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BBBSCHI High Schooler Newsletter

December 2023

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Season's Greetings, Teens! As you wrap up an amazing 2023, enjoy a festive December with some of the latest resources available. These resources can help you on your college journey, your career exploration, and your personal development. If you have any questions, have any resources to share, or would like a feature in the newsletter, contact me at: plummer@bbbschgo.org or

(773) 234-4494. Thank you and enjoy the holidays! 🧑‍🎄 🧑‍🎄 🧑‍🎄

COLLEGE ACCESS:

SENIORS:



Family University Introduction to the FAFSA

Event Timing: Wednesday, December 6th 6-7:00

Speaker: Eric Lopez and John Branham Get Schooled

For Parents, Guardians, Littles and Bigs!

To register for the event, visit [GET SCHOOLED FAFSA EVENT](#)



- **DO THIS NOW: "CREATE FSA ID"** - Students who create their FSA ID/StudentAid.gov accounts now will be notified when the application opens in December. After creating their account, it will take up to 3 days for their FSA IDs to be authenticated. While students can technically complete the FAFSA the same day they create their FSA IDs, their IDs will not be authenticated in time, meaning they will have to manually enter their personal information onto the form, making the process longer. Encourage your students and their contributors to create their FSA IDs now to save time and hassle down the road!

KEY INFORMATION:

- **HOW TO CREATE FSA ID:**
 - Visit [Student Aid Website](#) to create an FSA ID
 - You will need your **SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER, FULL NAME, AND DATE OF BIRTH**

- You will also need to create a memorable username and password, and complete challenge questions and answers so you can retrieve your account information if you forget it.
- You will be required to provide either your email address or your mobile phone number when you make your FSA ID.
 - Providing a mobile phone number and/or email address that you have access to will make it easier to log in to ED online systems and allow additional account recovery options.
- **FSA ID PROCESS FOR CONTRIBUTORS WITHOUT Social Security Number (SSN)** - NCAN released information last week for contributors (parents) who do not have a social security number. [Read more about this process here.](#)
- **Important: A Social Security number, email address, and mobile phone number can only be associated with one FSA ID. If you share an email address with someone else, then only one of you will be able to use that email address to create an FSA ID.**

For more information on FSA ID, visit: <https://studentaid.gov/sites/default/files/creating-using-fsaid.pdf>

For more information about applying for FAFSA, visit: [Federal Student Aid](#)

ALL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS:

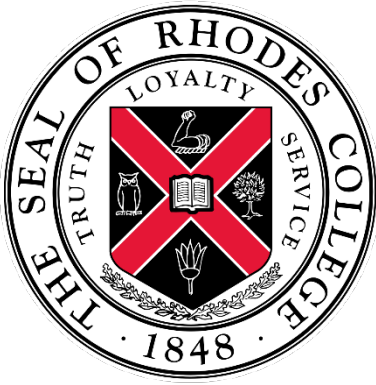


- **Get Schooled** - a digital, free college and first job advisor. Get Schooled is a national nonprofit focused on helping young people get to college, find first jobs, and succeed in both.

They support students' success by:

- 1) developing youth-friendly, research-based, mobile-first digital content
- 2) sharing this content via social, text, email and web-based platforms
- 3) providing personalized, virtual support via text and web-based platforms

Requirements: Create a student account. **For more information, visit:** [Get Schooled](#)



- **Rhodes College Summer Writing Institute** - The Summer Writing Institute at Rhodes College takes place annually for two weeks during June and is a residential academic program committed to developing the critical thinking and writing skills of high school students. Within the college's liberal arts environment, students sharpen their reading and analytical skills and learn strategies for writing creatively and critically. At the end of the session, students receive a grade for their work and class participation, earn two college credits (transferable to most colleges and universities), and will complete a portfolio of college-level writing.

Requirements:

Applicants must submit three documents to be considered for admission to the Institute. There is no application fee.

- An online application
- Their most recent high school transcript. You may submit an unofficial copy of your transcript initially with your online application, but an official copy is required by June 1.
- An academic writing sample of any length: Applicants should upload a paper written for a recent class. If you are requesting admission to a fiction or poetry course, you may also include creative writing samples.

For more information, visit [Rhodes College Summer Writing Institute](#)

PRIORTIY DEADLINE: FRIDAY, MARCH 1ST, 2024

FRESHMEN - JUNIORS:



- **Northwestern College Prep Program** - Discover a variety of course opportunities for high school students this summer with Northwestern University and prepare for college success.

Program Offerings:

- IN Focus Seminars
- e-FOCUS Seminars
- Courses for Credit

For more information, visit [Northwestern College Prep Program](#)

ADMISSIONS ON A ROLLING BASIS.

FRESHMEN - SENIORS:



- **Barnard Pre-College Programs (WOMEN ONLY)** - Experience Summer in New York City at Barnard. With distinct programs to choose from, ranging from entrepreneurship to STEM, you have the unique opportunity to explore an area of interest on a deeper level through both in-class discussions and city exploration. As part of the learning experience at Barnard, you will get a taste of both college life and the city that never sleeps!

Program Offerings:

- NextGen Leadership Institute
- Pre-Baccalaureate Program
- Athena Summer Innovation Institute
- 3-Week Summer Food Institute
- Health and Society Institute

For more information, visit [Barnard College](#)

APPLICATION DEADLINE: MONDAY, APRIL 15TH, 2024

SOPHOMORES – JUNIORS:



Division of Continuing Education
HARVARD
Summer School

- **Harvard University Pre-College Summer School Program** - Harvard's Pre-College Program for high school students is an intensive two-week summer program designed to give you a glimpse of college life. You will live on the Harvard campus during your two-week session while taking a college-level course with other Pre-College Program students.

