COUNSELING OFFICE UPDATES

Don't forget to follow us on Socials:

LEHS Counselors : @LEHS_Counselors : LEHS_counselors

MAIN CAMPUS STUDENTS : Request a meeting with your School Counselor

FRESHMAN CAMPUS STUDENTS : email your counselor (see emails below)

Last Update: 11/20/2026

Class of 2027: Helpful guide to plan for your Senior year **College Application checklist** .

If student needs a correction in their schedule for 2nd semester, please submit a schedule change request through this link:
26-27 Schedule change request form for Main Campus We can change a schedule on a limited basis.

Schoolinks is a tool that Lakota students use for course planning, career search, college search/applications and a place where students can track their experiences throughout high school. The presentation below reviews some of the options in Schoolinks that help students plan to meet graduation requirements. Families can view and listen to the Experience Tracker presentation here. The presentation also reviews the new Honors Diploma criteria as well as the new state CCWM indicators and requirements.

See opportunities linked below 👇 👇

Counselor Emails Main Campus:

- A-De Tara.Bessler@lakotaonline.com
- Df-He Andrea.Bryant@lakotaonline.com
- Hf-Mh Nina.Gervais@lakotaonline.com
- Mi-Sf Christopher.Downey@lakotaonline.com
- Sg-Z Danielle.Froslear@lakotaonline.com

Counselor Email Freshman Campus:

- A-N Kira.Murphy@lakotaonline.com
- O-Z Megan.Fink@lakotaonline.com

Lakota Central Campus:

- Mr. Digiantonio - brandon.digiantonio@lakotaonline.com

Graduation requirements 20 course credits and earn 2 seals.

Table of Contents (click on each link to be taken directly to that area below)

Career Exploration
College Programs
Community & Volunteer Opportunities
Employment Opportunities
Test Prep and Practice resources

CAREER EXPLORATION

COLLEGE PROGRAM

Class of 2027:
✅ College Application checklist

Understanding how financial aid works before your student applies can help your family build a more realistic college list, avoid costly surprises, and make informed decisions.

🎙️Listen to these conversations on First Impressions on the Better FAFSA and What Is the CSS Profile? on the Tests and the Rest podcast.

Read the rest of this article on our blog...

Seeley Test Pros / LEAP helps students prepare for important academic milestones, including the SAT and ACT. Strong academic preparation can support college admissions goals and may help students pursue merit scholarship opportunities at institutions that offer them. If you'd like to learn more about our college advising services, schedule a complimentary discovery call. Together, we'll discuss your student's goals, answer your questions, and map out a personalized strategy for a successful admissions season.
📞 Cincinnati: 513-754-2240

University of CINCINNATI | COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING AND APPLIED SCIENCE



Dr. Edward N. Prather

Summer Bridge Program

July 5th-August 13th, 2027

Summer Bridge is a six-week academic program for incoming engineering students with a focus on academic success, college transition, and community building. Students will live on campus, attend classes and workshops, and go on industry visits to companies such as **Turner Construction, Cincinnati Children's Hospital, AtriCure**, and more.



STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN EARLY MOVE-IN ONCE PROGRAM IS COMPLETE.

APPLY TODAY.

Scan the QR code or visit admissions.catalyst.uc.edu/account to complete your application to UC and Summer Bridge via the Common Application.

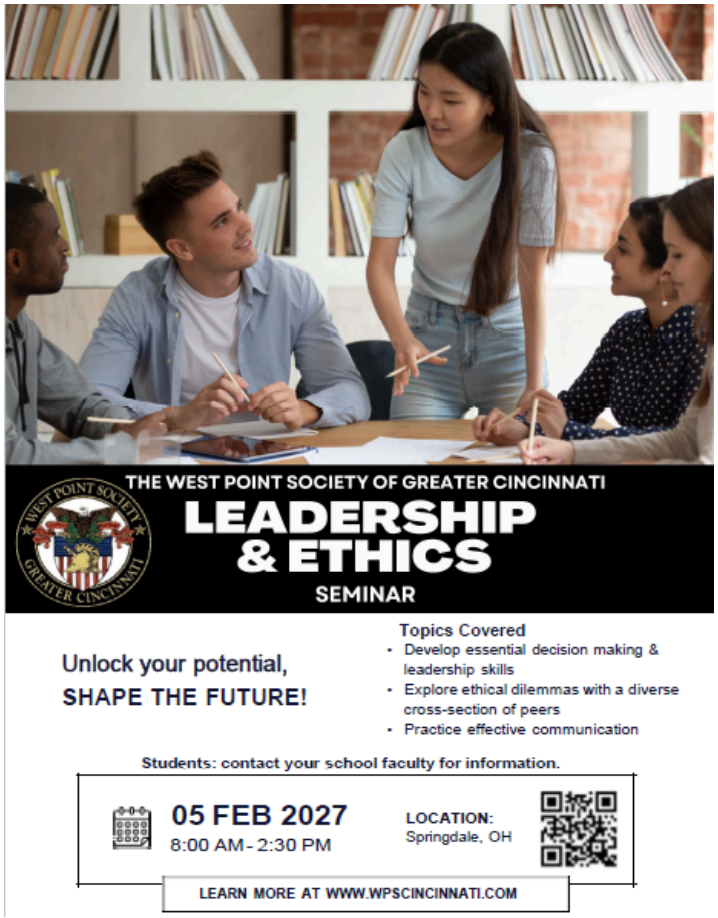


QUESTIONS?

