

Thursday's Thoughts Thursday, August 15, 2024

Good evening Highland High School families! I hope this finds you well and safe, this is Mr. Zack, and here are your Thursday Thoughts for August 15, 2024. There are 6 items of interest to follow. If you miss any part of the message, please visit the Highland High School webpage on our Live Feed where there is a link to view this in its entirety as well as a link that has been emailed to your primary email account.

1. **Tailgate:** Due to the weather today, the Tailgate has been rescheduled to next Thurs., Aug. 22

2. **Back to School Night**

We are excited to announce we will be having a HHS **Back to School Night**. Please join us on Tuesday, August 20th at HHS from 5:30-6:30. ALL students and Parents are welcome to attend. Please report to DOOR B (Main Entrance of HHS) This is a GREAT opportunity to meet our staff!!!

3. **Highland High School Back to School FAQ**

Highland High School has created a document for Back to School frequently asked questions. A link to that document with important information will be attached with the email sent to your primary email account or you can visit the Highland High School webpage.

 [Highland High School Back to School FAQ 2024-2025](#)

4. **Key Club:**

Key Club will be having its callout meeting on Wed August 21 immediately after school in the library! Key Club is a service organization that focuses on volunteer opportunities in school and the community. If you cannot attend the meeting but would still like to join, join the google classroom at 4bg5qvi or email Mrs. Olah at jolah@highland.k12.in.us

5. **Athletic Tickets Prices**

Parents and students, we'd like to let you know that the NCC board of delegates have elected to increase game ticket prices. Effective immediately, adults will be \$7 and students K-12 will be \$6 for all games. In order to help offset that increase, we will not raise our all-season athletic pass prices which are adults \$90 and High school students \$40. If you like to save money, you can purchase your athletic passes via the online ticketing link on the athletic website. Look forward to seeing you at the games.

6. **The Highland Education Foundation**

Is hosting a fundraiser this month with Pampered Chef. HEF will receive 30% of the proceeds, which will help fund Highland staff grants!
<https://www.pamperedchef.com/party/hef2024>

That concludes our Thursday's Thoughts for this week, thanks for listening, be safe, and be well.

Rail Innovation in Action

Presented by the California State Railroad Museum
and the Lemelson-MIT Program

OVERVIEW

Dive into the world of rail transportation! Discover real-world challenges and the latest innovations alongside experienced rail professionals. This program isn't just about railways - it's about honing your research and invention skills for college and beyond.

- Online interactive program
- Saturdays, September 28 to November 2, 2024
- 11am-2pm PDT / 2pm-5pm EDT
- Open for 9th-12th grade students

POWER

This online program will focus on powering locomotives for the 2024 pilot year, including reducing environmental impact. Students will engage with guest experts in the modern rail industry, lab simulations, group exercises, and career talks.

For more information about the program, visit www.californiarailroad.museum/RIA.



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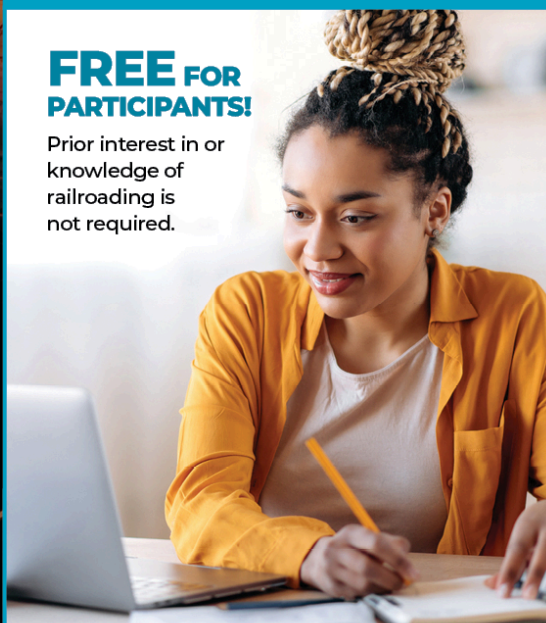
This program is a joint effort between the California State Railroad Museum and the Lemelson-MIT Program (LMIT), and is financially supported by the California State Railroad Museum Foundation.

CALLING ALL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS:

START CREATING SOLUTIONS FOR
THE FUTURE OF RAILROADS

FREE FOR PARTICIPANTS!

Prior interest in or
knowledge of
railroading is
not required.



HOW TO APPLY

Applications are open to students who will be in 9th-12th grade for the 2024-25 school year.

Priority may be given to students from low-income households and groups historically underrepresented in STEM fields.

APPLY NOW!

Applications close on August 25



Students will be notified on August 30, 2024 if they are accepted into the program.



The Gates Scholarship Application is Open!

Dear Colleague,

The Gates Scholarship needs your help in identifying America's top minority students who may be eligible for this prestigious award. Please read the following information and forward [The Gates Scholarship Fact Sheet](#) to any students in your network who may qualify.

Additionally, we encourage you to share this opportunity via social media using the following post: [2024 The Gates Scholarship Social Media Post](#)

About The Gates Scholarship

The Gates Scholarship (TGS) is a highly selective, last-dollar scholarship for outstanding, minority, high school seniors from low-income households. Each year, the scholarship is awarded to exceptional student leaders, with the intent of helping them realize their maximum potential.

Selected Scholars will receive funding for the full cost of attendance to earn a bachelor's degree, that is not already covered by other financial aid and the Student Aid Index, as determined by the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), or the methodology used by a Scholar's college or university. Costs covered include tuition, fees, books, and food and housing, and may include additional personal costs.

TGS also provides Scholars with various online support services designed to help them excel in their degree programs, graduate, and make a successful transition to their chosen careers. These include career services, mentoring, leadership development, wellness, and knowledge building.



Eligibility requirements:

- A high school senior
- From at least one of the following ethnicities: African American, American Indian/Alaska Native*, Asian/Pacific Islander American, and/or Hispanic American
- Pell-eligible
- A US citizen, national, or permanent resident
- In a good academic standing with a minimum cumulative weighted GPA of 3.3 on a 4.0 scale (or equivalent)

Additionally, a student must plan to enroll full-time, in a four-year degree program, at a US accredited, not-for-profit, private or public college or university.

**For American Indian/Alaska Native, proof of tribal enrollment will be required.*

An ideal candidate will also have:

- An outstanding academic record in high school (in the top 10% of his/her graduating class)
- Demonstrated leadership ability (e.g., as shown through participation in community service, extracurricular, or other activities)
- Exceptional personal success skills (e.g., emotional maturity, motivation, perseverance, etc.)

Application deadline: Phase I of the application opened July 15, with a submission deadline of **Sunday, September 15, 2024, 2:00 PM PT.**

For additional information, please visit our website and watch the video below.

 2023 The Gates Scholarship

Thank you in advance, for helping us identify exceptional candidates!

Sincerely,

The Gates Scholarship Team