Course Topics:

- Speech, Writing, and Literature
- Law, Politics, Philosophy, and History
- Business and Leadership

For more information, visit: [Harvard University Pre-College](#)

APPLICATION DEADLINES:

- **Early Application and Priority Financial Aid Deadline — Wednesday, January 10, 2024**
- **Regular Application and Financial Aid Deadline — Wednesday, February 14, 2024**
- **Late Application Deadline — Wednesday, April 10, 2024**

SOPHOMORES - SENIORS:



HARVARD UNIVERSITY



- **Harvard University Secondary School Program** - Harvard Summer School's Secondary School Program (SSP) is a 4- or 7-week academic program for motivated high school students ready to excel in academically rigorous college courses for college credit.

Program Overview:

Harvard's Secondary School Program offers a 4-week and a 7-week program.

The 7-week program has different formats in which you can attend:

- You can live on campus in [7-Week SSP Residential](#)
- You can do the 7-Week program 100% online through [SSP Online](#)
- Or if you live close by, you can [experience a summer studying at Harvard while still living at home](#) and commuting to campus for courses and extracurricular activities.

The [4-Week program](#) is entirely residential and courses are only offered on-campus.

For more information, visit [Harvard Secondary School](#)

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- **Regular Application and Financial Aid Deadline — Wednesday, February 14, 2024**
- **International Student Deadline (7-Week SSP Residential and Commuting Programs Only) – Wednesday, February 14, 2024**
- **Late Application Deadline — Wednesday, April 10, 2024**

JUNIORS:



- **MITES (MIT Introduction to Technology, Engineering, and Science) SEMESTER Program** - Join MITES Semester (formerly MOSTEC) for a six-month, hybrid learning STEM and college preparation experience. Become part of an inspiring community of intelligent, motivated, like-minded peers—while building the skills and confidence you need for success. Running June through December, this national program will take you through engaging, rigorous online courses and weekly virtual webinars, social events, workshops, and meetings with peers in the fall. You will also benefit from college admissions counseling and learn and network with STEM professionals.

Cost: Free of charge

All program-related costs are covered by generous individuals, foundations, corporations, and MIT. Students only pay for transportation to and from MIT for the conference.

For more information, visit [MITES SEMESTER](#)

APPLICATION DEADLINE: TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 1st, 2024, at 11:59 (PACIFIC STANDARD TIME)

- **MITES (MIT Introduction to Technology, Engineering, and Science) SUMMER Program** - Join MITES Summer (formerly MITES) for our six-week, on-campus program that immerses students from across the country in life at MIT. You will take five rigorous, rewarding math, science, and humanities courses—and discover all you can achieve. You will also participate in lab tours and social events, and benefit from college admissions counseling. This national program gives you firsthand insights into the value and reward of STEM degrees and careers, while also developing the academic and personal skills you need for success.

Cost: Free of charge

All program-related costs are covered by generous individuals, foundations, corporations, and MIT. Students only pay for transportation to and from MIT for the conference.

For more information, visit [MITES SUMMER](#)

APPLICATION DEADLINE: TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 1st, 2024, at 11:59 Pacific Standard Time (PST)

ENRICHMENT:

ALL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS:



- **Interlochen Center for the Arts, “Comics and Graphics Narrative Intensive”** - This program is open to artists with a range of experiences and backgrounds in either visual art, graphic narratives, and creative writing. During this one-week program, you will have the opportunity to develop skills at the intersection of both art and storytelling alongside other student practitioners and under the guidance of industry professionals.

Portfolio Requirements:

- PDF 1: Essay
- PDF 2-5: Materials that include at least two of the following genres:
 - Poetry—four to five poems, preferably non-rhyming, that offer a variety of forms, styles, and subject matter.
 - Fiction—two short stories, only one of which may be so-called "genre" writing (science fiction, fantasy, etc.).
 - Playwriting—two dialogue-driven scenes or plays.
 - Nonfiction—two personal or outward-looking essays. Please do not send academic essays, like book analyses for English class.
 - Experimental or Unclassifiable work—one or more pieces that do not play by the rules and which perhaps include visual or sonic components.

For more information, visit [Interlochen Center for Arts](#)

APPLICATION DEADLINE: MONDAY, JANUARY 15TH, 2024



- **Nike Tennis Camp at XS Tennis** - Nike Tennis Camps is excited to team up with XS Tennis in Chicago, IL! Join us this summer at one of the best tennis facilities in the Midwest and receive tennis instruction from Pro Coach, Kamau Murray, and his team. XS Tennis Village is a state-of-the-art facility equipped with 27 tennis courts: 12 indoor courts, 11 outdoor hard courts, and 4 outdoor clay courts. This tennis camp will be full of instruction, drills, and competitive play and it is geared toward players looking to take their tennis game to the next level. There will be designated weeks offered for All Skills and High School campers.

Programs:

- **All Skills Program:** The All Skills program is designed for tennis players of any skill level and background. Campers will learn fundamentals and improve upon their game.
- **High School Program:** The High School Program is provided for any and all players currently on their high school team and wanting to move up the ladder or those planning on making the high school team.

For more information, visit [Nike Tennis Camp](#)

REGISTER TODAY BECAUSE SPOTS FILL UP QUICKLY.



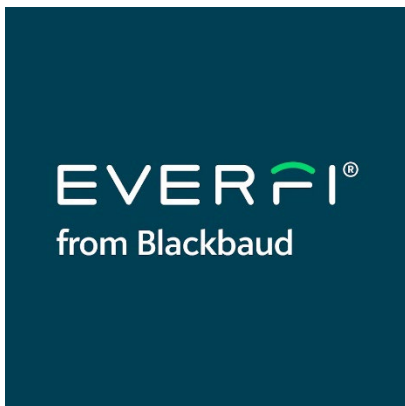
- **Second City Chicago: Winter Break Comedy Camp** - Campers explore the fundamentals of improv as taught and performed at The Second City and develop skills like creative thinking, self-confidence, listening, brainstorming, team building, empathy, and communication, all while having loads of laughs. They are introduced to basic scene structure, the art of storytelling and character development through the study of classic Second City scenes and other written materials.

