part of the Peoria Unified School District. At the MET, students are free to work collaboratively as they are fully immersed in a professional culture, solving real-world problems, using industry-standard tools, and working alongside industry experts as mentors. You can schedule a tour or check out the exciting work that MET is doing on their website. The deadline to apply is quickly approaching!

MET offers programs in Medical, BioScience, Global Business, Technology and Engineering. Click [here](#) to apply!



Dual Enrollment - ONE STOP SHOP!



Dual Enrollment Classes at Cactus HS

Crime Scene Investigation &
Advanced Crime Scene
Sports Medicine & Advanced
Sports Med
Child Development & COOP
PreCalculus & AP Calculus
Cyber Security
Brief Calculus
Statistics
College Math & College Algebra
Marketing & Advanced Marketing
AP AZ/US History

**Enroll
Now!**

There are **TWO Grants** available which may pay for these classes completely if you qualify. Apply for both, the **AZDETAP** and the **Maricopa** grant here:

Dual Enrollment
Grant Applications

Unsure of what you want to do next? Check out this amazing **Career Guide** - It includes info about every certificate and degree program that the Maricopa County Community Colleges have to offer along with Salary ranges and Career Goals

Maricopa CC
Career Guide

Benefits of dual enrollment? include all of the services that are offered to full time students of the **Community college** including free tutoring and discounts! The list is long - check it out here!

Benefits of
Dual Enrollment

Parents of High School Students have questions - this link has all of the answers like, how to pay tuition and the benefits of choosing community college

Parents of High School
Dual Enrollment Students

DEADLINES
Maricopa Grant Priority Deadline:
Jan 26, 2024
Maricopa Grant Final Deadline:
Feb 2, 2024
AZDETAP Grant Deadline:
Feb 12, 2024
Dual Enrollment Registration
Deadline: Feb 2, 2024
Tuition and Fees Final Deadline:
Feb 14, 2024

Are you taking classes that offer dual enrollment? You can find out how the credits transfer to in state Universities and Community Colleges by using AZ transfer!
Use this tool set up just for you!

AZ Transfer -
Course Equivalency Guide

HAVE QUESTIONS? NEED HELP? COME VISIT THE CAREER CENTER IN THE LIBRARY OR YOU CAN EMAIL NICOLE GONZALEZ ANY TIME! NICGONZALEZ@PUSD11.NET





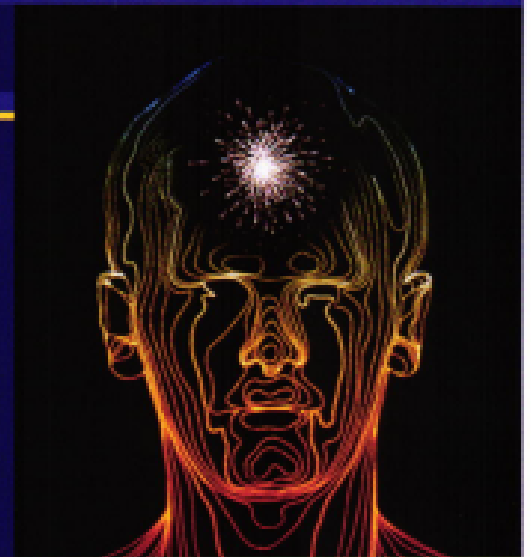
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www.midwestern.edu

2024



Arizona Regional **Brain Bee** at Midwestern University



A Neuroscience Competition for High School Students

**Winner will receive up to \$2000 reimbursement
funds to compete in the National Brain Bee.**

**Do you ever wonder what
determines intelligence?
How male and female brains
differ? Why we need sleep?**

Join the Arizona Regional Brain Bee competition and test your knowledge against other high school students. The winner will receive reimbursement funds for expenses to attend the National Brain Bee competition.