Contact **Andi Talbott**
Program Manager
Office of Professional Development and Community Impact
College of Engineering and Applied Science
Andrea.talbott@uc.edu

Bearcats FOR LIFE

15th annual Leadership and Ethics Seminar



hosted by the West Point Society of Greater Cincinnati

Save the date! *Friday, February 5, 2027.* This free, one-day seminar is designed to inspire and educate Sophomores and Juniors on leadership and ethics, guided by local West Point graduates. A concurrent session is held for faculty - including principals, counselors, teachers and coaches.

Key date to remember:

Scholarship deadline for 2026 seminar: December 1, 2026.**

****Must have participated in 2026 seminar to be eligible****

If you are interested, contact your School Counselor at Lakota East or visit: https://www.wpscincinnati.com/

COMMUNITY & VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Look at this 👇 STUDENT OPPORTUNITY!



Don't Forget to check Schoolinks for Volunteer Opportunities Throughout the Lakota School District! Select the Careers Tab, then Opportunities in the dropdown menu 🙌

The Edge Teen Center

Volunteer Opportunities at EDGE vary and can be customized to your schedule and area of interest. For questions contact EDGE Teen Center: 513-755-2400

learn to be

HELP UNDERSERVED KIDS IN GRADES K–12

VOLUNTEER TO TUTOR ONLINE

You pick your student, your subjects
(math, readin , science and more) and your schedule.

Your student will count on you, so please commit to
2 sessions a week for at least months.
Must be 14+ to apply.

Great for colle e applications:
Con ressional Award hours · Paid Tutor Corps
Letters of recommendation

learntobe.or /apply/hs-lakota-east

See why tutors love it: learntobe.or /wall-of-love/tutors

https://www.learntobe.org/apply/hs-lakota-east



Interested in Volunteering with Big Brothers Big Sisters?

Scan the QR Code Below!

Woodland Elementary

After School Program

Every Tuesday from 3:00-4:30pm

Mentor a child in elementary school (Littles) once a week. Provide homework help, play games, make crafts, play sports, and make a positive impact on a child's life!

MILITARY CHILD OF THE YEAR®



Help us find Operation Homefront's next award recipients!

For more information, scan the QR code or visit **operationhomefront.org/mcoy**

WHAT

Operation Homefront's Military Child of the Year Awards celebrate and recognize the tremendous achievements of outstanding military children.

WHO

Each year, hundreds of military teens (ages 13–18) are nominated by a parent, teacher, mentor or guardian. Candidates for the Military Child of the Year Awards demonstrate resilience, strength of character, and the ability to thrive in the face of the challenges of military life.

WHEN

The Awards Gala will be held in Washington, D.C. in April 2027 during the Month of the Military Child.

RECIPIENTS

Military Child of the Year Award recipients receive a $10,000 cash award, a laptop, and are flown with a parent or guardian for a 3-night stay in Washington, D.C.

Nominations accepted September 2 to December 1, 2026

What is Jacob's Ladder?

Jacob's Ladder is a faith-based program to prepare **juniors** for post-secondary success as well as support current academic studies. Jacob's Ladder is a program of the Care Center located in Loveland, OH. This 60-hour program includes 20 hours of group learning and discussion, 20 hours of mentoring with coaches, and 20 hours of community service and career exploration. *Juniors who receive free and reduced lunch will be prioritized for acceptance.*

JACOB'S LADDER
STUDENT EMPOWERMENT PROGRAM

What are the benefits?

Whether students plan to attend college, enter the workforce, pursue a trade, or complete career training, Jacob's Ladder helps them prepare for life after high school. Benefits include career exploration, academic support, job readiness, personal growth, and financial aid and scholarship application assistance. Upon completion, students will receive a $3,000 success award.

What are the main components of Jacob's Ladder?

Classes: 3 main topic areas classes cover: work and college readiness prep, life skills, and spiritual & personal growth.

Coaching: each student will be paired with a coach. The coach is there to walk alongside the student through the post-high school transition process as well as be an encouragement through the student's current life circumstances. They are there to provide emotional, spiritual, and academic support. Coaches are there to help students find THEIR path.

Community Building & Service: In the summer, we'll meet four times - two in June and two in July for community service and career exploration field trips.

When and where do we meet?

Jacob's Ladder will begin in **January 2027 and end December 2027**, meeting every other Monday evening from 6-8:30pm at the Care Center in Loveland. Dinner is provided for the students during these meetings. In addition, there will be community service opportunities and career exploration field trips four times in the summer.

