

IT'S HERE, YOUR FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER...

BBBSCHI High Schooler Newsletter

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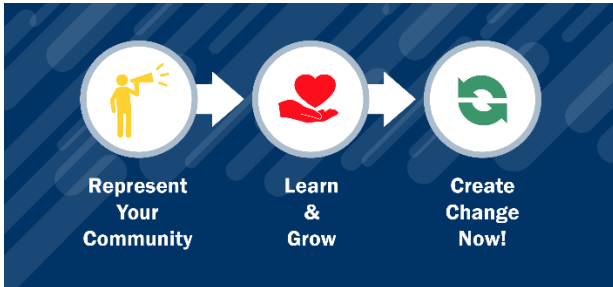


Hey Teens!! We are moving deep into the winter and February is jam packed with major holidays such as Black History Month, Lunar New Year, and Valentine's Day and major/local events such as the Chicago Auto Show, The SuperBowl, The Grammys, The Screen Actors Guild Awards, and The NBA All-Star Weekend. Whew!! 😊 That is quite a lot. Thus, for February's newsletter, I featured many new resources to help with preparing for college, developing career skills, and having some fun during this festive month. Remember, if you have any questions, have any resources to share, or would like a feature in the newsletter, contact me at: plummer@bbbschgo.org, **text me at (773) 234-4494 or **call me at (312) 207-5602.****

Thank you!! – Justice Plummer ❤️ 🧑‍🎓 🇺🇸 🏈 🏡

“FREE” RESOURCES OF THE MONTH:

FRESHMEN-JUNIORS:



Interested in making a difference in your community?

Apply to Join the FEMA Youth Preparedness Council!

The Youth Preparedness Council (YPC) brings teens together from across the country who are passionate about emergency preparedness and making a difference in their communities. Council members are selected based on involvement in extracurricular activities, leadership experience, and interest in preparedness and emergency management.

Students in grades eight through 11 are eligible to apply.

YPC members share ideas and feedback with FEMA, collaborate to develop preparedness project proposals, and build their leadership and emergency management skills. Youth leaders who are interested in applying to the YPC must submit a completed application form and provide two letters of recommendation.

The application is open Jan. 22 – March 4, 2024.

Learn more and apply today!



Visit ready.gov/kids/youth-preparedness-council to learn more.

FEMA

Applications Due

MARCH 4th



¿Te interesa hacer la diferencia en tu comunidad?

¡Solicita formar parte del Consejo de Preparación Juvenil de FEMA!

El Consejo de Preparación Juvenil (YPC, por sus siglas en inglés) agrupa a adolescentes de todo el país que están interesados en la preparación comunitaria y lograr hacer la diferencia en sus comunidades. Los miembros del consejo son elegidos según su participación en actividades extracurriculares, experiencia en liderazgo y su interés en la preparación y el manejo de emergencias.

Los estudiantes de octavo a undécimo grado son elegibles para solicitar.

Los miembros del YPC comparten sus ideas y opiniones con FEMA, colaboran para desarrollar proyectos de preparación y desarrollan sus destrezas de liderazgo y manejo de emergencias. Los jóvenes interesados en participar en el consejo deben presentar un formulario de solicitud completado e incluir dos cartas de recomendación.

El período para solicitar empieza el 22 de enero de 2024 y vence a las 11:59 p.m., hora del Pacífico, del 4 de marzo.

¡Conozca más y solicite hoy!



Visite ready.gov/kids/youth-preparedness-council para más información.

FEMA

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MARZO 4

FRESHMEN-SENIORS:



THE NEW
COURANT

The New Courant - The New Courant is a nonprofit publication for youth opinion writing, founded by 14-year-old Anne Rong. Modeled after a traditional newspaper, we accept opinion essay submissions from youth writers ages 13-21, work with writers to revise their essays, and publish completed essays on our website. Our mission is to empower youth to speak about the problems they see in their world and stand up for change.

Submit an opinion essay at [The New Courant](#)

JUNIORS:

**GENESYS
WORKS.**

Genesys Works (PAID) - Our “earn and learn” model provides you with in-demand business technology training and matches you to a paid, meaningful year-long internship with a company during your senior year of high school.

For more information, visit [Genesys Works Internship](#)

COLLEGE ACCESS:

FRESHMEN-JUNIORS GIRLS:



Girls Who Code - High school students gain the computer science skills they need to make an impact and prepare for tech careers in our **FREE**, virtual Summer Programs.

