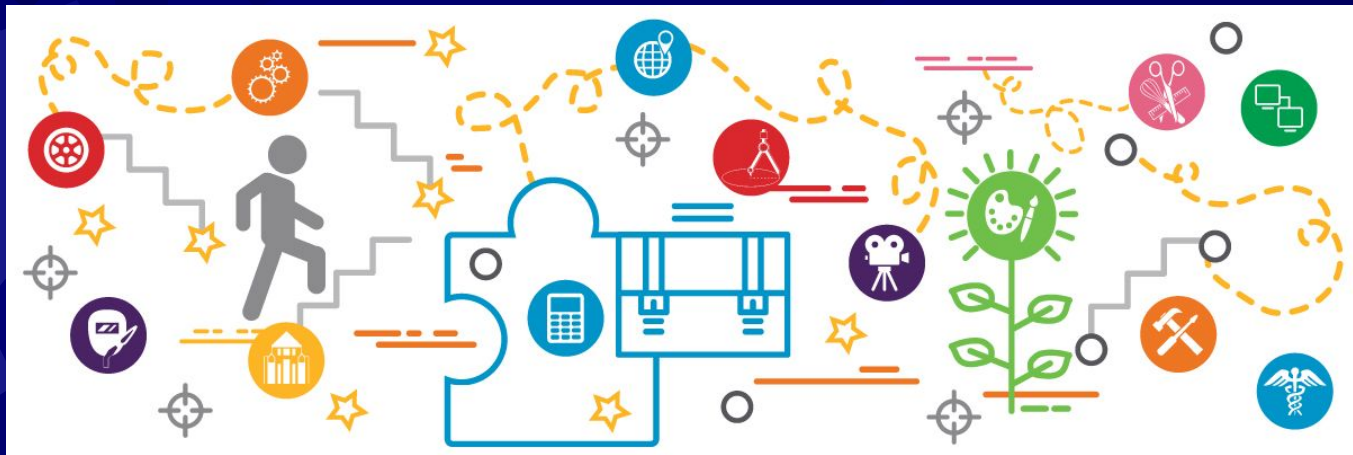


# POST-GRADUATE PLAN NIGHT



Wednesday September 15, 2021

5:00 p.m.

Genoa-Kingston High School  
Counseling Department

# Genoa-Kingston High School Counseling Department

**Christy Wiedmaier**

School Counselor

Last names A-L



**Carly George**

School Counselor

Last names M-Z



**Maria Miranda**

Student Services

Coordinator

And please welcome our Principal and Vice Principal!

**Matt Cascio**  
Principal



**Rhonda Andrews**  
Assistant Principal



# Counseling Website and Social Media

Twitter: @GKCounseling

Weebly: [gkcounseling.weebly.com](http://gkcounseling.weebly.com)

## Google Classrooms:

- \* Code for Freshman: **5niiurr**
- \* Code for Sophomores: **crqmunb**
- \* Code for Juniors: **aodzns**
- \* Code for Seniors: **5nipqw6**

# AGENDA

1. Mapping Your Future
2. Requirements
  - a. High School Graduation Requirements
  - b. College Admissions Requirements
3. Educational opportunities through GK
4. Post-secondary options
5. SAT
6. Financial Aid
7. Scholarships
8. College/Career Planning Resources

# What is YOUR Post-Graduate Plan?

Community  
College

4-year  
University

Reserves

Active Duty

## College

## Military

Private vs  
Public

Online  
program

National  
Guard

Academies

Public sector

## Work

Private sector

Certificate  
program

Apprenticeship

## Trade or Vocational Program

Travel

Volunteer

## Gap Year

Technical  
school

Trade school

Work

Internship

# GKHS Counseling Program

*We provide support for students in academic, post-secondary, and personal growth.*

- Individual meetings
  - Meetings with students each year
  - Students sign up via [Google Form](#)
  - Referrals
- Classroom lessons
  - Career exploration
  - Academic opportunities
  - Scheduling presentations
- Programming and events
  - Parent nights
  - Workshops
- Small group discussions

**“Creating a community where students pursue lifelong intellectual and personal growth.”**



# Mapping Your Future

## Freshmen year → Build a strong foundation

- Pass all of your classes
- Connect with peers and staff
- Get involved
- Explore interests and values



## Sophomore year → Explore your options

- Answer the questions:
  - What do I want to do after high school?
  - How do I get there?
  - What should I be doing now?
- Prepare for junior year opportunities
  - KEC
  - Coop/OTJ
  - Kish @ GK



# Mapping Your Future

## Junior year → Secure post-secondary options

- Transcript check (do I have the classes I need for my post-secondary plan?)
- NCAA/NAIA if wanting to play sports in college
- College visits
- Aligning academic performance
- Preparing for tests (SAT/ACT) and then taking them (re-takes if needed)

## Senior year → Apply and maintain

- Application/admissions process
  - Letter(s) of Recommendation
  - Essays
- Keep grades up!



