

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, . . . "plans to give you hope and a future."

Guidance FYI

Luther High School, November 2011

All students - Western Technical College liberal arts transfer degree

The liberal arts transfer program is offered in collaboration with the University of Wisconsin - La Crosse. It is designed to provide students with the General Education course requirements for a bachelor degree at UW-L and many other four-year institutions. These courses will transfer to many four-year universities. While many of the courses may transfer to any Wisconsin university, Western has a collaborative agreement with UW-La Crosse for this degree. Students who have a major in mind will need to verify how each course will transfer to the program which they are planning to pursue. For students who have not selected a major field of study, enrolling in the Liberal Arts transfer program will give them a variety of general education courses that will fulfill many requirements of a four-year university baccalaureate program.

All students - UW System Freshman Admissions Policy

The UW System Board of Regents approved a new comprehensive Freshman Admissions Policy for students enrolling in the fall of 2008. Academic factors (rigor of coursework, class rank, GPA, ACT/SAT scores) will continue to be the most important consideration. In addition, other factors that will be considered include, but are not limited to, student experiences, work experiences, leadership qualities, community service, and special talents. Each UW campus has developed admission guidelines that identify information about the academic characteristics for students typically admitted. This information can be accessed at www.uwhelp.wisconsin.edu/

All students - WisconsinMentor.org

Your web resource for information and online applications for Wisconsin's private colleges and universities: plan high school courses to meet admission requirements; determine the campus that best meets your needs; access information in admission requirements; learn about financial aid; set up your own free e-mail account to communicate with WI's private colleges and universities; apply to WI private colleges and universities online; FREE ACT and SAT test prep materials www.WisconsinMentor.org.

All students - Midwest Student Exchange Program

The Midwest Student Exchange Program (MSEP) is a tuition reduction program that makes attending out-of-state colleges and universities more affordable for non-resident students. By enrolling in a MSEP program at a participating institution, you will receive a reduced tuition rate. Colleges and universities in the following states participate: Indiana, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota and Wisconsin. For more information go to <http://msep.mhec.org>. MSEP is in addition to the tuition reciprocity agreement in place between Wisconsin and Minnesota schools.

Seniors - FAFSA on the Web

All college-bound seniors and parents must submit a *Free Application for Federal Student Aid* (FAFSA) to apply for federal student financial aid and to apply for most state and college aid. FAFSA's may be completed and submitted on-line at www.fafsa.gov AFTER January 1, 2012. Many college financial aid priority deadlines are March 1. **It is recommended that you file the FAFSA after**

you have filed your tax return, but before the priority deadline of the college to which you are applying.

Seniors - new scholarship listings

Local Scholarships

Check your local high school for scholarships unique to your community.

WI Automobile and Truck Dealers Scholarship

Applicants must pursue a degree in either the auto or truck industry; WI resident; application is available on line at www.watda.org; application deadline is January 15, 2012

Engineering Foundation of WI (EFW)

Student must be enrolled in a four-year engineering program; three \$1000 scholarships; application is available at

www.wspe.org/efw.html; postmark deadline is December 19, 2011

Coulee Cap Scholarship - four \$200

scholarships; applicant must reside in Crawford, La Crosse, Monroe or Vernon County; must pursue a career in human services; application deadline is January 30, 2011; applications are available in the Guidance Office

Kohl Educational Foundation Student

Excellence Award - \$1000 scholarships; applicant should be involved in service-learning projects and/or self-directed community service; applications are available at

www.kohleducation.org/students

Applications must be submitted to the Guidance Office by Monday, November 28, 2011.

Juniors and Seniors - FREE ACT and SAT test prep materials

www.knowhow2gowisconsin.org provides FREE Test Prep for the ACT and SAT that performs as well as expensive products. It offers practice sessions, test taking tips and progress monitoring in addition to being personalized to each student's ability.

Juniors and Seniors - making the most of a campus visit

1. Schedule the visit at least two to three weeks in advance. Call the admissions office or schedule the visit online. Be specific about what you would like to do and with whom you would like to meet. It is often possible to sit in on a class, meet with a professor and even spend the night in the dorm.
2. Visit while classes are in session. Fall and spring are ideal times to visit college campus - classes are in session and campus activities are in full swing, plus the weather is usually pleasant.
3. Take the campus tour. The tour guide is usually a student and can be a great source of information.
4. Attend information sessions and ask lots of questions. Ask student panel members what they like best and least about the school, and what the campus is like on weekends. Read student newspapers and bulletin board postings.
5. Drive or walk through surrounding neighborhoods and get a feel for the community. Decide if this is where you want to live and study for four years.
6. Make an appointment to meet with the pastor of the local WELS or ELS congregation and/or the campus pastor if there is a campus ministry.

TuitionFundingSources.com

This private website,

www.TuitionFundingSources.com

sponsored by the Pepsi-Cola Company, contains a large scholarship database. Follow the login instructions to complete your registration.