Sessions:

- **Tuesday, December 26th- Friday, December 29th, 2023**
- **Tuesday, January 2nd- Friday, January 5th, 2024**

To register for a session, visit: [Winter Break Comedy Camp](#)

For more information, visit: [Second City Chicago](#)



- **EverFi Accounting and Data Science Classes** -
 - Accounting Careers: Limitless Opportunities is a digital course that shows high school students how an accounting background can help them achieve their career goals. Learners are exposed to the wide range of careers available in the accounting and finance space.
 - Data Science Foundations provides high school students with the skills and knowledge they need to accurately evaluate their interest in data science and career options. This foundations course

will introduce students to what data science is and why it matters, cover foundational knowledge including collecting, visualizing, and understanding data, and an overview of industries that use data science or employ data scientists. It will also contain an exploration of the role of data science in daily life.

- **Data Science Exploration: Banking Fraud** provides high school students with the skills and knowledge they need to accurately evaluate the ROI of data science education and career options specifically within the banking industry. It will refresh learners on some core concepts from the Data Science Foundations course and introduce them to the role data science plays in the banking industry.

Requirements:

- EverFi Student Account
- Registration Code for Classes

Step 1: CREATE AN ACCOUNT at [EVERFI](#)

Step 2: ENTER REGISTRATION CODE

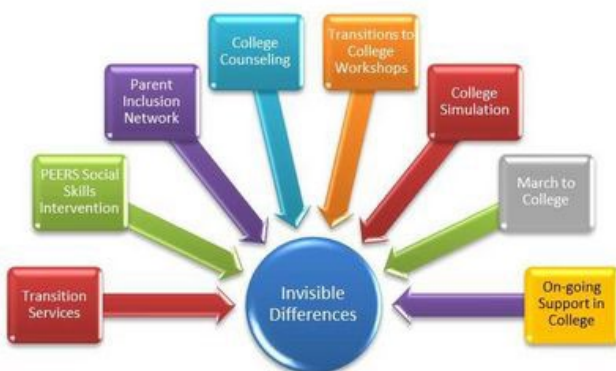
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Step 3: Begin Taking Classes

FRESHMEN:



- **Companies That Care: Invisible Differences** - The Invisible Differences Program supports teens and young adults with neurobehavioral and learning disabilities to complete their education and prepare for productive careers doing work they love. This program also provides resources and support to caregivers of young adults with invisible differences and the organizations that employ them.



The above image shows the different services within the Invisible Differences Program.

For more information, visit [Companies That Care](#)

GIRLS AGES 13-18 YEARS OLD:



- **EY Stem App** - EY STEM App is designed for girls around the world to get hands-on with Science, Technology Engineering, and Mathematics. Complete fun and engaging STEM activities and earn rewards points. The more you learn, the more you earn. EY STEM App is an innovative gamified learning app that aims to inspire and empower the next generation of female leaders in STEM and to create a more equal future.

Features:

- Learn about your favorite STEM topics by completing fun, digital, and real-world activities
- Activities are developed in partnership with some of the world's leading academic institutions and non-profits. You can choose activities by channel or content provider
- Redeem points in the Reward Store for exciting rewards
- See what other girls are doing in your city and around the world on a Global Feed
- Measure the impact you are making towards a better world, with Digital Badges for the UNDP Global Goals you earn with activity completion

COST: FREE

TO DOWNLOAD THE APP, VISIT THE [APP STORE](#) OR [GOOGLE PLAY STORE](#)

GIRLS AGES 17 AND OLDER:



- **PowHERful Foundation Enrichment Conferences** – This **Soledad O’Brien** led and founded foundation hosts multi-city events designed in partnership with local community leaders to support the educational goals, professional development, and well-being of young women and girls in the United States. We connect young women and girls and PowHERful Scholars to advocates, industry experts, and mentors, and help them build new skills, create lasting connections, and navigate their futures.

Conferences include:

- Expert Panels
- Mentorship Lunches
- Expert-Led Breakout Sessions

To get more information about the conferences, submit a contact form at [PowHERful Foundation](#)

SCHOLARSHIPS:

ALL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS:

EVERFI®

from Blackbaud

- **Accounting Careers: Limitless Opportunities Scholarship Contest** - Accounting+ will be awarding eleven students nationally \$5,000 in educational funding. **The Accounting Careers: Limitless Opportunities Scholarship is open to U.S. high school students between 13-19 years old who have**

completed at least one Accounting Careers: Limitless Opportunities course module. Students must

submit a 300-500 essay for a chance to win.

Award: **\$5,000** for educational purposes

To apply for the scholarship, visit [EverFi Accounting Scholarship](#)

APPLICATION DEADLINE: TUESDAY, APRIL 30, 2024

- **DataSetGo Distinguished Scholar Award - The Distinguished Scholar Award is open to any Principal Foundation student in grades 9-12 who has completed at least one of the Data Science Foundations and Data Science Exploration: Financial Wellness digital lessons.** The contest will be open throughout the 2023-2024 academic year.

Award: **\$5,000** in educational funding

To apply for the scholarship, visit [EverFi Data Science Scholarship](#)

APPLICATION DEADLINE: TUESDAY, APRIL 30, 2024



- **Huntington College Scholarship Sweepstakes** - Simply submit this Official Entry form by the deadline posted in the Official Rules and YOU could win a \$4000 College Scholarship!

Award: **\$4,000**

To apply for the scholarship, TEXT 4000 to 1-(844)-400-0048 or visit [Huntington College Scholarship](#)

APPLICATION DEADLINE: SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31ST, 2023

SENIORS:

RONALD REAGAN

PRESIDENTIAL FOUNDATION & INSTITUTE

- **GE-Reagan Foundation Scholarship Program** - College scholarships of up to \$40,000 for high school seniors nationwide who showcase leadership, drive, integrity, and citizenship.