Girls Who Code offers two Summer Programs:

- A two-week Summer Immersion Program to learn game design in live virtual classrooms
- A six-week Self-Paced Program to explore some of the biggest topics in tech independently

To register for programs, visit [Girls Who Code](#)

SOPHOMORES-JUNIORS:



J Camp - The **FREE** six-day training camp brings together culturally diverse students from across the nation to learn from veteran journalists and leading media executives.

Application Deadline: Friday, March 1, 2024, at 11:59 p.m. PT / To apply, visit [J Camp](#)

JUNIORS:



Penn State Business Opportunities Summer Session (BOSS) - BOSS is a two-week, residential program, for residents of the U.S. and Puerto Rico, held on Penn State's University Park campus for high school juniors interested in pursuing a business education in college.

Application Deadline: Friday, March 22, 2024 / To apply, visit [Penn State BOSS](#)

Carnegie Mellon University
Pre-College

FREE Summer Academy for Math and Science (SAMS) - As SAMS Scholars, students engage in a rigorous curriculum taught by our renowned faculty and staff who are deeply committed to student success. Must be a junior and at least 16 years old.

The Summer Academy for Math and Science will consist of 2 parts:

- Part 1- Virtual
- Part 2- Six weeks in-person program, on campus.

Application Deadline: Friday, March 1, 2024 / To apply, visit [SAMS](#)

AT LEAST 16 YEARS OLD:



Early College - Join the Early College program to enroll in college-level courses while still in high school, reducing both the time and the money needed to earn a college degree.

The Early College program offers two ways for you to earn college credit:

- Dual credit
- Dual enrollment

To apply, visit [Early College](#)

ENRICHMENT:

FRESHMEN-JUNIORS:



UCHICAGO Enrichment Programs - The University of Chicago's summer enrichment programs offer pre-college students the opportunity to explore different areas of study and learn about different disciplines, especially those that make the University a distinct destination for higher education.

***MUST BE AT 14 YEARS OLD.**

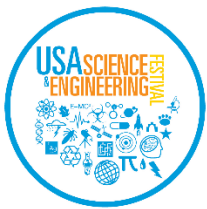
Application Deadline: Tuesday, March 5th, 2024 / To apply, visit [UCHICAGO](#)



UIC Future Leaders in Business - Future Leaders in Business (FLB) is a **FREE**, one-week, commuter program for high school students interested in business.

To apply, visit [UIC Future Leaders in Business](#)

FRESHMEN-SENIORS:



USA Science and Engineering Festival - X-STEM All Access is a **FREE** virtual conference series for middle and high schoolers designed to get students excited about STEM.

To learn more and register, visit [X-STEM All Access](#)

SENIORS:



**Hispanic Center
of Excellence**

Latino Health Science Enrichment Program (LaHSEP) Track 3 - LaHSEP 3 & LaHSEP 3 Transfer is a **FREE** six-week summer academic enrichment program for incoming first-year undergraduate students or City Colleges of Chicago (CCC) for their 3rd year of undergraduate schooling.

***NOTE: MUST BE SENIORS MUST BE ATTENDING UIC.**

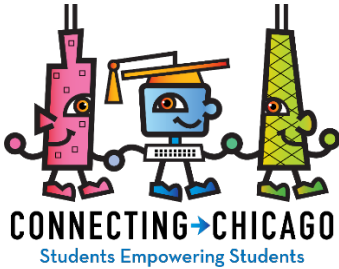
Application Deadline: Friday, June 7th, 2024 / To apply, visit [LaHSEP](#)

TUTORING:



Tutoring Chicago - Long-term, one-to-one tutoring. Entirely free of charge.

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



Connecting Chicago – Connecting Chicago is dedicated to combating educational inequity by providing free virtual 1:1 tutoring for students in Kindergarten through 12th grade.

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



Chicago Public Library “FREE HOMEWORK HELP” - Find answers to your homework needs at Chicago Public Library. We have resources to help.

Resources:

- Teacher in the Library
 - In Person
 - Online
- Brainfuse

For more information, visit [Chicago Public Library](#)



Schoolhouse Tutoring - Schoolhouse.world is a platform for free, peer-to-peer tutoring—where anyone, anywhere can receive live help, build their skills, and pay it forward by becoming a tutor themselves.

Why Learn with Schoolhouse:

- Attend sessions taught by volunteer peer tutors
- Get help in high school math and SAT Prep—completely for free

- Join series of other learners across the globe
- Build confidence and ask questions in small groups

For more information, visit [Schoolhouse Tutoring](#)

TutorBridge



Free K-12 Tutoring

TutorBridge - FREE online tutoring for K-12 students, provided by high school students, college students, or college grads.