# High School Graduation Requirements

[Check out our Student Coursebook for more details](#)

STUDENTS NEED **25 CREDITS** TO GRADUATE

English	4 credits
Math (Algebra, Geometry)	3 credits
Science	3 credits
Social Studies (World Cultures, American Government, American History)	2 credits
Health	½ credit
Digital Literacy	½ credit
Consumer Economics	½ credit

\*Class of 2023 and beyond require 25 hours of Community Service

# College Requirements

English	4 credits
Math	3 credits (4 recommended)
Science	3 credits (4 recommended)
Social Studies	3 credits
Foreign Language* (Rec.)	2 credits
Music	
Art	

**\* Some colleges are not requiring a foreign language to get in, but are requiring students to take it in college.**

# Dual Credit and Dual Enrollment at Kishwaukee College

- **Dual credit** = high school AND college credit
- **Dual enrollment** = college credit ONLY
- **Criteria-** 2.0 cumulative GPA and no Fs the previous semester
- **The following college courses can be taken for dual credit:**
  - English Composition I
  - English Composition II
  - Speech
  - Calculus II
  - Calculus III
  - Physics II
  - Psychology
  - Engineering-Statics
- **Cost** ~\$458/class

**Sign up to see  
your counselor if  
you are  
interested!**

# Kish @ GK

- Dual credit program at the high school
  - Kish professors come to us!
- **1st semester:** ENG 103 and PSY 102
- **2nd semester:** COM 100 and ECO 260
- Cost
  - \$275 for two college classes
  - \$550 for four college classes
- Eligibility
  - Junior or Senior (seniors given priority)
  - Placement- GPA, test scores, placement test



# KEC Career Technical Education (CTE)

**\*\*JUNIOR AND/OR SENIOR YEAR ONLY\*\***

- On track with core academic areas (Eng, Math, Sci, and SS) and required electives
- Students must have **12+ credits**, by end their sophomore year

- Off-campus 2 periods each day
- GKHS and KISH credit!
- Program options include:
  - Automotive Technology
  - Computer Programming
  - Cosmetology
  - Early Childhood Education
  - Criminal Justice
  - CNA
  - Culinary
  - Welding



# Co-Op/On the Job

**\*\*JUNIOR AND/OR SENIOR YEAR ONLY\*\***

- ★ Work a paying job (paycheck NOT cash)
  - (unpaid internships do NOT count)
  - Must have job when applying!
- ★ 10 hrs/week or more
- ★ Co-Op class-1 period
- ★ Can leave after 2nd hour to work during senior year and after 3rd hour junior year



# Engineering, Math, and Science Academy (EMSA)

**Seniors** interested in engineering or pre-medical careers

**2 Tracks:**

1. Engineering
2. Pre-Professional (Pre-Med, Pre-Vet, etc.)

**Requirements:**

**B or better in Chemistry and Trig/Pre-Calc**

**Students take 5 college classes including Calculus I.**

**EMSA is periods 1-2 everyday.**

**Applications available Junior year in October/early November.**



# Exploring Careers

## **BIG FUTURE** Career Finder on CollegeBoard

- ~Enter your interests
  - ~Explore careers that could be a good match for you
1. Build your profile
  2. Save careers
  3. Make a plan!

# Career Finder™

Start with your interests. Your future will follow.



# Exploring Colleges

## **BIG FUTURE** on CollegeBoard

- Search for colleges (2 year AND 4-year) by:
  - Name
  - Location
  - Majors
  - School size
  - Sports
  - Activities on campus
  - Cost
  - Selectivity (GPA, test scores, etc.)
  - ANY MUCH MORE!

There are more than 2,000 colleges in the United States.

**Find the right college for you.**

Filter by location, major, and more.

Search for colleges

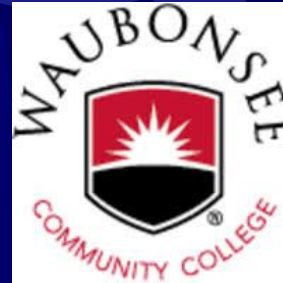
Already have a school in mind?