GE-Reagan Foundation Scholars:

- Earn a **\$10,000 renewable scholarship - up to \$40,000 total** - for tuition, school fees, books, supplies, and on-campus room and board
- Attend an exclusive, all-expenses-paid Scholars Retreat in California
- Receive support throughout their leadership journeys in college and beyond

For more information, visit: [GE-Reagan Foundation](#)

APPLICATION DEADLINE: THURSDAY, JANUARY 4TH, 2024

SENIORS - POSTGRADUATES:



- **Taco Bell “Live Mas” Scholarship** - The Live Más Scholarship is awarded to young people who use their passion to help and inspire others. Recipients get more than just financial support—we give them unique access to inspirational programs and experiences so they can positively impact their communities.

Award: **\$25,000**

To apply for the scholarship, visit: [Taco Bell “Live Mas” Scholarship](#)

APPLICATION DEADLINE: WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. Pacific Standard Time (PST)



- **Shred Nations Scholarship Program** - Shred Nations and Record Nations are Colorado based companies dedicated to promoting economic success of businesses in the shredding and secure destruction or management industries. As a member of i-SIGMA, Shred Nations and Record Nations recognizes the benefits of continuing higher education for those individuals interested in business, environmental responsibility and making future contributions to the community. Both companies support the independent shredding and document management industry and believe in giving back to those providers by offering a scholarship to students seeking higher education.

Award: \$7,500

For more information and to apply for the scholarship, visit: [Shred Nations](#)

APPLICATION DEADLINE: TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6TH, 2024, AT 11:59 PM MOUNTAIN TIME (MT)

GIRLS AGES 17 YEARS AND OLDER:



- **PowHERful Scholars** - Each scholarship covers 4 years of undergraduate tuition, textbooks, and room and board, and provides a range of wraparound services during college and after graduation. These services are tailored to the specific needs of each scholar, but may include career placement, healthcare, mentorship, moving and transportation costs, and tutoring.

Program Requirements:

- Acceptance to an accredited four-year college, university, or equivalent
- Evidence of financial need
- Be willing to commit to 5-10 hours of community service a week
- G.P.A. of 2.5 or higher
- Completion of full application including a completed Student Aid Report from the FAFSA or the CSS Profile

To apply to become a scholar, email PowHERful Foundation at info@powherful.org

VOLUNTEERING



- **Chicago Area Runners Association “Miles Per Hour” Indoor Run** - The Miles Per Hour run is a unique indoor run developed by the Chicago Area Runners Association in partnership with the Chicago Auto Show. The one-hour run is an event in which participants cover as much distance as they can within one hour (60 minutes). While an officially recognized event, the one-hour run is rarely contested apart from occasional record attempts. Making this run even more unique is that it is being run entirely INDOORS and through the halls of the Chicago Auto Show and McCormick Place!

Volunteer Roles:

- Packet Pick-Up & Medal Distribution
- Greeters
- Course Marshals
- Aid Station #1

- Aid Station #2
- General

For more information, visit [Miles Per Hour Indoor Run](#)

To register to volunteer, visit [Registration](#)

WORLD COMPUTER EXCHANGE

▶ Technology + Education = Potential

- **World Computer Exchange** - By providing computers with educational content and training, WCE empowers schools to maximize technology use as they face the challenges of distance learning.

Volunteer Roles:

- Computer Refurbishers and Picker-Uppers for a Chapter near you
- Chapter Coordinator to develop a new Chapter in a city or school near you
- Inspire Girls Project Developer, Researcher
- Grant Writers / Fundraising (Intern or Volunteer)
- Communications Specialist / Press / eNews Writer / Chapter Recruiter Social Media
- Educational Content Developer (English, French, Spanish)
- School Refurbishing Club Project Developer
- Volunteer Recruitment & Placement Manager
- eCorps trip Tech Team Member or “Traveler” (English, French, Spanish)
- Development Officer for a country (multi-year)
- Fundraiser among your friends and family during October-December

For more information and to register to volunteer, visit [World Computer Exchange](#)



- **Greater Chicago Food Depository** - Support our neighbors in Chicago and Cook County.

The hunger crisis cannot be defeated alone. With your help, we can provide the nourishment our neighbors need to improve their quality of life. Bring a family member, a group of friends or coworkers, or come alone and support your community by becoming a volunteer.

For more information and to find volunteer opportunities, visit [Greater Chicago Food Depository](#)



- **DoSomething.Org** - As one of the largest nonprofits exclusively for young people and social change, DoSomething has activated millions of young people in every U.S. area code and 189 countries to take action to improve their communities. Together, DoSomething members participate in our campaigns and programs to act on causes that impact them and their communities.

For more information and to register for volunteer opportunities, visit [DoSomething.Org](#)



- **American Red Cross** - Red Cross youth volunteers learn valuable lessons in how to work effectively with people from diverse backgrounds, mobilize communities and create positive change. They hone their leadership skills, make new friends, and explore new interests, all in a friendly, encouraging and age-appropriate environment with visible results. Volunteering today can be the start of a lifetime of generous service to good causes.

How to Apply:

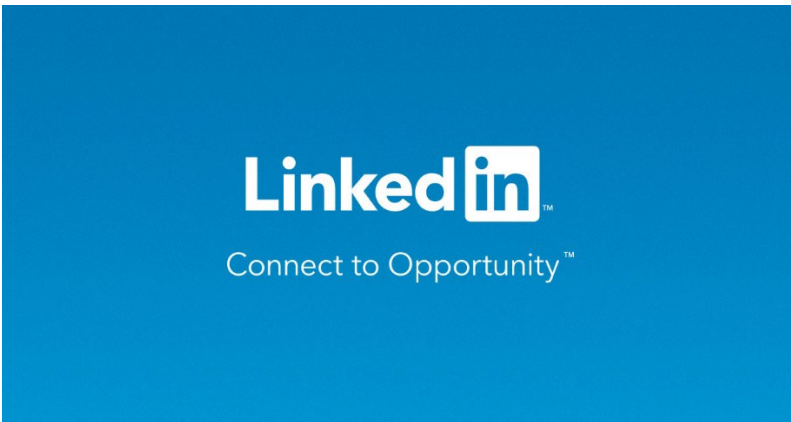
1. Click the button below to complete our online application. It takes less than 10 minutes!