For more information, visit [TutorBridge](#)

SCHOLARSHIPS:



Doodle your future



THE 2024 DOODLE FOR GOOGLE THEME IS:

My wish for the next 25 years

For Google's 25th birthday we're inviting K-12 students to imagine a future where *anything* is possible. This year's contest welcomes new prizes and more ways to create!

Enter by March 14th.



Doodle 4 Google Scholarship – Amount: \$55,000 + Other Awards

Application Deadline: Thursday, March 14, 2024, 11:59 p.m. PST / To apply, visit [Doodle 4 Google](#)



Lake County Retired Teachers Association (LCRTA) Scholarships - These scholarships will be awarded to Lake County, Illinois high school seniors to recognize ability and achievement, and contribution to the community, who plan to pursue a career in education.

***NOTE: Must be a Lake County Student.**

Amount:

- \$2000 Mary Abbott Scholarship
- \$1500 LCRTA Scholarship

Application Deadline: Friday, March 29, 2024 / To apply, visit [LCRTA](#)



HBCU WEEK Scholarships:

- **AstraZeneca** - This scholarship is open to students entering an HBCU and majoring in any STEM or supply chain related majors working towards a bachelor's degree.
Amount: \$25,000 / Application Deadline: February 16th, 2024 / Apply: [HBCU Week x AstraZeneca](#)
- **NFL** – Amount: \$10,000 / Application Deadline: February 16th, 2024/ Apply: [HBCU Week x NFL](#)
- **Barclays** – Amount \$15,000 / Application Deadline: February 16th, 2024/ Apply: [HBCU Week x Barclays](#)

VOLUNTEERING



Luv Michael - In 2020, Luv Michael launched a virtual volunteer program to inspire students to become advocates for autism acceptance.

For more information and to sign up, visit [Luv Michael](#)



Project Linus - Our volunteers, known as “blanketeers,” provide new handmade, washable blankets to be given as gifts to seriously ill and traumatized children, ages 0-18.

For more information and to sign up, visit [Project Linus](#)



Lasagna Love - Lasagna Love is a global nonprofit and grassroots movement that aims to positively impact communities by connecting neighbors with neighbors through homemade meal delivery.

For more information and to sign up, visit [Lasagna Love](#)



Teen Volunteers: Field Museum - Teen volunteers spend their days engaging visitors and sharing science stories throughout the museum.

Application Deadline: Friday, March 15th, 2024 / To apply, visit [Teen Volunteers Field Museum](#)

AT LEAST 16 YEARS OLD:



United States Secret Service Student Volunteer Program (UNPAID) - The Secret Service Student Volunteer Program is designed to provide students with an understanding of the nature and the structure of the U.S. Secret Service.

For more information and to apply, visit [USA JOBS](#)

INTERNSHIPS:

FRESHMEN-SENIORS:



One Summer Chicago (PAID) - One Summer Chicago brings together government institutions, community-based organizations, and companies to offer employment and internship opportunities to youth and young adults ages 14 to 24.

To apply, visit [One Summer Chicago](#)



AEOP High School Internship (PAID) - Spend your summer in a university research lab or in one of the U.S. Army Research Laboratories and Centers through this unique internship opportunity.

Deadline: Applications accepted on ROLLING basis.

For more information and to apply, visit [AEOP High School Internship](#)

AT LEAST 16 YEARS OLD:



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.

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

JOBS/APPRENTICESHIPS:

FRESHMEN-SENIORS:



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.

Program Categories:

- Apprenticeships
- Assistantships
- Internships

Types of Programs:

- Arts
- Communication and Leadership
- Sports
- STEM

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

AT LEAST 16 YEARS OLD:

Apply Now!

This year, applying for your perfect job is simpler than ever.



Chicago Park District Lifeguard – We guard beaches and pools to protect swimmers from accidents and drowning, and we respond to emergency situations in accordance with established methods and protocols. We also lead and assist in instructing recreational activities for our aquatic programs like swimming lessons, hydro-aerobics, water polo and swim team.

Requirements:

- Apply
- Test
- Work for Parks

Application Deadline: Thursday, February 29, 2024, 11:59pm CT

For more information, visit [Chicago Park District Lifeguards](#)

16-18 YEARS OLD:



LINCOLN PARK ZOO.

FOR WILDLIFE. FOR ALL.

Malott Family Research Apprenticeship - The Malott Family Research Apprenticeship Program provides Chicago high school students with the opportunity to work alongside zoo researchers and engage in authentic scientific research.

To apply, visit [Lincoln Park Zoo Apprenticeship](#)

AT LEAST 17 YEARS OLD:



AmeriCorps - AmeriCorps provides opportunities for Americans of all backgrounds to serve their country, address the nation's most pressing challenges, and improve lives and communities.

