

Counseling Newsletter

SEPTEMBER 2024

Upcoming:

9/12

Flex College Visits
(Aquinas College & Hope College)

9/15

Virtual College Fair
1:00-6:00pm

9/17

Holland Area College Night

9/19

Flex College Visits
(Valparaiso College & University of Detroit
Mercy)

9/23

Grand Rapids Christian College Fair

9/24

Flex College Visits
(University of Michigan)

9/26

Flex College Visits
(Grand Valley State University & Cornerstone
University)

GR Christian College

Fair:

There will be over 40 Christian colleges represented from all over the United States. Students and parents are encouraged to attend. Before attending, students are encouraged to register for their personalized bar code [here](#). For more information on this event, click [here](#).

Updates to MI Student

Aid Programs:

The Michigan Legislature passed the new fiscal budget which includes changes to the Michigan Achievement Scholarship. These changes go into effect THIS fall.

Michigan Achievement Scholarship: Students at Private Colleges and Universities are eligible for up to \$5,500 awards (an increase from the previous \$4,000 award).

Community College Guarantee: Provides a tuition-free skill certificate or associate degree for recent high school graduates at their local community college.

Additional information and details on the MI Student Aid Programs can be found [here](#).

Holland Area College

Night:

The annual Holland Area College Night will be held at Hope College on Tuesday, September 17 from 6:00–7:30 p.m. at Devos Fieldhouse. Students from all over West Michigan will be there to get to know over 50 colleges, meet the admissions representatives, and learn more about financial aid. Students should register for a barcode before the event ([linked here](#)). For more information on this event, click [here](#).

Hand2Hand Information:

This year we will again be offering the Hand2Hand program to all BC students and families that may benefit from it. This program allows students to pick up food from the Hand2Hand pantry once a week for toiletry and food items that would help their family.

The pantry will be located in the Counseling Office. The program is completely confidential.

If this is something your family would benefit from, please complete this [form](#).

KCTC Communication:

Attention Sophomores & Juniors:

You have a great opportunity to see KCTC in person, learn about the programs they offer and if it would be a good fit for you for the 2025-2026 school year. Please look over the [programs offered](#) and if something is interesting to you complete this [form](#) and we will get a visit scheduled for you. **If you hope to attend KCTC next year, a visit is required prior to requesting enrollment in March.**

If you have any questions, please see your counselor or Mrs. Van Dam!

Meet Your Counseling Team!

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