2. A member of our Volunteer Services team will get in touch. Taking the time for a personal conversation enables us to match you with a role that will be both meaningful and enjoyable.
3. We will provide all necessary training to ensure you can be successful in your volunteer role.

For more information and to register to apply, visit: [American Red Cross](#)

INTERNSHIPS:

ALL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS:



- **LinkedIn** – A social networking site for job seekers, business owners, and other professionals. Students should create an account on this site and use it for finding internships, college information, and other opportunities.

Requirements: Create an account. A user can either have a free account or a paid account with premium features.

For more information and to create an account, visit: [LinkedIn](#)



- **Inspirit AI Scholars Program (UNPAID)** - AI Scholars Live Online is a 10 session (25-hour) artificial intelligence bootcamp that exposes high school students to fundamental AI concepts and guides them to build a socially impactful project. Taught by our team of graduate students from Stanford, MIT, and

more, students receive a personalized learning experience in small groups with a student-teacher ratio of 5:1.

Program Outcomes:

- AI Programming
- AI for Social Good Project
- AI Careers and Ventures
- Pre-College Preparation

For more information and to apply, visit: [Inspirit AI Scholars Program](#)

APPLICATION DEADLINE FOR SPRING 2024: SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31ST, 2023

JUNIORS AND SENIORS



- **NIH High School Summer Internship Program (HS-SIP) (PAID)** - This program is for 11th and 12th graders interested in exploring careers in research and healthcare. Except for the HiSTEP program, these are full-time research positions within one of the NIH Institutes and Centers (IC) in the NIH Intramural Research Program. Research groups are located on all NIH campuses, including the main campus in Bethesda, MD.

All NIH summer interns have access to:

- [professional development programs](#) focused on core competencies needed for success in science careers
- [educational and career advising](#)
- [a comprehensive well-being and resilience program](#)

We also sponsor [Summer Poster Day](#), where our interns share their research with the NIH community.

For more information and to apply, visit [NIH Internship Program](#)

APPLICATION DEADLINE: FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2024 AT NOON EASTERN STANDARD TIME (EST).

AGES 16 AND OLDER:



- **PAWS Chicago High School Internship (UNPAID)** - PAWS Chicago accepts a limited number of high school interns each semester at our Medical Center and Lincoln Park Adoption Center. High school interns have the unique ability to independently assist at our facilities, helping with cleaning, shelter chores, feeding and walking dogs - and much more!

Requirements: To participate in the high school internship program, students must be at least 16 years old and be able to commit to a recurring weekday schedule (between 8am - 6pm) over the course of a six-month internship, with a minimum of 8 hours of service each month.

For more information and to apply to the internship, visit: [PAWS Chicago](#)



- **Chicago Philharmonic Summer Internship** - Each summer, four high school Chicago students are selected to participate in the Chicago Philharmonic summer Internship. The internship includes mentorship and training in areas of arts administration such as marketing, development, operations, and community engagement, and includes a musical performance element guided by Chicago Philharmonic musicians.

Requirements: Applicants must be at least 16 and enrolled in high school, as well as play an instrument.

To apply for the internship, send an email to edessel@chicagophilharmonic.org

JOBS/APPRENTICESHIPS

ALL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS:



- **After School Matters** - After School Matters is a nonprofit organization that supports up to 19,000 teens across Chicago each year with paid opportunities to develop their talents while gaining critical skills for work, college, and beyond. Our programs introduce young people to new ideas, places, and people and encourage them to explore their interests as they learn about who they are and who they want to become.

Program Categories:

- Apprenticeships
- Assistantships
- Internships

Types of Programs:

- Arts
- Communication and Leadership
- Sports
- STEM

For more information, visit: [After School Matters Job](#)

FRESHMEN:



- **Eli Whitney Museum and Workshop Apprenticeship (PAID)** - The Eli Whitney Museum & Workshop produces about 80,000 projects each year. Apprentices train in the design and production of these projects throughout the school year. They also support our educators in our vacation day and summer programs for students ages 6+.

What Apprentices Do:

- Apprentices work about 200 hours during the school year and up to 400 hours in the summer.
- Apprentices receive stipends. They must prove their value.
- Apprentices are trained by well-established designers, artisans, and artists.

For more information, visit: [Eli Whitney Museum and Workshop Apprenticeship](#)

!!!STUDENTS MUST ATTEND INFORMATION SESSION TO APPLY FOR APPRENTICESHIP!!!

!!!TO REGISTER FOR THE FEBRUARY 2024 INFORMATION SESSION, VISIT [ELI WHITNEY APPRENTICESHIP INFORMATION SESSION](#)!!!

AGES 15 AND OLDER:



- **Wheaton Park District "Water Park Staff"** - This position is responsible for enforcing rules and regulations and ensuring the safety of patrons, while at the water park.

Requirements: Adult CPR certification

Salary: \$10.50 per hour

For more information and to apply, visit: [Wheaton Park District](#)

AGES 16 AND OLDER:



- **Apachi Day Camp Counselor** - Camp Counselors have a direct impact on the campers' experiences every day! Along with your Co-Counselor, you will be responsible for your own group of campers, leading activities and building relationships within your group. Great Counselors are patient and love having fun and leading games with children in their assigned age group.