For more information and to register, visit:
www.midwestern.edu/azbrainbee

Register online by February 1, 2024

Wednesday, February 7, 2024
5:00 – 9:00 PM
(Dinner Break Included)

Midwestern University
Cholla Hall
19555 North 59th Avenue
Glendale, Arizona 85308
azevents@midwestern.edu
623-572-3353

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Applications are due:

April 1, 2024

For digital application
and sample schedule:

[midwestern.edu/
AZHealthCareersInstitute](https://midwestern.edu/AZHealthCareersInstitute)

Health Careers Institute

FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS | JUNE 19–29, 2024

Program runs: June 19 through 29 (no classes June 22–23)
9:00 AM – 4:00 PM daily
Midwestern University – Glendale, Arizona Campus

Interactive workshops:

- Human and Animal Anatomy
- Dental Simulation
- Osteopathic Medicine Hands-On Skills
- Vital Signs & Patient Physical Exams
- Physical Therapy in Motion
- Optometry: The Magic of Vision
- The Many Roles of the Pharmacist
- Occupational Therapy: Skills for the Job of Living
- A Day in the Life of a Veterinarian
- Venipuncture, Suturing, Intubation, & Other Clinical Skills
- Plus more exciting experiences!

Students must be a current sophomore, junior, or senior (as of April 1), and must attend all nine days of this free program. An **OPEN HOUSE** for parents and teachers will be held on **Saturday, June 29**.

Join Midwestern University
faculty and students for a **FREE**
9-day hands-on program to learn
about these health professions:

- Biomedical Sciences
- Clinical Psychology
- Dental Medicine
- Graduate Nursing
- Nurse Anesthesia
- Occupational Therapy
- Optometry
- Osteopathic Medicine
- Perfusion/Cardiovascular Science
- Pharmacy
- Physical Therapy
- Physician Assistant Studies
- Podiatric Medicine
- Precision Medicine
- Public Health
- Speech–Language Pathology
- Veterinary Medicine

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NAVAL RESERVE OFFICER TRAINING CORPS (NROTC) OPPORTUNITIES

The mission of the Navy ROTC Program is to develop young men and women morally, mentally, physically, and to instill in them the highest ideals of honor, courage, and commitment. The program educates and trains young men and women for leadership positions in an increasingly technical Navy and Marine Corps. Currently there are 63 Navy ROTC units/consortiums hosted at 77 schools throughout the United States. The Navy ROTC Program is available at over 160 colleges and universities that either host Navy ROTC units or have cross-town enrollment agreements with a host university.



4-Year National Scholarship

The NROTC 4-Year National Scholarship provides full tuition, stipends, summer training cruises and more so you can enjoy a traditional college experience while preparing to serve as a Naval Officer.



2 & 3-Year Scholarships

NROTC 2 & 3-Year scholarships are for students who have already completed some college. If you are in school, but want to explore serving the Nation in the Navy or Marine Corps, this might be the option for you.



NROTC Preparatory Scholarship

The NROTC Preparatory Program (NPP) is a 5YR program expanding opportunities for underserved or disadvantaged applicants to improve their moral, mental, and physical foundations. It provides university funding for the first-preparatory year, with an opportunity for a follow-on 4YR scholarship from the Navy after successful completion of the preparatory year.



Minority Serving Institution Scholarship

The NROTC has a limited number of scholarships available exclusively for students to attend Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU), High Hispanic Enrollment (HHE) schools, and other Minority Serving Institutions (MSI).



Mission228's goal is to provide an annual scholarship to a student who plans to attend nursing school or has chosen to advance their education in the field of nursing by returning to school. Since the majority of Linkyn's life was spent in the care of amazing nurses, this up to \$10,000 scholarship is her way of giving back to all of those that helped her in her short but impactful life.

Visit Mission228.com for more details on Linkyn Reischl and her legacy.

Eligibility

- Must be an Arizona Resident
- Must be in good academic standing
- Must be prospective Nursing student

Dates and Deadlines

- Application Deadline: January 31, 2024
- Notification of Award: February 28, 2024
- Announcement of Award: February 28, 2024

How to Apply:

In a PDF document, please include the following information and attach it to an Email addressed to mission228inc@gmail.com with the subject line "LINKed to the Mission Scholarship Application."

1. Name
2. Email Address
3. Phone Number
4. High School or College most recently attended
5. 2 (non-family member) letters of recommendation
6. A personal essay (500-800 words double spaced) that addresses the following question:

*Why do you want to become a nurse or advance your nursing education?

Mayo Clinic CARES

Career Advancement, Research, and Education Summer Program



Are you an Arizona high school student interested in exploring health care careers?

PROGRAM GOALS

- Get exposure to a diversity of health care careers and professionals.
- Gain real life experience of working in healthcare.
- Find motivation through discovery of personal strengths and long-term mentorship.

