

Welcome

Welcome to the VCP College Success Department 2017-2018 School Year

School Code 230-883

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College Visits

On Campus College Visits: Seniors scholars receive priority for college visits during the fall semester.

Scholars will sign up with Ms. McMurray during their Senior Seminar class periods. Scholars are required to attend at least 4 college visits, including at least 1 Liberal Arts College (LAC). Attendance is taken and is factored into their grade.

Off Campus College Visits: Each grade level 9-12 will take a minimum of two college visits per school year. During August PD, grade level teachers choose a location for the first fall visit. Spring visits are determined for each grade level based on interim assessment data. College visits generally take place on Tuesdays and Thursdays for a full day. If alumni from Voyageur are current students on a college campus

that we visit, tours are set up specifically with them for current students to meet and greet and ask questions.

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Request a Transcript

Transcript Request

If you graduated from 2006-2014

Please contact Ms. Sykes (Office Manager) 313.748.4000 or Ms. Boston (Alumni Success Coordinator) 313.748.4073, aboston@voyageurcollegeprep.com

Or mail request to

Voyageur College Prep High School/Transcript Request
Attn: College Success Department
4366 Military
Detroit, MI 48210

Include

Full Name (AT TIME OF GRADUATION)

BIRTHD DATE

GRADUATION YEAR

FULL NAME AND ADDRESS WHERE TRANSCRIPT TO BE SENT

College Financial Aid

Please use this page to help college bound scholars at VCP with financial aid information and resources

FAFSA: Keep same content from last year

Scholarship Opportunities: Keep the same content from last year;

ADD The following sites contain helpful Financial Aid information that your scholars can benefit from

Simple Tuition's Free Web Resource: www.simpletuition.com/resource

National Association of Student Aid Administrators: www.nasfaa.org

Financial Aid Information Page: www.finaid.org

Financial Aid Eligibility Estimator: www.finaid.org/finaid/calculators/estimate.html

State of Michigan Student Financial Aid: www.MI-StudentAid.org

Michigan Department of Education: www.michigan.gov/mde

U.S. Department of Education: www.ed.gov

FAFSA on the Web: www.fafsa.ed.gov

The ins and outs of financing college: www.nextstudent.com/

Information on colleges, careers, scholarships and financial aid: www.collegeview.com

College Team Programs and Initiatives

Early College Scholars (ECS): Small cohort of scholars 9th through 11th grade selected based on academic merit and test score data. Scholars are ranked in the top ten percent of their grade levels and invited to join the ECS program. This program focuses on helping scholars be admitted to and be prepared for the most selective colleges across the country. This program provides scholarship opportunities, college field trips, sessions with guest speakers, and test preparation in a small group.

Summer Learning Adventure (SLA): Competitive summer program that includes internships, dual enrollment classes, summer camp enrichment programs, and community service opportunities. Scholars are selected for this program based on grade point average, or nominated by a teacher if grade point average is below a 3.0. Scholars undergo an interview process and are then directed towards varying opportunities and assisted through the application process. Opportunities that scholars have experienced so far are, Quicken Loans summer internship, Michigan State University College of Education Summer High School Scholars Program, University of Michigan Ann Arbor Electrify Summer Program, Minority Introduction to Engineering and Science Program (MITES), Alma College Summer Program, Detroit Summer Legal Institute, MSU Journalism Camp, Kettering AIM Program, Math Corps, Detroit Land Bank, Detroit News, MSU Beginner Video Game Design, Crains Communication and Ferris State University Woodbridge Promise College Prep Program.

Winning Futures: Keys to College is an eight session program that serves junior scholars in weekly one-hour sessions. The program facilitator works alongside the Dean of the College program to provide juniors with the tools to navigate and understand the college application process and preparation. Topics of the sessions include but are not limited to Finding your Strengths, Choosing the Right Fit, Applying for College, Writing the College Essay and Paying for College. This program takes place during first semester and is built into their Friday schedule classes.

Knowledge For College (KFC): Our partnership with the S.A.Y. Detroit Play Center equips us with the opportunity to expose our scholars to FREE SAT prep classes and college ready classes. Scholars attend sessions every Monday and Wednesday from 5:15-6:00. Transportation is provided as well as snacks after school at the center. Scholars are also provided with the opportunity to apply to summer internships because of this partnership.

CMU Upward Bound: CMU Upward Bound is a rigorous, pre-college academic experience for urban scholars in Detroit. The program assists first generation, college-bound students in developing the necessary skills for academic success, high school graduation and transition to post-secondary education. Scholars must apply to be admitted into the program and will participate in a small co-hort. Scholars will receive tutoring, weekly and monthly check in's, college tour, and college planning activities.