Locations:

- Northbrook (2 Camp Locations)
- Lake Zurich (2 Camp Locations)
- Evanston
- North Park | Chicago
- Old Town | Chicago
- Irving Park | Chicago
- Hyde Park | Chicago
- Rogers Park | Chicago

For more information and to apply, visit [Apachi Day Camps](#)

AGES 17 AND OLDER:



- **AmeriCorps** - AmeriCorps is the federal agency for national service and volunteerism. AmeriCorps provides opportunities for Americans of all backgrounds to serve their country, address the nation's most pressing challenges, and improve lives and communities.

Requirements - AmeriCorps is open to individuals ages 17 and older.

Programs:

NCCC- Ages 18-26

State and National – 17+

VISTA – 18+

For more information, visit: [AmeriCorps](#)

WELLNESS:



**ELDER
WISDOM
CIRCLE**

- **Elder Wisdom Circle** - Ask for **FREE** ADVICE & tips on relationships, family, self-improvement or school problems. We respond to all requests with a personal, empathetic reply. Get help right now with career, job & interview questions with answers and guidance from expert advice volunteers. Younger generations connect with Cyber-Grand-Parents for FREE, confidential and empathetic advice.

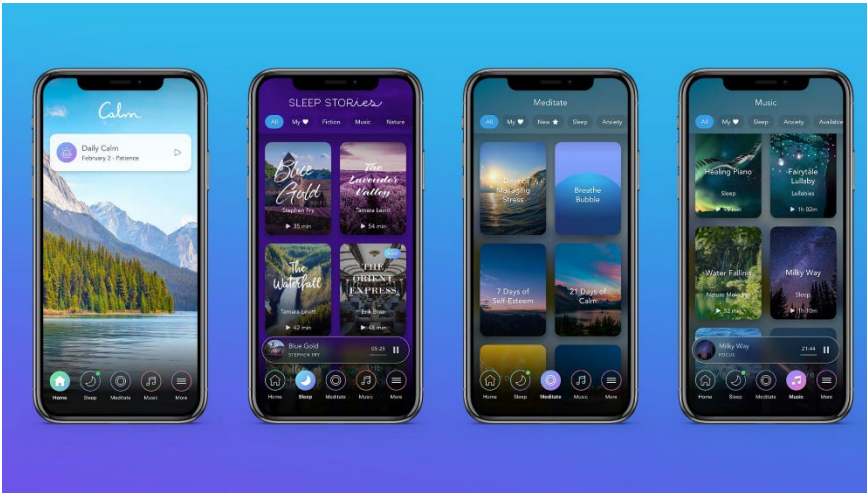
For more information and to submit an advice request form, visit [Elder Wisdom Circle](#)



- **Yale University: The Science of Well-Being for Teens Course** - In this course you will engage in a series of challenges designed to increase your own happiness and build more productive habits. As preparation for these tasks, Professor Laurie Santos reveals misconceptions about happiness,

annoying features of the mind that lead us to think the way we do, and the research that can help us change. You will ultimately be prepared to successfully incorporate a specific wellness activity into your life.

For more information, visit: [Coursera](#)



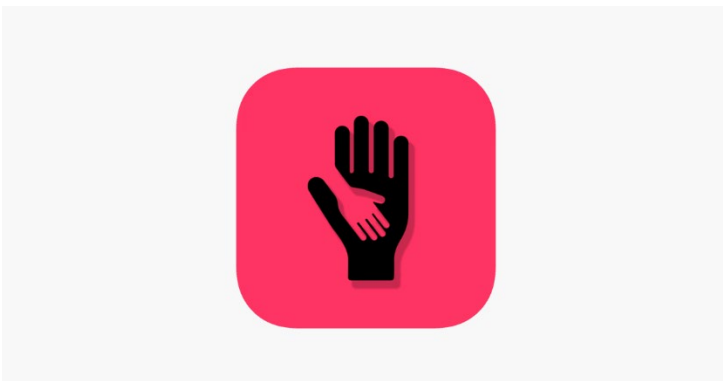
- **Calm App** - Our mission is to support everyone on every step of their mental health journey. We are a leading mental health brand with the #1 app to help you sleep more, stress less, and live mindfully.

Features:

- Meditation and Mindfulness
- Sleep Stories
- Relaxation and Stress Relief

Cost: Free download, but paid subscription comes with additional features

To download the app, visit App Store or Google Play store via your phones.



- **What's Up? A Mental Health App** - What's Up? is a fantastic free app utilizing some of the best CBT (Cognitive Behavioral Therapy) and ACT (Acceptance Commitment Therapy) methods to help you cope with Depression, Anxiety, Anger, Stress and more! With a beautiful, modern design, simple heading and easy-to-follow methods, you can get to what helps you the most in seconds!

Features:

- A grounding game containing over 100 fun questions to help keep you grounded and in the present when stress is taking over!
- More than 70 positive quotes, with the ability to add your own and share them with the world!
- A positive and negative habit tracker. Set goals to practice those good habits while ending the bad ones!

To download the app, visit App Store or Google Play store via your phones.



- **MindShift App** - MindShift CBT is a free self-help anxiety relief app, that helps you reduce worry, stress, and panic by following evidence-based strategies.

Features:

- Evidence-based strategies and tools based on Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT) designed for anxiety relief and self-management
- Daily check-in to keep track of your anxiety level and mood
- Easy to follow guides on learning about anxiety

To download the app, visit App Store or Google Play store via your phones.



- **The Trevor Project** - The Trevor Project is the leading suicide prevention and crisis intervention nonprofit organization for LGBTQ young people. We provide information & support to LGBTQ young people 24/7, all year round.