Scan the QR code and complete the application including a *current high school transcript.*
Questions? Jacob's Ladder Program Director: laura.griffin@carecenterinfo.com or 513-780-5706.

Ohio Traffic Safety Office

DRIVE TO SUCCEED

You may qualify for a scholarship to driving school!

Fairfield County Educational Service Center



Apply Today!

Thanks to a grant from the Ohio Traffic Safety Office, new drivers under age 21 can receive funding to pay for state-required driver education.

Whether they're planning for college, trade school, or a career pathway, this opportunity ensures a chance to succeed — on the road and in life.

Eligibility:

- Must have proof of SNAP eligibility in the past 12 months
- Must have an Ohio temporary driving permit
- Must not have previously had driver training

CONTACT

Fairfield County Educational Service Center

www.faircoesc.org/page/drivetosucceed

DrivetoSucceed@fairfieldesc.org

Student Testimonial:

"I get an early release from school and sometimes my parents have to rearrange their schedules to be able to get me from school. If I was able to get my license, that would take an ease off of them having to do it. I would also like to start looking for a job to help with some expenses around the house."

APPLY ONLINE!

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES



link for the online application (click here).

TEST PREP AND PRACTICE RESOURCES

Huntington Learning Center: https://huntingtonhelps.com/act-test-prep

TorchPrep: https://www.torchprep.com/

Fall testing season is here, and whether your student is preparing for the PSAT, SAT, or ACT, now is the time to put a plan in place. Seeley Test Pros/LEAP has several upcoming options for juniors and seniors, including live online classes, in-person classes in Cincinnati and Cleveland, and flexible on-demand prep.

ACT Prep Essentials — Cincinnati

Students have upcoming opportunities to prepare in person at Hope Church.

November/December Section: Tuesdays/Thursdays, November 17–December 10, with four strategy sessions from 6:30–8:30 p.m. and two full-length ACT practice tests on November 17 and December 8 from 6:00–9:00 p.m.

ACT or PSAT/SAT Prep Essentials On-Demand

Need More Flexibility? Prep On Demand! Busy schedules don't have to get in the way of effective test prep. Students can work through our PSAT/SAT or ACT preparation on their own schedule with our on-demand courses.

PSAT/SAT Prep On Demand

ACT Prep On Demand

If your junior or senior is preparing for the SAT or PSAT, there are some important updates to the College Board's digital practice resources—including hundreds of newly released SAT questions, updated difficulty ratings for existing questions, and a brand-new PSAT practice test now available in the **Bluebook App**. For students, these changes are a good reminder that effective test preparation isn't simply about completing as many practice questions as possible. Which questions students practice—and what they learn from them—matters.

🎙️Listen to this conversation on **Resources For The Digital SAT** on the Tests and the Rest podcast.

Read the rest of this article on our **blog**...

Not sure which practice test your student should take next—or what their results really mean? Seeley Test Pros/LEAP can help. Whether your student is preparing for the October PSAT, working toward a fall SAT, or trying to determine where they have the greatest opportunity for score growth, our team can help identify the right next step. **Reach out** to us to learn how individualized SAT/PSAT tutoring can turn practice results into a focused plan for improvement.

PSAT scores are in, and for families of high school students, this is an important opportunity to start making decisions about college admissions testing. Whether your student is a junior preparing for the SAT or ACT, a sophomore considering National Merit opportunities, or a freshman who took the PSAT 8/9, understanding these results can help you plan the next steps. For juniors, especially, now is the time to turn PSAT results into a testing strategy. Here's what parents should know for every grade.

Read the rest of this article on our **blog**...

🎙️Listen to this conversation on **Creating A Testing Game Plan** on the Tests and the Rest podcast.

At Seeley Test Pros/LEAP, we've spent more than 30 years helping students make informed decisions about standardized testing and college admissions. Whether your junior needs to decide between the SAT and ACT, your sophomore is pursuing National Merit recognition, or your freshman needs to strengthen academic skills, we can help. We offer SAT and ACT diagnostic testing, individual tutoring, small-group preparation courses, National Merit-focused PSAT preparation, and flexible online options. The PSAT is a starting point. What your student does next matters. **Reach out** to us to learn how we can help you determine the appropriate next step for your student.

Did you just receive your student's PSAT scores? Attend our **Understanding PSAT Results** webinar on Wednesday, December 2 at 7 pm.

Register **here**.

Don't Wait Until Test Day Is Around the Corner

Strong scores rarely happen by accident. The right preparation gives students time to identify weaknesses, learn effective strategies, practice under realistic conditions, and build confidence before test day. Whether your student needs the PSAT, SAT, ACT—or isn't quite sure which test should be the focus—we can help you choose the prep option that makes the most sense.

Reserve your student's spot now and make fall testing part of the plan—not a last-minute scramble. Have questions about the option that is right for you?

Please reach out 📞 Cincinnati: 513-754-2240 📧 Email us at info@leaprogram.com