

ELEVATED NEWSLETTER



AUGUST
EDITION




WHAT'S
NEW?



Welcome
BACK to
SCHOOL

**THANK
YOU!**

Thank you, Colorado Springs
Elevated Families for
attending the orientation on
August 17th! It was great
seeing you, and we look
forward to working with you
this school year!



Reminder of the new attendance policies:

- **Unexcused Absences:** Missing more than 2 events or outings, during 1 academic school year
- **Excused Absences:** Missing more than 4 events or outings, during 1 academic school year
- **Late Notice:** Cancelling within 24 hours of an event will result in an unexcused absence

Elevated Families Can Receive Emergency Assistance!



- Elevated families who are in good standing are eligible for up to \$5,000 of financial assistance
- Contact Pamela if you need assistance, sooner than later: pamela@sachsfoundation.org
- Financial assistance can support: Rent/Mortgage, Utilities, Car Repair, Unexpected Medical, Educational (team sports must be school affiliated only, no athletic gear), Graduation-reimbursed only

ATTN: DENVER ELEVATED STUDENTS!



**WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING
YOU AT THE ELEVATED
ORIENTATION ON SEPTEMBER 11TH!
SEE FLYER BELOW FOR MORE INFORMATION**



ELEVATED

MENTORING STUDENTS TO COLLEGE

**FALL
ORIENTATION**

Come meet your mentors
and Director of College and Career Counseling,
get your cohort calendar and gear
hear program expectations and enjoy dinner!

This event is mandatory

**Wednesday 9.11.24
5:00 pm – 7:00 pm
East HS Commons**

DID YOU KNOW COLORADO OFFERS FREE MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES?

The I Matter program can connect you with a therapist for up to 6 free virtual counseling sessions (some in-person appointments available, too) that are completely confidential.

[CLICK HERE TO ACCESS I MATTER THERAPY!](#)



I Matter.

If your child is struggling with their mental health, help is available.

I Matter.

Speaking to a therapist gave me a chance to better understand my emotions.



I Matter.

Every child deserves access to youth therapy.



I Matter.

Everyone should have access to therapy, including you.

Signing up for *therapy* takes 10 minutes.

I Matter.

College Corner

ACCEPTED!

**Seniors! Click here for
a 12th grade college
application timeline**

**DID
YOU
KNOW**

DID YOU KNOW A DEGREE CAN HELP YOU EARN MORE OVER A LIFETIME?

- **Someone with a high school diploma can expect to earn \$1.3 million.**
- **A worker with some college but no degree earns \$1.5 million.**
- **An Associate's degree-holder earns \$1.7 million.**
- **A worker with a Bachelor's degree will earn \$2.3 million.**
- **Graduate degrees provide for even higher earnings:**
 - **A Master's degree-holder earns \$2.7 million.**
 - **A Doctoral degree-holder earns \$3.3 million.**
 - **A Professional degree-holder earns \$3.6 million.**



SCHOLARSHIPS AND THE COLLEGE ESSAY



CHECK OUT THESE SCHOLARSHIPS!

The Gates Scholarship

- Due September 15th

Questbridge Scholarship

- Due September 26th

Coca Cola Scholarship

- Due September 30th



Jack Kent Cooke Scholarship

- Due November 14th

Elks National Scholarship Foundation

- Due November 12th

Hagan Scholarship

- December 1st

[View a list of scholarships from Denver Scholarship Foundation here!](#)

10 Tips for Crafting an Outstanding College Essay

- **Start Early:** Give yourself plenty of time to brainstorm, write, and revise. Starting early reduces stress and improves the quality of your essay.
- **Understand the Prompt:** Carefully read the essay prompt and ensure your response directly addresses the question or theme.
- **Show, Don't Tell:** Use vivid anecdotes and specific examples to illustrate your points. This makes your story more engaging and memorable.
- **Be Authentic:** Write in your own voice and be honest about your experiences and perspectives. Authenticity resonates more with readers than a polished but impersonal essay.
- **Focus on Your Unique Qualities:** Highlight what makes you stand out. Share personal stories or insights that reflect your individual strengths and experiences.
- **Create a Strong Opening:** Grab the reader's attention with a compelling introduction. A memorable opening can set the tone for the rest of your essay.
- **Stay Organized:** Structure your essay logically with a clear introduction, body, and conclusion. Ensure each paragraph flows smoothly into the next.
- **Reflect on Growth:** Demonstrate how your experiences have shaped who you are today. Colleges appreciate seeing personal growth and self-awareness.
- **Edit Ruthlessly:** Revise your essay multiple times to refine your language, fix grammatical errors, and improve clarity. Consider seeking feedback from teachers, mentors, or peers.
- **Follow Guidelines:** Adhere to word limits, formatting requirements, and submission deadlines. Following instructions shows attention to detail and respect for the process.