For more information, visit: [The Trevor Project](#)

CULTURE/FUN ACTIVITIES:

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Contact: info@yourpassionist.com

3rd Annual Music Festival & Youth Pitch Competition Featuring Korporate –This is an opportunity for youth to present themselves to prospective clients, employers, and followers around the world. Whether that be selling a product, singing a song, displaying & discussing your art, showing how you cook a certain dish, demonstrating how you build something, or even as simple as telling your narrative of overcoming adversity. Check out this event happening **Saturday, December 2nd, 2023.**

For more information about the event and organization, visit: [Your Passion 1st](#)

To purchase tickets, visit: [Music Festival Tickets](#)



- **Your Passion 1st and Roberta Bernice Present: 2023 Fashion Show Fundraiser** - YourPassion1st is celebrating 4 years with our 1st Annual Fashion Show Fundraiser. The event looks to raise awareness around the importance of youth empowerment so that we can continue building safe & peaceful communities while paving the way for our next generation. This event is **Saturday, December 9th, 2023.**

For more information about the event and organization, visit: [Your Passion 1st](#)

To purchase tickets, visit: [Fashion Show Tickets](#)



- **Light Up the Lake at Navy Pier** - Explore the Pier's dazzling outdoor lakefront light displays. Experience the joy of outdoor ice skating with a breathtaking backdrop of Lake Michigan. Cozy up with loved ones and roast smores by the toasty firepits. Ignite your creativity at our holiday workshops. Discover one-of-kind finds with our local artisan markets. Experience the thrills of axe throwing. Enjoy live music every weekend from local performers. Take a ride on the heated Centennial Ferris Wheel. Create cherished memories with family and friends at our award-winning fireworks on Saturdays.

Cost: Features free and ticketed activities.

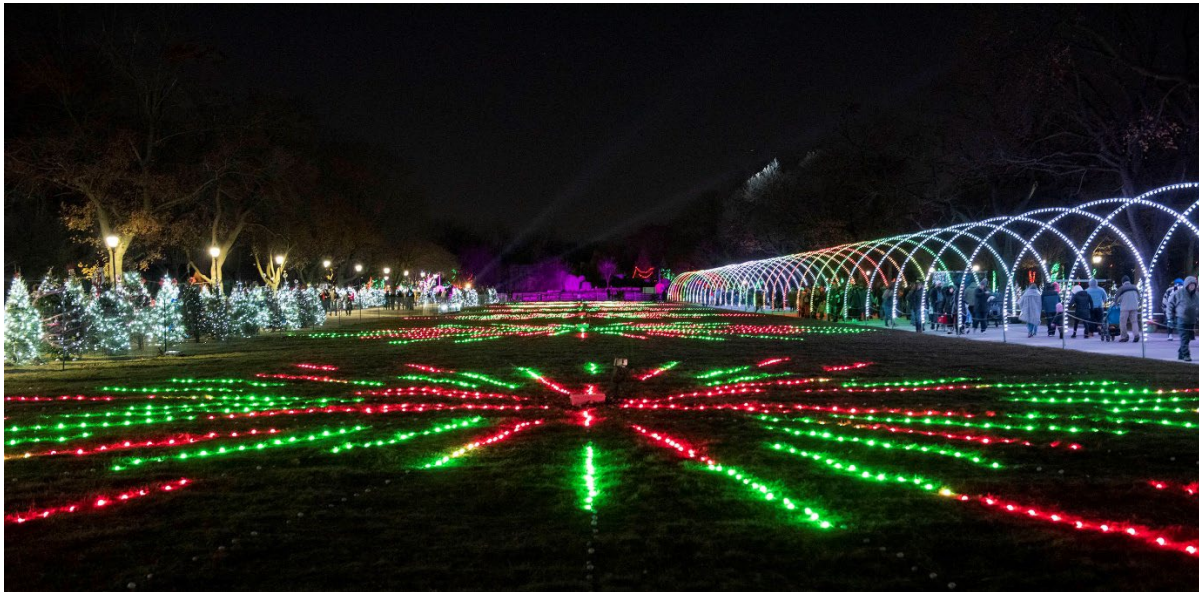
For more information and to purchase tickets, visit [Light Up the Lake](#)



- **Museum of Science and Industry: Christmas Around the World and Holidays of Light** - Explore rich holiday traditions from around the globe while creating your own traditions with loved ones in Christmas Around the World and Holidays of Light.

Admission: Exhibit included in Museum admission.

For more information, visit [MSI Chicago](#)



- **Brookfield Zoo Holiday Magic** - This holiday season, get ready to visit Chicagoland's longest-running lights festival featuring over two million twinkling LED lights!

Holiday Magic Activities:

Interactive Displays and Lights:

- Holiday Magic Photo Ops: Giant Animals, Tunnel Light Show, Walkthrough Displays & so much more!
- Dance Party at Polar Plaza
- Letters to Santa and Animals

And more!!!!

For more information, visit [Brookfield Zoo](#)



Let's Talk About Kwanzaa with Oba William King – Join us for an exciting Pre-Kwanzaa celebration featuring Chicago's own Poetic Storyteller Oba William King. We are taking a deep dive in the history and celebration of Kwanzaa, along with learning about the 7 principles, the importance of the table setup and all the essential symbols. This is an interactive workshop formatted to engage the audience in discussion about the importance of family, community, and traditions. We focus on the necessity of having an African American Centered Cultural Celebration. We share the who, what, when, where why and how of Kwanzaa and include a positive focus on the Founder of Kwanzaa Dr. Maulana Karenga.

Details:

Saturday December 23rd, 2023 (12pm-1pm)

Harold Washington Library Center

7th Floor, Chicago Authors Room

For more information, visit [CPL Kwanzaa Event](#)



- **A Poetic Kwanzaa with Oba William King** - Join us for a fun and interactive “Poetic Kwanzaa” experience including stories, folk tales, poetry, spoken word, drumming, dance, and cultural songs. Through storytelling Oba William King shares the definitions of the seven principles of Kwanzaa,

discusses and demonstrates the language of Kiswahili, utilizing "Call & Response" as the audience engages in sharing the pleasantries of the language and counting the numbers.