Look up a college by name

# Starting the College Process

- 2-year (community colleges) **vs.** 4-year colleges and univ.
- It's not too early to start visiting colleges and universities!
  - *Would you buy a house before you saw it?*
  - Visit days
  - Scheduled tours
  - Overnight visits
- How many schools to apply to: **About 5!**
  - **2 "SAFE" schools**
  - **2 "AT-YOUR-LEVEL" schools**
  - **1 "REACH" school**

# 2 Year Community College



- Offers Associate Degree programs, certificate programs, etc.
- Able to transfer from community college to 4-year college/university
- **Our in-district school: Kishwaukee College**
- Application Timeline
  - Rolling admission
  - December- Apply for Kishwaukee College Scholarships
  - April- sit for placement exams AND meet with an academic advisor to register
- Benefits: cost, improve transcript, more individualized support, Associate Degrees are more protected when transferring
- Disadvantages: course offerings, campus life

# College Applications - 4 Year Universities/Colleges

- Most **EARLY ADMISSIONS DEADLINES** require applications by **10/15 or 11/1**
- Backward design: Read entire application and begin with what you cannot do on your own (ex. Letter of Rec., Transcript, Official Test Scores)
  - **Letter of rec** - Teachers have until the deadline to submit - not held against you if they are late
  - **Transcript** - You and a parent need to sign off AND pay \$1 to Student Services (gets you 5 transcripts)
    - FIND OUT IF YOUR CURRENT COURSES ARE NEEDED...tell Ms. Miranda!
  - **Official Test Scores** - Need to request through SAT/ACT, takes a few weeks! Some school may accept them on transcripts! (*Consider if college is test-optional*)
- Follow directions
- Have someone proofread before you submit
- Do not fear the "additional information" section
- Essays - they want to know about you!
  - **STAY POSITIVE!**
- Social Media - clean it up!



# Typical **REGULAR** Admissions Deadlines for Popular Colleges and Universities

- **University of Illinois at Urbana/Champaign (U of I)**- Dec. 1
- **Northwestern University**- Jan. 1
- **University of Chicago**- Jan. 1
- **University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC)**- Jan. 15
- **DePaul University**- Feb. 1
- **Knox College**- Feb. 1
- **Illinois State University (ISU)**- Mar. 1
- **Columbia College**- May 1
- **Southern Illinois University Carbondale (SIU-C)**- May 1
- **Southern Illinois University Edwardsville (SIU-E)**- May 1
- **Western Illinois University (WIU)**- May 15
- **Northern Illinois University (NIU)**- Aug. 1
- **Eastern Illinois University (EIU)**- Aug. 15
  
- \* **Kishwaukee College**- some time in August
- \* **Rock Valley College**- some time in August

# 2021-2022 SAT Test Registration

Test Date	Normal Deadline	Late Registration*
October 2	September 3	September 21
November 6	October 8	October 26
December 4	November 4	November 23
March 12	February 11	March 1
May 7	April 8	April 26
June 4	May 5	May 25

***Sign up through [Collegeboard.org](https://collegeboard.org)***

## **SAT/PSAT School Day Testing**

- ***Juniors (class of 2023)- April 13, 2022<sup>\*\*\*</sup>***
- ***Fresh and Soph- PSAT on same day!***

***\*\*\*REQUIRED TO RECEIVE A DIPLOMA\*\*\****

# College Testing Policies are CHANGING!



**Over 500 colleges and universities are test-optional!**

Test-optional colleges list:

<https://www.nacacnet.org/news--publications/newsroom/test-optional-means-test-optional/>

Admissions updates due to COVID-19:

<https://www.nacacnet.org/news--publications/newsroom/college-admission-status-coronavirus/>



# Scholarships

- Types of scholarships
  - Academic achievement/merit
  - Athletic
  - Community Service
  - Cultural
- How can I find them?
  - Local programs (GKHS Guidance Website): <http://gkcounseling.weebly.com/>
  - School-specific (college's website)
  - Fastweb:- <https://www.fastweb.com/>
  - College Greenlight: <https://www.collegegreenlight.com/>
  - Big Future: <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/scholarship-search>
- What do to
  - Keep your grades up
  - Community service/get involved
  - Research



# FAFSA



- **Who needs to fill out a FAFSA?**
  - FAFSA (or the opt-out form) is a GRADUATION REQUIREMENT!
  - Access to loans, grants, money from colleges based on eligibility
  - Work study/scholarships
- **May begin filing FAFSA October 1** →  
<https://fafsa.ed.gov/>
- **Benefit to file early:**
  - If you qualify for grants (free money) it will not have run out yet
  - Colleges and universities have a pot of money and when it's all gone, it's all gone!
- **Alternative Application for Illinois Financial Aid-** file if you would not otherwise qualify:

<https://www.isac.org/students/before-college/financial-aid-planning/retention-of-illinois-rise-act/>

# GKHS Class of 2022 FAFSA Workshop



Per the state of Illinois, the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is a graduation requirement for all Seniors (Class of 2022). Attend our FAFSA Workshop to get assistance completing yours!