APPLICATION PERIOD

Opens: December 15, 2023

Closes: February 1, 2024

Scan QR Code for program website

PROGRAM LENGTH

Option 1: IN-PERSON PROGRAM

- Four weeks from June 4-27
- Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays

Option 2: VIRTUAL PROGRAM

- One week from July 8-12
- Monday-Friday



WHO CAN APPLY

Arizona high school freshmen, sophomores, and juniors. No prior experience necessary. In order to reflect the communities we serve, students belonging to the following groups/interest areas are especially encouraged to apply: diverse, first-generation college, Upward Bound or STEAM pipelines, under served, students receiving free or reduced school lunches, special populations.

For questions, contact us at:
officeforeducationdiversity@mayo.edu

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How to Apply

- Create a FREE account on www.cirkledin.com.
- Click the "Apply Now" button.

Apply by March 31st

(Notification by May 15th, 2024)



Apply at <https://www.cirkledin.com/scholarships>

PRE-APPRENTICESHIP FOR ELECTRICIANS



Grand Canyon University and local electrical industry partners have joined forces to create the Pre-Apprenticeship for Electricians:¹ an opportunity that allows students to receive an electrician pre-apprenticeship education while enjoying the benefits of a traditional college experience.



PRE-APPRENTICESHIP FOR ELECTRICIANS

- Courses can prepare candidates to move into a certified apprenticeship and begin a professional career
- Four (4) college-level courses (transferable) to be completed within a 15-week period
- Fully funded tuition for Arizona residents/U.S. citizens (Spring 2024)
- Hands-on applications within courses on GCU's campus in Phoenix, Arizona
- On-campus support, including career preparation and complimentary tutoring

As of May 2022², electricians have an annual wage of \$60,240, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

Ready to launch your professional career?

To learn more, scan the QR code or contact one of our admissions counselors at PreApprenticeships@gcu.edu today!



¹This pre-apprenticeship does not lead to licensure.

²The earnings referenced were reported by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics ("BLS"), Electricians as of May 2022, retrieved on Sept. 14, 2023. Due to COVID-19, data from 2020 and 2021 may be atypical compared to prior years. BLS calculates the median using salaries of workers nationwide with varying levels of education and experience. It does not reflect the earnings of GCU graduates as electricians, nor does it reflect earnings of workers in one city or region of the country, or a typical entry-level salary. Median income is the statistical midpoint for the range of salaries in a specific occupation. It represents what you would earn if you were paid more money than half the workers in an occupation, and less than half the workers in an occupation. It may give you a basis to estimate what you might earn at some point if you enter this career. Grand Canyon University can make no guarantees on individual graduates' salaries. Your employability will be determined by numerous factors over which GCU has no control, such as the employer the graduate chooses to apply to, the graduate's experience level, individual characteristics and skills, etc. against a pool of candidates. Grand Canyon University is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission (HLCcommission.org), an institutional accreditation agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education. Approved by the Director of Academic Analytics and Technology Center for Workforce Development on September 21, 2023. ©2023 Grand Canyon University 23GTR0836

What Is a Computer Numerical Control (CNC) Machinist?



A Computer Numerical Control (CNC) machinist is a skilled professional who programs, operates, and maintains CNC machinery to create precision parts from raw materials, serving various industries including: aerospace, automotive, medical, defense, semiconductor and manufacturing.

GRAND CANYON UNIVERSITY CAN HELP YOU LAUNCH YOUR CAREER AS A MACHINIST

- Four (4) college-level courses (transferable) to be completed within a 15-week period
- Fully funded tuition for Arizona residents/U.S. citizens (for Fall 2023 and Spring 2024)
- Hands-on practical applications within courses on GCU's campus in Phoenix, Arizona
- On-campus support, including career preparation and complimentary tutoring

**CONTACT ONE OF OUR ADMISSIONS COUNSELORS AT
CNC@GCU.EDU TO LEARN MORE!**



\$10,000 **IN SCHOLARSHIPS** **TO BE AWARDED!**

Funded by the CU West CARES Charitable Foundation

We are now accepting applications
for our 2024 Scholarship Program.

Learn more at
[**cuwest.org/scholarship**](https://cuwest.org/scholarship)



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