Details:

Thursday, December 28th, 2023 (5:30pm-7pm)

Woodson Regional Library

9525 South Halsted Street

Chicago, Illinois 60628

For more information, visit [CPL: A Poetic Kwanzaa Event](#)



- **Chicago Park District "Ice Skating Rinks"** – Adventure to one of six outdoor ice rinks from the Chicago Park District throughout the winter season. **Pre-registration is required for all programs at the outdoor rinks, including OPEN SKATE sessions. Learn more about the programs and registration: [Programs & Registration Information](#)**

Ice Skating Rinks:

- Maggie Daley Skating Ribbon: 337 East Randolph Street, Chicago, Illinois 60601
- McKinley Ice Rink: 2210 West Pershing Road, Chicago, Illinois 60609
- Midway Plaisance Ice Rink: 1130 Midway Plaisance North, Chicago, Illinois 60637
- Mount Greenwood Ice Rink: 3721 West 111th Street, Chicago, Illinois 60655
- Warren Park Ice Rink: 6601 North Western Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60645
- Wentworth Ice Rink: 5625 South Mobile Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60638

All outdoor rinks except Maggie Daley:

- **Admission: Free**
- **Skate rental: \$7 for all ages., half price on White Castle Wednesdays***

****White Castle Wednesdays – each Wednesday in December, during Open Skate sessions, White Castle will pay 50% of your skate rental. Use Promo Code WHITECASTLE at check out. This offer is Valid***

only at the following outdoor rink locations: Warren Park, Wentworth Park, McKinley Park, Midway Plaisance, and Mt. Greenwood Park.

Maggie Daley Park Skating Ribbon:

- **Skate Rental Monday-Thursday (excludes holiday season & holidays)**
 - **\$16 online + tax**
 - **\$18 walkup + tax**
 - **Skate with your own skates – Free**

- **Friday – Sunday & Holidays Skate Rental**
 - **\$20 online + tax**
 - **\$22 walkup + tax**
 - **Skate with your own skates – Free for the 11 am session only**
 - **Skate with your own skates – \$5 + tax (2 pm, 5 pm & 8 pm session)**

For more information, visit: [Chicago Park District “Ice Skating Rinks”](#)



TREE HOUSE
HUMANE SOCIETY

- **Tree House Humane Society Café** - Cats and Coffee, does it get any better than that? Welcome to the Tree House Humane Society's Cat Cafe - a place to meet cool cats, drink great coffee, and connect with friends. All the cats in our Cafe Lounge are 100% adorable and 100% adoptable! Make a reservation today--all ages welcome! **For \$10 a person you will spend 30 minutes with our lovely kitties and receive a beverage of your choice!**

!!IMPORTANT INFORMATION!! All ages are welcome in the Cat Café, though children under the age of 15 must be accompanied by a guardian for the full duration of their visit.

For more information and to make a reservation, visit [Tree House Humane Society](#)

NEWS:



- **U.S. News Teen Section** – Features the latest news about and for teenagers around the world!

To read the articles and create an account, visit [U.S. News Teens](#)

!!!REMEMBER TO BOOKMARK U.S. NEWS TEEN SECTION PAGE!!!



- **PBS NEWSHOUR/Student Reporting Labs** – Teen section focuses on stories and articles related to and for teenagers around the world!

Student Reporting Labs (SRL) is a hands-on student journalism training program that connects young people to real-world experiences and educators to resources and community.

To read the articles and sign up for the newsletter, visit: [PBS NEWSHOUR TEENS](#)

To learn more about SRL and ways to get involved, visit: [PBS NEWSHOUR SRL](#)

To pitch stories to the SRL, visit: [SRL Storymaker](#)



- **Teenagers in the Times: The New York Times** - Monthly collections of Times articles featuring young people in the news.

WELCOME OFFER: **DIGITAL SUBSCRIPTION FOR \$1/WEEK**

!!NOTE: DIGITAL SUBSCRIPTION ALLOWS FOR UNLIMITED ACCESS TO THE TIMES CONTENT!!

To sign up for a digital subscription, visit: [The New York Times Subscription](#)

To read the articles, visit [Teenagers in the Times](#)



GOOD NEWS NETWORK

- **Good News Network: “Teens”** – Features positive stories about teenagers around the world!

To read the articles, visit: [Good News Network](#)

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- **Teen Kids News** - Only TV Newscast for Teens – Delivered by Teens.

To watch the shows, visit: [Teen Kid News](#)

FOOD:



- **Rajun Cajun** - Freshly-prepared traditional Indian specialties and Southern comfort foods.

Located: 1459 East 53rd Street, Chicago, Illinois 60615

Price: \$

My Favorite Pick: Samosas with Sweet Sauce

For more information, visit: [Rajun Cajun](#)



- **Giordano's** - Serving Chicago-style deep dish stuffed pizza.

Located: Throughout Illinois...to find a nearest Giordano's visit: [Locations](#)

Price: \$\$

My Favorite Pick: Spinach Deep Dish Pizza

For more information, visit: [Giordano's](#)



- **BJ's Market and Bakery** - Counter serving Southern meals, from chicken wings & catfish to cornbread & cobbler, plus breakfast.

Located: 1737 East 95th Street, Chicago, Illinois 60617

Price: \$\$

My Favorite Pick: Catfish with Mustard Sauce

For more information, visit: [BJ's Market and Bakery](#)



- **Molly's Cupcakes** – Bakery featuring fresh cupcakes, a sprinkle station, and more!!!

Location: Throughout Chicago... **For a list of locations and more information, visit [Molly's Cupcakes](#)**

Price: \$-\$\$

My Favorite Pick: Peach Cobbler Cupcake



- **Justice of the Pies** - a Chicago-based bakery that specializes in sweet and savory pies quiches and tarts.

Located: 8655 South Blackstone Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60619

Price: \$\$

My Favorite Pick: Key Lime Pie without Strawberry Topping 😊

For more information, visit: [Justice of the Pies](#)