**Date:** Wednesday, October 6

**Time:** 5 p.m. - 7 p.m.

**Location:** Learning Center

An email will be sent with a list of what to bring to the event!

*\*Please note: Although completing the FAFSA is highly recommended for all students pursuing education beyond high school, the FAFSA Non-Participation Form can be completed in lieu of the FAFSA. Contact your student's counselor if you need to request this form. Either the FAFSA OR the Non-Participation Form must be completed to be eligible for graduation.*

# FAFSA Workshops at GKHS



- **FAFSA Workshops @ GKHS**

**Wednesday, October 6 at 5-7pm**

- Do not have to stay the entire time
- Do not have to be there right at the start
- **Presentation by NIU Scholarship Office**
- **Assistance filing FAFSA from NIU, Kish, and GK Guidance Staff**
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- **What to bring:**

- 1. at least one parent/guardian
- 2. parent and student's social security number
- 3. parent(s) and student **2020 (prior-prior year)** federal income tax return, W2s, and any other records of money earned (NOTE: The IRS data retrieval tool on the FAFSA website may allow some to automatically upload their tax return data)
- 4. parent(s) and student's bank statements or other records of investments (if applicable)
- 4. parent(s) and student's record of any untaxed income (if applicable)

# College Award Letters

FINANCIAL AID AWARD PACKAGE	
<b>COST OF ATTENDANCE (ESTIMATED)</b>	
TUITION	\$38,700
FEES	\$2,500
<b>TOTAL DIRECT COSTS</b>	<b>\$41,200</b>
<b>FINANCIAL AID PACKAGE</b>	
FED PELL GRANT	\$5,550
FED PERKINS L.	\$2,000
FED SEOG GRANT	\$2,000
FED SUB STAFF.	\$3,500
COLLEGE GRANT	\$4,000
FED UNSUB STAF	\$2,000
PARENT PLUS L.	\$12,200
<b>TOTAL FINANCIAL AID</b>	<b>\$31,250</b>
<b>EXPECTED NET COST</b>	<b>\$9,950</b>

- Award letter = how much it will cost your student to attend each institution
- Colleges must provide this information
- Earlier FAFSA = Earlier Award letter distribution
- Some schools give award letters with acceptance letters...others come later!

# Other Post-Secondary Options

- Military
  - Some branches allow the process to start in between junior and senior year
  - Physical assessments, background checks
  - You need your high school diploma!
  - Connect with recruiter
- Trades
  - Trade School- be trained in a specific skill
  - Apprenticeship
- Employment
  - Go directly into the world of work



# Post-Secondary Planning HELP



*Do you want to begin your post-secondary planning process?*

*Do you have questions about completing applications?*

*Not sure what you want to do after high school?*

→ **Sign up to see your Counselor!**

→ **NEW Request form:** <https://forms.gle/y66zmm65Ly6ReK8e7>

- ◆ Mrs. Wiedmaier (last names A-L)
- ◆ Ms. George (last names M-Z)

→ **Schedule a meeting with our ISAC rep**

- ◆ They can assist with: career and college exploration, college admission and applications, financial aid options, completing the FAFSA, understanding the financial aid award letter, transitioning to college, and more.
- ◆ sign up to meet w/ Ms. Curry: [ISAC Appointment Request](#)
- ◆ Office hours every other Tuesday at 2:30pm starting in October
- ◆ ISAC text line: 815-242-4630
- ◆ Spanish text line: 773-823-0570



# College/Career Planning Resources

Found on our counseling website!

<http://gkcounseling.weebly.com/college-and-career-planningsummer-opportunities.html>

## COLLEGE AND CAREER PREPAREDNESS TIMELINES



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# College/Career Planning Resources Continued...

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## Cover letters/Interviewing



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# Important Forms

Found in our office, on the website, and on Google Classroom:

- Brag Sheet
- Transcript Request form
- Community service form

Link to access forms:

<http://gkcounseling.weebly.com/download-forms.html>

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Questions?

Thank you for attending!