SAT Prep/Junior Seminar: This class serves the junior scholars during second semester and is a continuation from the curriculum they received during first semester from Winning Futures. Scholars develop and continue test taking strategies to prepare them for the SAT. Scholars will also explore colleges, majors, and the steps needed to matriculate to post-secondary education. Scholars will understand the steps needed to complete graduation requirements and begin the preparation process for Senior Seminar class expectations.

Senior Seminar: This class serves the senior scholars and provides them with exploration of post-secondary education and employment goals. Scholars develop and complete resumes, personal statements for college admissions, applications for college admissions and required to complete the financial aid process for matriculation into college. Scholars are assigned a case manager from the college team that monitors and tracks all of their applications, decisions, and award letters. Scholars are required to complete scholarships per quarter and parents are required to attend a minimum of 4 parent meetings throughout the school year.

Paying 0 for College Program: Families are offered counseling services in partnership with *College Funding Resources* to learn how to fund 100% of the cost of college regardless of income, GPA, or multiple students in college. Tuition Reduction Strategies are shared with scholars and their families and are allowed to work one on one with a certified college financial planner. For session inquiries contact Mrs. Brooks (313) 748-4071 to connect with the program.

Advise MI: The Michigan College Access Network (MCAN) in close partnership Michigan Colleges and universities seeks to help more Michigan students pursue postsecondary education. Recent graduates (Bachelor's) will serve as Advise MI AmeriCorps advisors in selected high schools across Michigan,

particularly those that are located in communities with low college-going rates and low adult educational attainment rates. Serving alongside high school counselors and other school professionals, advisers will support students as they make the transition from high school to a postsecondary education institution. Advisers serve full time and focus on advising students, especially those from low-income backgrounds, through the complex steps toward college enrollment. Advisers will provide students and their families with relevant information regarding the benefits of a postsecondary education, preparing for college attendance, and the admission and financial aid processes.

College Field Trips: College field trips are led by both the College Team and teaching staff. Each grade level 9th-12th, is taken on at least two college campus field trips each school year, one per semester. Scholars take walking tours, meet with financial aid representatives, and scholars on campus. If alumni from Voyageur are current students on a college campus that we visit, tours are set up specifically with them for current students to meet and greet and ask questions.

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Graduation Requirements



Graduation Requirements and Rules

Candidates for graduation must have done the following:

- earned a minimum of 24 credits
- passed all classes with no less than a D
- completed all community service requirements (10 per school year)
- completed all enrichment credit requirements

Please see School Profile for additional information on academic requirements

[Link to School Profile](#)

American Promise Schools Scholarship

APS is committed to helping its scholars not only matriculate to and through high school but to and through college. With support from our Alumni Success program we create opportunities for our scholars to stay connected to the VCP Family as they navigate through life after high school. Part of this process includes the financial commitment scholars and families must make for scholars to enroll and persist in their post-secondary studies.

APS works hard to raise money through generous donors and organizations to help secure scholarship fund for our scholars. The timeline helps to make clear the process for scholars and families to apply, be considered, and receive an American Promise Scholarship.

APS Scholarship Requirements are as follows:

1. APS Scholarship Application Due December 1st, 2017
2. Proof of FAFSA Application submitted and completed
3. Forwarded emailed electronic transcript copy of verification
4. Essays
5. Provide verification of signed and completed College Application Month Passport

APS Scholarship Timeline

Date/Time Frame	Action Item	Parties Involved
August 1- 31 st , 2017	APS Scholarships disbursed for 2016-2017 recipients	APS Chief Financial Officer and VCP Dean of College
October 1-31 st 2017	FAFSA Opens, Scholars must attend Paying for College Night. Scholars must complete FAFSA before applying for scholarship	VCP Scholars, VCP College Team
November 1, 2017	APS Scholarship Opens up to ALL VCP Seniors and Alumni Scholars	VCP Scholars, VCP Alumni
December 1, 2017	APS Scholarship Application DUE to College Team	VCP Scholars, VCP Alumni, VCP College Team
December 4- February 2, 2018	Scholarship Application Review Period	VCP College Team

February 5- February 9, 2018	Final Scholarship Application Review	VCP College Team
April 1-30 th , 2018	Family College Conferences	VCP Scholars, Parents, and College Team
May 1- May 15 th , 2018	Confirmation of Scholarship Recipients	VCP College Team
July 1-15 th , 2018	Distribution of Scholarship Letters and Agreements	VCP Scholarship Recipients, College Team
May 15-30 th , 2018	Alumni Scholarship Application DUE	VCP Alumni Scholarship
June-July 2018	Review Scholarship Process from 17-18 school year	VCP College Team
August 2018	Distribution of 17-18 Scholarships	APS Chief Financial Officer and VCP Dean of College