

# DIPLOMA+ DIGEST

## A MESSAGE FROM DR. ERVIN:

As the end of the 3rd Quarter approaches, please take a moment to celebrate all of the wonderful college and career programming happening at your campuses. Huge shout out to Mr. Mortensen, Diploma + Middle School Liaison, for organizing a Women in Leadership Summit during Women's History Month! This virtual event utilized the Connector platform to bring women leaders from all types of careers to share their journey and passion for their work with over 150+ middle school students. Our students have engaged in authentic experiences that will empower them to think critically and articulate the many career opportunities that await them in the future. During the last quarter ahead, I urge all Seniors to finish strong! Make sure you have a solid plan after high school. It's not too late to apply for the FAFSA, apply to a post-secondary institution, and/or makes steps to secure your future employment with a company that best fits your skills. Visit your college and career center to make sure your future is ON TRACK!

~Dr. LaShonda Bilbo-Ervin Director of Diploma+

### ELEMENTARY UPDATE

Career Fair Season is Blooming  
This week Banneker Elementary is welcoming 29 different professionals to share about their career, how they prepared for their career and answer student questions during a virtual career fair. An engineer, fireman, pilot, healthcare worker and even an artist are just a few of the careers that students will be learning about this week. If you are interested in hosting a virtual career fair through the Connector reach out to Renee Freers at [Renee.freers@kckps.org](mailto:Renee.freers@kckps.org)

### MIDDLE SCHOOL UPDATE

#### 8th Grade Enrollment is Here!

If you are an 8th grader and curious about what is available at your HS, please check out the links below. If you have more questions or need additional information see your counselor.

- F.L. Schlagle High School**
- J.C. Harmon High School**
- Sumner Academy**
- Washington High School**
- Wyandotte High School**

### HIGH SCHOOL UPDATE

#### A Message From CTE

Interested in a summer internship?  
If you are an incoming junior or senior, Hire KC has internship opportunities for you this summer. These are 8-week paid internships in the Kansas City area.

Go to <https://hirekc.org/students/> to create an account and set up your profile. Summer positions are available now! Apply online. They also have a hiring event on April 9th, but you need to have set up your account to attend.



### DUAL/CONCURRENT UPDATE

Important Programming Opportunities, click the links below to learn more.

- Bio+ Program
- Cerner Tech Impact
- K-STEP UP Teaching Program

#### KCKCC Enrollment Support

Interested in taking college level classes next school year? Need support with the Accuplacer exam? GEAR UP is here to help! Sessions run every Thursday at 3:30pm, click here to access the zoom link Feel free to reach out to our GEAR UP partners for questions or more information. Click here to contact GEAR UP.

## SENIORS: HAVE YOU COMPLETED THE FAFSA (FREE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID)?

The FAFSA, is one of the largest supports for funding your post secondary future. If you are wondering: have I completed this application? What do I need to complete this application?

Where do I go to get help? Am I too late? It's not too late to see your Lead College and Career Coordinator or your College Adviser for help. We staff both positions at each high school to ensure you have the support needed to make your goals a reality.

### What do you need to get started?

- Your FSA Account - Click here to set up an account
- Your Social Security Number (Student Only) - Click here for more eligibility info
- You and Your Parent/Guardian's 2019 Tax Return Information

### Already completed your FAFSA but not sure what to do next?

Bring your student aid report (SAR) or your verification request to your Lead CCC or College Adviser for help getting you set up for financial success in your post secondary transition. Check out the link below to find their contact information.

**Need help or additional support? Click here to find the contact information for your high school's Lead College and Career Coordinator or College Adviser.**



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Bio+ Program**

**Cerner Tech Impact Program**

**K-STEP UP Teaching Program**

**HIRE KC - Summer Internship Opportunity**