For more information and to apply, visit [AmeriCorps](#)

AT LEAST 18 YEARS OLD:



Peace Corps - The Peace Corps brings together skilled, committed Volunteers with welcoming host communities for service opportunities in more than 60 countries.

For more information and to apply, visit [Peace Corps](#)

WELLNESS:



Polar Adventure Days – Saturday, February 17th, 2024, at Big Marsh Park



Elder Wisdom Circle - Ask for **FREE** ADVICE & tips on relationships, family, self-improvement, or school problems.

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



POW! Gym for Teen Boxing & Fitness Classes - Join us at POW! Gym for Teen Boxing & Fitness classes that will help you build strength and agility, become more flexible, learn practical self-defense skills, and connect with members of our West Loop Community!

For more information and to sign up for a trial class, visit [POW! Gym](#)



Mindfulness for Teens – A website featuring different meditations, breathing techniques, and mindfulness activities for teenagers.

To learn more, visit [Mindfulness for Teens](#)



HeadSpace for Teens - HeadSpace is now **FREE** for all teens (13-18 years old) in the US.

To sign up, visit [HeadSpace for Teens](#)

CULTURE/FUN ACTIVITIES:



Lincoln Park Zoo - Lincoln Park Zoo is dedicated to connecting people with nature by providing a **FREE**, family-oriented wildlife experience in the heart of Chicago and by advancing the highest quality of animal care, education, science, and conservation.

To plan a visit, visit [Lincoln Park Zoo](#)



Lincoln Park Conservatory - Designed both to showcase exotic plants and grow the thousands of plants needed for use in the parks, the Conservatory offers visitors a tropical experience within its four display houses: Palm House, Fern Room, Orchid House, and Show House, which is home to the annual flower shows. **Cost: FREE**

To book a ticket, visit [Lincoln Park Conservatory](#)



Chicago Auto Show – The nation’s largest and longest running auto show.

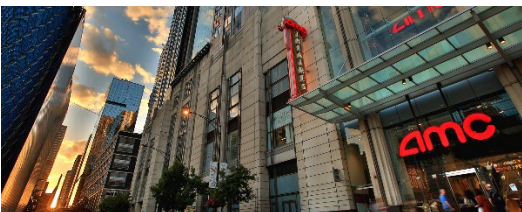
Dates: Saturday, February 10th – Monday, February 19th, 2024

Location: McCormick Place

Tickets: \$17 Admission

***NOTE:** Food and Drink is separate.

To buy tickets, visit [Chicago Auto Show](#)



AMC Movie Theaters – Enjoy a movie in this long running movie theater chain.

To find a theater nearest you, visit [AMC Movie Theaters](#)

**Chicago Chinatown
Lunar New Year Parade
Year of the DRAGON - 4722**



**1:00 - 3:00pm, Sunday
Feb 18, 2024**

Presented by:
Chicago Chinatown Community Foundation
芝城華埠基金會

Organized by:
Chicago Chinatown Special Events
芝加哥華埠特別活動委員會

Lunar New Year “Chicago’s Chinatown” Celebration - The parade will feature traditional dragon and lion dancing teams, colorful floats, marching bands, and marching groups.

For more information, visit [Chicago Chinatown Community Foundation](#)

NEWS:



YR Media - YR Media is a leading media, technology, and music training center and platform for emerging BIPOC content creators who are using their voices to change the world.

To check out the content, visit [YR Media](#)



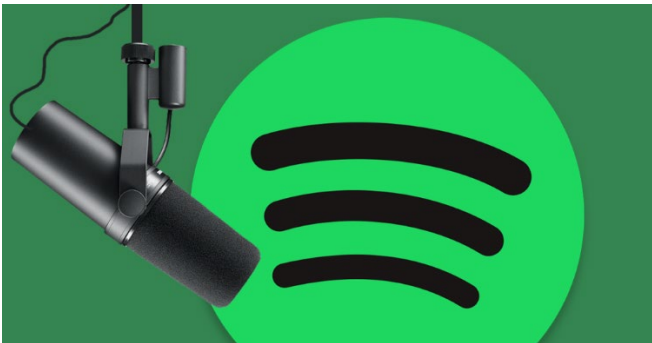
CNN 10 - An on-demand digital news shows ideal for explanation seekers on the go or in the classroom.

To watch the videos, visit [CNN 10](#)

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FOOD:



[IHOP Locations](#) – Pancake house with a focus on American breakfast favorites.



[Chili's Locations](#) – American Casual Dining



[Friday's Locations](#) – American Casual Dining



Applebee's Locations – American Casual Dining



BJ's Market and Bakery – Southern Favorites.

Location: 1737 E. 95th St. Chicago, IL 60617