Top 3 College Essay Resources

1. College Board - Big Future

College Board Big Future: College Essay

Why It's Great: Offers a thorough guide on brainstorming, drafting, and revising your college essay. It includes sample prompts and practical tips to help you craft a compelling and effective essay.

2. Common App - Essay Prompts

Common App Essay Prompts

Why It's Great: Provides the official essay prompts for the Common Application, helping you understand what colleges are looking for and how to approach each prompt with clarity.

3. Purdue OWL - Writing a College Application Essay

Purdue OWL College Application Essay

Why It's Great: Offers detailed guidelines, strategies, and examples for writing an effective college application essay, making it a valuable resource for understanding essay structure and content.

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION



Tips for Recommendations

A letter of recommendation for a college or scholarship is a written endorsement from a teacher, counselor, or mentor that highlights a student's academic achievements, personal qualities, and suitability for the program. It provides insights into the student's character and accomplishments, offering specific examples to support their application. This letter helps admissions committees or scholarship panels understand the student's potential beyond grades and test scores. Essentially, it reinforces the student's qualifications and fit for the college or scholarship opportunity.

TIPS FOR REQUESTING A LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

1. Choose Wisely:

- Pick someone who knows you well, like a teacher or mentor, who can speak to your strengths and character. (Remember you have Elevated Mentors who can write your letter!)

2. Provide Information:

- Share a resume or list of achievements and your personal statement to help them write a detailed letter.

3. Request Early:

- Ask for the letter well in advance and be clear about deadlines and requirements.

4. Be Polite:

- Make your request formally and follow up respectfully. Always thank them for their support.

5. Check and Proofread:

- Ensure the letter is submitted correctly and encourage your recommender to proofread it.

Following these steps can help ensure your recommendation letters enhance your college application!

**For more
information on
letters of
recommendation
click here!**

LOOKING INTO COLLEGES OUT OF STATE?

Consider Western Undergraduate Exchange (WUE) program!



What is WUE?

The Western Undergraduate Exchange (WUE) is a tuition-savings program that makes attending out-of-state colleges and universities more affordable for students. Through WUE, you receive a reduced tuition rate, giving you more education options for your money. Virtually all undergraduate degrees are available. [See list of participating colleges here!](#)



16 Western States:
Participate in schools
across 16 states in
the western U.S.

**Wide Range of
Choices:** Explore
numerous colleges
and programs.

**For High-Achieving
Students:** Ideal for
students from
participating states
with strong
academic records.

Discounted Tuition:
Save on college costs
with reduced out-of-
state tuition rates.

Early Application:
Apply early to
increase your
chances of securing
this opportunity.

Significant Savings:
Cut down on the cost
of education
compared to regular
out-of-state rates.

Quality Education:
Attend top
institutions while
experiencing new
places and cultures.

**Learn more about
[WUE here!](#)**



CHECK OUT THESE GREAT RESOURCES ON HBCU'S!

The Common Black College Application is an affordable option for applying to multiple HBCUs at once! It partners with 66 HBCUs, allowing students to apply at a lower cost.

- Use the Waiver Code: **CSS1124** to apply for free on the Common Black App.
- Apply here:
<https://commonblackcollegeapp.com/>

For a list of all HBCU's click here:
[List of HBCU's by State](#)

To learn more about HBCU's check out these websites!

- <https://hbcuconnect.com/>
- <https://hbcufirst.com/>
- <https://hbcuconnect.com/>
- <https://hbcu-colleges.com/>



Upcoming Events

SACHS COLLEGE NIGHT

September 19th

5:30-7pm

Dinner will be provided

Location: TBD

If you want to schedule an appointment with Ms. Lopez email:
jazmin@sachsfoundation.org

ELEVATED FUTURES: NAVIGATING COLLEGE ADMISSIONS AND FINANCIAL AID



DATE:
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19TH

TIME:
5:30-7PM

LOCATION:
PIKES PEAK UNITED WAY
1520 VERDE DR.
COLORADO SPRINGS, CO 80910

WHO:
ALL ELEVATED STUDENTS

JOIN US FOR THE ELEVATED PROGRAM'S COLLEGE PATHWAYS WORKSHOP, WHERE 8TH-12TH GRADE SCHOLARS WILL GAIN INVALUABLE INSIGHTS FROM ADMISSIONS COUNSELORS, FINANCIAL AID EXPERTS, AND HIGHER EDUCATION PROFESSIONALS. LEARN HOW TO ENHANCE YOUR COLLEGE APPLICATION, NAVIGATE FINANCIAL AID, AND SECURE SCHOLARSHIPS. DON'T MISS THIS OPPORTUNITY TO GET A HEAD START ON YOUR HIGHER EDUCATION JOURNEY!

REMINDER: THIS IS A REQUIRED EVENT
IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS REACH OUT TO MS. LOPEZ AT
JAZMIN@SACHSFOUNDATION.ORG